

Self evaluation form as a tool for continuous quality improvement work at OECD

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Executive summary

This paper focuses on the experience with the self evaluation forms in the first seven Quality Reviews carried out in 2003 under OECD's new Quality Framework for statistics. It discusses the usefulness of the concept, as well as its practical implementation: Does the questionnaire help the author in uncovering of the most important quality problems? Is it conducive to communication and discussion with internal and external users of statistics? Which types of questions should be asked, and how many? And should the questionnaire be mandatory or voluntary?

The conclusions are that the questionnaire has definitely added value to the process and thus will remain an important component in the statistical quality work at the OECD. However, as would be expected when launching a completely new instrument, there is room for improvement.

The Quality Framework

The OECD Quality Framework¹ was set up in 2003. It sets standards for the work with quality of new as well as existing statistics. The Framework is discussed in more detail in another presentation at this conference².

The quality framework, in accordance with the main standards for quality assurance, defines quality as "fitness for use" in terms of user needs. This overall concept is broken down in eight dimensions: relevance; accuracy; credibility; timeliness; accessibility; interpretability; and coherence. An additional factor, strictly speaking not a quality dimension but closely related and analysed in the same framework, is that of cost-efficiency. Quality is seen as a result of the production processes. Consequently, the essence of the quality framework is quality guidelines for different phases of the statistical production process.

In order to secure the quality of statistical products already in production, Quality Reviews have to be carried out on a regular basis. A distinctive new tool in these reviews is a *self evaluation questionnaire* to be filled in by the officials in charge of the activity ("the data producer"). The use of the questionnaire is voluntary. It should help statisticians to compile a summary of quality problems and a prioritised list of possible improvements measures to be discussed with users and other directorates of the OECD. The final quality report will include a matrix on strengths and weaknesses, by quality dimension, and a list of actions envisaged.

¹ See www.oecd.org/statistics/qualityframework

² Enrico Giovannini and Denis Ward 2004. Data quality in the context of international organisations. OECD experience in the implementation of a corporate quality framework

The self-evaluation questionnaire

The questionnaire can be seen as Annex to this paper. It is a rather comprehensive questionnaire of 26 pages that aims to go through all phases of statistical work. There are 147 individual questions, distributed over the 7 phases:

	No. of questions
Phase 1. Definition of data requirements in general terms	21
Phase 2. Evaluation of other data currently available	4
Phase 3. Design and planning of statistical activity	12
Phases 4-5. Data and metadata collection	42
Phase 6. Data and metadata verification, compilation, storage, analysis and evaluation	27
Phase 7. Data and metadata dissemination	36
General issues	5
Total	147

The questionnaire is especially aiming at the following:

1. It should help the data producer to go through *all steps* of the statistical production process in a systematic manner, not forgetting to check if guidelines have been adhered to and suitable processes are in place in each of the phases and their sub-processes. In this way, it should help identifying any possible problems which are subsequently summarised in a summary report.
2. It especially focuses on the *purpose* of the activity (i.e. the end use of the products emerging from the production process), user involvement in the design of products and their properties, coordination with statistics of other international organisations and other OECD statistics, and information on the amount of use.
3. It encourages producers to consider if *coordination* with other statistics being collected could be possible and beneficial. The producer is asked to describe methods used for data collection, highlighting problems that may occur, especially the burden on data providers in Member countries.
4. It encourages producers to rethink their situation in respect to *metadata availability* and metadata quality, an important aspect of usability and efficiency which tend to be a weak point in many statistical areas.
5. In areas where *guidelines* or OECD *standards* exist, the questionnaire seeks to make sure that producers are aware of any problems they might have in relation to these guidelines or standards, and of quality problems connected with non-conformance.

The questionnaire asks about a number of processes that might have been carried out and that would be helpful in securing certain quality aspects (e.g. involvement of other Directorates in the definition of data requirements, whether user surveys have been conducted, etc.).

Experience from the 2003 Quality Reviews

In 2003 quality reviews were carried out for seven major statistical areas. In six of these, the data producer filled in the self evaluation questionnaire. In all cases, the data producer also delivered a summary report

with main findings and preliminary recommendations (4-10 pages), including matrix of strengths and weaknesses, and proposed actions.

