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Foreword

European Affairs and International Co-operation Division of Statistics Lithuania gladly presents the 2nd News Letter on international activities during 2007.

A number of bilateral co-operation events with the European countries statistical offices took place during 2007. We are proud of growing technical assistance provided to the Balkan region, Mediterranean and Central Asian countries statistical offices last year.

We invite you kindly to take few minutes and discover the details of these events bellow in this News Letter.

Strategic Guidelines of International Co-operation of Statistics Lithuania for 2008-2012

During the next strategic period Statistics Lithuania commits to use, continue and disseminate cumulated best practice in development of statistical offices.

It is planned to organize bilateral meetings with the colleagues from other EU countries, continue annual meetings of the Baltic Steering Committee serving as a forum for discussing progress achieved, development of national statistical systems, strategic issues, implemented innovations, and possibilities for further co-operation and expand provision of technical assistance.

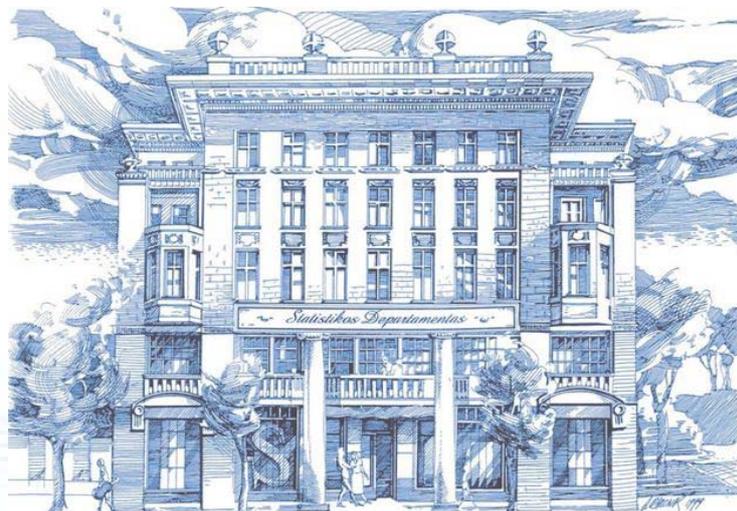
Technical assistance

In 2007 Statistics Lithuania participated in the seminar of the Task Force on Training within the framework of the European Commission project „Regional Programme for Statistics“ for Mediterranean countries according to the MEDSTAT programme.

As a Consortium partner led by the ICON Institute (Germany) for Upgrading the Statistical System of Turkey Programme (USST2) Statistics Lithuania is responsible for the implementing the sub-project Support for the improvement of administrative structure. A visit has been paid to TURKSTAT to contribute for the inception phase. The activities will start in 2008.

Upon request and agreement with other Consortium partners, Statistics Lithuania plans to provide short-term experts implementing other sub-projects of the USST2 programme.

The specialists of Statistics Lithuania as short-term experts participated in the TACIS project (statistics 9) Reform of the Official Statistics in Central Asia, implemented by the company SOGETI Luxembourg S.A. in the field of labour market, industry statistics, and information technologies.



Upon agreement with the ICON-Institute, in the framework of CARDS 2003 Regional programme on statistics, Statistics Lithuania hosted a study visit of the specialists of the Agency of Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Statistical Office of Montenegro and Statistical Office of Kosovo on International co-operation in statistics.

On the basis of good partnership relations, specialists of Statistics Lithuania have started to provide consultations in various statistics domains for different countries statistical offices. The following could be mentioned:

Consultation on IT development - study visits of the specialists from the State Statistical Committee of Tajikistan (October 2007);

Consultation on employment statistics was provided to the specialists from the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Uzbekistan (December 2007).

