



2012

European Conference on Quality in Official Statistics (Q2012)

29 May - 1 June, 2012
Athens, Greece

Megaron
Athens International
Conference Centre

www.Q2012.gr



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Dear Colleague,

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) and Eurostat are pleased to invite you to the *European Conference on Quality in Official Statistics (Q2012)* which will be held in the "Megaron Athens International Conference Centre" in Athens, Greece, on 29 May – 1 June 2012.

The Quality Conferences started in 2001 when the first Conference was held in Stockholm to develop further the conclusions of the Leadership Group on Quality. One of the recommendations of the Conference was to organize Quality Conferences biennially. So far, five Q-conferences have taken place: Q2001 in Stockholm, Q2004 in Mainz, Q2006 in Cardiff, Q2008 in Rome and Q2010 in Helsinki.

Similarly to its predecessors, the Q2012 Conference will offer participants a unique platform for high-level discussions on various types of quality issues and methodological aspects of statistical production. Q2012 will in particular focus on improving quality by the re-engineering of statistical systems and the innovations in the area of quality.

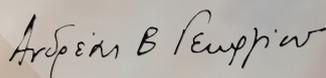
In addition, a series of short training courses will take place on 29 May 2012.

The Conference website will open by September 2011. Information will be given on the conference venue, accommodation, short courses and leisure-time activities and deadlines for submission of papers. The website address is www.Q2012.gr.

If you have any questions, please contact the Organising Committee by e-mail at Q2012@statistics.gr

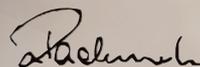
Looking forward to seeing you in Athens!

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Andreas V. Georgiou
President

Eurostat



Walter Radermacher
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Call for papers

Colleagues are invited to take a look at the list of topics and consider submitting an abstract for evaluation. The Q2012 Conference will select papers on the basis of these abstracts. The abstracts should be submitted to the Conference e-mail address Q2012@statistics.gr by 15 November 2011. Their length should not exceed 200 words in either MS-Word (.doc) or pdf-format. The authors will be informed of acceptance by the end of January 2012. Instructions regarding the submission of final papers will be provided at the same time.

Topics

The Conference encompasses relevant topics for improving quality. Areas covered by the Conference are the following:

I. QUALITY MANAGEMENT

Presentations of developments and good practices on quality management related to the following topics:

- Models for quality management
- The European Statistics Code of Practice
- Measuring quality
- Process quality
- Quality assessment
- Standardisation tools
- Communicating quality to users
- Satisfying user needs
- Human resources

II. IMPROVING QUALITY BY THE RE-ENGINEERING OF STATISTICAL SYSTEMS

The re-engineering of statistical systems aims to produce more statistics in a more efficient way and brings a wide range of new challenges to improve quality. The elements below encompass broad areas in which process and output quality could be improved:

- Enterprise architecture
- Process integration and standardisation
- Metadata systems and other infrastructure elements
- The role of administrative data and administrative registers in the re-engineering of statistical systems
- Quality assessment in integrated production models
- New, experimental and model based statistics and quality standards
- The role of self-regulation and legislative frameworks

III. INNOVATIONS IN THE AREA OF QUALITY

New methodological developments leading to quality improvements, as well as quality assessments of non-traditional data sources used for the statistical production are targeted below:

- Total survey design, responsive design
- Mode and non response effects and their treatment
- Total survey errors and bias correction
- Combining data sources and integrating data
- Quality assessment of new data sources (internet, use of private data)
- Measuring cost efficiency and response burden in statistical surveys
- Small area estimation techniques

Training courses

Five one-day courses will be organised on 29 May 2012. The courses will be held at the Megaron Athens International Conference Centre. The topics of the courses are available on the Conference website.

Conference venue

The Q2012 Conference will be held at the Megaron Athens International Conference Centre (www.maicc.gr/en).

Accommodation and Registration

AFEA Travel & Congress Services, the official Conference office of the Q2012 Conference, has reserved rooms in some pleasant hotels in the area close to the Conference venue. The list of these hotels will be posted in time on the Conference website.

The registration will open on 22 August 2011.

Conference fees:

Registration before 1 April 2012: € 420

Registration after 2 April 2012: € 500

Training courses: € 100

Accompanying person fee: € 120

The registration fees include: conference participation, lunch, coffee, welcome reception, official dinner.

The training course fee includes: course participation, lunch and coffee.

The accompanying person fee includes: registration, welcome reception, official dinner, guided visit to the Acropolis museum and a guided sightseeing tour.

Key dates

22 August 2011	Opening of registration
15 November 2011	Deadline for submission of abstracts
30 January 2012	Notification to the authors of the abstracts
1 April 2012	Deadline for registration with lower registration fee
15 May 2012	Deadline for submission of accepted papers
15 May 2012	Deadline for late registration
29 May 2012	Training courses
30 May – 1 June	Q2012 Conference

Further information can be found on the conference website: www.Q2012.gr

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