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

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CIS ICP regional governance decisions



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 ”



Countries participation



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.



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



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



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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



Risks and mitigation



- **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!