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**REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA - RECORDS AND STATISTICS AS BASIS FOR THE  
DETERMINATION OF SPHERES OF REGIONS AND  
FOR CALCULATION OF REGIONAL ACCOUNTS**

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Summary

1. Slovenia has a population of about 2 million inhabitants who live on a territory of 20 216 sq. km; the average height of the territory is a little above 520 metres, the average inclination of slopes is over 25 % and only some people live and work on heights of above 500 m. In the new Business Register there are registered about 150 000 businesses of economic and thus also of statistical importance. All social and business life is being held in about 490 000 business and residential buildings 1/.

2. Slovenia's register oriented statistics has been set up during the last 20 years. At present the National Statistical Institution (hereinafter: NSI) coordinates and in part also implements two thirds (2/3) of the 430 titles of current statistical surveys. The NSI also indirectly coordinates the setting up and linking of emerging new administrative registers. Some of them are

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being managed by the NSI as a para-statistical activity. 2/ Bearing in mind the many years of work that was implemented, such orientation facilitated that individual objects (a person, an enterprise or similar associations, buildings, etc.) are adequately identified and are referential in their adequate analytical places (geo-code, socio-code, business-code, etc.) and

are linked in relations (topology, etc.). Observed objects that are linked as mentioned enable mutual transfers of interesting attributes and their analysis. Above all, data that are otherwise collected in various different administrative data bases receive multi-purpose use.

3. Thus, Slovenia practically also implements the Recommendations on setting up the Geographic Information Systems (hereinafter: GIS) for the needs of national statistics, that were accepted at the ECE/CES conference in June 1995 in Geneva 3/.)

4. Unfortunately Slovenia is still facing the task of rebuilding its regions according to the European system. With the declaration of independence and the new constitution Slovenia renounced the 65 old out-dated and large communities. New Europeanized communities were modelled while provinces still have not been determined. The national administrative authority does not unite all functions into one homogeneous unit, but is dispersed in different functional spheres and sites. This is why the Statistical Office is setting up an adequate base that would facilitate a rational and democratic determination of new regions according to the model and standards of the European Union. For such regions certain calculations should be made - with the assistance of data, that are linked and the methods that are harmonized with those of the European Union. This is particularly the case regarding the regional product or the regional account within the system of national accounts.

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#### ENDNOTES

- 1/ For more information on Slovenia see the distributed material and Yearbooks.
- 2/ Para-statistics is that activity which is imposed to the NSI due to its personnel, technical and other capabilities and is not directly determined by the source statistical legislation.
- 3/ Major importance is given here to geo-coding of every individual residential building or business building or respectively given house number and also to the universal use of this datum in other records, registers and censuses.