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Country Note of Turkey

Report of the Expert Group on International Statistical Classifications

Turkey uses international classifications in order to maintain comparability with European Union (EU) statistics. Revisions and updates of Eurostat classifications are followed and implemented. The institutions and organizations in Turkey use international classifications in their administrative records in order to provide accurate information for the realistic and effective planning process and get comparable national data.

In this context, the Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat) is in a transition process to produce statistics based on administrative records which will reduce cost and response burden. To promote the use and improve the quality of the administrative data, intensive cooperation has been realized with the other national authorities. In order to encourage the national authorities to use the international classifications, TurkStat provides training and consultancy. Moreover, studies on expanding NACE dictionary have been initiated using text mining techniques.

Regarding to the International Classification for Crime Statistics (ICCS), the translation process was finalised and the adaptation works will be concluded by the end of 2018. However, some technical recommendations have been sent to UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNDOC) shortly. The effective cooperation with the related institutions (Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Justice, etc.) played an important aspect on the adaptation studies of ICCS.

Turkey uses European Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose (ECOICOP) for the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP), Household Budget Survey (HBS) and Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) studies.

TurkStat also follows studies on the Generic Statistical Information Model and we are working to establish metadata management system according to the GSIM objects.