

4.18. Chapter 18: Statistics

In the area of **statistical infrastructure**, the Law on State Statistics was amended to strengthen the role of the State Statistical Office as the principal coordinator of official statistics, improve the implementation of surveys and enhance the quantity and quality of data provided by the administration. The Office's Strategic Plan (2013-2015) was adopted. The new programme for statistical surveys 2013-2017 provides for improved implementation and harmonisation of surveys across the national statistical system. The resource situation of the SSO remains a concern. Overall, preparations in this area are advanced.

As regards **classifications and registers**, groups of business entities were introduced in the business register. Procedures for updating the register of agricultural holdings were enhanced. The new International Classification of Education (ISCED 2011) is being applied. Preparations in this area are moderately advanced.

As regards **sectoral statistics**, in the area of national accounts, further progress was made in the integration of sector accounts and publication of quarterly GDP data. Data on GDP broken down by region and sector account were published according to NACE rev 2. More efforts are needed to achieve full alignment with ESA 95 standards. The second farm structure survey was conducted and the design of the Labour Force Survey was improved. Further progress was achieved in business, agricultural and environmental statistics. The central bank improved the production of financial accounts and harmonisation of capital investment statistics and financial sector statistics with international standards. The number of data transmissions to Eurostat continued to increase. Data on quarterly balance of payments, annual international trade in services, the Structure of Earnings Survey and the Job Vacancy Survey were sent for the first time. The use of administrative registers to derive population data is being considered.

Conclusion

There was good progress in several areas, in particular statistical infrastructure and sectoral statistics. Greater efforts are needed to speed up alignment with the acquis and to enhance the quality and availability of data, particularly population data. Preparations in the field of statistics are advanced.