The reports and questionnaires were reviewed by a small “quality team”, headed by the Chief Statistician and including one or a few staff members from each of the three cross-cutting functions supporting the statistics production and development: Publishing, IT and Statistical Information Systems. A review meeting on each quality review was held, and the conclusions and recommendations were finalised, including decision on which of the proposed remedies to problems could immediately be started and which would have to be postponed. In this way, it produced a *final action plan*.

The overall assessment of the work done in the quality reviews is that data producers did a careful and serious evaluation of their work, and the reports have a high quality, presenting the problems in a thorough and understandable way.

While a number of proper quality problems were revealed, many of the problems were actually about the use of inefficient procedures, e.g. IT problems, things that could be done more easily if only... As should be expected, not all problems encountered could immediately be solved within the restricted resources available. Nevertheless, a considerable amount of activities have been started in order to reduce the problems identified. In some cases, IT and other support staff external to the statistics producing division have been assigned to carry out this work, while the statistics producers themselves have in many cases been able to find resources to deal with the problems.

The main questions of this paper are: To what extent did the questionnaire help the process, and could improvements of the questionnaire be made?

In order to answer these questions, all authors - including the one that did not fill in the questionnaire - have been informally asked to give opinions on the questionnaire’s usefulness to their part of the process. The main questions asked were:

1. Did you find the questionnaire useful?
2. Did the questions help you becoming aware of problems?
3. Did you find some questions especially useful?
4. Did you find some questions useless?
5. Did you miss any questions?
6. Did you find the size appropriate, too long or too short?

The response from most participants was largely positive. Even the producer who had not filled in the questionnaire found it useful as a frame of thought. These producers confirmed that the questionnaire had helped them in identifying problems of which they had not been aware. Some quotations:

“- I found the self-evaluation questionnaire very useful in helping to structure the discussions I had with data users, providers and colleagues working on the data collection ... Only a few questions were not relevant to our particular data quality ... and most of the questions were easily understood”

A couple of the data producers were rather on the critical side, e.g.:

“-We found ourselves filling out a questionnaire ...which did not seem very helpful in addressing ours and probably everyone's main concerns - how to improve the quality of our data at the lowest outlay of resources ... We found ourselves not even referring to the questionnaire in drafting the quality report.... I would argue in favour of scrapping the questionnaire in favour of four to five pages of text, outlining what the content of the quality report should be, along the lines described above.”

“- We were already aware of the problems highlighted (and others)”.

Concerning which questions that seemed most useful, there was this comment: “I suppose the questions that call for judgment about how good the operation is (e.g. 8.1) were less useful than the factual (“Do you do this?”) type questions, though the former are perhaps inevitable in a self-evaluation questionnaire”. Another author pointed to questions which allowed one to highlight quality issues in data sources, whether they are other OECD data sets or data sets from countries.

One data producer would find it useful to be able to split up the questionnaire more easily, so that the programme manager could divide the task of filling it in between staff directly involved in specific activities.

The “other side of the table”, i.e. the supporting staff reviewing the self evaluation reports, regarded the questionnaire as useful also for their part of the job, understanding the problems in the different statistics under review. However, they tended to read only the part of the questionnaires dealing with their particular field of interest and expertise, e.g. publishing or data collection

There was general agreement on both sides that the questionnaire was too long or even much too long. For instance, it has been observed that the dissemination part should be simplified; the same questions are used for different channels (paper, SourceOECD, etc.), with an repetition of questions

An important virtue of the questionnaire is its focus on the actual use of the information that is produced: Thus, it obliged managers to look, for the first time, at figures about web accesses to their data, revenues from their publications, etc. The publications Directorate was also obliged to provide such figures.

The way ahead

In 2004, another 10 statistical areas have been pointed out for quality reviews and the process will go on in the coming years.

It is necessary to optimize the process, and especially the questionnaire. The overall evaluation, based on the first year, is that the questionnaire is indeed a useful instrument. Thus, it will remain an important part of the OECD quality work. However, it will have to be shortened considerably, probably by as much as half. In doing this revision, OECD will further analyse the experience gained in 2003-2004 reviewed in this paper. It is also envisaged to study more closely what has been done in other statistical organisations, and what are the experienced gained from such activities.

