

Workshop on assessment/certification



- The scope/size of the Greek assessment
- Objective of the assessment/certification
- The focus of the assessment
- The European Statistics Code of Practice as a basis for the assessment
- The organization of the assessment work
- Can the UK system be copied in Greece?
- Credibility of ELSTAT as a certification authority

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- The scope/size of the Greek assessment?
 - How many producers of official statistics – ELSS agencies and national authorities?
 - Does each of these producers only produce one type or one set of statistics?
 - Is ELSTAT aiming to assess the producer or the production/statistics?

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- Objective of the assessment/certification?
 - Reassurance that things are as they should be
 - Improving the statistics through:
 - Discovery of weaknesses
 - Identification of areas for improvement
 - Advising on/agreeing on remedial actions (with time schedules)

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- The focus of the assessment
 - Should the assessment focus on the whole value chain?
 - Should it focus on the output (UK example)?
 - What are the main weaknesses of the Greek official statistics produced by other agencies?
 - Source date or data collection?
 - Processing?
 - Dissemination – explaining?

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- The European Statistics Code of Practice as a basis for the assessment?
 - Can it be applied as it is – in its entirety?
 - Or should it be applied in a reduced/weighted form?
 - Creating a standard checklist on the basis of the CoP?
 - These questions have to be answered before the start of the assessment

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- The organization of the assessment work
 - Establishing an organization
 - Writing out the whole process in advance
 - Collecting documentation – writing guidelines
 - Weighting the ES CoP – creating a checklist
 - Preparing pilots – selecting producers
 - Selecting a team/teams for the assessment
 - Specifying the report in advance

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- Can / should the UK system be copied in Greece?
 - As it is?
 - In a simplified form?
 - What features of the UK system might be left out?
 - What features of the UK system should be emphasized?

- The UK system is based on reporting to Parliament
 - Are there possible similarities in Greece which can be utilized?

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- Credibility of ELSTAT as certification authority
 - How will ELSTAT be assessed?
 - Who will assess ELSTAT?
 - Feasibility of copying Eurostat assessment of own processes?
 - Self-assessment
 - Supported self-assessment
 - Peer reviews
 - Rolling reviews