

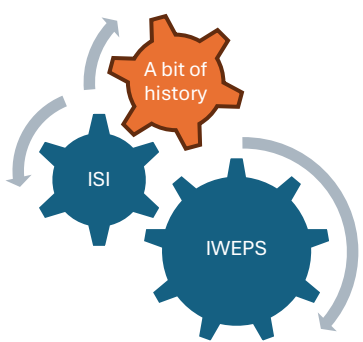
# European Statistical Advisory Committee (ESAC) and National Users Councils (NUCs) Joint Workshop 2025

***Part 1: « Statistical priorities in the European context:  
User perspectives and consultation mechanisms »***

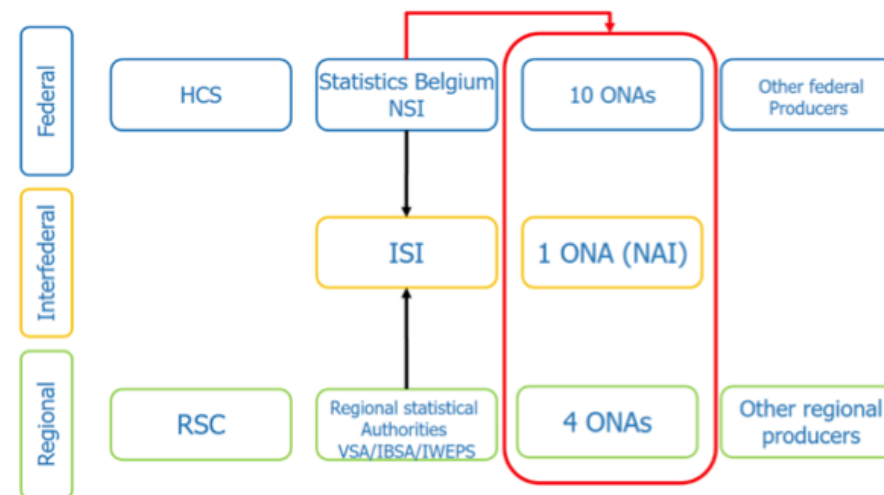
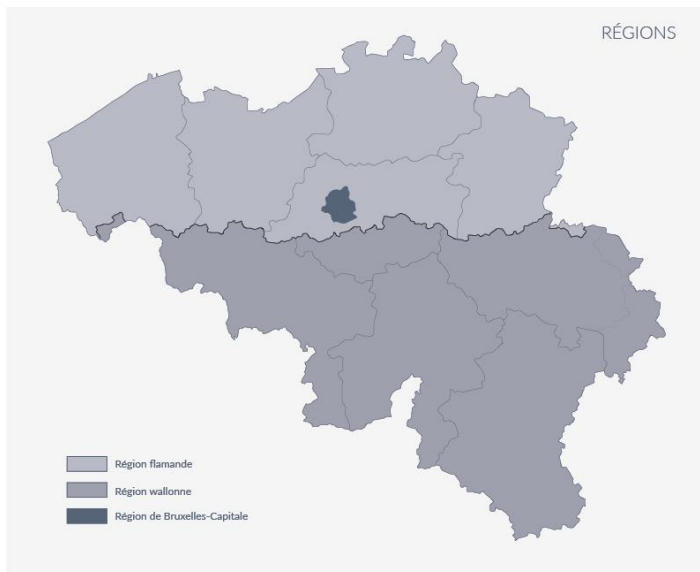
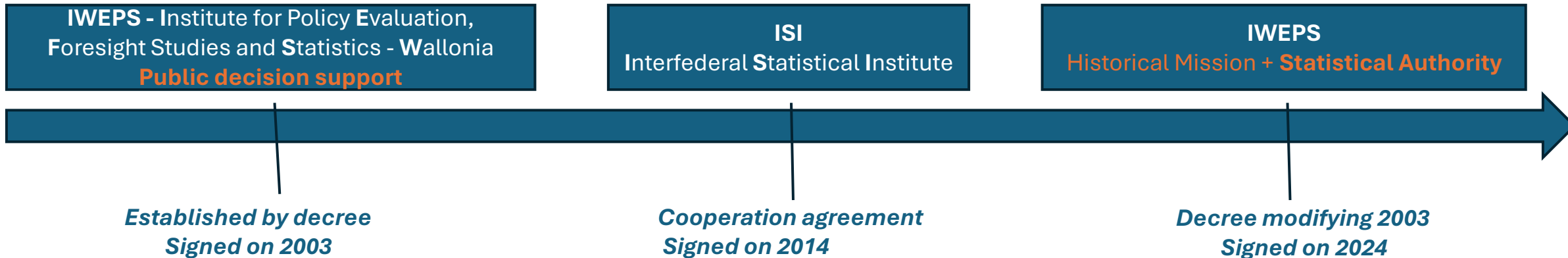
*Towards the first statistical 5 years programme in Wallonia*

