



**Memorandum of Understanding (MoU):  
Coordination of division of labour within the  
Energy Statistics System**

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# What is a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) ?



A **Memorandum of understanding (MoU)** is a formal alternative to a gentlemen's agreement between the National Statistical Institute (NSI) and ministries, energy companies, institutes, agencies, organisations collecting energy data on division of labour and data sharing.



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# Importance of MoUs in development of Energy Statistics in PCs (1)



## ➤ Demands to a modern energy statistics system

- In agreement with national and international laws
- Harmonised with international standards
- Match between organisation and responsibility
- Good co-operation with public and private institutions
- Good co-operation with reporting companies
- Transparent, comprehensive, consistent and flexible
- Easy access of data from reporting companies
- Easy processing and validation of data
- Easy production of national and international reports

# Importance of MoUs in development of Energy Statistics in PCs (2)



## ➤ **Energy statistics has to be politically useful**

- Financial aspects in annual international reporting because of EU and UN commitments
- Energy is an important sector of the national economy
- Important to be known in the whole political system as a readily accessible and reliable resource
- Inclusion of energy statistics in political and economic reports
- Mass media and the public are interested in political oriented statistics

# Importance of MoUs in development of Energy Statistics in PCs (3)



- **Pure energy statistics cannot stand alone: indicators and key figures should be an integrated part of energy statistics**

Important supplements:

- Adjusted statistics to reveal the trends
- Key figures
- Factors and human activity behind the energy consumption
- Energy efficiency indicators
- International comparisons / Benchmarking
- CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions

# Importance of MoUs in development of Energy Statistics in PCs (4)



## ➤ Lack of resources?

- Many countries experience an increasing conflict between the decline in human resources and the increase in statistical obligations
- But, by improving working procedures, labour division and strategies - more work can be done with the same amount of resources

# Purposes of the Memorandum of Understanding (1)



- To **lay down the overall framework** for the ongoing or future cooperation between the National Statistical Institute and Agency a,b,c....
- To **confirm the informal and pragmatic cooperation** the Parties have enjoyed for several years.



# Purposes of the Memorandum of Understanding (2)



- **To establish future cooperation or strengthen ongoing cooperation e.g. on:**
  - ✓ Establishment of a national energy statistics system (data collection, data treatment and publication)
  - ✓ Transparency in the co-operation
  - ✓ Efficiency improvement through clearer division of tasks based on the division of competences
  - ✓ Easier administration
  - ✓ Exchange and sharing of knowledge and information in relevant areas

# Outline for the development of MoUs in Partner Countries



- Meetings between NSIs and relevant parties involved in energy data collection:
  - To identify areas of co-operation and data sharing
  - To establish procedures for co-operation
  - To establish division of labour
- Development of MoU
- Adoption of MoU
- Each Party may, at any time, propose amendments to the MoU.

# ITS assistance in development of MoUs in Partner Countries



- ITS Country Experts → Focal point:
- ✓ Support national meetings through ITS Country Experts in interested Partner Countries on division of labour and data sharing between the National Statistical Institute and other institutions, organisations etc. involved in the collection of energy data
- ✓ Assist in identification of areas of co-operation and establishment of procedures

Result: Adoption of MoU



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