The Eurostat Project on TSA

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Outline of the presentation

- The Past History of the TSA exercise
- Reasons for the TSA Project
- Objectives of the TSA Project
- Outcome of the first phase of the TSA project
- Next steps
The Past History

- 2000 UNSC adopted the TSA-RMF jointly submitted by WTO, OECD and Eurostat
- Methodological work in the framework of OECD tourism statistics WP since mid 80’s, later also WTO and Eurostat joint the work
- 2002 European Implementation Manual
- 2003-2006 Financial Grants by the Commission to foster the implementation of TSA in the Member States
  - 16 countries participated
- 2005 Workshop on TSA in Brussels organised by the Commission

Reasons for the Eurostat TSA Project

- Heterogeneous situation concerning the stage of implementation in the various Member States
- No clear information on the situation in the Member States
- Different methodologies applied
- Hard to assess the comparability of the results
Eurostat Project on TSA

- August 2007: Publication of a call for tender
- December 2007: Contract signed
- Start of the project: 2 January 2008
- Scheduled until 2 September 2009
- Steering Committee consisting of:
  - DG ENTR
  - Eurostat (Dir. F and G)
  - HOTREC
  - ETC

Eurostat Project on TSA - Objectives

- Assessment of the implementation of TSA in the Member States
  - Stock-taking of the state of the implementation
  - Compliance with international methodological standards (TSA-RMF, EIM)
  - Comparability of the results across the countries
  - Completeness of the TSA (coverage of the tables)
  - List of problems encountered; possible obstacles to start the work
**Eurostat Project on TSA – Objectives II**

- Drawing up of a Directory of best practices
  - Best use of existing statistical sources in the Member States
  - Estimation methods for missing data
- Organisation of exchange of best practices and experience
  - Individual consultancy missions
  - Organisation of two multi-country workshops
- Proposal for key figures for an intermediate short-term update of basic TSA information

**Eurostat’s TSA project (2008-2009)**

**Phase 1: Jan 2008 – Oct 2008**

- 27 Country-specific reports on the implementation of TSA
- 2 Comparative analysis reports on TSA implementation
  - Methodology
  - Empirical Results
- Draft practical guide for TSA compilation (preliminary version)
- Workshop on TSA held in Prague 29-30 September 2008
Eurostat’s TSA project (2008-2009) timetable (2)


- Technical assistance missions
  [Jan 2009 – March 2009]

- Practical guide for TSA compilation (final version)
  [May 2009]

- 2nd workshop
  [June/July 2009]

- Report on key TSA figures for short-term update
  [May 2009]

27 Reports on Implementation of TSA

- Carried out by 11 senior experts from 9 countries

- Based on a detailed questionnaire filled in by national experts

- On the basis of these questionnaires the reports have been drafted by the senior experts of the project team

- In case of a countries with comprehensive TSA peer reviews by other non-country experts
Structure of the Country Reports

- General Introduction
  - Experience in TSA, Organisation(s) responsible, Inter-institutional platform, publications

- Fundamentals for the country TSA
  - Classifications applied, visitor definition, scope of tourism consumption expenditure, measurement of the travel item in bop

- The handling of TSA specific problems
  - Valuation of services of travel agencies, treatment of distribution margins, treatment of second homes

Structure of the Country Reports (II)

- TSA tables for tourism consumption
  - Tables 1-4

- TSA tables for production and supply & use
  - Tables 5 and 6

- Extensions to the monetary core tables
  - Tables 7-10

- TSA country results
Current Implementation Situation
(preliminary assessment)

- 10 Countries with (regularly) updated TSAs
- 5 Countries with “comprehensible” TSA Pilot Studies
- 6 Countries with the Status “First Compilation started”, empirical results
- 6 Countries with the Status “First Compilation started”, no empirical results

Next steps of the TSA Project


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Thank you for your attention

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