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1. Eurostat's recommendations and progress made by the Statistics Estonia (ES)

- For ECOICOP 07.3.6, ES should investigate a way of separating household from non-household expenditures and incorporate the former expenditures in the HICP weighting structure if significant.

This recommendation has not been implemented yet. Statistics Estonia have explored this topic together with their National Accounts unit. To date, ES has not found data to distinguish household from non-household expenditures. Work continues in cooperation with the National Accounts unit to resolve this inconsistency.

- ES should attempt to increase the price collection for flights and collect prices for the same flight at different points in time in advance of the flight.

This recommendation has been fully implemented. ES increased the frequency of price collection for flights and, since January 2020, has been collecting prices for the same flight at different points in time in advance of the flight.

⁽¹⁾ The report is available on Eurostat's website: [HICP Compliance Monitoring Report - Estonia - September 2020 \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/tgm/table.do?tab=table&init=1&language=en&plugin=1).

- **ES should carry out research into methods and sources with a view to expand the use of explicit quality adjustments methods.**
- **ES should further improve the monitoring of the quality adjustments that are applied at the regional and central levels.**

These recommendations have not been implemented. ES team did not have the available resources to work further on this topic as those were absorbed by the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **Further investigation is needed to improve the treatment of package holidays.**

This recommendation has been fully implemented. Dates of departures for charter flights to holiday destinations are collected daily and prices for package holidays are collected monthly from travel agencies. The prices are matched with the actual departure dates to obtain the index. Number of departures is also collected and used for the weights.

2. Additional measures to improve the quality of the Estonian HICP

ES has undertaken the first steps to improve the lowest level weights using scanner data.

3. Conclusion

Eurostat takes good note of the measures implemented by ES to improve the quality of the Estonian HICP. ES should continue to implement improvement measures, particularly those related to the recommendations on the excluding the non-households expenditures from ECOICOP 07.3.6 and the use of explicit quality adjustment methods.