Table 1. The 2008 SNA Implementation Plan Components

This document contains a 2008 SNA implementation table that includes the main stages and components to be taken into account in the implementation plan.

The implementation table includes the following main stages and milestones:

The main stages and milestones of the implementation plan

STAGE 1:	**Review of national or regional statistical strategic papers to include there the 2008 SNA implementation**
STAGE 2:	**Review of work needed to support implementation of the 2008 SNA**
STAGE 3:	**Development of National Accounts and changeover to the 2008**
	Milestone 1. Basic indicators of GDP
	Milestone 2. GNI and other primary indicators
	Milestone 3. Institutional sector accounts: first step
	Milestone 4. Institutional sector accounts: intermediate step 1
	Milestone 5. Institutional sector accounts: intermediate step 2
	Milestone 6. Institutional sector accounts: final step

The table aims to help countries in the development of an implementation plan. Stage 3 includes all milestones for the full implementation of the 2008 SNA. However, not all Milestones may be reflected in the implementation plan in the short or medium term, depending on the current development of the national accounts.

The table was presented to the participants during the workshop on Implementation of the 2008 SNA in Kiev (29 Nov-2 Dec, 2011). As a result of discussion the participants have agreed to complete the tables based on information on implementation plans of the 2008 SNA in their countries (after necessary discussions within the statistical office as well as with other producers of economic statistics in the country) and to sent the tables to UNECE by mid-February 2012.

UNECE will use the completed tables from countries for planning of further activities to support the implementation of the 2008 SNA.

Table 1. The 2008 SNA Implementation Plan Components – Country: <u>ALBANIA</u>

		Status[1]	Activities and problems	Need for TA, training, guidelines	Planned timeframe
1	**STAGE 1** - Review of national or regional statistical strategic papers to include there the 2008 SNA implementation				
a	Identification of main outstanding issues with SNA 1993.	Ongoing	Quality of data sources, timelines of short-term indicators, quarterly accounts, financial accounts, development of administrative data, constant prices, sequence of accounts	For most of activities is need: TA, short guidelines, workshops	2-5 years
b	Understanding the main changes in 2008 SNA compared to SNA 1993 and their importance for the country.	Ongoing	Financial sector and FISIM, R&D, Further specifications of scope of transactions in government and public sector and in production boundary, Further specifications of statistical units and revisions in institutional sectoring.	For most of activities is need: TA, short guidelines, workshops, good practice and experience of other countries	Within 1 year
c	Identification of the main institutions involved in collecting and producing relevant data for the SNA and establishment of institutional agreements for 2008 SNA implementation	Ongoing and discussed	Memorandum of Understating and expand collaboration with other institutions: Ministry of Finances, Bank of Albania, Authority of Financial Supervisory, Research Institutes, Financial institutions, funds and other directories in INSTAT involved in data collections.	No needs	1-2 years
d	Prioritization for 2008 SNA, based on user needs and resources.	It has to be discussed	Promotion of SNA 2008 to users. Lack of educated human resources including IT, insufficient budget for surveys, coordination between different institutions	Need for: education of users to understand the changes that will bring the implementation of SNA 2008, experience of other countries for new data collected for this purpose.	2-3 years
e	Inclusion of the implementation of the 2008 SNA in the overall strategic plan of the statistical office	In 5 year statistical program (2012-2016) it will be mentioned that INSTAT is	No problem	No need	Within 1 year

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[1] Not available yet, discussed, planned, on-going, finished, etc.

		Status[1]	Activities and problems	Need for TA, training, guidelines	Planned timeframe
		necessary to start working for the implementation of SNA 2008)			
f	Adoption of detailed implementation plan for 2008 SNA in short, medium and/or long-term period.	It has to be discussed in the high hierarchical level of INSTAT, Statistical Council	Prepare draft versions of, short, medium and long-term plan	Exchange country views	1-2 years
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2	**STAGE 2** - Review of work needed to support implementation of the 2008 SNA				
a	a. Adoption of new classifications and other improvements in business registers and business statistics	Ongoing	Implementation of classification in administrative registers and in business register, back-casting of the data series	TA or training for back-cast of series	1-3 years
b	b. Changes in business statistics surveys and questionnaires to collect the necessary source data	Ongoing	Budget for surveys, knowledge, IT platforms, collaboration with other institutions, sample techniques	Trainings and experience of other countries	2-5 years
c	c. Adaptation of administrative data sources to new requirements	It has to be discussed and planned	Quality of data sources, difficulties in collecting data		continuously
d	d. IT and other changes	It has to be discussed and planned	Lack of IT stuff, software, set up of data warehousing	YES – for IT stuff	continuously
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3	**STAGE 3** - Development of National Accounts and changeover to the 2008 SNA				
a	**Milestone 1. Basic indicators of GDP**				
	Data categories				
	Outstanding issues from SNA 1993				
	i. GDP by production approach in	Ongoing	Data sources, coverage,	TA	continuously

		Status[1]	Activities and problems	Need for TA, training, guidelines	Planned timeframe
	current prices and in volume measures in Annual and quarter level (NACE section level)		quality, deflators		
	ii. GDP by expenditure approach in current and volume measures in Annual and quarter level (all categories of expenditure).	Ongoing	Data sources, coverage, quality of data, deflators	TA	continuously
	iii. GDP by statistical regions	Ongoing	Data sources, coverage, quality, deflators	TA	continuously
	iv. GDP by institutional sectors	Ongoing	Data sources, coverage, quality, deflators	TA	continuously
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	vi.				
	New issues arising from the 2008 SNA[2]				
	vii.	Not available yet			
	viii.				
	ix.				
	x.				
	xi.				
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b	**Milestone 2. GNI and other primary indicators**				
	Data categories				
	For rest of the world – external accounts of primary income and current transfers, capital and financial accounts (BPM 6)	It has to be discussed and planned	Closer cooperation with Central Bank (data sources, coverage, methodology, quality)	No need	continuously
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c	**Milestone 3. Institutional sector accounts: first step**				
	Data categories				

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[2] See details on new 2008 SNA elements affecting GDP in Table 3 of Annex to Report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts (http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/doc11/2011-6-NationalAccounts-E.pdf). The priorities may be decided by each country depending on issues like resources, data sources and level of influence on GDP.

		Status[1]	Activities and problems	Need for TA, training, guidelines	Planned timeframe
	For all institutional sectors – Production and Income account	Ongoing and Planned	National Project	For most of activities is needed: TA and training	continuously
	For general government – Generation of income, Allocation of primary income, Secondary distribution of income, Use of disposable income, Capital accounts	It has to be discussed and planned	National Project	For most of activities is needed: TA and training	continuously
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d	**Milestone 4. Institutional sector accounts: intermediate step 1**				
	Data categories				
	For all institutional sectors – Generation of income, Allocation of primary income, Secondary distribution of income, Use of disposable income, Capital accounts	Long-term planning			
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e	**Milestone 5. Institutional sector accounts: intermediate step 2**				
	Data categories				
	For all institutional sectors – Financial account	Long-term planning			
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f	**Milestone 6. Institutional sector accounts: final step**				
	Data categories				
	For all institutional sectors – Other changes in assets account, Balance sheets	Long-term planning			
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