

Redesign of the statistical survey system in the Czech Republic

Principal information

Based on acquired data, Czech Statistical Office (CZSO) yields a reliable and consistent image about the state of the arts and development of the society according to developing needs of users of statistical service in conditions of changing environment. CZSO co-ordinates state statistical service in the Czech Republic.

One of the six strategic goals of CZSO is innovating the statistical system, enhancing efficiency of processes and labour productivity.

Main reasons for innovation of statistical system are as follows:

- High level of respondent burden
- Complicated questionnaires
- Lower consistency between statistical survey than expected
- High non-response in specific branches
- Limited capacity and increasing demand

Reform principles are focused to three areas:

- Respondents
 - Reduce respondents burden
 - Permanent dialog
 - Increasing of response rate and enforceability
- Users
 - Increasing of data availability and serviceability
 - Permanent dialogue with strategic users, feedback analysis (government, associations, methodological audit)
 - Monitoring of user demand and its rating
 - Reduction of unnecessary requirements (detail)
 - Popularisation of statistics
- Statistics
 - Balance and stability of fundamental solution
 - Increasing of serviceability of administrative sources (change of national legislation)
 - Parameterisation of statistical system
 - Implementation and enforcing of statistical estimation

Project management

Management of this strategic objective is in progress on 3 levels:

- President of CZSO, Top Management Meeting and Advisory Boards
- Steering committee for Redesign of statistical survey system (RSSS)
- Working groups for Redesign of statistical survey system

First two levels of project management are made up of top-managers from CZSO. Planned time schedule for this project is 4 years for preparation and the estimated duration is 8-10 years. Because of the nature of this project, young employees have been nominated to a working group by the President of CZSO. These people are expected to be self-motivated, with enough energy to carry this through successfully to its completion. After implementing the project, members of the working group will keep the principles in operation. Working group doesn't work alone but cooperate with subject-matter departments. CZSO has very good experience with this type of project. Proposal of RSSS Model was approved by the President of CZSO at the President's Board Meeting on May 2, 2006 as founding document for this long-term task.

Time schedule

- 2005 / 02 – approved by top management as strategic task
- 2007 – preparation of solution
- 2008 – pilot tests
- 2009 – implementation