UNDA 9th: Kick-off meeting

10-11 December 2014, Almaty

New round of Global Assessments / Peer Reviews in the EECCA countries
Introduction

• Peer reviews in MS, EFTA countries and Eurostat in 2006-08

• LPRs and/or AGAs in enlargement countries 2009-2013

• AGAs in ENP-East, some Central Asian countries and Mongolia 2008-2014

• LPRs and/or AGAs in ENP-South countries launched in 2012

• New round of Peer Reviews in MS 2014-2015
New round of assessments – why?

• About 5 years have passed
  • Change of professional and legal environment
  • Pending improvement actions might signal problem

• Alushta seminar in June 2013 – support for a new round of assessments

• Member States are having a new round of Peer Reviews
New round of assessments – how?

• Eurostat A3 + UNECE + EFTA developed several options to be discussed – food for thought

• All countries to undergo the same exercise

• Possible to mix elements of different options or to develop a new one
Option 1 – No changes

- Same method of assessments as in last round
  
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    - Results are directly comparable
  
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    - Any new info compared to annual monitoring?
Option 2 – PR with GA-like elements

- Method of PR for CoP principles 1-6 and 15
- Some form of GA-like assessment for principles 7-14
- Option 2.1
  - Principles 7-14 assessed through a simplified procedure
  - More detail than a PR but less than a GA
- Option 2.2
  - Principles 7-14 assessed like in a GA
  - True mix of PR and GA
Option 2 - continued

- Option 2.1
  - + both institutional aspects and statistical fields covered
  - + less burden than 2.2
  - - for countries that already had AGA – less info

- Option 2.2
  - + very thorough assessment
  - + combining advantages of both PRs and GAs
  - - more burden, more resources needed
Option 3 – Audit-like approach

- Approach used in the new round of MS peer reviews
  - Info provided backed by evidence
  - Structure of report similar to an audit report
  - Report focuses on weaknesses / issues to improve
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  - Stricter → more credible
  - Comparable with MSs
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  - Not comparable with previous assessments
  - Report highlights more improvement areas than strengths
  - No overview on the statistical system
Option 4 – focus on outstanding actions

- Minimalistic approach – only focus on outstanding improvement actions
- Find reasons for difficulties – propose solutions
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  - Less burden, less resources
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  - Value added compared to the annual monitoring?
  - New problems not detected
Implementation of the new approach

- Improvement actions proposed by NSIs
- Decision on option based on discussion during the HLS in June 2015
- Pilot – 2nd half 2015/ 1st half 2016?
- HLS 2016 – Discuss results of pilot, fine-tune
- Full implementation – 2017 onwards
Questions for discussion

• What are the main objectives of a new round of assessments?
• What are the advantages / disadvantages of each option?
• What is the optimal way to identify the improvement actions?
• What other options could be defined, if any?