

Report on Study visit to Sweden and the UK

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QUALITY MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION

OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS

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Council for Official Statistics (7 members chosen by SCB – yearly: 2 rotating members & 2 meetings)

- Assists SCB to:
 - Encourage cooperation between the statistical agencies:
 - Provide advice & support to producers
 - Maintain a joint infrastructure for official statistics

Council for official statistics (and working groups) **assists** SCB to:

- Encourage NSS cooperation
- Provide advice & support on quality
- Prepare yearly **report** to government on NSS and official statistics incl. selfevaluation of compliance with CoP
- Prepare yearly publishing **plan** for Off.Stats
- Maintain Product database of Off.Stats
- Maintain one point of entry for official statistics on the Internet
- Provide common templates for the product websites, description of statistics and quality information
 Scientific council on methods and quality

 chosen by SCB

Statutory responsibility for Off. Stats

Main tasks of the council/board by law

UKSA Statistics Board

(14 members – chair+ executive / nonexecutive members, Monthly meetings) Promote and safegard production of Official Statistics to serve public and:

Inform on social and economic matters

UK

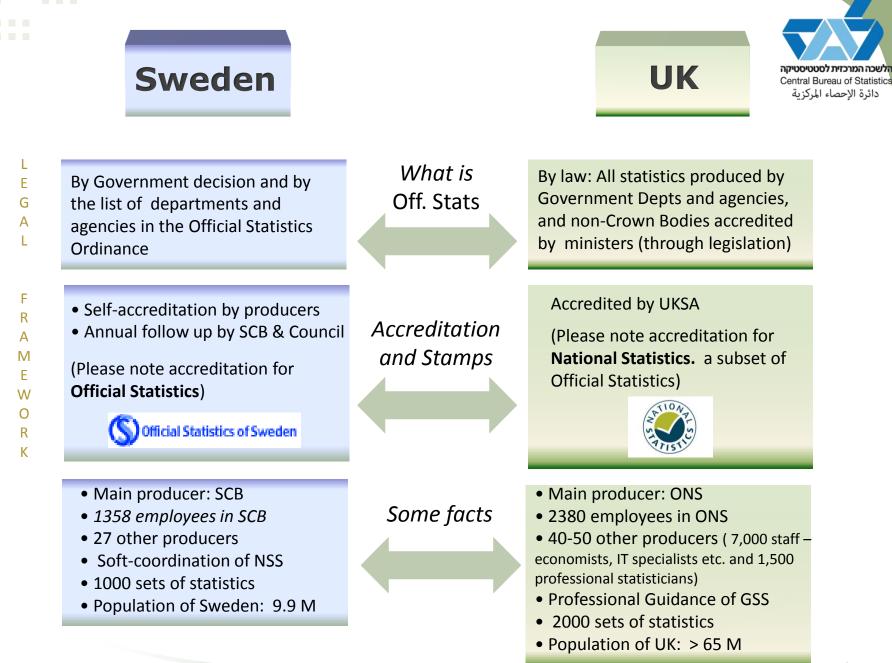
- Assist in developing & evaluating public policy
- Regulate quality & point out Statistics misuse

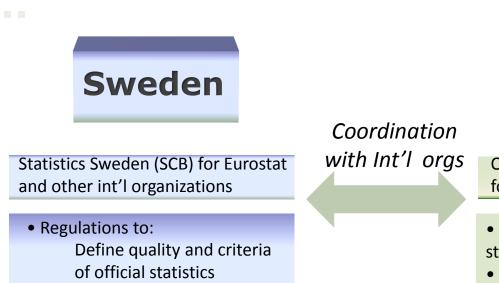
The UKSA statistics Board

- via the National Statistician has to:
- Produce statistics, with the **Office for National Statistics** (ONS)
- Oversee the wider **Government Statistical Service (GSS)**, through ONS quality center & divisional champions

- via the Director General for regulation has to:

- Produce a Code of Practice for Statistics, and assess Off.Stats against the Code
- Accredit the "National Statistics" stamp





UK



Office for National Statistics (ONS) for Eurostat

- UK Code of Practice for official statistics
- The UKSA strategy "Better Statistics, Better Decisions
- ONS Quality Management Strategy
- ONS Statistical Quality Framework
- Guidelines for measuring statistical output quality
- Guidelines for electronic reporting (Style.ons website)
- QA of Administrative Data (QAAD regulatory standard)
- Administrative Data Quality Assurance Toolkit
- Quality assurance in statistical analysis (The Aqua Book)
- Resources in Harmonisation pages in ONS and GSS websites

Evaluate quality Publish official statistics

 Guidelines on contents and scope of Official Statistics (see Sufficient quality and criteria for official statistics)

Guidelines for European Stats

- Guidelines for revision of statistics (Preliminary statistics)
- Guidelines for electronic publishing
- EFQM
- ISO 20252

 ASPIRE - A System for Managing the Quality of Official Statistics

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Examples of Quality resources

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THE COUNCIL FOR OFFICIAL STATISTICS

Focus on Statistics Sweden

Council's working groups



- WG for usefulness and availability of official statistics
 - o 4 yearly meetings and 2 sub-groups: users / usefulness, and interaction / visualization and technology
 - Workshop for consultation on a common visualization tool
- WG for method and quality issues
 - to produce an updated version of the handbook for *European Statistics Code of Practice*.
 - \circ Cooperation sub-group on disclosure control (2013-2015), to produce a handbook for NSS
 - Seminar on data storage: to exchange experience, but a joint data storage was found too difficult to use
 - o Seminar on web panel surveys, including quality issues
 - o Prepare one day of the joint conference on official statistics

• WG for data provision

to facilitate the response process for official statistics:

- Workshop (by SCB and the National Board of Health and Welfare) to improve communication with respondents e-mail and letters
- Workshop to formulate easy to understand materials for motivating respondents, on the meaning of official statistics and the importance of providing information.

Council general committee

- Guidelines and routines for revisions of statistics.
- Annual meeting of heads of statistical agencies (September)
- Annual conference- 150 participants from 23 agencies, business sector and municipalities. 2 days (Nov)
- Quarterly electronic newsletter (Cooperation), distributed to agencies through contact persons.
- The SAM-Forum extranet, with information on agencies, regulations, tools, templates, summaries of Council and working groups meetings, international cooperation and training calendar



Questions?



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