

Joint statement of the V6 societies 2012

The V6 societies agreed in 2011 that the principle of professional independence is of core importance with respect to the reliability and credibility of official statistics. The V6 societies further stressed the importance of maintenance of professional independence beyond any reasonable doubt which is primarily the task of the respective political systems of the EU member states.

Since 2011 improvements have been made, although the revision of the regulation 223/2009 EC is still under discussion. The V6 societies follow this process and support the objectives formulated in this regulation mainly in the context of professional independence and the coordinating role of the national statistical institutes.

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Austrian Statistical Society

Czech Statistical Society

Hungarian Statistical Association

Slovak Statistical and Demographical Society

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