Global assessments – advantages and benefits

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Reasons for a global assessment

- To provide a clear picture of the state of development of official statistics in a country
- To set objectives for development and evaluate their achievements, in relation to the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics/European Statistics Code of Practice and international / European statistical standards
- To support the NSI in strengthening its position and coordinating role in the NSS
- To promote official statistics and the need for good quality statistics in the country
Aim of a global assessment

- To support the set-up of a sound legal and institutional framework for the NSS
- To support the establishment of priorities and the development of plans to form an efficient and effective statistical system meeting users requirements
- To support the allocation of the necessary human and financial resources
- To guide international and bilateral partners in the design, implementation and monitoring of cooperation programmes and support coordination of their efforts
Implementation of global assessments

- 2000-2003: Bulgaria, Estonia, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Northern Cyprus
- 2001: Albania, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- 2002-2005: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Turkey, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Albania
- 2007: Kazakhstan
- 2009: Armenia
- 2010-2012: Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Tadzhikistan, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro
Benefits

- Comprehensive assessment of the statistical system
- External view on the statistical system
- Food for internal reflection
- Helicopter view on own work and procedures
- Promotion of a review / assessment (quality) culture
- Credibility towards other government institutions
Advantages

- Assessment available for requesting donor support
- Sound evidence of strength and weaknesses
- Structured list of improvement recommendations
- Monitoring of improvements is possible
- Image inside the public administration
- Part of an international development
Conclusions

- All global assessments implemented so far have been considered very useful for a further development of the NSS
- Initial scepticism has turned into appreciation of the support given through the global assessment
- Global assessments are NOT about finding mistakes
- Global assessments are about improving and learning
- Global assessments can support the development of strategies and help in resource allocations
- Global assessments have yielded a number of good practices from different countries → compiled in a handbook
- Global assessments have been a success story!!
Thank you for your attention

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