Annual Meeting of the Directors of the NSIs of the Mediterranean ENP Countries

Study for the preparation of the strategy for the future Euro-Mediterranean cooperation in statistics

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Our common goal in the next few years = to design and start implementing a strategy for the future Euro-Mediterranean cooperation in statistics

Today = we talk only on how to achieve that goal

“A scoping study”
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Presentation of the Study
EU-MED cooperation on statistics was started in 1995

=> Main instruments: MEDSTAT I, MEDSTAT II and now MEDSTAT III

MEDSTAT is Important, very useful but not enough:

 Needs of the countries are different (mix of approaches)
 Capacities and contributions are different

=> To transform MEDSTAT towards a more strategic relationship
Background

POST-MEDSTAT:

- Discussions started with MEDSTAT II
- Task force light
- Several papers and other material

=> Agenda of the 1st DC meeting of MEDSTAT III (Helsinki) and initial proposal
Initial findings

However:

Present time and circumstances are not optimal:
- They can potentially open new opportunities for statistics
- They make it difficult taking firm commitments for building on the discussions started in Helsinki

=> Identify key priorities on which to test processes and cooperation systems
Objectives

The study should assist in:

- Building progressively a shared, feasible and sustainable approach
- Drawing a path for the transition to the post-MEDSTAT strategy
- Discussing the contributions from the partners
- Building a consensus on key issues related to the strategy
Expected results

Contribution to:

- Capacity strengthening
- Priority issues
- Strategic validation
### Implementation plan

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The team

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Results so far
Initial findings

- Satisfaction with what has been achieved in the past
- Strong commitment of all the partners on the long term for pursuing the EU-MED cooperation for statistics
- Articulation between the regional and national approaches is crucial
- Overall consistent vision that takes into account work programmes of other organisations
Transversal issues

- Governance statistics
- Quality management
- Training
  +
- Use of administrative data
- Technology-4-statistics
Thematic issues

- Migration
- Employment/unemployment
- Energy
- Agriculture
- Measuring progress
- Implementation the SNA 2008
- Social statistics
- Business Statistics
- Short term economic indicators
Other questions

> Resources/contributions
  ➢ Kind of contributions
  ➢ Mechanisms

Tools/activities
  ➢ MEDSTAT type of events
  ➢ Other types of events/activities

Other actors
  ➢ Other partners within the NSSs
  ➢ International partners
Next steps
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Additional contacts

- Questionnaire
- Direct contacts

Detailed proposal

Special discussion (end of 2011)
Thank you for your attention!