

# TAIEX Workshop on modern official statistics in the context of the EU accession process

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*Bristol Central Park Hotel, Congress Hall*

**Beneficiary:**  
*Moldova*

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## **Aim of the Workshop:**

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The main purpose of the event is to learn from good practices of National Statistical Institutes (NSIs) and enhance knowledge and strengthen the capacity of participants from Moldova, as well as other candidate countries on how to embark on the EU accession process in the statistics area most efficiently. The target audience is Chairpersons and senior managers of the NSIs, as well as participants from the institutions of the Republic of Moldova involved in the production of official statistics.

## **Speakers from Eurostat and NSIs:**

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- **Mr Jean-Pierre Poncelet**  
Director for Standards, Dissemination, Cooperation in the European Statistical System  
Eurostat
  - **Ms Mariana Popova**  
Team Leader ENP Team - Unit B3 - Enlargement, Neighbourhood and Development  
Cooperation  
Eurostat
  - **Mr Enrico Giannone**  
Moldova Country officer  
Eurostat
  - **Mr Tudorel Andrei**  
President,  
National Institute of Statistics from Romania
  - **Ms Daniela Ștefănescu**  
Director of the European Affairs and International Cooperation Division  
National Institute of Statistics from Romania
  - **Ms Majda Savicevic**  
Head of Department for International Cooperation and European Integration  
Statistical Office of Montenegro
  - **Ms Baiba Zukula**  
Director of Social Statistics Department  
Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia
  - **Mr Branko Hinikj**  
Head of Director's Office  
State Statistical Office of Republic of North Macedonia
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- **Mr Zoran Georgievski**  
Coordinator of Sector for regional departments, Sector for regional departments  
State Statistical Office of Republic of North Macedonia
  
  - **Mr Avni Kastrati**  
Chief Executive  
Kosovo Agency of Statistics (KAS)
  
  - **Mr Tomas Rudy**  
Head of Methodology and Data Science  
Statistics Lithuania
  
  - **Ms Nataliia Pavlenko**  
Deputy director of the Department for Planning, Development and International  
cooperation – Head of directorate for Planning and Development  
State Statistics Service of Ukraine
  
  - **Ms Varvara Riabova**  
Deputy Head of Directorate for Planning and Development- Head of Division for  
Statistical Activity Planning, Department for Planning, Development and International  
Cooperation  
State Statistics Service of Ukraine
  
  - **Mr Gogita Todradze**  
Executive Director  
National Statistics Office of Georgia (Geostat)
  
  - **Ms Mariam Kavelashvili**  
Head of Department International and Public Relations Department  
National Statistics Office of Georgia (Geostat)
  
  - **Mr Jarosław Kalski**  
Head of Innovation Section in Department for Innovation  
Statistics Poland
  
  - **Ms Malgorzata Pietrzyk**  
Head of European Commission and Other International Projects Section in  
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Statistics Poland
  
  - **Mr Alban Cela**  
Secretary General  
Institute of Statistics Albania (INSTAT)
  
  - **Mr Klajd Shuka**  
Director, General Directorate of Supporting Services and Coordination  
Institute of Statistics Albania (INSTAT)
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- **Ms Vasiliki Kyprioti - Benaki**  
Head of General Directorate  
Greek National Statistical Institute
  - **Mr Erhan Çetinkaya**  
President of TurkStat  
Türkish Statistical Institute
  - **Ms Terje Trasberg**  
Team lead of Population and Education Statistic, Population and Social Statistics  
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Statistics Estonia
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## Day 1: Tuesday 20 February 2024

Local time	
8:15 – 9:00	<i>Registration of participants, connection of participants, technical verifications</i>
9.00 – 9:30	<b>Welcome and introduction:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Mr Oleg Cara – General Director, National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) of the Republic of Moldova</li><li>● Ms Cristina Gherasimov – Deputy Prime Minister for European Integration, Republic of Moldova</li><li>● Ms Tatiana Ivanicichina – Deputy Governor, National Bank of the Republic of Moldova</li><li>● Ms Adrienn Kiraly – Director, Neighbourhood East and Institution Building, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), European Commission (<i>video message</i>)</li><li>● Mr Jean-Pierre Poncelet – Director for Standards, Dissemination, Cooperation in the European Statistical System Eurostat</li></ul>
9:30 – 9:45	<b>SESSION 1. ACCESSION PROCESS AND THE ROLE OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS</b> <b>Chair: Mr Oleg Cara</b>  Presentations by countries followed by discussions:  <i>Republic of Moldova's accession to the European Union: achievements and perspectives</i>  <b>Speaker:</b> Ms Rodica Crudu – State Secretary of the Government for European Integration, Republic of Moldova
9:45 – 10:00	<i>Emerging priorities of Moldovan statistics in the EU integration process</i>  <b>Speaker:</b> Mr Oleg Cara
10:00 – 10:20	<i>The collaboration within the accession process between the institutions of the NSS of Moldova and the EU Commission (Eurostat)</i>  <b>Speakers:</b> Ms Mariana Popova Mr Enrico Giannone
10:20 – 10:35	<i>Biggest challenges and lessons learned from the EU accession process and onwards: experience of Romania</i>  <b>Speaker:</b> Mr Tudorel Andrei

