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The work of InterEnerStat and IRES from the perspective of an international organisation

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Quality of energy statistics was deteriorating

Completeness

- More and more data are estimated
- More and more data are missing and/or confidential
- Less and less details, more aggregation (CHP, main activity producers vs. autoproducers, ...)

Quality

- Efficiency of power plants > 100%
- Subtotals do not add up to totals
- Large statistical difference (>20%)
- Breaks in time series no revisions in time series
- "Other sectors" often used as a balancing item

Timeliness

More and more time to collect, process, check and release data



The reasons for decreasing data quality

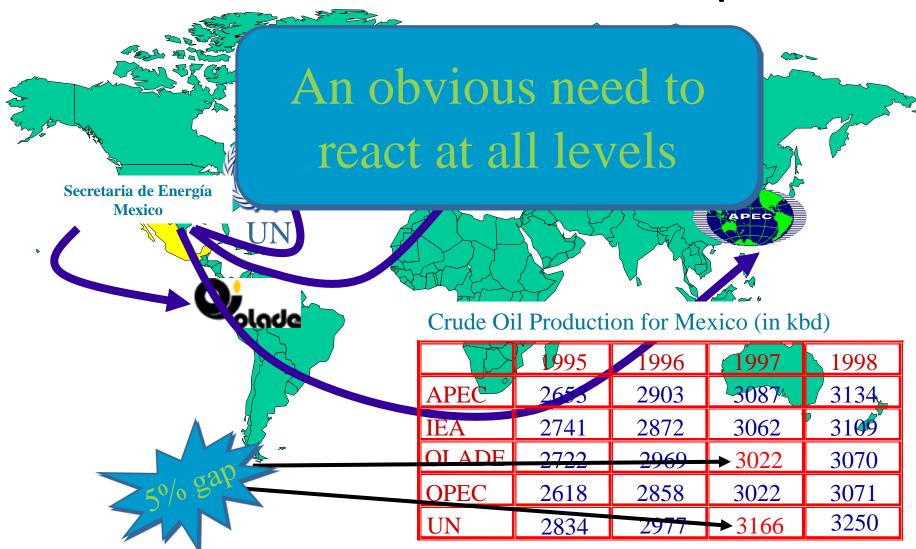
New developments make the tasks of statisticians much harder

- Liberalisation of the market
 - From one company to hundreds
- Confidentiality (linked to liberalisation)
 - More work passed to statistics offices:
 - More companies to survey (liberalisation)
 - Renewables (remote information)
 - Energy efficiency indicators (including socio-economic data)
 - Environment (estimation of GHG emissions,)
- Resources do not follow work load
 - Statistics still have a low profile, budget cuts
- Fast turnover in staff: lack of experience, continuity



Not only a lack of resources...

also a lack of harmonization and co-operation





Organisations started to react

At the political level:

- Several presentations on the situation at the IEA Governing Board
- Transparency and statistics were also high on the agenda of the Ministerial Meeting in May 2005

Recognition/Commitment/Resources

At the technical level:

- Release of an Energy Statistics Manual (together with Eurostat)
- Training of statisticians from Member / Non-Member countries
- A series of meetings with Member countries

Expertise/Recognition/Commitment

Creation of the OCG and the InterEnerStat



The momentum was there.....

IEA in consultation with UNSD decided to hold the 1st InterEnerStat meeting (Nov. 2005)

Objectives:

- To hear from each organisation what they do, what are their problems and their expectation for more co-operation
- To pave the way for more harmonization and for strengthening bilateral and international co-operation

Participants:

 24 major regional and international organisations. Both data providers (IEA, UNSD, OPEC, Eurostat, FAO) and users (WB, IMF, UNFCCC,...)



Two Clear Requests

Harmonisation

- Methodologies
- Definitions
- Units
- Conversion factors
- Harmonised demands and questionnaires
- Handbooks and manuals
- Training
- Quality framework

Co-operation

- awareness
- Harmonisation
 - Joint Question
- Joint Training
- Common manuals
- Joint quality assessment
- Exchange of data



Harmonisation: first step was to collect from each organisation its own set of definitions

