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Use of PC-Axis in Statistics Lithuania

- PC-Axis sql, Macro database model 2.1 are used for metadata + data storage and for internal purposes;
- The Database of Indicators is the free of charge system accessible for external users via internet;
- PX-Make and PX-Web are used for dissemination of Censuses data.

Main changes during the last year

Implementation of online system. Since 17-8-2007 Statistics Lithuania has been launched the new web page of the Database of Indicators. It works directly with macro database and now we don't use px-files creation for dissemination of statistical information via internet.

Online system was implemented in our office with great support of colleagues from Statistics Denmark. They let us to use their system and made the basic work on adjusting to our needs. As well as they provide a lot of consultations concerning these changes.

Due to launching of online system Statistics Lithuania was needed to switch to Macro database model 2.1.

Integration of Statistical Analytical System STAS and Regional database. Till now Statistics Lithuania used few database for dissemination of statistical information to external users. They were realized in different environment, hierarchical structure and layout. Before launching of online system Statistics Lithuania integrated these databases into the Database of Indicators. Right now all statistical information that is available for external users have unified format.

Main needs for future

Use of PX-Publ. Statistics Lithuania is producing a publication „Labour force, employment and unemployment“ with PC-Axis main module, PX-Batch and PX-Publ. It is named as experimental. We would like to produce more publications from macro database, but PX-Publ template is not enough adopted. We would like to have bilingual publications. Experience of other countries concerning adjusting of PX-Publ to their needs would be preferred.

Also, we have problems with presentation of special characters in publications made from macro database. Currently, Statistics Lithuania uses aprox. 16 special characters in paper publications. The system of footnotes and special characters in the macro database is not allowed to use all of them. It means that the users of publications and users of the Database

access not exactly the same information. Especially, it refers to cases when statistical information is confidential, not applicable, not available, insufficient accuracy. Two dots are used for all cases.

Excel files via PX-Web. Lithuanian characters are distorted when the data is downloaded in Excel.