Annex

QUESTIONNAIRE 1
QUALITY CHECKLIST FOR EXISTING OECD STATISTICAL ACTIVITIES

Phase 1. Definition of data requirements in general terms

<p>After having evaluated whether the statistical activity is able to meet existing and future user needs, answer the following questions:</p>	
<p>1.1 Have you conducted, during the last biennium, a comprehensive analysis or review of current and emerging statistical needs linked to analytical and policy issues that the relevant Committee has identified as priorities in the medium term?</p> <p>If YES, please attach the document (if any) where results of such analysis are described. If the document is not available, please describe <u>briefly</u> the main statistical needs.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>2.1 Have you conducted, during the last year, a comprehensive analysis or review of activities carried out and/or planned by other international organisations relevant for the activity?</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>3.1 Have you recently identified that other Directorates of the OECD have carried out and/or planned projects potentially related to this activity?</p> <p>If YES, what are the main projects carried out and/or planned by other OECD Directorates closely linked to the activity?</p> <p>Name of the project Directorate(s)</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>4.1 Did you involve other Directorates in the definition of data requirements from the beginning of the activity?</p> <p>If YES, which Directorates?</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>5.1 Do you think that external users needs expressed at international meetings, committee or working party meetings over the last few years have been taken into account in the design of the activity?</p> <p>If NOT, what are the main concerns that are not reflected in the activity and why?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>

<p>6.1 What are the main policy “drivers” for the activity?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	
<p>7.1 Are other international organisations normally involved in defining the characteristics of the activity?</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>8.1 What are the main strengths and weaknesses of the activity, in relation to similar initiatives undertaken by other international organisations?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	
<p>9.1 Did you receive, over the last biennium, comments and criticisms by internal and external users on the outputs of the activity?</p> <p>If YES, what are the <u>main</u> issues or concerns expressed by users?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>10.1 Were international statistical guidelines and recommendations (definitions, classifications, etc.) developed by the OECD or other international organisations adopted in carrying out the activity?</p> <p>If YES, to what extent?</p> <p>HIGH <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>MEDIUM <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>LOW <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If NOT, please explain the reasons for this decision (unsatisfactory accuracy of definitions, classifications, etc.)</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>What possibilities exist for future harmonisation with existing statistical standards?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>11.1 What is the degree of coherence between concepts, definitions and classifications used for compiling OECD data and those used at national level, by the majority of countries concerned?</p> <p>HIGH <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>MEDIUM <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>LOW <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>What possibilities exist for future improvements?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	

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12.1 What possibilities exist for improving the consultation process with stakeholders and other OECD Directorates?	
13.1 What are the main groups of users? - Internal users within the Directorate - Internal users working in other Directorates - Experts working in national public administrations - External users: Public bodies Private companies Research institutes Others	Importance (increasing magnitude 1-7)
14.1 How many copies of <u>paper</u> publications have been sold to all customers over the last 12 months? What is the percentage change over the same period of the previous year? %
15.1 What were the overall revenues for <u>all</u> statistical products related to the activity over the last 12 months? What is the percentage change over the same period of the previous year? %
16.1 How many downloads from SourceOECD of the <u>paper</u> publication have been registered over the last 12 months? What is the percentage change over the same period of the previous year? %
17.1 How many downloads from SourceOECD of the <u>database</u> containing statistical data have been registered over the last 12 months? What is the percentage change over the same period of the previous year? %
18.1 How many downloads from OLISnet of the <u>database</u> containing statistical data have been registered over the last 12 months? What is the percentage change over the same period of the previous year? %
19.1 How many hits for <u>statistical products</u> related to the activity have been registered on the OECD web over the last 12 months? What is the percentage change over the same period of the previous year? %
20.1 Do you have a regular survey of user satisfaction? If YES, what are the main characteristics of the survey and its key results?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

Phase 2. Evaluation of other data currently available

<p>Having evaluated possible duplication(s) between data collection related to activity carried out by OECD and those of other international organisations, answer these questions:</p>	
<p>1.2 Is there any overlap in data content with other internal OECD or external databases that would require a substantial change in the way in which the activity (or other OECD activities) is currently conducted in order to be resolved?</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>2.2 Could changes in concepts, definitions or classifications equally satisfy users' needs, allowing the usage of data already collected by the OECD and/or other international organisations?</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>3.2 If you replied YES to either questions 1.2 or 2.2, please indicate what changes could be envisaged to the activity, identifying pros and cons of various alternatives and under what conditions such changes could be implemented.</p> <p>.....</p>	
<p>4.2 Please, attach the list of variables already collected for conducting the activity in the past and/or those identified for future data collections.</p>	

