

#### 4.18. Chapter 18: Statistics

Progress was made in the area of **statistical infrastructure**. The amended Law on State Statistics was adopted by Parliament and has strengthened the State Statistical Office's (SSO) role as coordinator of the national statistical system, and advanced the introduction of the principles of the European Statistical Code of Practice. The new strategy on data dissemination for 2010-2012 and the action plan for its realisation were adopted. About 40 new employees from the non-majority communities were recruited, improving the equitable representation and staff situation. The resource situation in SSO needs to be further improved, but overall preparations in this area are advanced.

Some progress was made in the field of **classifications and registers**. The national classification of occupations was prepared in line with the International Standard Classification of Occupation ISCO-08. The database for the statistical farm register was completed and the procedures for updating it were improved. Preparations in this area are moderately advanced.

Good progress was made in the area of **sector statistics**. Following intensive preparations for the census of population and housing, originally scheduled for April 2011, the census was postponed to October 2011. However, the State Census Commission only reached an agreement on the composition of the enumerator teams in mid-September, which caused delays in the recruitment and training of enumerators. Improvements were made in agricultural statistics, and the results of the first farm structure survey were published in 2011. Overall, progress was made on national accounts, including methodological improvements to supply and use tables and quarterly accounts; and on further development of sector accounts. Cooperation between the SSO and the Ministry of Finance was reinforced. It has not been decided which institution is to be responsible for the financial accounts statistics. Progress was made in business statistics. The development of structural business statistics continued and preliminary data were submitted to Eurostat. SSO introduced methodological improvements in the area of short-term statistics and released the first data under the new classification for economic activity, NACE Rev. 2. The number of data transmitted to the European Commission increased, and SSO and the other producers of official statistics are encouraged to continue this trend. However, substantial effort and financial resources will be needed in order to achieve full alignment with ESA 95, including improved exhaustiveness of data. Preparations in the area of sector statistics are advanced.

#### *Conclusion*

There was good progress in several areas, but full alignment with the *acquis* on statistics has yet to be achieved. Substantial effort is needed to improve sector statistics, in particular in economic statistics. The scope of data transmission has increased, but efforts need to be stepped up. Preparations in the area of statistics are advanced.