

Dear Paul,

The draft on NQAF provides a good overview of different initiatives and quality principles, frameworks and tools. Statistics Norway have had a systematic quality work for some years, and we have also participated in EU initiatives such as the LEG on quality. Now we are co-chairing a new European Sponsorship on Quality together with Eurostat (Øystein Olsen and Michel Glaude are chairs), and had our first meeting in end September. Next meeting will be 10 December. The mandate is enclosed. We also enclose a paper on quality work in Statistics Norway.

We agree that generic quality systems and models should be adapted to statistical work (values and roles of official statistics and statistical production processes), and the European Statistics Code of Practice (CoP) provides a good framework for this. We like the figure used in the paper (figure 1: Scope of NQAF). In fact, we have used this figure in our own work. It was used (and probably "invented") in the European project on Data Quality Assessment Methods and tools (DATQAM), where I participated (reference 2007a in the paper). The distinction between products, processes and institutional environment is in particular useful, and the CoP indicators correspond to this framework, which will also be considered in the Sponsorship on Quality

The Canadian quality assurance framework described in the annex is based on the same principles as most quality systems used by National Statistical Institutes, but this framework seems to be a bit differently structured than the one shown in Figure 1.

Best regards,

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