Phase 3. Design and planning of statistical activity

When the conclusions of previous analyses (for Phases 1 and 2) are drawn, the way in which the activity has been designed/planned in the past and the appropriateness of statistical methods and technical procedures currently adopted for conducting the activity are evaluated. Following this review, and taking into account the last cycle of the activity:	
1.3 Have you been obliged to devote significant resources to increase the response rate for specific countries, or to agree with the latter on a substantial reduction of the originally planned data and metadata transmission? If YES, why?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
2.3 Have you been obliged to redesign the questionnaire used for data and metadata collection? If YES, why?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
3.3 Have you been obliged to change the system of data and metadata collection because of its inefficiency or the inaccuracy or incompleteness of data and metadata collected? If YES, why?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
4.3 Have you been obliged to substantially change IT solutions originally designed for data and metadata management and dissemination? If YES, why?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
5.3 Substantially change statistical methods and techniques initially identified to process data and conduct necessary analyses? If YES, why?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
6.3 Have you been obliged to redesign the structure of the output (paper publication, database, etc.) because of significant differences in qualitative terms between expected and actual results? If YES, why?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

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7.3 Did you pay unexpected costs for data and metadata collection, management and dissemination? If YES, why?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
8.3 Did you face shortage in statisticians' skills? If YES, why?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
9.3 Did you encounter unexpected financial, managerial and organisational problems? If YES, why?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
10.3 Did you experience limited support from other parts of the OECD? If YES, why?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
11.3 Did you face difficulties due to unexpected changes in Directorate's (Division, Unit) priorities, reduction in resources previously allocated to the activity, external "shocks", insufficient support from other Directorates, although agreed well in advance, etc. If YES, what situations did you encounter?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
12.3 What statistical and technical training has been given to staff over the one-two years?	

Phases 4-5. Data and metadata collection

Having carefully analysed data and metadata collection systems, taking into account available IT tools and Quality guidelines, answer the following questions:	
<p>Are data and metadata extracted/collected:</p> <p>From OECD databases? <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>From databases managed by other international organisations? <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Directly from national data sources? <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>If data and metadata are extracted from OECD databases, please complete Section 4.A below.</p> <p>If data and metadata are extracted/collected from databases managed by other international organisations go to Section 4.B.</p> <p>If data and metadata are extracted/collected from national data providers go to Section 4.C. Please answer these questions considering the <u>overall</u> situation. If you wish to provide a precise assessment of the quality of data and metadata collection procedures and to identify proposals for their improvement, you may alternatively answer questions 27.4-33.4 for each country concerned (see appendix 1).</p> <p>If data and metadata are extracted/collected from multiple sources, complete each of the relevant sections 4 A, B, C.</p>	

SECTION 4.A – DATA AND METADATA EXTRACTED FROM OECD DATABASES	
<p>1.4 If data and metadata are already extracted from OECD databases, are they collected from <u>either</u> the “original” database or from the set of “OECD references series”?</p> <p>If NOT extracted from either source, please provide a brief statement on the positive or negative impact on the activity if either source were used (e.g., in terms of revision of historical time series, etc)</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>2.4 Are data always extracted from databases together with appropriate metadata?</p> <p>If NOT, why?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>3.4 Are data extracted from different databases coherent with each other?</p> <p>If NOT, would it be possible to improve coherence changing the source database or the way in which derived measures (i.e. ratios, shares, etc.) are calculated?</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>4.4 Did you encounter, in the past or during the quality review, relevant problems (in</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p>

<p>14.4 In the past, have you encountered significant problems (in terms of availability, timeliness, interpretability, coherence, etc.) in data and metadata stored in relevant databases managed by other international organisations?</p> <p>If YES, describe the most relevant problems.</p> <p>Name of the database (Organisation) Main problems</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>15.4 Have you discussed with managers of the databases concerned possible improvements in the latter that would allow you to improve quality and cost-efficiency of the statistical activity?</p> <p>If YES, describe the most important conclusions of these contacts.</p> <p>Name of the database Main conclusions</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>16.4 Are procedures used for data and metadata extraction/collection automated and efficient, given the availability of the most recent ICT tools?</p> <p>If YES, were they reviewed over the last year, in co-operation with ITN and STD (at some stage)?</p> <p> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If NOT, did you carry out such a review during the quality assessment?</p> <p> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If YES, what are the main conclusions of the review?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>17.4 Is confidential data accessed, extracted or received?</p> <p>If YES, describe briefly measures and procedures established to avoid privacy disclosure or unauthorised utilisation of the data.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>18.4 Did you verify that all requested information about data and metadata collection systems is correctly stored in the OSWP database?</p> <p>Refer URL</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>

