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**Top management of Statistics Lithuania, 2011**

Sitting from left to right:  
Mrs. Dalia Ambrozaitienė, Mrs. Vilija Lapėnienė,  
and Mrs. Aldona Gibaitė-Kudžmienė

Standing from left to right:  
Mr. Jonas Markelevičius, Mr. Raimondas Rimša

## In 2011 important organizational and structural changes took place in Statistics Lithuania

In May 2011 Mrs. Vilija Lapėnienė was appointed Director General of Statistics Lithuania after several years of being acting director general.

In July Mr. Jonas Markelevičius (previously Deputy Director General) was appointed first Deputy Director General, also responsible for Macroeconomic statistics.

In September Mrs. Aldona Gibaitė-Kudžmienė (previously head of Programmes of official statistics division) was appointed Deputy Director General for Business statistics.

In October Mr. Raimondas Rimša (previously head of Information systems maintenance division) was appointed Deputy Director General for IT sector.

Mrs. Dalia Ambrozaitienė continued as Deputy Director General for Social statistics.

In October Mrs. Audronė Miškinienė (previously head of Public Relations division) was appointed as head of European integration and International cooperation division.

Since July Regional statistical offices were incorporated into the structure of Statistics Lithuania as 5 Data preparation divisions.

The year 2011 for Statistics Lithuania was quite rich in terms of events. For the period of 2011, 75 specialists participated in 199 international events with 36 presentations and papers presented; took part in the Sponsorship on Communication activities; organized and hosted 19 international events in Lithuania.

In the framework of the Baltic States statistical cooperation, 2 meetings were hosted in Vilnius.

- Foreign trade statistics, 3-4 October;
- Living standards and household statistics, 24-25 November.

Statistics Lithuania, a member of several ESSnet groups, welcomed some ESSnet meetings in Vilnius.

- Coordination group meeting on ESSnet Use of administrative and accounts data in business statistics, 25 May;
- Workshop "Using administrative data - estimation approaches", 26-27 May;
- ESSnet working package (WP4) meeting on Use of administrative and accounts data in business statistics, 13-14 October and 2 December.

The ESSnet coordination group meeting on Administrative data use in business statistics convened experts from Eurostat,

project and country coordinators. It was followed by the seminar "Using administrative data - estimation approaches" on 26-27 May. The seminar was organized into four sessions: Overview of the Member States' practices when using administrative data; Producing estimations based on administrative data; Estimation of data which cannot be derived from Administrative data; VAT for monthly and quarterly turnover estimates. Delegates from 18 countries and Eurostat made 13 presentations.



Statistics Lithuania was visited by foreign colleagues:

- from Statistics Finland on implementation of European comparison program, 18-19 April;
- from the World Bank to discuss common projects, 20 April;
- from OECD on Rent prices survey in the real estate agencies (implementing Article No. 64), 19-20 May;
- from Planco Consulting Ltd (UK) on statistical survey of Prices of machines and technical equipment, 23 September;
- from Eurostat on the ESS vision and its implementation: the SDMX technical and statistical standards and guidelines, 13-14 October;
- from Statistics Portugal on Owner-occupied housing in the framework of the Harmonized index of consumer prices, 14 October;
- from Statistics Estonia on European comparison program issues, 20-21 October;
- from Berlin University on implementation of the National accounts project "Improving the quality of national accounts", 6-8 December.

## A visit from Poland

Statistics Lithuania maintains long-standing close contacts with GUS, Central Statistical Office of Poland, exchanges best practices and runs common projects. On 19 April 2011 Statistics Lithuania hosted a visit from the Statistical Office in Białystok, a delegation headed by director Ewa Kamińska-Gawryluk. The meeting concentrated on the possibility to develop a joint publication covering statistics on Poland, Lithuania, Belarus and the Ukraine. Two publications are foreseen - „The Neman Euroregion statistics“ and „Forests in Poland, Lithuania, Belarus and the Ukraine in 2010“. The publications will offer latest regional, forestry statistical data and a variety of photographs and maps. The two delegations also exchanged information on the on-going Population and Housing censuses and further co-operation prospects.



## A Seminar on International Trade Statistics Implementation of IMTS 2010 and follow-up to the Global Forum

On 26-30 September 2011 this workshop was organised in co-operation with the UN Statistics Division and Eurostat for participants from Eastern European and Central Asian statistical institutions. The objective was to discuss issues of implementation of International Merchandise Trade Statistics: Concepts and Definitions 2010 as well as possibilities to link international merchandise statistics with economic statistics of other domains. Both UNSD and Eurostat presented their activities in the field of International trade statistics, which was followed by regional organizations' perspective and country presentations exchanging their practices. The participants were given the possibility to discuss problematic selected topics. The workshop ended with the Round Table Discussion on identification of the important issues for the participating countries.



## Technical assistance

Having accumulated best practices and acquired trust in professionalism of experts on the international level, specialists of Statistics Lithuania in the capacity of short-term experts take an active part in Technical assistance projects run by other NSIs and consulting companies, extending and sharing best practices.

Specialists of Statistics Lithuania took part in implementation of Twinning projects of Statistics Denmark carried out in statistical offices of Armenia, the Ukraine and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Assistance was provided on price, information society, business and social statistics.

Statistics Lithuania participated in implementation of the Twinning project of the Federal Statistical Office of Germany with the State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan and provided technical assistance in the field of non-observed economy. The contribution of Statistics Lithuania to the successful completion of this project was positively assessed in the closing conference in Baku in November 2011.

The multilateral IPA 2008 programme for EU membership candidate and potential candidate countries was participated in by consulting specialists from Serbia and Macedonia on harmonised consumer price indices (HCPI). The work is to be continued in 2012 in accordance with the multilateral IPA 2009 programme.

From the IPA 2007 programme, specialists of the State Statistical Office of the Republic of Macedonia were con-

sulted on dissemination of statistical information and metadata issues.

Active participation in the measures of the TAIEX bureau programmes lead to consultations for the National Statistics Office of Georgia on calculation of import/export price indices. During the return visit to Georgia, the results obtained were evaluated and the framework for further work was established.

From the TAIEX bureau funds, specialists of Statistics Lithuania also consulted the Jordan colleagues on the statistical data quality and the good practice in the EU.

Specialists of the State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan paid a visit to undergo consultations on agricultural statistics and introduction to the quality management system.

The expert of Statistics Lithuania, together with a group of NSIs of other countries and Eurostat representatives, carried out the Global assessment of the Statistical system of the Ukraine.

Together with foreign partners, as a consortium partner, Statistics Lithuania further takes part in submitting applications for participation in new EU tenders for the implementation of technical assistance projects in different countries, including tenders on the IPA 2010 project in Montenegro, multilateral IPA 2011 project (for Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Iceland, Macedonia, Kosovo, Serbia and Turkey), and for the project in Croatia. Partners have agreed on possible participation in applying for the project in Turkey (USST 3).

## Specialists of Statistics Lithuania hosted Technical assistance consultations in Vilnius:

- to Georgian Statistics specialists on Import and Export price indices, 13-17 June;
- to Azerbaijan Statistics specialist on Quality issues in Statistics, 17-21 October;
- to Azerbaijan Statistics specialists on Agriculture statistics, 14-18 November.



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