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Coordination within the national statistical system – experiences from Denmark

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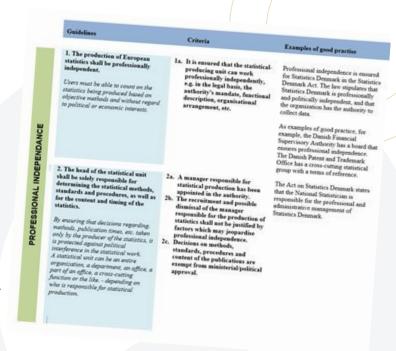
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Introduction

- The update of the regulation 223/2009 in 2015
- Statistic Denmark started developing guidelines for European statistics for the Other National Authorities (ONAs) producing European statistics.
- Annual monitoring process of the ONA's compliance with the guidelines for official statistics.
- National Coordination Committee for Official Statistics, with the National Statistician as the chair.



Developing national guidelines for official statistics

- The development started in 2015 first with an internal group of experts in Statistics Denmark
-then involving representatives from ONA's
-then discussed at the annual meeting in the National Coordination Committee
- Guidelines reflect CoP, but is a down scale to accomodate ONAs that don't have statistics production as their core tasks
- First round of monitoring in 2016
- revealed very different understanding of the guidelines
- A round of visits to all ONAs was initiated in 2017
 - ONAs explained their organizational setups and production processes
 - Statistics Denmark explained about the CoP and GSBPM
- Revised national guidelines for European statistics (official statistics after revision on the act on Statistics Denmark in 2018)

Guidelines Criteria Examples of good practice 1. The production of European statistics shall be professionally la. It is ensured that the statisticalindependent. Professional independence is producing unit can work professionally independently, for Statistics Denmark in the Users must be able to count on the Denmark Act. The law stipula e.g. in the legal basis, the statistics being produced based on Statistics Denmark is professi authority's mandate, functional objective methods and without regard and politically independent, ar description, organisational to political or economic interests the organization has the author arrangement, etc. collect data As examples of good practice, example, the Danish Financial Supervisory Authority has a bo ensures professional independer The Danish Patent and Tradema Office has a cross-cutting statist 2. The head of the statistical unit group with a terms of reference. shall be solely responsible for 2a. A manager responsible for determining the statistical methods, The Act on Statistics Denmark st statistical production has been standards and procedures, as well as appointed in the authority. that the National Statistician is for the content and timing of the 2b. The recruitment and possible responsible for the professional a statistics. dismissal of the manager administrative management of responsible for the production of Statistics Denmark By ensuring that decisions regarding. statistics shall not be justified by methods, publication times, etc. taken factors which may jeopardise only by the producer of the statistics, it professional independence. is protected against political Decisions on methods. interference in the statistical work. standards, procedures and

content of the publications are

approval

exempt from ministerial/political

A statistical unit can be an entire

part of an office, a cross-cutting

who is responsible for statistical

production.

function or the like. - depending on

organization, a department, an office, a

Monitoring Compliance

Guideline	Criteria	Question
Institutional framework		
1. The production of European statistics shall be professionally independent.	1a. It is ensured that the statistical-producing unit can work professionally independently, e.g. in the legal basis, the authority's mandate, functional description, organisational arrangement, etc.	Is there a mandate, a functional description, etc., to ensure that the statistical unit can work professionally independently? (mandatory criteria)
2. The head of the statistical unit shall be solely responsible for determining the statistical methods, standards and procedures, as well as for the content and timing of the statistics.	2a. A manager responsible for statistical production has been appointed in the authority.	Has a manager been appointed in charge of statistical production? (mandatory criteria)
	2b. The recruitment and possible dismissal of the manager responsible for the production of statistics shall not be justified by factors which may jeopardise professional independence. 2c. Decisions on methods, standards, procedures and content of the publications are exempt from ministerial/political approval.	Can it be ruled out that the manager responsible for statistical production is dismissed for reasons that jeopardise statistical independence? (mandatory criteria) Is the choice of methods, standards, procedures and content in the publications exempt from ministerial/political approval? (mandatory criteria)

- Act on Statistics Denmark: an annual monitoring of compliance is implemented
- Compliance is monitored using a self-assessment questionnaire annually
- Approximately every five years by a more thorough review of the ONA – a peer review
- Self-assessment questionnaire is based on the guidelines and deals in with:
 - 1) the institutional framework for the production of statistics,
 - 2) the statistical procedures and
 - 3) the statistical products.
- Questions are directly based the underlying criteria linked to the guidelines.
- Compliance with selected criteria is mandatory and this is stated in the self-assessment form.

Conclusions and way forward

- The annual monitoring and peer reviews is planned to continue in the coming years.
- To follow up on the European peer review actions are also needed to
 - share more good practices and
 - to implement common standards for e.g. quality reporting in the national statistical system
- Statistics Denmark could be moving towards more transparency by e.g.
 - future public access to the different review reports that result from peer reviews of ONAs and
 - from Statistics Denmark's internal reviews.
- ONAs with very limited resources dedicated to producing statistics might use more resources opn monitoring than is allocated to the production of statistics – this must be adressed







Thank you

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