CIS Regional Report
on ICP 2021 cycle implementation
(as of March 2022)

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Outline

- ICP CIS regional governance decisions
- Countries participation
- Survey implementation status
- Workshops and meetings
- Risks and mitigation
- Outreach activities and releases
CIS Economic Council (Vice Prime Ministers of the CIS countries), 2019-06-21:

“ - to continue the ICP in the CIS on an ongoing basis;
- to include necessary measures into current and perspective NSOs’ plans;
- the CIS-STAT in cooperation with the CIS NSOs ensures the ICP implementation in the CIS region ”

CIS Commission on Economic Issues, 2020-10-21:

“ to approve the work of the CIS-STAT and the CIS NSOs within the 2017 ICP cycle ”

CIS NSOs Council of Heads, 2020-12-18:

“ the CIS-STAT in cooperation with the CIS NSOs will continue to act in accordance with the Global ICP 2021 schedule ”
9 CIS countries participate in full-size format in the ICP 2021:

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

The participation of Turkmenistan is not confirmed officially. Meanwhile the CIS-STAT supports work contacts with the Turkmenistan national experts providing them with all operational materials and with the option to participate in regional meetings.
Survey implementation – consumer items

**2021 Consumer Items** list – 2266 items

*January 2021:* the list, the specific survey guidelines for collecting data, and the electronic forms for submitting data prepared and sent by the CIS-STAT to the NSOs

*Q1 – Q4 / 2021:* all participating countries carried out the survey

*end of March 2022:* submission of annual average national prices to the CIS-STAT

*Q2 / 2022:* price validation

*April 2022:* test PPPs to be discussed at the regional ICP meeting

*Q3 – Q4 / 2022:* checking and improving the data quality
Survey implementation – investment items

2021 Investment Items list  –  584 items

*July 2021*: the list, the survey guidelines for collecting data, and the electronic forms for submitting data prepared and sent by the CIS-STAT to the NSOs

*Q3 – Q4 / 2021*: all participating countries carried out the survey

*End of November 2021*: preliminary prices submitted to CIS-STAT

*December 2021*: preliminary prices and first price validation discussed at the regional meeting

*February 2022*: second price validation

*March 2022*: prices and test PPPs discussed at the regional meeting
Construction

*July 2021*: updated list of construction materials, and electronic forms for submitting data prepared and sent by the CIS-STAT to the NSOs

*Q3 – Q4 / 2021*: all participating countries carried out the survey

*Q2 / 2022*: submission of price data to the CIS-STAT

*Q3 – Q4 / 2022*: calculation of construction projects value to be carried out by a specialized consulting institution
Survey implementation – other surveys

Non-market services, housing rent, GDP Disaggregation by Basic Headings

**Q2 / 2022:** updated questionnaires, and guidelines will be prepared and sent by the CIS-STAT to the NSOs

**Q4 / 2022 – Q1 / 2023:** filled in questionnaires will be submitted to the CIS-STAT
Workshops and meetings

Recent (all online)

**December 21–22, 2020 (regional)**: meeting of experts of CIS NSOs and CIS-STAT to discuss reconciliation issues of consumer items list

**September 14, 16–17, 2021 (bilateral)**: meeting of CIS-STAT experts with the Uzbekistan NSO experts on validation of Q1/2021 prices for consumer items

**December 14–15, 2021 (regional)**: problematic investment items discussed, first validation of investment items prices

**March 1–2, 2022 (regional)**: test PPPs for investment BHs discussed
**Workshops and meetings**

**Planned (online?)**

*April 2022 (regional)*: to discuss test PPPs for HHC BH

*May 2022 (bilateral)*: to discuss problematic consumer items and test PPPs for HHC BH with the Tajikistan NSO experts

*December 2022 (regional)*: to discuss methodological issues of GDP classification for CIS ICP 2021


- **Alternation of generations of ICP experts** in some countries: CIS-STAT provides an additional support to NSOs which had faced this problem.

- **Funding issues** — among important topics worth to be mentioned:
  - consultancy services (incl. construction comparison calculations provided by a specialized consulting institution);
  - translations of the WB guidelines into Russian and regional materials into English;
  - communication and dissemination activities.

The World Bank’s support in providing lacking resources is of crucial importance.

- **Linking CIS to Global ICP** — no risk, any solution would be acceptable:
  - linking CIS via EU/OECD with using Partially-Multilateral Comparison procedure;
  - direct linking with using Global Core List approach.

No serious differences were detected in experimental computations comparing both solutions within previous ICP cycle.
Releases

The *Statistical Compendium* on Global ICP results was published by CIS-STAT on July 16, 2020 in bilingual format Russian/English; it includes:

- 2017 Global ICP results;
- 2017 detailed results of CIS ICP;
- revised results – 2011 (Global and CIS regional results) and 2014 (CIS regional results).

CIS-STAT made efforts to update the CIS ICP 2017 results. The *revised 2017 CIS ICP results* were published in June 2021.

All results are accessible at the [CIS-STAT website in database format](#).
Outreach activities

*Translation into Russian* of the WB guides:

- “A Guide to the Compilation of Subnational Purchasing Power Parities (PPPs)”

- “A Guide to the Integration of Consumer Price Index (CPI) and International Comparison Program (ICP) Production Activities”

The translated guides are opened to users.

*Article on ICP activities, Guides on subnational PPPs, and CPI-ICP* – published in the professional statistical journal.

*Learning exercises* – provided for the Higher School of Economics and for the Lomonosov MSU.
Thank you!