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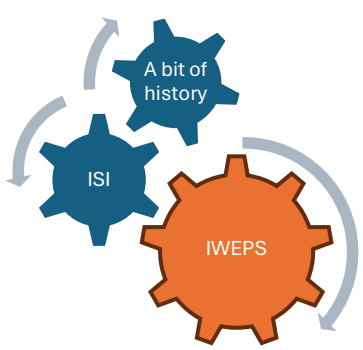


# Let's take a look back



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And coordinate the activities of the walloon statistical system

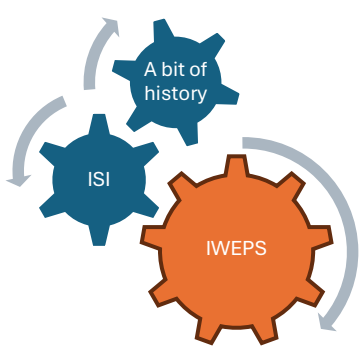
## Official Statistics

- **Meet user's needs**
- Aligned with EU statistics code of practice
- Publicly accessible
- Used for elaboration, execution, monitoring and evaluation of policies
- Reflected in statistical programmes

## Walloon statistical System

IWEPS and « Other producers of statistics »

- Coming under the public regional authority
- Production of statistics in their missions
- Independance
- Listed as producers of official statistics in yearly statistical programmes



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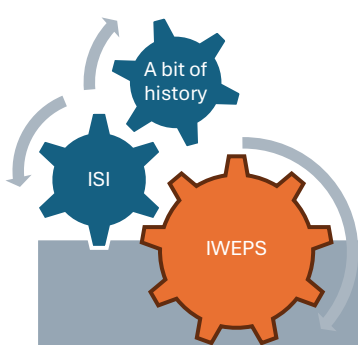
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Shaping the future → The 5-years statistical programme

One **vision** and **strategic objectives** for the development of the  
Walloon statistical ecosystem and its budgetary framework

*Remark: Implementation through annual programmes  
(incl. e.g. the list of official statistics and producers, calendar)*



# Our vision

Contribute to the development of official statistics as information system supporting our democracy and serving the public interest



## 3 strategic objectives

Ensure that development and production of official statistics meet information needs from society

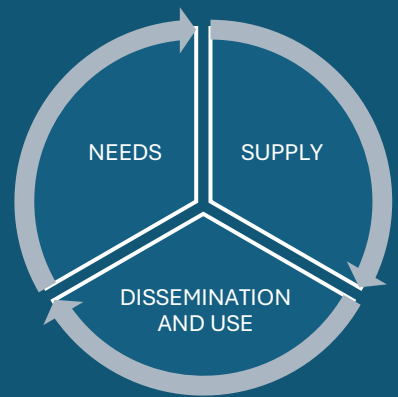
**Pillar: NEEDS**

Coordinate the Walloon statistical system to guarantee the production of high quality official statistics

**Pillar: SUPPLY**

Ensure that dissemination is adapted to the needs of various users and that the use of statistics is adequate

**Pillar : DISSEMINATION AND USE**





# User's Committee (Why?)

**Contribute** to the elaboration of statistical programmes (5-years and annual)

**Provide recommendations** to the regional government and the statistical authority regarding the development of official statistics (**continuous process**)

Give **feedbacks** to the regional government **on statistical programmes implementation** and budget aspects

