

QUALITY POLICY of the National Statistical System of Latvia

The Quality Policy of the National Statistical System of Latvia has been developed in accordance with the general quality requirements for statistical institutions set forth by the European Statistical System and international documents¹.

The aim of the Quality Policy is to build confidence in official statistics by ensuring independent official statistics of high quality. To achieve this aim, all national institutions producing official statistics (hereinafter – Statistical Institutions) must ensure objectivity and a high level of quality in the production and dissemination of official statistics, following common principles set out in the European Statistics Code of Practice² and explained in the Handbook³.

The **principles** for ensuring high-quality official statistics determine that Statistical Institutions:

- are legally authorised to collect information for the needs of official statistics;
- are professionally independent from other political, legislative and executive institutions and structures, as well as from private sector representatives;
- make sure that the institution's resources for meeting the requirements for official statistics are sufficient and used effectively and efficiently;
- ensure that official statistics meet the needs of users, portray reality in an accurate and credible way, are comparable and coherent, are prepared at the earliest possible date and disseminated according to release calendar;
- produce official statistics in an objective and professional manner, by respecting scientific independence and applying sound methodology, as well as appropriate methods throughout the entire production process;
- use own data or data of other institutions to the extent possible when ensuring official statistics, monitor the response burden and set future targets for its reduction;
- guarantee that the information provided by respondents (legal and natural persons) for the needs of official statistics is confidential and used only for statistical purposes, respecting individuals' rights to privacy;
- supplement official statistics with supporting metadata and explanations, disseminating it to all users simultaneously in a manner suitable and convenient to them.

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¹ Requirements for statistical institutions of Latvia are established by the CSB order:
https://www.csb.gov.lv/sites/default/files/dokumenti/Oficiala_statistika/Rik_par_ESPK_ieiviesanu_22022016.pdf

² Code of Practice can be found:
https://www.csb.gov.lv/sites/default/files/dokumenti/Oficiala_statistika/CoP_2017_ENG.pdf

³ Guidelines for Implementation of the Code of Practice (in Latvian only) can be found here:
https://www.csb.gov.lv/sites/default/files/dokumenti/Oficiala_statistika/espk_piemosanas_rokasgramata.pdf