Bilateral events

High level visit to Statistics Netherlands (19th April 2007)



Ms A. Van Krimpen, Ms D. Norkevičienė, Mr Goose v/d Veen, Mr A. Šemeta, Ms C. de Boer and Mr J. Frenken

On the 19th of April, back-to-back to the Partnership Group meeting where Director General of SL participated for the last time, high level visit in Statistics Netherlands was held. During the meeting issues on quality in statistics, Code of Practice, reorganization of statistical processes in the Netherlands and Lithuania, International developments (ESS, SPC, UN), burden on respondents and free access to statistics have been discussed.

10-13 July High level visit of National Statistical institute of Spain



High level visit of INE Spain (11-12 July 2007)
Ms C. A. Guindo, President; Mr A. Martinez Serrano, Director, International Relations Directorate

During the high level visit the co-operation plan between INE Spain and Statistics

Lithuania for the future common actions on the issues of interest, such as European Statistical System, organisation of international work, human resources management, cost accountability and analysis, EU grants and other funds management were discussed and agreed. Some of the planned activities were already implemented; few others are planned for the 1st half of the 2008.

18-19 July 2007 High level visit of Statistics Austria



Mr A.Šemeta, DG of SL, Ms B. Grandits, Head, International Co-operation Division, Mrs Hackl, Dr P. Hackl, President of Statistics Austria, Ms D. Norkevičienė, Head of European Affairs and International Co-operation Division of SL

In July 2007 SL had a great opportunity

to host Austrian high level statistical delegation. During the meeting after the sharing of general issues and latest achievements, representatives of Statistics Austria gave presentations on response burden, a project of meta-data repository, quality in statistics, register based census and Presidency of the Council of the European Union. Statistics Lithuania presented issues on EU affairs, dissemination of statistical information, measurement of migration, quality management of SL, reduction of response burden and metadata systems.

As usual, bilateral co-operation plan was created for a year and responsive high level visit to Statistics Austria was planned in a spring of 2008.

15-18 October 2007

High level visit of Department of Statistics and Sociology of Republic of Moldova

Mr J. Markelevičius, Deputy Director General of SL, Mrs J. Galeckienė, Deputy Head European Affairs and International Co-operation Division of SL, Mr I. Mocanu, Head, European Affairs and International Co-operation Division, Mr V. Valcov, Director General



This was the first visit of the Department of Statistics and Sociology of Republic of Moldova held in Statistics Lithuania. The event has been

targeted at identifying specific areas which are of interest for Moldova's colleagues. Development of both countries statistical systems has been reviewed. Lithuanian representatives shared their experience in the establishment of quality management system, preparation for the population census, employment statistics, structural business statistics, short-term statistics and statistical dissemination.

Baltic Steering committee meeting

Baltic Steering Committee meeting is held annually in one of the three Baltic States Statistical Offices on the rotation basis. In spring of 2007 it took place in Latvia, beautiful place called Svante. During the meeting as usual, recent development of the three Baltic Statistical offices were shared. Head of the Estonian statistical office introduced "Committed to Excellence" assessment programme, integrated electronic workflow organizer and experience of peer review exercise in Statistics Estonia. Hostess, the President of Latvian Statistical office delivered the latest achievements in the CSB of Latvia and the implementation of Total Quality Management project. Statistics Lithuania presented the Population and housing census 2011, the development of human resource at Statistics Lithuania, the amendment of the Law on Statistics, the recent development and the reduction of response burden.

Mr P. Potisepp, DG, Statistics Estonia, Mr M. Somelar, Statistics Estonia, Mr A. Šemeta, DG of SL, Ms A. Žigure, President, CSB Latvia, Ms V. Lapėnienė, First Deputy DG of SL, Ms T. Sillajoe, Deputy DG, Statistics Estonia, Ms V. Jace, Head, Int. Co-operation Division and Ms D. Kravale, CSB Latvia. On the back: Ms D. Norkevičienė, Head, European Affairs and Int. Co-operation Division of SL, Mr K. Misans, Deputy DG, CSB Latvia.



The year 2008 will be as challenging as the previous. A number of international events are already in the pipeline, DGINS conference in Vilnius in September being one the most remarkable.



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