



UN Expert Group on National Quality Assurance Frameworks

Comments on NQAFs (received in response to the questions in the 13 August 2010 EG launch letter/e-mail):

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We are happy to form part of this expert group and the work on the national quality assurance framework, which very nicely goes hand in hand with work currently underway in the so called "Sponsorship on Quality", a European high level Task Force, chaired by Eurostat and Statistics Norway with which we will co-ordinate our contribution to this Expert Group. This is facilitated by the fact that also other members of this Expert Group (Hans Viggo Sabo, Marina Signore and Claudine Gasnier) participate in the Sponsorship.

The Sponsorship is developing a quality assurance framework (QAF) for the members of the European Statistical System. This QAF will build upon the principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice, recommending practices and tools to be used and identifying minimum standards. It will be structured following the Code's indicators and distinguish between practices at institutional level (for the whole organisation) and at process level. The work will foster the exchange of European quality practices and the re-deployment of tools. At the same time it is expected to give guidance on what are considered the minimum approaches when prioritising between various quality activities. Once a draft version has been finalised, we expect this QAF to fit into the StatsCan proposal for a generic NQAF putting into more concrete the version based on the Code of Practice (proposal 3).

One issue for further discussion is whether we are targeting the National Statistical Institute only or do we envisage the NQAF to be also suitable for other important national data providers.

With regard to the [common glossary](#) we are happy to share with you some work in progress on updating our 2003 quality glossary. We are grateful for comments! The link to the previous version (of 2003) has already been included in the UNSD collection.

Last but not least, we very much like the website you have set up and think it will be a very valuable resource for our common work in the months to come!

Kind regards,
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