



For the period of 2017, 94 specialists from Statistics Lithuania participated in 235 international events (Eurostat Working Groups and European Commission committees, EU Council working group on Statistics, OECD activities, seminars and conferences as well as various courses organized by international organizations and consultations rendered under the umbrella of Technical Assistance) contributing with 72 presentations or papers in them. 20 international events with 31 presentation or paper produced by SL staff were organized by Statistics Lithuania.

2017 High-level visits to Statistics Lithuania

IT security assessment visit

On 12–13 June, Statistics Lithuania hosted a meeting with the Director of the **Eurostat's Directorate B** (methodology, corporate statistical and IT services) Mr Emanuele Baldacci and the Local Informatics Security Officer Mr Pascal Jacques, who came to familiarise themselves with the state of data security at Statistics Lithuania. The discussion covered an overview of the IT architecture, including protection of sensitive data, access to confidential statistical data, and Statistics Lithuania's compliance with the ESS IT Security Framework.



Visit of Eurostat on macroeconomic statistics

On 13 July, Statistics Lithuania hosted a meeting with the Management of **Eurostat Directorate C**. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss relevant issues in national accounts. The discussion covered various aspects of Lithuania's national accounts production: compliance with the EU requirements, quality assurance and revision policy, as well as representation of globalization processes and further development of national accounts.



Cooperation of the Baltic statistical offices



Meeting on the human resource management

On 9–10 May, Statistics Lithuania hosted a meeting of Baltic States' statistical offices on human resource management issues. The purpose of the meeting was to share experience of competence management, career planning, monitoring of staff satisfaction, process management, improvement of the working environment and other issues.





Meeting on time series and respective areas

On 18 May, Statistics Lithuania hosted a meeting on time series analysis. The purpose of the meeting was to share experience of seasonal adjustment, time series' temporal disaggregation methods (disaggregation of annual data into quarterly data, disaggregation of quarterly data into monthly data), forecasting methods, confidentiality and other matters.

Visit of the Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia on ISO

On 22–23 August, the representatives of the Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia visited Statistics Lithuania to consult on launching and certification of the quality management system standard ISO 9001:2015. The specialists of Statistics Lithuania shared good practices in implementing the requirements of the said standard. The discussion covered setting and implementation of quality policy and goals, process and risk management, organization and implementation of internal audits of the quality management system, non-conformity management, measurement and analysis of quality indicators, change management, organization of statistics users survey and assessment of satisfaction of users with statistical services, preparation of quality management system documentation and ensuring its relevance, etc.



Meeting on regional and urban statistics



On 28–29 September 2017, Statistics Lithuania hosted the Baltic States' meeting on regional and urban statistics. The participants shared good practices in implementing the projects on regional (including urban) statistics, provided information about data sources for the production of statistical information at regional level, estimation methods, availability of regional statistics, etc. During the meeting, use of GIS tools and infographics for preparation and

publication of statistical information at regional and more detailed territorial level, as well as official statistics portals and future plans for their development were presented.

Meeting on gender statistics

On 9–10 November, Statistics Lithuania hosted a meeting of the Baltic States on gender statistics. In the meeting, the representatives of statistical offices of Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia shared information about production of gender equality statistics, data sources, OECD recommendations and sustainable development indicators for gender equality. The aim of the meeting was to discuss the Project on the common publication *Women and Men in the Baltic Countries 2018*.



Baltic-Nordic cooperation

Meeting on agricultural statistics



new requirements for production of statistics and the exchange of best practice were discussed.

On 27–28 April 2017, Statistics Lithuania hosted a meeting of the Nordic and Baltic countries on agricultural statistics. Representatives of Finnish, Swedish, Danish, Norwegian, Latvian, Estonian and Lithuanian producers of official statistics participated in the meeting. The discussion covered the novelties in agricultural statistics, preparation for the 2020 Agricultural Census, production of agrarian environment statistics, use of administrative sources data for agricultural statistics, implementation of the principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice, etc. New needs of agricultural statistics, implementation of existing and

Participation in the ESS projects

ESSnet meetings at Statistics Lithuania



Netherlands, Norway, Hungary, Austria attended the meeting. The European Commission was represented by Eurostat.

The 3rd meeting of the ESSnet on **Quality of Multisource Statistics (Komuso)** took place at Statistics Lithuania on 7 February. The meeting was honoured by Mr. N. Plough, Director of Social Statistics of Statistics Denmark, who is coordinator of the project. The Agenda focused on the methodology for quality indicators of lists of sources used for social statistics and evaluation of accuracy of statistical output based on multisource statistics. The discussion covered the work performed and the preparation of final report on the Project's first stage. Representatives of Italy,



On 19–21 June, Statistics Lithuania hosted the meeting of the **ESSnet working group “Generic Functionality Sharing in the European Statistical System”**. During the meeting, the performed and planned work assessed and preparation for the seminar on the implementation of the Common Statistical Production Architecture (CSPA) organized by the UNECE and Eurostat was carried out. Participants from the following countries attended the meeting: United Kingdom, Slovenia, Portugal, Germany, France.

On 18–20 September, Statistics Lithuania hosted a meeting of the **ESSnet working group “Integration of data suitability approval methods in the European Statistical System”**. The aim of this meeting was to present the performed and planned work, prepare for the organized regional conferences. Participants from the following countries attended the meeting: Sweden, Portugal, Germany, Netherlands, Poland. The European Commission was represented by Eurostat.



