



Peer Review Experiences of Turkey

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Presentation Outline

- What is Peer Review?
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What is PEER REVIEW ?

Part of the European Statistical System (ESS) strategy to implement the Code of Practice.

Assessing the NSS's compliance level to the international standards

- further enhance the credibility of the NSIs
- strengthen and guarantee its capacity to produce statistics
- improve the quality of statistics



Experiences- *Preparations and visit*

- **TurkStat PR team** established
- A **gant chart** designed to follow up the process
- **Informative meetings** carried out within the TurkStat
- **Meetings** held with the actors in NSS
- **Self-Assessment** and **Coordination Questionnaires** filled
- CBRT and MFWA filled **Light SAQ** as stakeholders
- **Inventory of institutional documents** created
- **References** made to several documents in the questionnaires

Experiences- *Preparations and visit*

Realised on November 3-6, 2015

- All agenda items put in order according to the participants
- Meetings with TurkStat staff and representatives from stakeholders in NSS, academic communities, media, press, international org. and NGOs etc.
- TurkStat represented Presidency/ Vice Presidency level in all meetings



Experiences- *Challenges*



- Time constraints
- Organisational issues
- Awareness/appropriation
- Documentation/ translation

Experiences- *Aftermath of PR*

According to the Final Report;

*Peer Review team concluded that
TurkStat is highly compliant with the CoP*



- *Compares favourably with other NSIs in this respect*
- *The two ONAs examined as part of the Review also exhibited very good levels of compliance*
- *PR team identified some issues and challenges to improve or enhance the level of compliance with the CoP....*

Benefits

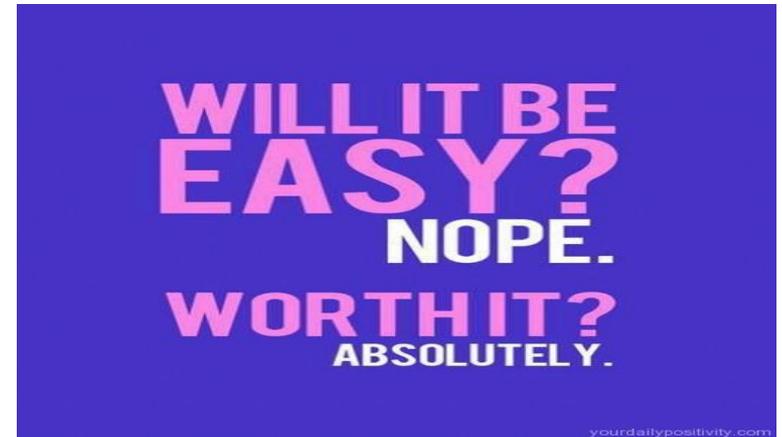


- Significant importance of **Self Assessment**
- Big opportunity to see strong aspects and areas need to be developed from **independent experts**
- **Trigger affect** on institutional and organisational matters
- Important **base for establishing** re-organisation and modernisation projects
- **Having a road map** thanks to the recommendations

Benefits

- **Helpful to improve coordination** of the NSS
- **Encouragement** for stakeholders
- **Improving trust** in official statistics and NSIs 
- **Positive image** in both domestic and international area
- **Increasing the awareness** on international standards

Remarks



Thank you for your attention!!