SECTION 4.C – DATA AND METADATA EXTRACTED/COLLECTED FROM NATIONAL DATA PROVIDERS	
<p>19.4 How do you make organisations concerned fully aware of their obligations to provide OECD with necessary data and metadata?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Please attach a copy of the last letter used to ask national agencies to provide necessary data and metadata to the OECD.</p>	
<p>20.4 Taking into account quality guidelines, does the letter contain the following information?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the initiative • Future use of information to be transmitted • Characteristics of information requested • Clear reference to the expected treatment of confidential data • Contact name for answering questions and providing relevant information 	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>21.4 Is the letter normally copied to the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OECD Chief Statistician? • National agencies responsible for co-ordination of statistical relationships with international organisations? 	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>22.4 Did you encounter particular difficulties (timeliness, accuracy, coherence, etc.) in collecting data and metadata?</p> <p>If YES, please report the most frequent problems encountered, eventually indicating countries (or groups of countries) concerned.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>23.4 Did data providers express concerns, over the last two years, about the burden imposed on them or about other aspects (transmission mechanisms, structure of the questionnaire, technical capacity available in the institution, support provided by the Secretariat, etc.)?</p> <p>If YES, please report the most frequent problems mentioned, eventually indicating countries (or groups of countries) concerned.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>

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<p>24.4 What are the procedures currently adopted to ensure the quality and the efficiency of the data and metadata collection mechanism? In particular, report about the ways in which data providers are involved in developing and testing questionnaires, in identifying the best transmission mechanism, in verifying whether data available at national level satisfy the needs of the activity will be described.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	
<p>25.4 Is the data and metadata collection carried out in co-operation with other international organisations?</p> <p>If YES, what is the “transmission model” adopted for the statistical activity?</p> <p>MANY-TO-MANY <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>MANY-TO-ONE <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>DATA SHARING <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>SPECIAL AGREEMENT <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Is the model currently adopted satisfactory for both sides of the transmission process?</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If NO, why?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Do you envisage any possibility of applying the “data sharing” model?</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If YES, under what conditions?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>26.4 Are tools currently used for data and metadata collection coherent with those suggested by OECD Quality Guidelines?</p> <p>If NO, why?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>27.4 If data and metadata are extracted from databases managed by national agencies, are they normally “dissemination” databases or internal databases?</p> <p>Is this solution fully satisfactory?</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If NO, why?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>Dissemination <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Internal <input type="checkbox"/></p>

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28.4 Are data always extracted/collected together with appropriate metadata? If NO, why?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
29.4 Is the meaning of metadata coherent with that contained in the OECD "Glossary of metadata"? If NO, why?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
30.4 Is the metadata normally requested and received satisfactory with regard to providing adequate transparency to the data? If NO, why?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
31.4 Are data extracted/collected from different national sources coherent with each other? If NO, would it be practicable to improve coherence changing the sources or the way in which derived measures (i.e. ratios, shares, etc.) are calculated? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
32.4 If data and metadata are not extracted from databases, are they normally received by: E-MAIL <input type="checkbox"/> CD-ROM or DISKETTE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> Is this solution fully satisfactory? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> If NO, why?	
33.4 Are historical data normally transmitted together with the most recent data? If NO, why?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
34.4 Was the questionnaire used for data and metadata collected designed using best practice?	

<p style="text-align: center;">YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Were standard tools (for example, BLAISE) used to design the questionnaire?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>What consultation process was used in the development of the questionnaire (e.g. committee/working party consultation, ISWG consultation, etc)?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Was the questionnaire tested prior to use and evaluated after use?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If NO, why?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Is the questionnaire accompanied by clear and easily understandable explanatory notes containing instructions for the compilation of the latter (definitions, classifications, etc.) and its transmission to the OECD?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If NO, why?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	
<p>35.4 Have you recently discussed with national data providers possible improvements in the way in which data and metadata are collected/extracted?</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If YES, describe the most important improvements envisaged in the future or the main difficulties that prevent the latter.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	
<p>36.4 Are procedures used for data and metadata extraction/collection automated and efficient, given the availability of the most recent ICT tools?</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If YES, were they reviewed over the last year, in co-operation with ITN and STD (at some stage)?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If NO, did you carry out such a review during the quality assessment?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If YES, what are the main conclusions of the review?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	
<p>37.4 Are confidential data are accessed, extracted or received?</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p>

