Peer Review
Experiences of Turkey

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Presentation Outline

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What is **Peer Review**?

Part of the European Statistical System (ESS) strategy to implement the Code of Practice.

Assessing the NSS’s compliance level to the international standards

- further enhance the credibility of the NSIs
- strengthen and guarantee its capacity to produce statistics
- improve the quality of statistics
Experiences- *Preparations and visit*

- TurkStat **PR team** established
- A **gannt chart** designed to follow up the process
- **Informative meetings** carried out within the TurkStat
- **Meetings** held with the actors in NSS
- **Self-Assessment** and **Coordination Questionnaires** filled
- CBRT and MFWA filled **Light SAQ as stakeholders**
- **Inventory of institutional documents** created
- **References** made to several documents in the questionnaires
Experiences - Preparations and visit

Realised on November 3-6, 2015

- All agenda items put in order according to the participants
- Meetings with TurkStat staff and representatives from stakeholders in NSS, academic communities, media, press, international org. and NGOs etc.
- TurkStat represented Presidency/Vice Presidency level in all meetings
Experiences- Challenges

- Time constraints
- Organisational issues
- Awareness/appropriation
- Documentation/translation
Experiences- Aftermath of PR

According to the Final Report;

*Peer Review team concluded that*  
*TurkStat is highly compliant with the CoP*

- Compares favourably with other NSIs in this respect
- The two ONAs examined as part of the Review also exhibited very good levels of compliance
- PR team identified some issues and challenges to improve or enhance the level of compliance with the CoP...
Significant importance of **Self Assessment**

Big opportunity to see strong aspects and areas need to be developed from **independent experts**

**Trigger affect** on institutional and organisational matters

Important **base for establishing** re-organisation and modernisation projects

**Having a road map** thanks to the recommendations
Benefits

- Helpful to improve coordination of the NSS
- Encouragement for stakeholders
- Improving trust in official statistics and NSIs
- Positive image in both domestic and international area
- Increasing the awareness on international standards
Remarks

The bigger the challenge

The bigger the opportunity

WILL IT BE EASY? NOPE.
WORTH IT? ABSOLUTELY.
Thank you for your attention!!