

Participation of representatives of the State Statistical Committee in the workshop on Seasonal Adjustment in the Turkish Statistical Institute

Representatives of the State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan chief adviser of Department on Coordination of Statistical Works Acalov Togrul and leading adviser of the Department of National Accounts and Macro-economic Indicators Statistics Alpashayeva Alide were participated in the workshop on “Seasonal Adjustment” on 20-23 February 2012 in Turkey, Ankara organized by the UNECE.

The main purpose of seminar was to support countries’ capacity to provide seasonally adjusted data that are based on international recommendations and standards. The workshop is tailored to address the needs of countries based on the practical challenges and problems they had with seasonal adjustment during the assignment given after the first workshop held in 14-17 March 2011 in Kazakhstan, Astana. The workshop was also introducing the Guide to Seasonal Adjustment with Demetra+ covering issues from source series to user communication.

The Workshop included presentations, practical exercises with Demetra+ and group work. The main topics are: conclusions of country case studies, use of calendar and choosing the best model (TRAMO/SEATS), reading quality diagnostics, explaining seasonal adjustment with metadata, refining seasonal adjustment, publishing seasonally adjusted data.

At the end of the workshop all questions on seasonal adjustments made to the quarterly reports calculated by the production method of GDP, preparation of calendar regressors on the base of official state holidays and characteristic for country, analyze and dissemination of corrected indicators, application of Demetra+ in other fields and etc. were detailed answered and gave recommendations on improvement on quality of implemented works.