In case of **vacancy of chief statistician, lead of** the selection procedure



# User's Commitee (Who?)

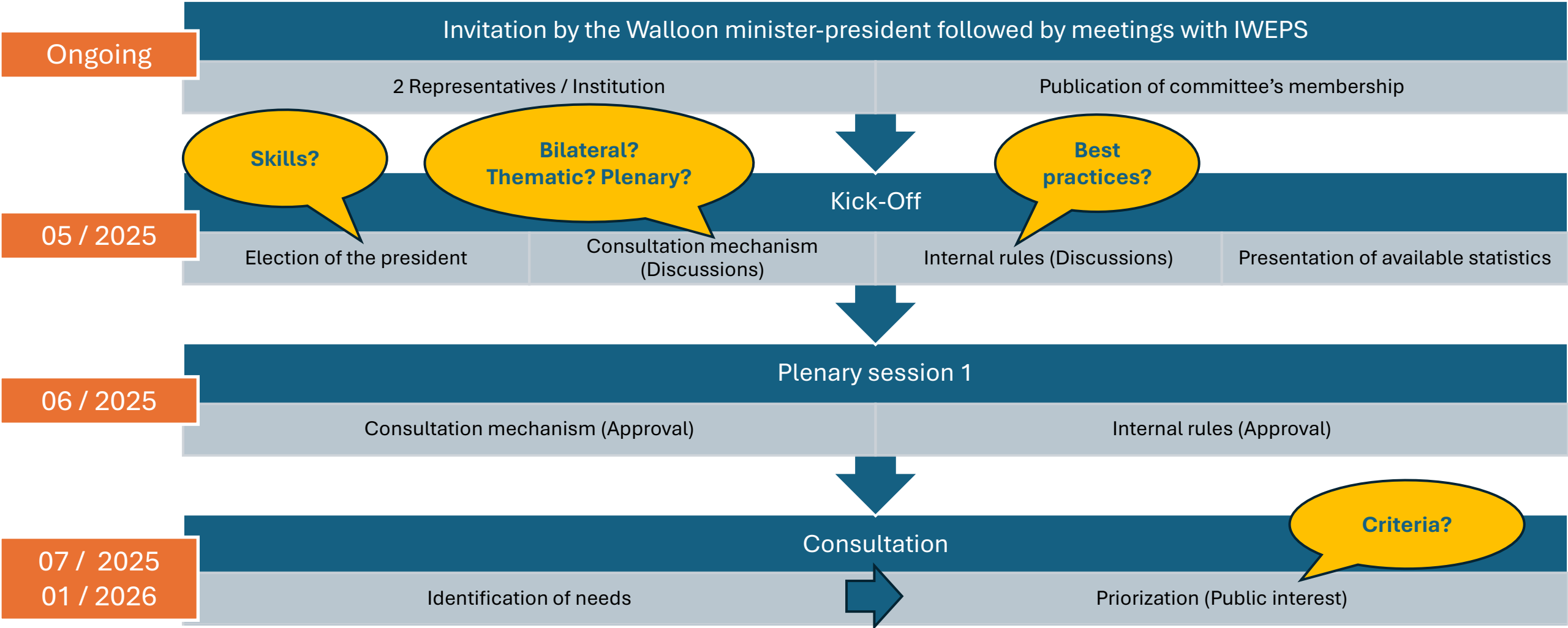
Fixed by governmental decision:

- A wide range of users: socio-economic and environmental institutions, universities, research centers, civil society, public bodies, chief statistician.
- Appointed on a 5 years term (renewable) / Exclusion criteria: political mandate and/or active in a minister's office.
- One elected president (amongst universities representatives) + Secretary by the statistical authority

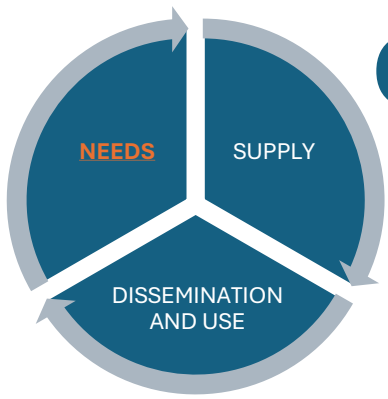


# User's Committee (How?)

Consultation mechanism: **Before**, During & After



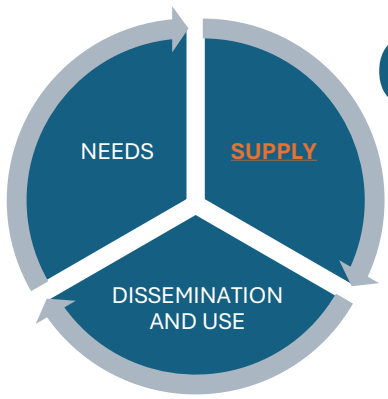




# Complementary aspects addressed within the frame of the 5 years statistical programmes (1/3)

## Information needs for a more sustainable society

- **Official statistics** have to support decision making processes in terms of **climate change** and more globally **planetary limits**
- **A thought inspired by WARSAW MEMORANDUM, 2021 DGINS Conference on Earth observation for official statistics: “reinforced use of earth observation data in official statistics”**

