

Course title: **SC11 - Independence and integrity of official statistics - using peer reviews and the snapshot tool to assess the professional independence and other elements of the statistical system**

Duration: 1,5 days

Date and time: 14 & 15 July

Venue: **Faculté de Médecine et de Pharmacie de Marrakech**
Address: Sidi Abbad, Marrakech 40000

Registration fee:

- **Developed Country: € 370**
- **Host , Least Developed & Developing Country, or Student⁽¹⁾: € 240**

(1) For students, proof of enrolment will be required.



Instructor 1

Claudia Junker, Eurostat, the Statistical office of the European Union, Germany

Claudia Junker is head of unit "Statistical cooperation" at DG Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union.

Since 2010 she is leading the unit involved in statistical cooperation and provision of technical assistance to third countries with a focus on the countries having or willing to apply to become an EU member state, countries in the European neighbourhood to the East and the South and African countries. Cooperation activities include the implementation of assessments of statistical systems, provision of expertise to NSIs in order to apply European and/or international standards in the production of official statistics, management of funds to engage such expertise, publication of data on these countries and reporting on progress.

Claudia also worked in business statistics and was leading the evaluation activities of Eurostat.

Prior to joining Eurostat in 1999 she worked in the Statistical office of Germany in the area of national accounts / input-output tables and managed a wide range of technical assistance projects and training programmes for countries in Central Europe and for countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States (former Soviet Union). Claudia has completed her studies in economics, IT, econometrics and modelling as well as management and organisation at the Academy of Management in Moscow in 1987.

Instructor 2

Pieter Everaers, Eurostat, the Statistical office of the European Union, Luxembourg

Pieter Everaers is Director of Directorate A- Cooperation in the European Statistical System; International Cooperation; Resources at DG Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union.

Since 2012 he is in this position managing the human and financial resources and the legal affairs, the planning and evaluation of the statistical programme as well as the governance in the European Statistical System. In this position he is also responsible for the support program to Greek statistics. This position also involves the responsibility for the cooperation in statistics with other European and non-European Third Countries and with International Organisations.

He joined Eurostat in May 2004, closing a 20 years career at Statistics Netherlands (CBS). Before 2012 he was in Eurostat as director responsible for International Trade and Population statistics, Agricultural Statistics, Environment, Energy and Transport, Business statistics, as well as Dissemination and Indicators. He has a PhD in Spatial Sciences at the University of Utrecht and had his original training in Human Geography and Mathematical Sociology.



Instructor 3

Jean-Louis Bodin, ISI, IAOS, France

Retired from INSEE, the French National Statistical Institute
International Consultant (Organization of Official Statistical Systems)
Former President of the ISI (1999 – 2001)
Former President of the IAOS (1989 – 1991)
Vice-chairman of the Drafting Committee of the UN Resolution on Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics (1991 – 1994)
Member of the Drafting Committee of the African Charter on Statistics
“Founding Father” of AFRISTAT and first chair of its Scientific Advisory Council ((1996 – 2008)
Former Adviser to the President of the Agency for Cooperation with the developing and transition countries of the Ministry of Economy and Finance (2000 – 2010)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course will start with an introduction of the concepts of professional independence and integrity of official statistics, the reasons why they are so important and examples/ways how they can be preserved.

Some existing instruments that can help protecting and defending independence and integrity will be introduced such as the UN fundamental principles on official statistics, the African Charter on Statistics, the European statistics Code of Practice (ESCoP).

The implementation of the ESCoP will be explained on the example of Eurostat's peer reviews in 2014-2015 in view of the peer reviews being a well set-up approach to assess the statistical systems of the EU Member States. The snapshot tool for an assessment of a statistical system and the quality of key indicators has been developed for a similar purpose but targeted at the assessment of statistical systems in developing countries.

In addition to presenting the different modules of the tool, the course will include a demonstration of its application.



SYLLABUS

- Introduction into the concept of independence and integrity, legitimacy and credibility of statistical information
- What is independence all about – why is it important to preserve it – how it can be threatened – what factor can contribute to it. Some historical milestones. Examples of threats and solutions.
- Historical evolution of the management of ethical issues in the statistical legislation: 1945 - 1965; 1965 - 1989; after 1989
- How to maintain statistical integrity (institutional responses, responses by the profession itself)
- Presentation of some tools – UNFPOS, African Charter, ESCoP
- Introduction of the Eurostat peer reviews – scope, procedures, implementation, results
- Introduction to Eurostat's snapshot tool, the rationale for its development and its place within the broader framework of tools to assess the quality of statistical systems
- Comparison between the two approaches
- How to use the snapshot; explanation of the different modules of the tool - their purpose and intended application; who can use the tool.
- Review of a case study use – based on a real world uses of the tool, possibly anonymised.
- Facilitated discussion with the group: discussion on problems related with independence; possible uses of the Eurostat's tool in your own statistical system.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The course is expected to be of interest to junior statisticians from developing countries and statisticians at all levels within NSIs, particularly those interested in assessment frameworks and quality related roles within their institutions.