10:35 – 11:00	<i>Open Discussions</i>
11:00 – 11:10	<b>Group Photo Pictures</b>
11:10 – 11:30	<i>Coffee Break (20 min)</i>
11:30 – 11:45	<p><b>SESSION 2. STRENGTHENING THE COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIPS TO EMBARK ON THE EU ACCESSION PROCESS</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Mr Jean-Pierre Poncelet</b></p> <p>Presentations by countries followed by discussions:</p> <p><i>The NSS of the Republic of Moldova: recent developments and priorities</i></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Mr Iurie Mocanu – Deputy General Director, National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) of the Republic of Moldova</p>
11:45 – 12:00	<p><i>The statistical activities of the National Bank of Moldova (NBM) in the context of the EU integration (NBM Moldova)</i></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Mr Eugeniu Aftene – Director of Reporting and Statistics Department, National Bank of Moldova</p>
12:00 – 12:15	<p><i>Capacity building for producers of national statistics in order to strengthen official statistics: experience of Montenegro</i></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Ms Majda Savicevic</p>
12:15 – 12:40	<i>Open Discussions</i>
12:40 – 13:45	<i>Lunch Break</i> <i>(Bristol's Restaurant, 5<sup>th</sup> floor)</i>
13:45 – 14:00	<p><b>Session 2: Continuation</b></p> <p>Presentations by countries followed by discussions:</p> <p><i>Robust coordination of the NSS as a prerequisite for better official statistics: experience of Latvia</i></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Ms Baiba Zukula</p>
14:00 – 14:15	<p><i>Building partnerships between the National Statistical Institute and other partners: experience of North Macedonia</i></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Mr Branko Hinikj Mr Zoran Georgievski</p>

14:15 – 14:30	<i>The implementation of the European Statistics Code of Practice and enhancing the coordination role of the National Statistical Institute in Kosovo'</i> <b>Speaker:</b> Mr Avni Kastrati
14:30 – 14:55	<i>Open Discussions</i>
14:55 – 15:15	<i>Coffee Break (20 min)</i>
15:15 – 15:30	<i>Data stewardship for meeting better users' needs for quality data: experience of Lithuania</i> <b>Speaker:</b> Mr Tomas Rudys
15:30 – 15:45	<i>Enabling interoperability and data exchange between institutions using MConnect: experience of the Republic of Moldova (E - Governance Agency (EGA))</i> <b>Speaker:</b> Mr Andrei Prisacar - General Director, E - Governance Agency, Republic of Moldova
15:45 – 16:00	<i>Open discussions</i> <b>End of the Session 2</b>

## Day 2: Wednesday 21 February 2024

	<b>SESSION 3. BEST WAY FORWARD TO MODERNIZATION OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS</b> <b>Chair:</b> Mr Oleg Cara
9:00 – 9:15	<i>Recent developments and priorities of the European Statistical System in view of modernizing statistical production (Eurostat)</i> <b>Speaker:</b> Mr Jean-Pierre Poncelet
9:15 – 9:30	<i>The use of geospatial information in official statistics: the experience of Moldova</i> <b>Speakers:</b> Mr Lilian Galer – Head of Statistical Method Division, NBS Mr Roberto Bianchini – Director URS- SGI, UNFPA expert
9:30 – 9:45	<i>Recent developments and priorities towards modernization of official statistics in Ukraine</i> <b>Speakers:</b> Ms Nataliia Pavlenko Ms Varvara Riabova

9:45 – 10:00	<p><i>Modern technologies and alternative data sources in statistics: experience of Georgia</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Mr Gogita Todradze Ms Mariam Kavelashvili</p>
10:00 – 10:15	<p><i>Innovation in statistics as a key element in modernizing official statistics: experience of Poland</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Mr Jarosław Kalski Ms Małgorzata Pietrzyk</p>
10:15 – 11:00	<i>Open discussions</i>
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee Break (30 min)</i>
11:30 – 11:45	<p><i>The use of new technologies for the Population Census: experience of Albania</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Mr Alban Cela Mr Klajd Shuka</p>
11:45 – 12:00	<p><i>Challenges and prospects for a modern statistical institute in the aftermath on the 2021 Population and Housing Census: experience of Greece</i></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Ms Vasiliki Kyprioti – Benaki</p>
12:00 – 12:15	<p><i>The population data produced using administrative data sources: Experience of Türkiye</i></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Mr Erhan Çetinkaya</p>
12:15 – 12:30	<p><i>Optimization of official statistics through the use of administrative and private data sources: experience of Estonia</i></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Ms Terje Trasberg</p>
12:30 – 13:00	<i>Open discussions</i>
13:00 – 13:30	<b>AOB and wrap up / End of the Workshop</b>



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