

## Reform of Official Statistics in Ukraine - Statistics 10



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**Country of Implementation:**  
Ukraine

**Project is implemented by:**  
Consortium led by GOPA, Germany

**Key Project Partner and Beneficiary:**  
State Statistics Committee of Ukraine

### Project's Objectives and Tasks:

#### Overall objective:

To develop the capacity of the official statistical system to provide data meeting EU and international standards in Ukraine. The Project is mainly focuses on economic and labour market statistics.

The project focuses on 11 key sectors:

- Investment,
- Sample survey in labour market,
- Labour productivity,
- Regional statistics,
- External trade,
- Innovation statistics,
- Capital account,
- Development of a strategy,
- Structural business statistics, and
- Price statistics.

#### Major Project's achievements:

- A "Strategy of state statistics development till 2012" has been developed and agreed following a conference for key users. In addition to fully meeting EU statistical requirements it covers improvements in: enhanced links with stakeholders including users of statistics, respondents to statistical enquiries and surveys, and other producers of statistics; modernisation of methodology and use of ICT, including wider use of sampling.
- A new system for dissemination of regional statistics has been developed, used by the European statistics. The database containing regional data was developed at the Lviv regional statistical office. Users will be able to have regular, convenient, and free access to the latest and most necessary information via the Internet. There are also plans to establish similar databases, Population of Ukraine web-site, and Population Statistics of Ukraine database are planned to be established in other regional statistics offices.
- A sample of small enterprises has been used for the first time in the Structural Business Survey for 2008. The response burden on enterprises and the cost of survey have decreased.
- Estimates have been produced for the labour market in small areas.
- Improved methods for estimating labour productivity have been developed.
- The type of model for the estimation of employment and unemployment for small areas was identified.
- As of today test estimation of labour productivity for 2001–2006 has been completed for the gross domestic product and the basic types of economic activities.
- A simplified questionnaire and a smaller sample of enterprises will be used for an improved index of construction prices. This will reduce the costs and the response burden and enhance the quality.
- A 'mirror analysis' with Germany of mutual statistics on foreign trade has been conducted. The reasons for discrepancies has been found and analysed. It was discovered that the largest discrepancies are observed in trade with third countries.
- 22 statistical experts from different European countries have visited the State Statistics Committee of Ukraine (SSCU) to advise and train the personnel, and study visits of the SSCU experts to 12 EU countries have been carried out.

*"We have now achieved the goals of the cooperation project with the EC in the field of statistics. As a result, our statistics are now of improved quality and more comparable with statistics in other European countries. However, there are still issues to be addressed and we will continue increasing the quality and international comparability of our statistics in the coming years. We follow the principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice and try to apply even more efficient methods for production of statistics."*

*Oleksandr Osaulenko, the Chair of the SSCU*

### Project's Objectives and Tasks:

#### Overall objective:

To strengthen understanding, implementation and ownership by the Ukrainian authorities of the whole process of legal approximation to the EU acquis in all the areas foreseen in the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) and in the European Neighbourhood Policy Action Plan (ENP-AP).

#### Specific objectives:

- Ensuring proper prioritisation of Ukrainian legislative approximation work;
- Assisting in the preparation of approximated legislation, in conformity with priorities, in the fields relevant to PCA and ENP-AP implementation;
- Strengthening Ukrainian policy-making/legislative process in the context of EU integration;
- Building of Ukrainian capacity in understanding and being able to implement the process of approximation of the Ukrainian legislation to the EU acquis.

#### Project's Components:

- 1. Support to Prioritising** – the Project supports Ukraine in the process of prioritising of the legislative approximation work, defining clearly the sectors and the consequent legal and policy acts to be approached.
- 2. Preparation and delivery of approximated legislation** – the Project makes available recommendations as to relevant EU legislation in the selected priority sectors to be approximated. The aptitude shall also be given to provision of parts of secondary legislation together with recommended implementation measures.
- 3. Support to preparation of legislation** – the Project focuses on familiarisation with working tools for legal approximation and supports working groups involved in a process of drafting pieces of legislation to be approximated.
- 4. Advice/support to implementation** – this Component deals with activities that create the appropriate environment to increase the expected results of the Project in terms of effective implementation of the approximated legislation. These activities are aimed at improving the process of co-ordination of legal approximation, provision of technical and methodological tools, transfer of knowledge to key officials in the public administration by means of training activities as well as creation of user-friendly on-line Management Information System (MIS).

#### Project's Achievements:

- A systematic approach to legal approximation issues with particular emphasis on developing implementation mechanisms and monitoring tools is introduced.
- UEPLAC has been supporting the understanding, implementation and ownership by the Ukrainian authorities of the whole process of approximation of the national legislation to the EU acquis.
- Sustainable cooperation with all the major "players" dealing with the approximation of the Ukrainian legislation is established.
- Particular efforts of the UEPLAC team were devoted to prioritisation, annual planning for the Plans of Measures on implementation of the National Programme of Legal Approximation, developing a model for regulatory impact assessment of approximated legislation applicable in the Ukrainian context.
- A number of legal studies were undertaken and finalised by the UEPLAC experts within internal market related matters, including a perspective of setting up the Free Trade Agreement as a core component of the future Association Agreement.
- The Management Information System for Legal Approximation has been set up under UEPLAC IV. It has become the only accessible source of systemised public information documents with examples of the Member States' best practices.
- Over 100 various Project events have been held abroad and in Ukraine that concerned all spheres of the UEPLAC competence.
- A series of training events for professionals of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine, the Ministry of Family, Youth and Sport, etc. were organised and conducted.

**More information about the Project:** <http://ueplac.kiev.ua>

## Ukrainian-European Policy and Legal Advice Centre - Phase IV (UEPLAC)



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**Key Project Partner and Beneficiary:**  
Council for Approximation of Legislation chaired by the Prime Minister of Ukraine

#### Partners:

- State Department for Legal Approximation within the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine;
- Secretariat of Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine;
- Committee on European Integration of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine;
- relevant line ministries.