<p>If YES, describe briefly measures and procedures established to avoid privacy disclosure or unauthorised utilisation of these data.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>38.4 Are confidential data accessed, extracted or received according to special agreements?</p> <p>If YES, please attach a copy of these agreements (if there are different agreements with various countries, attach all of them).</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>39.4 If an “OECD survey” was conducted, do you think that activities carried out by the Secretariat for designing the survey (frame, questionnaire, etc.) were well conducted?</p> <p>If YES, please attach the document where details about the characteristics of the survey are described.</p> <p>If NO, why?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>40.4 Were metadata transmitted by data providers adequate, in terms of accuracy measures, description of tasks undertaken, statistical procedures adopted, etc.?</p> <p>If NO, why?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>41.4 Were systems used for data and metadata transmission efficient and appropriate?</p> <p>If NO, why?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>42.4 Did you verify that all requested information about data and metadata collection systems is correctly stored in the OSWP database?</p> <p>Refer URL</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>

Phase 6. Data and metadata verification, compilation, storage, analysis and evaluation

<p>Once data and metadata are collected, they are verified, compiled, processed, stored and analysed. All these steps need to be evaluated, to see whether procedures adopted are able to ensure the requested accuracy, interpretability, accessibility and coherence according to the quality guidelines. Therefore, after having carefully analysed all their characteristics and evaluated whether they need changes, taking into account current standards of the OECD statistical information system (<i>OECD.stat</i>), answer the following questions:</p>	
<p>1.5 Who is in charge of checking that the methods used for verifying, compiling and processing data are appropriate?</p> <p>THE ACTIVITY MANAGER <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>OTHER ADMINISTRATORS <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>EACH STATISTICIAN INVOLVED IN THE ACTIVITY <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>OTHERS <input type="checkbox"/> (please, specify.....)</p>	
<p>2.5 Are automated procedures used for identifying outliers or unexpected differences between data linked by identities, revisions of historical time series, etc.?</p> <p>If YES please briefly describe system used</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>3.5 Are cross-checks carried out with data coming from other (internal and external) sources?</p> <p>If NO, why?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>4.5 Do procedures used to check data incorporate latest statistical developments (e.g. time series, degree of volatility, etc.) and are tested before use on simulated series?</p> <p>If NO, why?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>5.5 Is the same procedure used for similar data collected from different countries, for similar topics, etc.?</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If NO, have you evaluated whether this approach can affect data accuracy and coherence?</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>6.5 Are procedures used to check data well documented?</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p>

<p>If NO, why?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>7.5 When possible errors are identified through various data verification procedures, what are the procedures used to investigate the reason of unusual values, to accept them as outliers, or to proceed to imputation?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	
<p>8.5 Are statistical methods used for imputing missing or incorrect values?</p> <p>If YES, what methods are used?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Is the publication of results subject to any specific agreement with the source agency?</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Is the overall impact of editing process on the accuracy of final results measured?</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If YES, what method is used?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>9.5 Do you currently systematically provide feedback to original sources about problems encountered carrying out the activity, especially when errors are too frequent or reflect inaccurate preparation of data transmitted to the OECD?</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>10.5 What kind of information is provided to users about methods used for data imputation, time series linkage, etc.?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	
<p>11.5 Are data estimated by the Secretariat regularly flagged with the label “OECD estimate”?</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>12.5 Do you verify that supra-national aggregates are computed using internationally accepted standards and practices?</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>13.5 Are weights used for aggregating national values and necessary information to explain possible inconsistencies with other sources provided in associated metadata?</p> <p>If NO, why?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>14.5 What procedure is used for producing seasonally adjusted or trend-cycle data?</p>	

