

Joint statement of the V6 Group

on the Communication from the European Commission to the European Parliament and the Council "Towards robust quality management for European Statistics"

V6 is the association of the following six statistical societies:

Austrian Statistical Society
Czech Statistical Society
Hungarian Statistical Association
Romanian Statistical Society
Slovak Statistical and Demographical Society
Statistical Society of Slovenia

The objective of V6 is to facilitate, among others, scientific progress, promote the application of professional ethics and the fundamental principles of official statistics, and best practices in statistics in their respective countries. The members of the V6 group welcome the Communication from the European Commission to the European Parliament and the Council "Towards robust quality management for European Statistics". At the meeting of June, 8th 2011 in Visegrád, Hungary, the paper was discussed and highly appreciated.

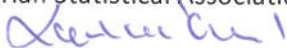
The V6 members agree that the principle of professional independence is of core importance for the reliability and credibility of official statistics. To maintain professional independence beyond any reasonable doubt is primarily the task of the respective political systems of the member states and the EU.

The V6 calls for measures to secure this by an explicit commitment.

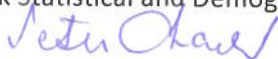
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