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**Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)****Internal Corporate Social Responsibility – social responsibility in official statistics**

One of the key tasks of Statistics Poland, as a governmental agency, is adherence to the principles of social responsibility. In our work, we focus on promoting the health of and supporting individuals with disabilities. Our socially responsible approach is based on development and fulfilment of the current generation's needs, without diminishing future generations' chances for development.

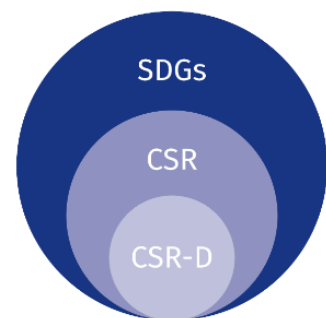
We are in the process of preparing a report to illustrate socially responsible actions taken by Statistics Poland. In the report, we have decided to include selected Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives carried out by Statistics Poland in 2018. They will be presented in accordance with ISO 26000 and the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standards developed to reflect social responsibility.

In reporting our activities, we plan to show how each of them contributes to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

On 27 June 2018, we signed the "**Commitment of Statistics Poland**", which obliges us to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In doing so, we have joined the group of other Partnership for the Implementation of SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) signatories in Poland. Actions aimed at reaching the SDGs and specifically meant to help people with disabilities are carried out by Statistics Poland under the initiative "Statistics without barriers, because everyone counts." This initiative best fits within Goal 8 of the 2030 Agenda: "Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all." All units of Statistics Poland adhere to the idea of CSR-D (Corporate social responsibility and Disability; taking into account the aspect of disability in the organization's policy of social responsibility). The initiative also has

an indirect impact on three other **Goals of the 2030 Agenda**:

- Goal 1: NO POVERTY
- Goal 4: QUALITY EDUCATION
- Goal 10: REDUCED INEQUALITIES



Beneficiaries of the above actions are all people with disabilities, as well as organisations and institutions that work for or in cooperation with people with disabilities.

Statistics Poland is committed to focusing on three main kinds of activities:

-  Increasing employment of people with disabilities in official statistics services
-  Increasing the amount of statistical information and publications available concerning disability
-  Charitable activities on the part of Statistics Poland aimed at helping people with disabilities

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Projects implemented as part of Statistics Poland's initiative are aimed at the dissemination of knowledge regarding changes on the labour market, management of diversity and age-diversity in the workplace, and arrangement of workplace accommodations for individuals with special needs, as well as individuals with disabilities. Consequently, numerous activities aimed at people with disabilities and concerning the subject of disability are being undertaken.

On a cyclical basis, different units of Statistics Poland organize charity campaigns and drives, as well as educational meetings for children and teens with various degrees of disability. Other activities are aimed at acquiring employees with disabilities and educating them about their rights and privileges. On the Polish labour market, Statistics Poland is being promoted as an equal opportunity employer.

### **External Corporate Social Responsibility - for stakeholders of official statistics**

Statistics Poland monitors the implementation of the 2030 Agenda's Sustainable Development Goals in Poland through the **SDG Platform** (<http://sdg.gov.pl/en/>). Two sets of indicators are presented therein. They monitor:

- global goals (developed by the United Nations) with values for Poland,
- national priorities.

The SDG Platform is publicly available and acts as a national reporting platform, making it possible to share and download data for the presented indicators. Analysis of information is facilitated by an extensive collection of metadata, as well as data visualization tools in the form of graphs.

CSR policies enacted by Statistics Poland conform to the ISO 26000 Standard, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) established by the UN in 2015, as well as to the Strategy for Responsible Development to the Year 2020 in Poland, adopted by resolution of the Polish Council of Ministers on 14 February 2017.

Since July of 2018, a representative of Statistics Poland has served as Coordinator of the Working Group for Advancing Social Responsibility Policies in Polish Public Administration. Three examples of tasks, carried out by three different teams within the group are the creation of: a National Action Plan for the Development of CSR in Poland, a CSR Good Practice Guide for Public Administration, and a platform for exchanging information about these good practices.

Lastly, on 9-10 November 2018, the headquarters of Statistics Poland hosted an SDG Hackathon, which ran continuously for 27 hours. One of its main goals was to promote the idea of sustainable development and SDGs. Its participants were faced with the challenge of preparing a prototype interactive web application.

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