<p>TRAMO-SEATS <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>X12-ARIMA <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>OTHER <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NOT APPLICABLE <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Is the information about parameters used in those procedures provided in associated metadata?</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>15.5 Are adjustments made to original figures to improve their comparability over time and across countries well documented through appropriate metadata?</p> <p>If NO, why?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>16.5 Are data and metadata stored according to OECD Quality Guidelines?</p> <p>If NO, what are the suggested changes to current practices for the activity?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>17.5 Are confidential data stored in a way that prevents any possible confidentiality disclosure?</p> <p>If YES, describe briefly measures and procedures established to avoid privacy disclosure.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>If NO, what are the suggested changes to current practices for this activity?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>18.5 Is there any overlap between data and metadata contained in the production database and those stored in other OECD databases?</p> <p>If YES, have been data and metadata contained in the production database copied from other OECD databases or are they extracted through a dynamic link to the latter?</p> <p>COPIED <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>DYNAMICALLY LINKED <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Do you envisage any change in the way data and metadata are obtained from other OECD databases?</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If YES, please explain the envisaged changes.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>

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<p>19.5 Are automated procedures used to monitor in real-time how data storage is progressing, in order to compare how actual data transmissions meet plans or expectations?</p> <p>If YES, do you normally compute measures about the number of data punctually received?</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If NO, do you envisage any advantage for the production process in having such real-time monitoring?</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
20.5 Have metadata been compiled following definitions used in the OECD metadata vocabulary?	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
21.5 Are all relevant variable definitions stored in the OECD Glossary of Statistical Terms?	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
22.5 How do you evaluate the quantity and quality of metadata stored in the relevant database, taking into account internal user needs?	<p>APPROPRIATE <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>INSUFFICIENT <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>REDUNDANT <input type="checkbox"/></p>
23.5 Do you consider metadata easily available to and interpretable by internal users?	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>24.5 Do you consider that final non-confidential data are easily accessible to the Secretariat staff?</p> <p>If restrictions apply to unauthorised Staff, please describe why such limitations are in place and evaluate whether current practices need to be changed.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>25.5 What are the procedures currently used to report to stakeholders and data providers on methods and processes adopted for data and metadata verification, compilation, storage, etc.?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	
<p>26.5 What possibilities exist for improving documentation and procedures adopted for checking, editing, compiling and storing data and metadata?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	
<p>27.5 Did you verify that all requested information about data and metadata storage is correctly stored in the OSWP database?</p> <p>Refer URL</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>

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Phase 7. Data and metadata dissemination

<p>When final data and metadata are compiled, they are disseminated to external users following various formats and through different media. Therefore, quality aspects with reference to the content of the publication(s), the media used for its dissemination and price policy adopted are analysed. The analysis is carried out for each product released as output of the activity (paper publication, databases, etc.). After having completed the analysis, answer the following questions:</p>	
<p>1.6 Were OECD editorial guidelines correctly adopted in preparing the publication? If NO, why?</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>2.6 How do you evaluate the clarity of data presentation (titles, headings, acronyms, footnotes, structure of tables, explanatory notes) in the publication? If INSUFFICIENT, what measures can be taken to improve the clarity of the presentation?</p>	<p>APPROPRIATE <input type="checkbox"/> INSUFFICIENT <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>3.6 How do you evaluate the interpretability of data and metadata (strengths and weaknesses of data, comparability issues, breaks in time series, etc.) in the publication? If INSUFFICIENT, what measures can be taken to improve the clarity of the presentation?</p>	<p>APPROPRIATE <input type="checkbox"/> INSUFFICIENT <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>4.6 In particular, do you think that metadata provided in the publication are adequate with respect to: - main characteristics of sources (statistical survey, administrative data, etc.) - conceptual issues covered by data - key concepts, definitions and classifications used - evaluation of accuracy - coherence over time and across countries - revision policy - statistical methods adopted for data compilation (seasonal adjustment, statistical editing, etc.)</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>

	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
5.6 Are apparent inconsistencies (if any) with data contained in other OECD products correctly explained?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
6.6 Is the related database available on SourceOECD? If NO, why? If NO, go to question xx.6	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
7.6 Were guidelines correctly adopted in preparing the SourceOECD files? If NO, why?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
8.6 How do you evaluate the clarity of the data presentation (titles, headings, acronyms, footnotes, structure of tables, explanatory notes) in SourceOECD? If INSUFFICIENT, what measures can be taken to improve the clarity of the presentation?	APPROPRIATE <input type="checkbox"/> INSUFFICIENT <input type="checkbox"/>
9.6 How do you evaluate the interpretability of data and metadata (strengths and weaknesses of data, comparability issues, breaks in time series, etc.) in SourceOECD? If INSUFFICIENT, what measures can be taken to improve the clarity of the presentation?	APPROPRIATE <input type="checkbox"/> INSUFFICIENT <input type="checkbox"/>
10.6 In particular, do you think that metadata available in SourceOECD cover in an appropriate way: - main characteristics of sources (statistical survey, administrative data, etc.) - conceptual issues covered by data - key concepts, definitions and classifications used - evaluation of accuracy - coherence over time and across countries - revision policy - statistical methods adopted for data compilation (seasonal adjustment, statistical editing, etc.)	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

