



**Irish Statistical System  
Code of Practice**



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## **Code of Practice for the Irish Statistical System Annual Update of the Director General 2014**

The Code of Practice for the Irish Statistical System was launched in 2013. This code of practice is an important step in improving the governance and consistency of official statistics in Ireland with a view to safeguarding trust that is currently enjoyed by official statistics in this country.

There was considerable engagement with Government Departments and agencies in 2014 both in terms of how to implement the code and testing of assessment methods. This work was undertaken through the Formal Statistician Liaison Group, a group with representatives from across the Irish Statistical System that provide a focus for its development. It is envisaged that the statistical coordinators appointed under the code of practice will use this forum to assist in implementation matters with the code.

The key driver for work in 2014 was the European Statistics Code of Practice. Government bodies and agencies that are involved in the compilation of European Statistics completed a self assessment in this regard. Following from this work, these organisations will be invited to nominate a statistics co-ordinator and make a statement of commitment with respect to the Irish Statistical System Code of Practice in 2015. The rollout of the code will continue to be progressed through the Formal Statistician Liaison Group.

To date, we have received great support from colleagues throughout the public service with respect to the rollout of this initiative. On behalf of CSO, I look forward to continuing collaboration with all our partners in the coming years.

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