Draft Agenda

High-Level Seminar for
South-East Europe, Eastern Europe, Caucasus, Central Asia and Mediterranean Countries on

Global assessments and peer reviews – follow-up and next steps

25-27 June 2013, Alushta, Ukraine
Radisson Resort & Spa

25 June 2013: Day 1

09:30–10:00 Registration of participants

10:00-10:30 Welcome and opening session
Welcoming notes and opening by EFTA, Eurostat, UNECE
Welcoming notes by the State Statistics Service of Ukraine

10:30-13:00 Session 1
The process of adapted global assessments (AGA) and light peer reviews (LPR)
Chairperson: EFTA
Speakers:

UNECE and Eurostat – Description of the AGA/LPR processes: procedures, benefits and results

Günter Kopsch – Key findings from the AGA/LPR reports along the principles 1-6 and 15 of the European Code of Practice and by broad statistical area

Montenegro – AGA and LPR: differences, commonalities and a summary of the results

Russia – Main results from the OECD assessment

Coffee break in between
13:00-14:30  Lunch buffet

14:30-18:00  Session 2

Presentation of results and good practices as identified in AGA/LPR

Chairperson: Eurostat

Speakers:

Tajikistan – Main results from AGA

Georgia – Main results from AGA

Good practice examples from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, FYROM, Ukraine, Serbia, Croatia, Turkey

Discussion and exchange of good practices

Coffee break in between

19:00–20:30  Welcome Cocktail

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26 June 2013: Day 2

09:00-13:00  Session 3

Implementation of improvement recommendations related to the institutional environment

Chairperson: EFTA

Speakers:

Günter Kopsch – Overview on improvement recommendations regarding the institutional environment

Heinrich Brüngger – Horizontal change processes

09:45-11:15  Group Discussions – 5 groups

Topics:

1. Professional independence, impartiality, objectivity and confidentiality (legal setting and practice)

2. Human resource management & training and the organisational structure of the national statistical office including the regional offices

3. Coordination and delineation of the national statistical system including statistical work programmes and classifications I

4. Coordination and delineation of the national statistical system including statistical work programmes and classifications II

5. AGA/LPR in the ENP South countries
11:15-11.30  Coffee break
11:30-13:00  Plenary on the results of the group discussions and conclusions
13:00-14:00  Lunch buffet

14:00-18:00  Session 4

Implementation of improvement recommendations related to the quality of processes and outputs

Chairperson: UNECE

Speakers:

Günter Kopsch – Overview on improvement recommendations regarding the quality of processes and outputs

Jan Byfuglien – Change in production processes and output

14:45-16:15  Group Discussions – 5 groups

Topics:

1. Data collection, data sources, administrative data sources, registers including sampling and survey methodology
2. Data dissemination and communication
3. Quality management and data processing
4. Efficiency of data production including reduction of response burden, resource management, electronic reporting, cross-cutting issues
5. AGA/LPR in the ENP South countries

16:15-16.30  Coffee break
16:30-18:00  Plenary on the results of the group discussions and conclusions

20:00  SSSU Official dinner
27 June 2013: Day 3

09:00-12:00  Session 5

The way forward

Chairperson: Eurostat

Speakers:

Tour de table with all countries – Ideas for the future on how to follow up on the LPR/AGA, how to address the recommendations, how to take the treatment of common weaknesses forward in cooperation strategies and, how to integrate the recommendations into National Statistics Development Strategy/Master plans and how to take a possible new round of AGA/LPR forward.

Eurostat – Formal process/procedures for following-up the implementation of improvement recommendations

World Bank – Follow-up from the AGA reports for the Central Asia countries

Mongolia – Linkage between AGA and National Statistics Development Strategy

UN-ESCAP – Assessment tool in the ESCAP region

Kazakhstan – Expectations for the second round of AGA

UNECE – Towards the next round of AGA/LPR

Discussion

Coffee break in between

12:00-14:00  Lunch buffet

14:00-15:00  Concluding Session

Chairperson: SSSU

Conclusions on the seminar and the way forward

15:00  Excursion followed by EFTA dinner