

## Statistics Code of Practice - why is it important?

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## A lighthouse in the information sea?

- Official statistics have great potential to generate knowledge
- A common reference
- *UN's Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics*



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## Obstacles to realising importance

- Lack of knowledge
- A confusing or fragmented supply
- Lack of trust
  - quality
  - independence
- Difficulty in understanding statistics

## Threats to independence

- Are there attempts to influence results?
- Are there attempts to influence methods?
- Are there attempts to influence which statistics (not) to compile?

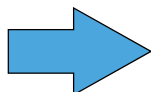
### Measures:

- UN Fundamental Principles / EU Statistics Code of Practice
- Legal foundation

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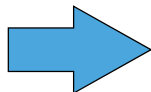
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