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Global assessments and the donor coordination survey

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AGAs - Introduction

- LPRs - based on ESS peer review
- Assessing compliance: Principles 1-6 and 15 of CoP
- AGAs carried out in ENP East and Central Asia countries
- Based on traditional global reviews
- Sectoral reviews (SR) starting in 2014
Summary list of assessments (1):

Enlargement countries

- Albania
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Croatia
- FYROM
- Kosovo ¹)
- Montenegro
- Serbia
- Turkey

¹) This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.
Summary list of assessments (2)

ENP-East and Central Asia countries

- Armenia    AGA-2009 LPR-2014
- Azerbaijan  AGA-2010
- Belarus     AGA-2012/2013
- Georgia     AGA-2012
- Moldova     AGA-2012
- Ukraine     AGA-2011
- Kazakhstan  AGA 2008
- Kyrgyzstan  AGA 2011
- Tajikistan  AGA 2012
- Mongolia    AGA 2013/2014
Availability of reports

- AGAs and LPRs of enlargement countries on the CircaBC site: https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/014e9398-bbb7-40fd-baff-b8f413330389
Follow-up on recommendations

- In 2012 Eurostat asked all enlargement countries to review their progress on implementing the recommended improvement actions
- Report to the meeting of the DGs of the enlargement countries in October 2012 + 2013
- In 2013 Eurostat asked all the ENP-East and Central Asia countries to review their progress in implementing the recommended improvement actions
- Report to the High level seminar in September 2013
State of play – ENP countries

- Two main areas of improvement highlighted:
  - **Institutional capacity, esp. ensuring professional independence**
  - **Development of sample surveys to reduce cost and burden**
- Armenia – TAIEX assistance and Twinning to help with recommendations
- Azerbaijan – official action plan on 53 activities
- Ukraine – recommendations included in strategy documents
- Belarus, Moldova and Georgia – AGAs concluded recently
Progress monitoring

• Questionnaires sent in May 2013 – 5 out of 9 countries answered
• Improvement of the questionnaire in 2014 – list of recommendations AND proposed improvement actions
• Report to the next high level seminar for EECCA countries in September 2014
Donor coordination survey – why?

• Allow better planning of assistance in the field of statistics
• Coordination: Avoid overlap of projects
• Create more transparency for donors
• More predictability for beneficiary
• Easier to prioritise for the NSIs
• Benefit from experience of other projects
Data collection – how?

- Eurostat and UNECE prepare
  - **Eurostat responsible for letters, questionnaires**
  - **UNECE translate questionnaires and responses**
- 14.11.13: Letters and questionnaires sent (15.12.)
- 17.12.13: 1\(^{st}\) reminder (7.1.)
- 07.01.14: 2\(^{nd}\) reminder (14.1.)
- January: Data cleaning and matching of projects
- 21.01.14: Consolidated questionnaires (28.1.)
- January/February: Request for missing information
- March: presentation of the results to the Member States
## Responses

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The donor survey – what does it cover?

- Data from donors and beneficiaries
- Completed: Completed in 2013 or January 2014
- On-going: On-going in February-March 2014
- Planned: Start April 2014 or later
- Older projects deleted
- Projects with no amount not included in tables
- Some projects include non-statistical components
- Missing information in some projects
Results

Activities by region and status

![Bar chart showing activities by region and status](chart.png)

- Completed
- On-going
- Planned

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Results

Donors - EECCA countries

- EU
- Norway
- Sweden
- Joint projects
- United States
- World Bank
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Donors - ENP east

- EU
- Sweden
- United States
- Joint projects
- World Bank
- Norway
- UNICEF-Switzerland
Results

Donors - Central Asian countries

- Norway
- Joint projects
- World Bank
- EU
Beneficiaries - Enlargement and EECCA countries

- Serbia
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Albania
- Kosovo
- Turkey
- Armenia
- Kyrgyzstan
- Georgia
- Tajikistan
- Moldova
- Macedonia
- Ukraine
- Montenegro
- Croatia
- Iceland
- Kazakhstan
- Azerbaijan
- Belarus
- Turkmenistan
- Uzbekistan
Replies from SPECA countries

- **2013**
  - 1 country – full answer
  - 2 countries – reply to consolidated questionnaire
  - 3 countries – no reply

- **2014**
  - 2 countries – full reply
  - 1 country – partial reply
  - 3 countries – no reply
Thank you for your attention!