Celebration of the European Statistics Day



This autumn, the European Statistics Day was celebrated for the second time. The celebration was devoted to raise awareness of European citizens of the importance and value of official statistics for the society. Statistics Lithuania, undertaking the responsibility for provision of objective and reliable information to the society, proper understanding and interpreting of statistics and effective response to changes, in cooperation with the Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania, organized a seminar **Realities and Visions of Statistics Dissemination. Numbers for EMOJI Generation**, which was held on 1 December.

The seminar was opened by the Director General of Statistics Lithuania V. Lapėnienė, who emphasized the importance of official statistics in today’s society and the increasing demands on statistics. Statistical information must be accessible and interesting to different users.



The theme of the seminar was presented by the Deputy Head of the Public Relations Division L. Grižaitė. She provided a brief overview of the users of statistics by generation (the Silent Generation, Baby Boomers, Generation X, Generation Y, Generation Z and Generation Alpha). The effect of social networks is no longer questioned, and communication specialists are now trying to forecast the future users’ needs and to find best ways how to communicate with Generations Z and Alpha.

Timothy Allen, the Head of Communications of Eurostat, discussed the realities of the European statistics dissemination and shared experience in developing the products attractive for today’s user.

The experience of the Martynas Mažvydas National Library in producing and disseminating statistical information about national libraries and Lithuanian press was presented by the Head of the Information Sciences Department Dr. N. Bliūdžiuvienė.

In Lithuania, official statistics are produced by the Bank of Lithuania and 21 other public authorities. The activity of these producers of official statistics is coordinated by Statistics Lithuania which seeks to make all official statistics accessible to the public via one portal – Official Statistics Portal. Specialists of Statistics Lithuania G. Norvaišienė and J. Vanagė presented the Portal.

J. Malinauskas, Professor of Graphic Design at Vilnius College of Technologies and Design, and T. Aliukas, student of this college, presented the principles and possibilities of visualisation of statistical information and cooperation with Statistics Lithuania in creating statistical infographics.

Technical Assistance



Seminar on labour market statistics for the EECCA countries

On 4–5 July 2017, Statistics Lithuania hosted the second technical workshop on European statistics for the EECCA countries, organized by Expertise France and Statistics Lithuania. This workshop was a follow-up of the second meeting of the Eastern Partnership's Statistics Panel, held in Tbilisi, Georgia, in October 2015, dedicated to the EU legislation (acquis) in the area of labour market statistics.

16 participants from the EECCA countries, experts from Eurostat, Statistics Sweden, ONS UK and Statistics Lithuania took part in the workshop.



Implementation of the project “Support to the implementation of EU statistical standards in the ENP-East countries”



Implementing the EU-funded project “Support to the implementation of EU statistical standards in the ENP-East countries”, Expertise France, in cooperation with Statistics Lithuania, organized a high-level seminar on the Law of Official Statistics for Eastern European, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) countries on November 21–22 in Chisinau, Moldova. This seminar was dedicated to discuss the newly adopted Law of Official Statistics of the Republic of Moldova. Besides the Heads of the EECCA countries NSI's, the representatives of the Premier Minister office, ministers of the Republic of Moldova, Director General of the Eurostat, Head of the EU delegation, ambassadors residing in the Republic of Moldova, experts from Eurostat, Swedish, UK, Croatian and Lithuanian NSIs also took part. Statistics Lithuania was represented by Head of the Strategic Planning and Official Statistics Programmes Division

D. Jurelevičienė who provided an overview of the implemented coordination framework and practical implementation of response burden policy at Statistics Lithuania.

High-level conference in Baku – Statistics Lithuania is an active participant in statistical projects in Azerbaijan

On 24 November 2017 Ms V. Lapėnienė, Director General of Statistics Lithuania, upon invitation of the State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan, participated in the conference "Support to the State Statistical Committee in harmonisation of the National Statistics System of the Republic of Azerbaijan in line with European standards" that took place in Baku.



The conference summed up the results of the Global Assessment of the National Statistical System of Azerbaijan undertaken by Eurostat, UNECE and EFTA. This high-level conference was attended by the representatives of the EU member countries that had already rendered Technical assistance to Azerbaijan during the previous projects – DESTATIS, NSI Bulgaria, CBS Netherlands and Statistics Lithuania. Among other distinguished guests were Chairman and Vice-Presidents of the State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Minister of Economy and Minister of Labour and Social protection of Population of Azerbaijan, Ambassador of the EU Delegation to Azerbaijan, Resident Advisor to Azerbaijan on Twinning projects, representative of Eurostat.

Also, a new project on Strengthening National Statistics System of Azerbaijan was introduced with Statistics Lithuania taking part in it as a partner under the guidance of the ICON Institute and in consortium with DESTATIS, CBS Netherlands and NSI Bulgaria. During the conference delegates discussed the future cooperation directions in the new project, which will go ahead already in 2018. The new project will further improve statistical operations in Data quality management, Geographical Information Systems (GIS), Business registers and related issues, Dissemination policy, Preparation of documents related to implementation of the statistical law.

ESTP training course “Non-response and non-sampling errors in household surveys” held at Statistics Lithuania was a great success

ESTP training course “Non-response and non-sampling errors in household surveys” was held at Statistics Lithuania on 4–6 December. Representatives of statistical offices of 17 EU and enlargement countries participated in this course.

The course presented the non-response problem, causes and effect, as well as methods to avoid non-response in the surveys and estimation of non-response rate. The methods of assessment of statistical results and their errors in cases of non-response of questionnaires and input methods of missed data were discussed and practical exercises at computers were carried out. The course focused on inaccuracy in sampling list coverage, errors of measurement and data binding and effect thereof on the statistical results. The examples from real surveys were presented. The course was based on the work of world-famous statisticians and the results of the latest projects of Eurostat.



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