



**Irish Statistical System  
Code of Practice**



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## **Code of Practice for the Irish Statistical System**

### **Annual Update of the Director General**

### **2015**

This is the 3rd annual report since the launch of the Irish Statistical System Code of Practice (ISS-CoP) in 2013. ISSCoP is a key step in further strengthening the governance and quality of Irish official statistics.

In 2015 there was considerable engagement between the CSO and Government Departments and Government Agencies in terms of building commitment to best practice in the production of Official Statistics as outlined under ISSCoP. This work took place through the Formal Statistician Liaison Group (FSLG). Significant momentum was achieved with ten FSLG organisations signing ISSCoP Statements of Commitment and appointing their Statistical Coordinators under the Code.

During 2016 rollout of the Code will continue to be progressed through the FSLG. All FSLG organisations that have not yet signed up will be encouraged and supported to complete Statements of Commitment to the Code. It is also planned that in 2016 a number of FSLG organisations will complete the ISSCoP Self-Assessment Questionnaire to assess and develop their level of adherence to the principles of the code.

A new Statistical System Coordination Directorate will be established in the CSO in mid- 2016. One of the responsibilities of this Directorate will be the creation of the necessary coordination framework that supports the broader statistical system and facilitates the CSO to meet its national and EU legislative requirements into the future. This will involve the development of assurance mechanisms to monitor compliance with the Irish Statistical System Code of Practice by all compilers of Official Statistics and compliance by all compilers of European Statistics with the European Statistics Code of Practice and the legislative requirements set out in the amended Regulation (EC) 223/2009.

Once again during 2015 we received great support from colleagues throughout the public service with respect to the rollout of this strategically important initiative. This is helping us all to strengthen our Irish Statistical System. On behalf of CSO I look forward to continuing this collaboration with all our partners in the coming years.

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