Overview on improvement recommendations - institutional environment

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Institutional environment

- Professional Independence
- Impartiality and Objectivity
- Organisational structure of the NSI
- Management of human resources and training
- Statistical confidentiality
- Coordination and delineation of the NSS
Professional Independence

• Amending the statistical law with a complete definition of the principle
• Strengthening the position of the head of NSI in particular with a fixed term mandate
• Developing and publishing guidelines for reacting in case of misinterpretation and misuse
• Improving public image of statistical institutions
• Establishing more formalised structures to involve all user groups in planning process
Impartiality and Objectivity

- Describing and publishing procedures used in case of errors in published data
- Describing and publishing procedures if revision of advance release calendar is needed
- Describing procedure for preparing press releases
- Developing a policy how to deal with pre-releases
Organisational structure of the NSI

- Simplifying the regional structure of the NSS
- Reducing the number of regional offices; considering reallocation of staff from regional offices to head-quarters
- Altering the NSI’s organisational structure, together with a re-allocation of staff
- Considering full integration of MCC activities into NSI
Management of human resources and training

• Developing a strategy on how to achieve more financial independence in the long term

• Developing and implementing a Human Resource Management and regular training programme

• Implementing staff satisfaction survey

• Upgrading ICT
Statistical Confidentiality

• Removing exceptions from confidentiality principle
• Stipulating that identifiers be removed from files and questionnaires be destroyed if superfluous
• Developing and publishing instructions for staff how to deal with micro-data in all processes
• Signing confidentiality commitments by all staff
• Developing and publishing instructions how to grant access to micro-data to researchers
Coordination and delineation of the National Statistical System (NSS)

• Determining definition of “official statistics” and clarifying which other authorities belong to NSS
• Operating in full respect of statistical principles
• Creating independent units for statistics
• Concluding memoranda of understanding with all other producers of official statistics
• Implementing more formalised coordination and strengthening NSI’s role as coordinator
• Improving functioning of the Statistical Council