

Participation of representatives of the State Statistical Committee in the workshop organized in Kiev on “Consumer Price Index”

Representatives of the State Statistical Committee head adviser of the Price Statistics Department - Rashid Valiyev and adviser - Aziz Guliyev were participated in the workshop organized by the European Free Trade Association, the Norwegian Central Statistics Bureau, the Swiss Federal Statistical Office and the Ukrainian State Statistics Service on “Consumer Price Index” on 21-23 May 2012 in Kiev. Specialists of Azerbaijan, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, Kazakhstan, Kirgizstan, Tajikistan, Georgia, Armenia, Norway and Sweden national statistical bodies were participated in the workshop.



During the workshop conceptual issues, sample methods, collection of data, calculation of elementary and higher level indices, seasonal products, dissemination of data topics were discussed.

In the workshop following topics were presented: “The concept, scope and coverage of the CPI”, “Purpose of the CPI (inflation or cost of living”, “The use of CPI (in NA)”, “How to define the population and sample of establishments (point of purchase) – the use of registers” and “Formation of consumer basket”, “The use of price collectors – training”, “The use of questionnaires without using price collectors”, “Centrally collected prices – journals, papers, internet”, “Scanner data – how to start”, “Calculation formulas and the use of direct or chained indices” and “Practical experiences with calculating elementary and higher level indices”.

During the presentations participants were briefly informed about Laspeyres, Young, Carli, Paasche, Lowe, Walsh, Fisher, Tornqvist, Jevons and Duoto indices and noted that, by the purpose of carrying out more exact statistics in the field of price each country should take into account peculiarities of its economy and should apply more corresponding indices.

At the end of the workshop on following topics were also discussed: “The treatment of clothing and footwear in the HICP”, “Registration of seasonal products in the consumer price index” and “Dissemination of data and metadata”.

Workshop based on existence international standard and methods and practical issues were carried out in a business condition and interesting discussions.