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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE QUALITY ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK BASED ON THE EUROPEAN STATISTICS CODE OF PRACTICE

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Abstract

Quality is one of the most important aspects at the Institute of Statistics of Albania (INSTAT). INSTAT is committed to ensuring quality in the production of official statistics by implementing a more systematic approach based on quality recommendations and, in particular, in accordance with the European Statistics Code of Practice. This article describes the experience of implementing a Quality Assurance Framework based on the quality concept of the European Statistical System (ESS) and the principles related to the quality of statistical products according to the European Statistics Code of Practice.

The calculation of quality indicators, their inclusion in quality reports for several statistical products, the implementation of a system for metadata, the realization of the User Satisfaction Survey, and the adaptation of the Generic Statistical Business Process Model (GSBPM) are some of the actions undertaken by INSTAT.

Keywords:

Quality Assurance Framework, European Statistics Code of Practice, quality standards.



INNOVATION ACTIVITIES OF ENTERPRISES IN ALBANIA

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Abstract

Over the years, innovation has significantly influenced the development of human societies and their surrounding environment. Innovation activity encompasses all developmental, financial, and commercial activities undertaken by an enterprise that aim to or result in an innovation. Indicators such as innovation activities, expenditures on innovation, product and process innovations, net sales from innovative products, and collaboration for innovation are essential for policymaking, providing information for economic growth, productivity, and statistical comparability between countries.

In our country, the demand for statistical indicators on innovation is high, as scientific research, technology, and innovation are considered important national priorities for the development of the social, economic, and cultural sectors. This article will present evaluations of surveys conducted by the Institute of Statistics (INSTAT) on enterprises in the financial and non-financial sectors with 10 or more employees, taking into account the principle of statistical quality for the produced data.

Keywords:

Innovation, innovation activities in enterprises, product innovation, and business process.

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METHODOLOGICAL ADAPTATIONS OF CPI AND HICP DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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Abstract

The implementation of restrictive measures due to the COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on the availability of data and the way official statistics collected and disseminated statistical information. The slowdown of economic activities caused by lockdowns and social distancing measures placed the Institute of Statistics (INSTAT) in front of several challenges, particularly in data collection for producing the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the Harmonized Consumer Price Index (HICP).

To overcome this unprecedented situation, Eurostat issued several guidelines and methodological suggestions for data collection and imputation techniques to ensure the continuity of CPI and HICP production. This article describes the main difficulties INSTAT faced in collecting product prices for the production of CPI and HICP and illustrates how INSTAT addressed and managed these challenges. Finally, the study emphasizes that statistical offices must remain vigilant in methodological adjustments to cope with the current crisis and future crises.

Keywords:

COVID-19, statistical data, CPI, HICP, imputations.

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ANALYSIS OF LEGAL GAPS WITH EU REGULATIONS – CHAPTER 18

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Abstract

One of the main pillars in the action plan for preparing bilateral meetings is the assessment of legal gaps (LGA). LGA is an essential tool in the integration process for systematically identifying the legislative activities required for further harmonization with the EU acquis. For this reason, it provides the basis for planning targeted legislative initiatives and regular updates of the National Plan for European Integration (NPEI). At the same time, it prepares the ground for reviewing and developing negotiating positions in integration negotiations.

The aim of this article is to provide clarifying information on the status of LGA preparation for Chapter 18 "Statistics" and INSTAT's plan for alignment with the acquis. This information is based on INSTAT's activities thus far as the leading institution for this chapter.

Keywords:

Legal gap analysis, Chapter 18, acquis communautaire.

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