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# Robust coordination of the NSS as a prerequisite for better official statistics

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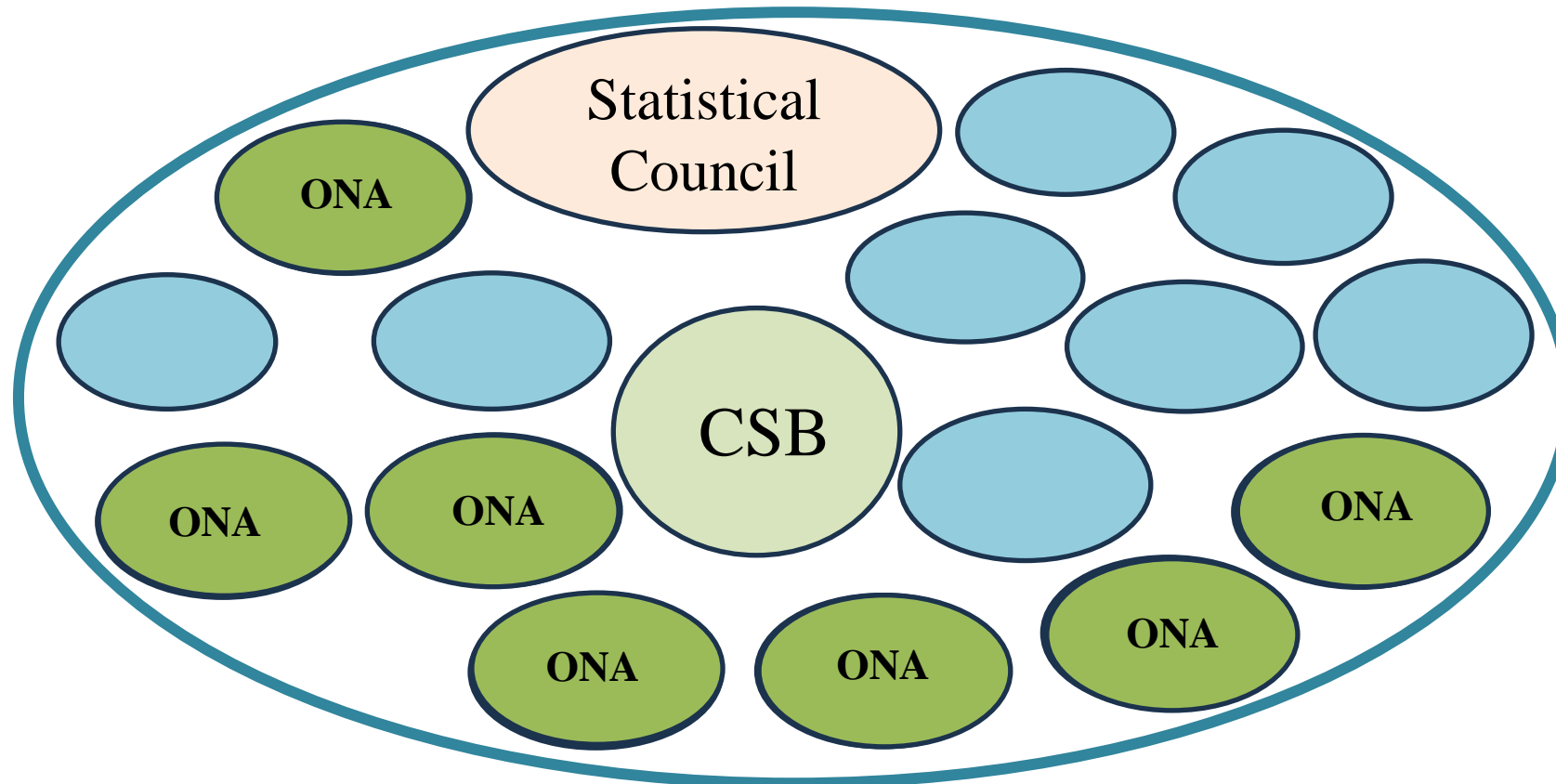
# Merits of the National Statistical System

- Good official statistics = coordinated framework within the National Statistical System (NSS)
- Establishment of a coordination mechanism that effectively orchestrates and synchronizes the various components of the NSS
- Commitment to respect standards and protocols
- A prerequisite for achieving higher standards in the output of official statistics



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# Role of the CSB in the NSS





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## CSB as the leading institution of the NSS

- Has a right to:
  - implement functional subordination, by providing methodological guidelines
  - supervise the conformity with the laws and regulations (incl. CoP)
  - issue orders (order on general quality requirements)
- Coordinates:
  - development, preparation and dissemination of official statistics at the national level - Official Statistics Programme
  - maintenance of the catalogue of statistical classifications, catalogue of questionnaires for official statistics
  - development processes of the NSS (common official statistics portal for the NSS),
- Organizes meetings for the statistical institutions on topical issues in the field of official statistics



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## Official statistical programme (OSP)

- Includes all official statistics to be produced by the CSB of Latvia and other state institutions (Statistical institutions)
- Statistics included in the OSP:
  - production of statistics is substantiated with the Law, Cabinet Regulation, directly applicable legislation of the European Union or international agreement binding on Latvia
  - production of statistics complies with the standards in the field of statistics
- For a period of three years
- Approved yearly by the Cabinet of Ministers as a Cabinet regulation
- <https://www.csp.gov.lv/en/official-statistics-programme>



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## Promote quality in the NSS

CSB has developed:

- an informative material "**Handbook of the European Statistical Code of Practice**" (LV) - explains the principles, indicators and statistical terms of the Code of Practice in accordance with the situation in Latvia
- **a self-assessment questionnaire** for monitoring the implementation of the requirements of the Code of Practice
- **Quality Policy of the National Statistical System of Latvia** - to ensure that NSS of Latvia has common principles and requirements
- a **Memorandum of Understanding** (LV), by which the statistical institutions confirm their commitment to implementing and promoting quality standards in their statistical institutions



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## Make the NSS visible

- Separate section on the website **National Statistical System of Latvia** - information about OSP, Statistical Council, Official statistics institutions, Quality assurance framework (about Latvian, European and international documentation setting quality requirements for statistical institutes) etc.  
<https://www.csp.gov.lv/en/national-statistical-system-latvia>
- Official statistics coordination e-mail has been created  
[oficiala.statistika@csp.gov.lv](mailto:oficiala.statistika@csp.gov.lv)



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## Official statistics portal

<https://stat.gov.lv/en>

- According to the Statistics Law statistical institution shall publish official statistics which have been produced within the framework of the OSP in a publicly available form and by a predetermined deadline on the portal of official statistics
- Official statistics portal ensures access to official statistics, its metadata and release calendar in standardized format





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## Lessons learned – should be done already at the beginning

- It takes courage and patience (time, process of long negotiations) to set up the NSS
- Convincing about the importance of official statistics and role of different institutions
- Promotion of the role of the NSI, including as a leading institution in relation to data collection, matching, analysis, and quality
- Partnership and persuasion
- Development of legislation that ensures the development of official statistics, the use of administrative data and new data sources
- Development of a list of requirements for statistical institutions and registers (incl., classifications, metadata, quality evaluation etc.)
- Make use of the close collaboration and support in the statistical community - ask for advice and help when needed



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Thank you for your attention!