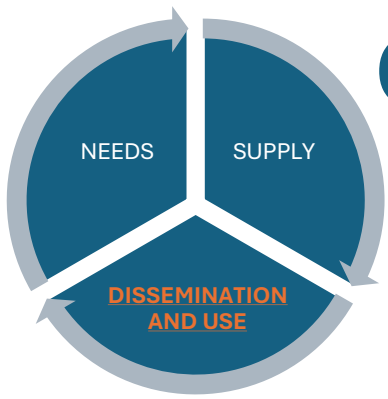


# Complementary aspects addressed within the frame of the 5 years statistical programmes (2/3)

Statistical system = IWEPS + « other producers »

- Established **after** identification of statistical needs and **set up within the frame of annual statistical programmes**
- **Guidelines** for the production of official statistics
- **Mechanism to recognize** available statistics as official statistics
- **Capacity building:** SWOT (T0) + Maturity analysis (T0 + targets @ T0+5y)



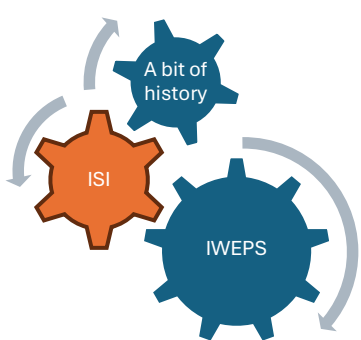


# Complementary aspects addressed within the frame of the 5 years statistical programmes (3/3)

Ensure a dissemination strategy adapted to user's needs

- **Maturity** analysis (T0 + targets @ T0+5y) based upon the maturity model developed by UNECE
- Develop **the support to users** in terms of opportunities and limits of official statistics





# Interfederal Statistical Institute

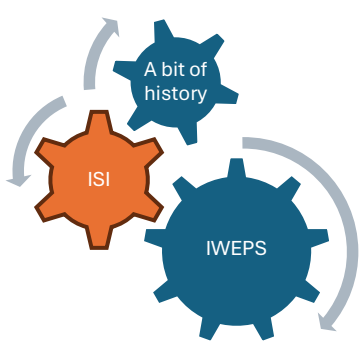


## Executive board:

- President of Public Federal Service – Economy 
- Chief Executive of Statbel (National Statistical Institute) 
- Member of National Bank of Belgium 
- One representative (head of statistical authority) / regional government

## Working groups:

- **Data Protection**
- ISI's position on the **international scene**
- **SDG's** indicators
- **Planning** of statistical works → « **Integrated Statistical Programme** »



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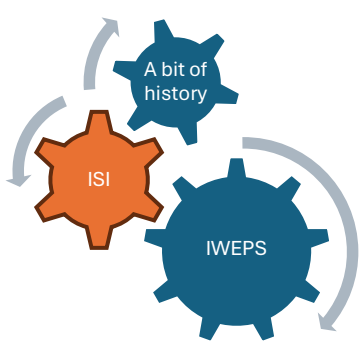
## One particular mission:

**Coordinate annual statistical programme of each statistical authority and provide the integrated statistical programme**

- **Statistical priorities** and necessary related **collaborations between partners** within ISI are **covered by SLAs**
- SLA's are approved by the executive board around October «Year-1 »

## Timeline:

- Introduction of new collaborations (new statistical area) → End of March YEAR-1
- Analysis of both new and old collaborations by WG « Planning » → End of April YEAR-1
- Analysis of all collaborations by the executive board → May YEAR-1.
- SLA's → End of September YEAR-1
- Final approval and signature by the executive board → End of December YEAR-1



# Interfederal Statistical Institute

## 2025 - IWEPS involved in:

- **8 new SLAs:** Mobility data; Rail Transport; Road transport; Demography, VAT, Digital economy and society index, Development of statistics linked with SOILSTAT initiative, Census, Structure of large enterprises.
- **9 extended SLAs:** Development of an indicator for « fuel poverty »; Development of an indicator for protected area; Development of statistics for sales price of real estate transactions; Gender-based violence W2; Production of statistics on successions and donations; Collection of statistics about the wood sector; Registered leases data base; EU statistical olympiade

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