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17.6 Are apparent inconsistencies (if any) with data contained in other OECD databases correctly explained?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
18.6 Is the related database available on a CD-ROM? If NO, why? If NO, go to question xx.6	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
19.6 Were guidelines correctly adopted in preparing the CD-ROM? If NO, why?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
20.6 How do you evaluate the clarity of the data presentation (titles, headings, acronyms, footnotes, structure of tables, explanatory notes) in the CD-ROM? If INSUFFICIENT, what measures can be taken to improve the clarity of the presentation?	APPROPRIATE <input type="checkbox"/> INSUFFICIENT <input type="checkbox"/>
21.6 How do you evaluate the interpretability of data and metadata (strengths and weaknesses of data, comparability issues, breaks in time series, etc.) in the CD-ROM? If INSUFFICIENT, what measures can be taken to improve the clarity of the presentation?	APPROPRIATE <input type="checkbox"/> INSUFFICIENT <input type="checkbox"/>
22.6 In particular, do you think that metadata available in the CD-ROM cover in an appropriate way: - main characteristics of sources (statistical survey, administrative data, etc.) - conceptual issues covered by data - key concepts, definitions and classifications used - evaluation of accuracy - coherence over time and across countries - revision policy - statistical methods adopted for data compilation (seasonal adjustment, statistical editing, etc.)	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

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23.6 Are apparent inconsistencies (if any) with data contained in other OECD databases correctly explained?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
24.6 Are any statistical outputs related to the activity available free of charge on Internet? If NO, why? If NO, go to question xx.6	YES, COMPLETELY <input type="checkbox"/> YES, PARTIALLY <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
25.6 If statistical outputs are entirely or partially available on Internet, are they correctly accessible through the statistics portal? If NO, why?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
26.6 If statistical outputs are partially available on Internet, does their presentation follow OECD guidelines prepared for the dissemination of “basic statistics”? If NO, why?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
27.6 If the entire statistical output is available on Internet, how do you evaluate the interpretability of data and metadata (strengths and weaknesses of data, comparability issues, breaks in time series, etc.)? If INSUFFICIENT, what measures can be taken to improve the clarity of the presentation?	APPROPRIATE <input type="checkbox"/> INSUFFICIENT <input type="checkbox"/>
28.6 Are statistical procedures adopted to ensure that released products do not contain confidential data? If YES, describe briefly these procedures.	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE <input type="checkbox"/>
29.6 Was appropriate information given to PAC and STD to enable them to plan the dissemination of the product (e.g. inclusion of the product in the annual plan of publications, in the OSWP database, in the KAPPA database, etc.)? If NO, why?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
30.6 Was the expected release period communicated to the public through the OECD advanced calendar of releases? [Still to be developed]	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

<p>If NO, why?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	
<p>31.6 Was the product released to the public on schedule?</p> <p>If NO, why?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>32.6 Did political pressures contribute in any way to delays in the dissemination of data to the public?</p> <p>If YES, how were such pressures managed?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>33.6 Were the ways in which the publication has been promoted/publicised by the OECD or presented to the media satisfactory?</p> <p>If NOT, why?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>34.6 Did you encounter any significant problems in the dissemination phase?</p> <p>If YES, please describe them.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>35.6 What measures need to be taken to improve accessibility to statistical outputs of the activity?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	
<p>36.5 Did you verify that all requested information about dissemination is correctly stored in the OSWP and KAPPA databases?</p> <p>Refer URL</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>

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<p>2.7 Are there any aspects of the activity that need to be reviewed or improved in the light of any aspect of the ISI declaration on Professional Ethics?</p> <p>If YES, what should be done for overcoming these differences?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>3.7 Are methods and procedures used for compiling, managing and disseminating data chosen under any political influence?</p> <p>What measures can be taken to avoid this influence?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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