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Session “The third round of Peer reviews in the ESS – its implementation, results and lessons learnt



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The third round of ESS peer reviews – a strategic view on their implementation, main results and lessons learnt

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Governance and set-up

Design process

Governance structures

Decision-making process

Methodology development



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Implementation arrangements

Expert teams

NSIs set-up

Training of experts and NSIs

Harmonisation

Involvement of stakeholders - numbers



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Results

Peer review reports

Improvement Action plans

Final report on peer reviews

Strengths – progress – innovative practices

Recommendations



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Strengths

A strong legal framework

Long-term strategies for development

Partnership-based governance structures and systems for NSS coordination

Cooperation and partnership with the scientific community

Motivated, service-oriented and committed staff

User focused communication and dissemination of statistics

Access to administrative data and other data sources

ONAs with committed staff and a good commitment to the ES CoP



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Recommendations

Total number: 581, of which about 12% compliance-relevant

Highest number of recommendations:

Principle 1bis on coordination and cooperation (new principle)

Principle 1 on professional independence (often related to ONAs)

Principle 15 on accessibility and clarity (broader coverage of users)

Principle 3 on adequacy of resources (quantity and skill set)

Principle 7 on sound methodology



Recommendations

Principle/indicator	Total number of recommendations	Number of Improvement-related recommendations	Number of compliance-relevant recommendations	Number of countries concerned
1-professional independence	68	48	20	28
1.1 independence	11	8	3	6
1.3 heads responsibility	9	7	2	7
1.8 recruitment /appointment procedures; dismissal reasons	19	8	11	15
1bis Coordination and cooperation	80	64	16	27
1bis.1 coordination role	37	29	8	21
1bis.2 national quality guidelines	35	27	8	22



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Recommendations

Governance and institutional elements

Coordination of the NSS

Data infrastructure/access/sources

User focus

Impartiality and dissemination

Resources and skills

Quality and methodology



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Lessons learnt

Design process and governance

Implementation arrangements

Involvement of external stakeholders

Communication and transparency

Results

Balance of positive elements versus
recommendations



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