

The Organisation of Water Statistics in Croatia

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ABSTRACT: According to the Croatian Official Statistics Act, the tasks of official statistics are performed by producers of official statistics. The Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) is the chief producer, disseminator and coordinator of the official statistics system of Republic Croatia. Among many of CBS tasks are the production of basic indicators and aggregates of official statistics, including some in the field of Water Statistics, as laid out in the Programme of Statistical Activities of the Republic of Croatia. For this, administrative data sources, as well as data obtained through observation and monitoring methods, collected by all producers of official statistics, are used.

Statistical surveys are conducted to provide the government, economic actors and the public with reliable statistical data on the state of the environment, in so far as that can be measured by using statistical methods, and to ensure that the Republic of Croatia meets its international obligations concerning the production and dissemination of official statistics.

The data stake-holders for water include some government institutions and institutes, which together with CBS provide the demanded basic indicators and aggregates to fulfil state international obligations.

Croatia, as a candidate country to EU, and member to be, has undertaken a major effort in field of methodological harmonization with EU Water Statistics.

The purpose of this paper is to give a short presentation of existing stake-holders of data on water, surveys on water management statistics, collected, processed and published data, definitions and national legal acts relevant to water management, and statistics on the one hand, and on the other hand, all data requested of international organizations which collect data on water.