

Technical Assistance and SNA 2025 UK perspective

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Overview of ONS

- The UK has a highly centralised statistical system for economic statistics – with the national accounts, balance of payments and government finance statistics produced within the Office for National Statistics [ONS]
- Beyond the core frameworks, environmental accounts, sub-national, wellbeing are also produced within the ONS
- These statistics are produced within the Economics, Social and Environment Group...

Economic, Social and Environment Group

Macroeconomics,
Statistics and
Economics

Economic
Statistics
Production &
Analysis

Public Policy Analysis

Economic
Statistics
Change

Data Science
Campus

Prices

Public
Sector

Global
Trade &
Investment

Analysis,
Microdata &
Engagement

Productivity,
Research &
Partnerships

National
Accounts
Coordination

Labour
Market &
Households

Surveys and
Economic
Indicators

Corporations &
Financial
Accounts

Analysis
Function,
Strategy
and
Delivery

Analytical
Hub

Crime,
Income &
Wealth

Environment,
Net Zero
and
Natural
Capital

Statistical
Coherence &
Inclusion

Strategy,
Synthesis &
Coordination

Regional:
ONS
Local &
Sub-National

Development,
Delivery
and
Support

Business
Architecture,
Transformation
and
Strategy

Programme
Specific
Transformation

ESEG is made up over 2 broad capabilities:

Production Capabilities that produces over 100 key Economic Statistical outputs.

A Business Change Capability that enables ESEG to produce new and/or improved statistics to its key customers and stakeholders.

Approach to SNA Update

SNA 2008 Approach

- For the last update to the frameworks we reviewed all the recommendations and evaluated their impact on methods, data sources and systems
- Developed projects to take forward improvements and pulled together an implementation plan to update the three main frameworks at the same time (SNA, GFS and BPM)
- In the EU, this coincided with the introduction of a new transmission approach via SDMX

SNA 2025 Approach

- Currently engaging in consultation process
- Will follow same approach of impact assessment and create separate projects and implementation plan
- This time we need to factor in the ISIC / CPC revision
- We also need to factor in the changes outside of the core frameworks

Views on implementation for UNECA area

- For the core accounts, recommend implementing SNA update alongside rebasing exercise
- This should also incorporate the latest ISIC and CPC revisions as there are linkages to the digital economy
- However, for non-core recommendations (digital economy satellite account, wellbeing, sustainability, distributional analysis, unpaid household activities, etc. could be developed separately

Technical Assistance

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- Given the wide range of statistical domains covered in the UK, the ONS could offer technical assistance across most areas
- We will need to look at options for delivering this, but an indication of the interest from countries would be useful

