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**Meeting of specialists from statistical services of the CIS member states on the
formation of price indices**

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FINAL REPORT

On November 12-13, 2025, a Meeting of specialists from statistical services of the CIS member states on the formation of price indices was held in Moscow. The Meeting was organized by the CIS Statistical Committee as part of the Project "Development of CIS Statistics", financed by the Government of the Russian Federation.

The Meeting was attended by representatives of the national statistical services of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, the CIS Statistical Committee, Statistics Department of the Eurasian Economic Commission, an invited Expert, and more than 50 people, including online participants.

The Meeting Programme included four sessions:

- