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CODE OF PRACTICE AND PEER REVIEWS:
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OFFICIAL STATISTICS

- **Statistical data with high quality**
  - significant for democratic countries.

- **Well accepted standards and principles**
  - in place to ensure the quality of official statistics.

- **Monitoring activities of these principles**
  - to evaluate the compliance of the NSS

- **Economic crises**
  - the importance of high quality and independent official statistics.

WHAT IS PEER REVIEW?

"KIND OF ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CODES"

- Taking a picture of current situation of the statistical system and compliance status to the Codes,

- Opportunity to see the strengths and weaknesses of the statistical system,

- Recommendations or improvement actions with a timetable for all principles.

BASIS OF ASSESSMENTS

Basis of assessments of National Statistical Systems are:

- *European Statistics Code of Practice (CoP)* ➔ *Peer Reviews*

- *CoP + United Nations Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics* ➔ *Global Assessments*
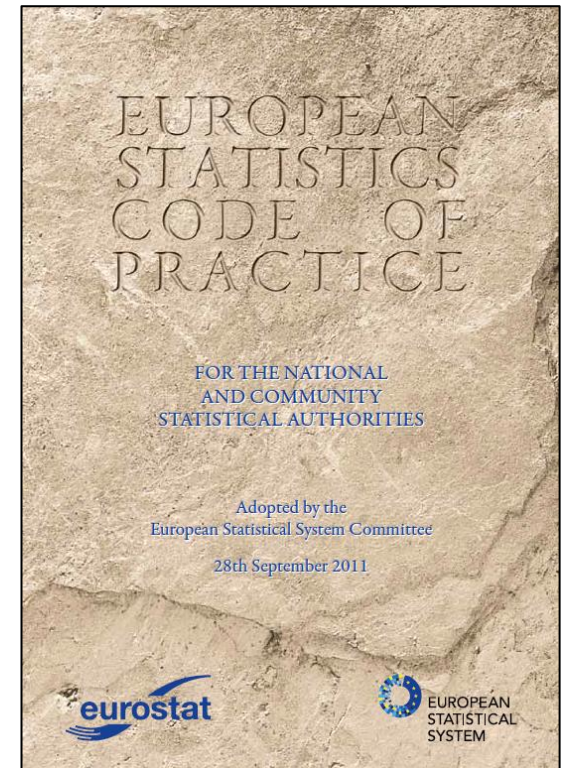
BASIS OF ASSESSMENTS
Code of Practice

- Adoption by European Commission as a "Recommendation" in 2005.

- Binding in 2009 after being incorporated Regulation (EC) No 223/2009.

- Revision in 2011 (EU financial crisis) and issues especially related to the principles of

  ✓ *Professional Independence*
  ✓ *Quality Commitment*

  has been further enhanced.

BASIS OF ASSESSMENTS
Code of Practice

In the revised Code of Practice;

- ✓ 3 headings,
- ✓ 15 principles,
- ✓ 82 indicators.

PRINCIPLES OF CODE OF PRACTICE

INSTITUTIONAL ENVIRONMENT	STATISTICAL PROCESSES	STATISTICAL OUTPUTS
1. Professional Independence	**7.** Sound Methodology	**11.** Relevance
2. Mandate for Data Collection	**8.** Appropriate Statistical Procedures	**12.** Accuracy and Reliability
3. Adequacy of Resources	**9.** Non-Excessive Burden on Respondents	**13.** Timeliness and Punctuality
4. Quality Commitment	**10.** Cost Effectiveness	**14.** Coherence and Comparability
5. Statistical Confidentiality		**15.** Accessibility and Clarity
6. Impartiality and Objectivity		

BASIS OF ASSESSMENTS
Fundamental Principles of official statistics

- Adoption by UNECE in 1992.

- Decision of the UN Statistical Commission for global implementation of the Principles (1994).

- Revision in the preamble in 2013.

- Ten principles.

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS	
Relevance, Impartiality and Equal Access	Confidentiality
Professional Standards and Ethics	Legislation
Accountability and Transparency	National Coordination
Prevention of Misuse	Use of International Standards
Sources of Official Statistics	International Cooperation

IMPORTANCE OF THE PRINCIPLES

- Professional independence

- Efficient statistical organization

- Cost-effectiveness

- High-quality international standards in statistics

- Trust in official statistics and NSIs

PEER REVIEW EXERCISES

- Monitoring study of the principles of CoP

- Coordination role of the NSIs within the National Statistical Systems (NSS)

PEER REVIEW EXERCISES *(Cont'd)*

- Filling in the self-assessment questionnaires and a visit paid by the Peer Review team.

- A report is prepared and delivered to the NSI including the improvement actions.

1st ROUND PEER REVIEW EXERCISES (TURKEY)

- 4 April 2011: Sending the self-assessment questionnaire

- 24-27 May 2011: Peer Review team visit

- 29 July 2011: Final report including improvement actions .

- 2012, 2013, 2014: Eurostat monitoring.

2nd ROUND PEER REVIEW EXERCISE (TURKEY)

- Turkey as the pilot country for Peer Reviews exercises of enlargement countries.

- The exercise is expected to be done by the end of 2015.

- Studies already started

MAIN REMARKS

- External observations; essential not only for the evaluation of NSSs, but also for the training activities.

- Determination the main shortcomings and strengths in the NSSs.

- Presentation of current situation and giving recommendations for the development of the NSSs.

MAIN REMARKS *(Cont'd)*

- TurkStat benefitted from these assessments.

- SESRIC and member countries can also benefit from the results of these exercises.

Thank you four your attention!!

Any questions?