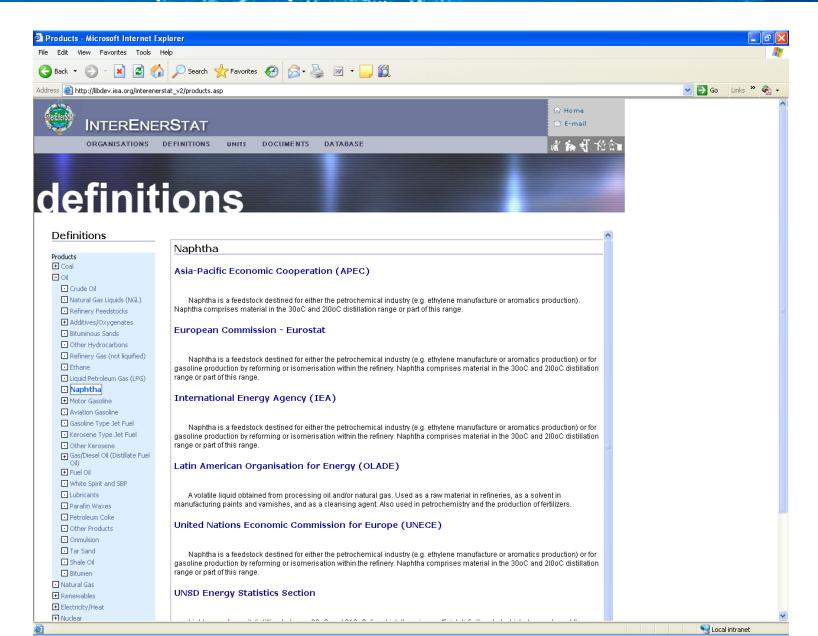


The 2nd step was to assemble them in a transparent way easy to access



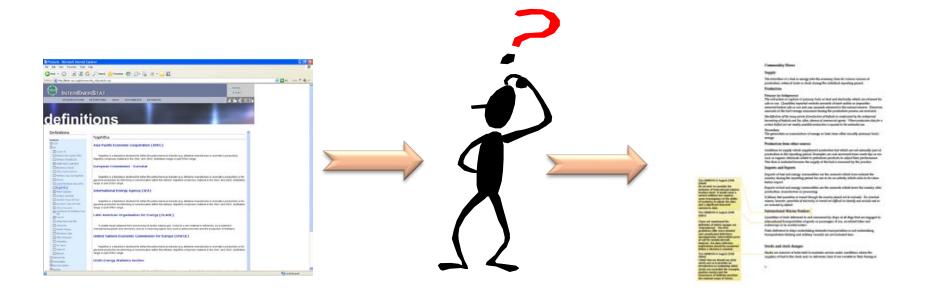
Website presented at InterEnerStat 2

(Nov 2007)





From InterEnerStat 2 to InterEnerStat 3

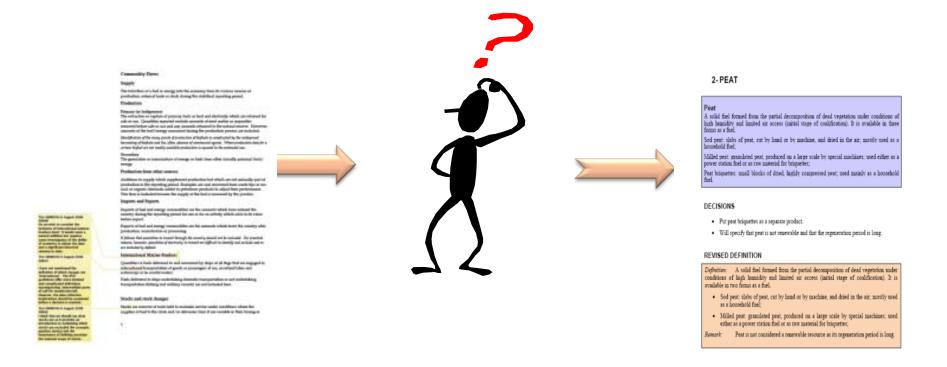


An expert was contracted to:

- Look at flows and products
- Highlight similarities and differences
- Propose a "compromise" definition for each flow/product



3rd and 4th InterEnerStat meetings (Oct 2008 and Nov 2009)



- Expert provided first draft report for harmonised definitions
- Discussions with international organisations
- A series of decisions adopted
- Decisions translated into revised definitions



Where is InterEnerStat now?

- By the end of 2010 all the minor outstanding points were agreed between groups working on InterEnerStat, OCG and IRES.
- These definitions will be guidelines to help organisations to arrive to a common understanding of what is a covered by a particular flow or a particular product.
- Definitions have been used in the International Recommendations for Energy Statistics manual of the UNSD, which was approved by the Statistical Commission in February 2011...

So, what next?

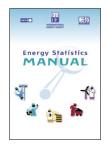


1. One questionnaire: dream or reality?





2. Provide better manuals



The Joint IEA/Eurostat Energy Statistics Manual

(now available in 10 languages)











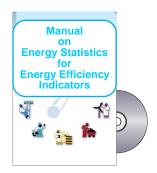




The IRES Manual (UNSD and Oslo City Group)

(in cooperation with many organisations and countries)





The Manual on Energy Statistics for Energy Efficiency Indicators (IEA, ODYSSEE, others)



3. Joint trainings for energy statisticians



Examples of recently conducted training sessions:

- Indonesia (in Paris, Nov. 2011)
- Azerbaijan (in Baku, Sept. 2011)
- IEA training centre (in Paris, Mar. and Oct. 2011)
- Chile (in Santiago)
- South Africa (in Johannesburg)
- Energy Community (in Paris)
- Chinese secondees (9 over 3 years)



The MEDSTAT programme



Regular training for APEC economies (i.e. Bangkok)

Several training sessions including on line training



A few words to conclude

- Harmonisation will not happen overnight. It needs time, effort, resources and commitment.
- The first results have been published that establish the basis for moving further harmonisation forward.
- Underlying principle: evolution not revolution. The main objective is to support energy policy and energy analysis.

