

## Procedure to update the list of Other National Authorities

According to the European Statistics Regulation, the National Statistical Institute has the role of coordinator of European statistics at national level and shall act as a contact point for the Commission (Eurostat) on statistical matters. As such it is the competent authority to assess whether or not a particular statistics producer should be included in the list of National Statistical Institutes and other national authorities.

Article 5 of the above mentioned Regulation states that "Member States" are responsible for designating the statistical authorities.

Therefore, in order to inform the Commission (Eurostat) of the names of authorities that have been designated, or of any changes among those authorities, the Permanent Representation of the respective Member State should send a letter to the Director General of Eurostat where the necessary names or changes thereof are listed, indicating that the **respective NSI** has been **consulted and agrees** with the proposed changes.

Alternatively, the **Head** of the respective NSI could also send a letter containing such information to the Director General of Eurostat, clearly indicating that the **respective Permanent Representation** has been **informed** of the planned changes.

On 15 May 2014 the ESS Committee endorsed common criteria which should be coherently applied by Member States when designating ONAs. Consequently, Member States should consider as ONAs all institutions (or their clearly identifiable organisational parts) which fulfil all the following criteria.

They

- exercise **public authority** based on national law (regardless of their legal form);
- have production of statistics included among their tasks in the respective **basic act** (e.g. constitutive legal act, statute, mandate, mission statement, etc.)<sup>1</sup>;
- have clearly been given the **responsibility** at the national level for the **production** of a specific and identifiable part of European statistics (with a clear link to sectoral legislation, the European statistical programme, annual work programme or a list of ESS' statistical products).

You can find the document endorsed by the ESS Committee here:

<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/747709/753176/ona-paper-approved-at-essc-meeting-may-2014.pdf/c2873dcf-2224-4359-b757-2f176a99246b>

If you have any further questions, please contact Eurostat: [estat-essc\\_dgins\\_pg@ec.europa.eu](mailto:estat-essc_dgins_pg@ec.europa.eu).

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<sup>1</sup> As agreed in the ESS Committee meeting on 15 May 2014, this criterion should not be mandatory.