

OECD Assessment of the Statistical System and Key Statistics of the Russian Federation

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Background on Process

• May 2007...

- OECD Council opened discussions with the Russian Federation on Accession to the Organisation
- OECD Committee on Statistics (CSTAT) started the Review process of the Statistical System and Statistics of the Russian Federation

• ...June 2012...

- First discussion by CSTAT of preliminary Review document

...May/June 2013

- Release of the final Review document on 22 May
- CSTAT meeting to discuss final Review in June

Content of OECD Report

- Release of the "OECD Assessment of the Statistical System and Key Statistics of the Russian Federation"
 - detailed and comprehensive report on all aspects of the Russian Statistical System
 - Assessment of:
 - Legal and Institutional Framework in the context of the United Nations Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics
 - Quality of data for key statistical domains and its comparability with data available from OECD member countries (coverage, compliance and interpretability as criteria)



Legal and Institutional Framework (1)

 2007 Statistical Law provides a strong legal basis for the Russian statistical system

- May-June 2012 changes to the Law further strengthen the Legal and Institutional Framework:
 - Rosstat can exercise the functions of legal regulation and develop state policy in the field of National Official Statistics
 - ⇒More independence of Rosstat
 - ⇒Enhancement of Rosstat's co-ordination role



Legal and Institutional Framework (2)

 The OECD welcomes the positive developments regarding Rosstat's role in the National Statistical System

- ROSSTAT encouraged to take advantage of new legal instruments:
 - Strengthen ability to access administrative records
 - Make participation in the population census mandatory in the Law



Key Statistical Domains

 Since June 2012, Rosstat and other official producers of statistics have made significant progress in improving data quality

In many cases, Russian data compares favourably with those of OECD members

 The OECD Assessment also provides recommendations for further required improvements



National Accounts

- Rosstat has had a long association with the OECD on National Accounts
- The Assessment identifies some gaps that remain to be filled in terms of coverage, compliance and interpretability. Some examples:
 - Non-compliance with international norms and provision of more information in English → 2011-17 Development Plan of National Accounts introduces international classifications; improvement of English website
 - Quarterly data for real disposable income are currently not available
 → Rosstat has plans to release full set by 2016
- CD strongly supports these steps forward

Financial Statistics

- Area where co-operation and co-ordination between different actors of the Russian Statistical System is fundamental
- Progress has been recently registered but further improvements are still needed:
 - Financial accounts and financial balance sheets are not currently published by the Russian statistical authorities:
 - Action is being taken to fill these gaps as part of transition to SNA 2008
- OECD welcomes the creation of Inter-Agency
 Working Group to propose legislative changes to
 facilitate financial balance sheets data collection

Prices and Business Statistics

- OECD Assessment notes ROSSTAT's efforts to improve methodologies and collection process for the CPI
 - The OECD is working with Rosstat to support and monitor progress and process is already producing good results

- The OECD is encouraged by Russia's efforts to fill gaps in business demography statistics. For example:
 - In November 2012, at Rosstat's request, OECD organised a Seminar on Business Demography at OECD Headquarters in Paris.
 - Legislative changes to promote use of tax data to populate business register

Other statistical areas

 OECD Assessment also covers other statistical areas, e.g. labour statistics, trade statistics, indexes of production and demand, business tendency and consumer opinion surveys.

The overall picture in these areas is rather positive

 Where data gaps exist, ROSSTAT is working with the OECD to either fill these gaps or put in place plans to address the situation in the future.

Future perspectives

- The OECD Assessment is time bound
 - based on information available to the OECD Secretariat on 31
 January 2013
- Since then, positive progress has continuously been made

 These developments and future plans bode very well for the future. OECD stands ready to continue to work closely with ROSSTAT

OECD warmly thanks ROSSTAT for its cooperation during the Review process!



Thank you

