

Participation of representative of the State Statistical Committee in the workshop on Environmental Information Systems (EIS) and data policy organized in Istanbul and in the fifth session on “Joint Task Force on Environmental Indicators” organized in Geneva

Representative of the State Statistical Committee head of sector on Environment, forestry and fishery statistics of the Department of Agriculture and Environment Statistics - Rena Lazimova was participated in the workshop on Environmental Information Systems (EIS) and data policy - side event at the INSPIRE conference, on the 25-26 June of current year in Istanbul Congress Center (ICC), Istanbul, Turkey and in the 5th session of on “Joint Task Force on Environmental Indicators” organized in Geneva on 4-6 July, 2012.



The objectives of this workshop were:

- To provide the participants with a common understanding of how an Environmental Information System (EIS) can be used, as well as to show the benefits of having integrated environmental information systems instead of databases based on thematic areas. This should support the aim at making cross analyses of the different environmental

themes and regular indicator-based environmental assessments.

- To address data policy issues, look at the benefits of sharing and difficulties that need to be tackled (i.e. institutional cooperation / standards / changes in data management tools)

- To exchange views and experiences on good practice examples

Following presentations were presented in the workshop: creation of ecology information system in Hungary, application of EIS in France, open data and ecological information, ecological indicators in Switzerland.

In the second workshop representatives of statistical bodies of CIS countries and employees of Ministry on Ecology, as well as representatives of Georgia, Slovenia, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, United Arab Emirates, European Environment Agency, Economic Commission for Europe, Statistical Committee of CIS and other international organizations were participated and discussed the following issues:

1. Discussion of six indicators from the “Recommendations on use of environmental indicators” prepared by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

2. Discussion of third reading of indicators of inland water and seawater not covered by the “Guidelines on use of environmental indicators”.
3. Discussion of indicators on biodiversity not covered by the “Guidelines on use of environmental indicators”
4. Discussion of developments and plans for work on indicators under an ongoing project for EECCA countries and future plans.

The evaluation of six indicators (emissions of pollutants into the atmospheric air, greenhouse gas emissions, household water use per capita, water losses, land uptake, fertilizer consumption) given in the “Guidelines on use of environmental indicators” were charged to the representatives of countries.

During the discussions representatives were also charged on elimination of the discrepancies in the tables and re-assigned to the Secretariat before 25 September of current year.

Then was the discussion of three indicators on biodiversity not covered by the “Guidelines on use of environmental indicators”:

- Biosphere reserves and wetlands of international importance:
- Invasive alien species:
- Catches of fish and other aquatic animals, aquatic animal products and aquatic plants:

At the end of the workshop head of “European Neighborhood and Partnership on the creation of a joint project of Environmental Information System” and Representative of the European Agency for the Environment - Gordon Makinnes gave information on preliminary collection of ecological indicators and made offer on questionnaires of 14 main indicators and metadata on it. Following indicators were discussed: air pollution and the destruction of the ozone layer (6 indicators), climate changes (2 indicators), pollutions (1 indicator) and water (4 indicators), biodiversity (1 indicator) and representatives were charged on preparation of metadata on it.