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Statistics Poland takes note of the activities made in the implementation of the ICP 2021 cycle.

Statistics Poland agrees that ICP 2021 cycle activities should be carried out by the general schedule, and every effort should be made to ensure that all actions related to the implementation of the survey will be completed as planned. Any delays threaten the timely publication of final results and may also harm their quality and comparability. The 2021 results will allow us to conduct various economic analyses to illustrate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the global economy.

Statistics Poland supports the popularisation of the publication "Purchasing power parities for policymaking: a visual guide to using data from the International Comparison Program" to ICP stakeholders. Statistical agencies should put more effort into promoting this guide so that policymakers know its multiple usage and benefits. Moreover, it allows national governments, policymakers, and other users to measure the effectiveness of current domestic policies, compare themselves with other economies, and track development and progress over time.

Statistics Poland supports including ICP in the regular statistical work program. Due to the growing interest in ICP and the increasing awareness of the usefulness of the program for international organizations as well as national, regional, and global decision-makers in the field of sustainable economic, social and environmental development, ensuring program sustainability should be considered one of the priorities of international statistics. Establishing a national organizational framework will positively impact a stable number of countries participating in the program and thus increase the comparability of results over time series.

In the case of Poland, the PPP survey is included in the Statistical survey program of official statistics. The survey is cofinanced by Statistics Poland and PPP grant agreements.

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