

Meeting of the Statistical Societies from the Central European Region (V6)



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The meeting of representatives of the statistical societies from Central Europe was held on 12.10.2012 in Bratislava. The meeting was organized by the Slovak Statistical and Demographical Society (SSDS). Statistical societies of the region meet regularly once a year to keep each other informed of their activities and to discuss issues of common interest. It was already the eighth meeting of the societies and the second time it was held in Bratislava. The meeting was attended by the representatives of statistical societies from Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia. The representative of the Slovenian Statistical Society joined the part of the meeting by teleconference, representatives of the Romanian Society were absent due to serious professional reasons.

In the first part of the meeting representatives of the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic (SO SR) presented the national statistical system. President of the SO SR Ľudmila Benkovičová in her speech highlighted the current problems in official statistics. "The key problem is that, on the one hand, continual growth demands the quality and range of statistical outputs, on the other hand, there is a steady decline in available funds from the state budget ". She added that the solution must be sought in rationalizing and improving the efficiency of the statistical system, as well as new

ways of collecting statistical data which are financially the most challenging phases of the survey process.

Representatives of the societies reported on the activities of their societies. Representative of the Slovenian Statistical Society joined to this point by teleconference.

In issues of common interest, the current issues of the European Statistical System were discussed. Participants have adopted a joint statement.

Participants also briefly discussed the activities of the Federation of European National Statistical Societies (FENStatS).

In the afternoon, participants met with the first deputy mayor of Bratislava Viera Kimerlingová.

The next meeting in 2013 will be held in Slovenia.

Peter Mach

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View to the meeting room (photo: Eva Kelemenová)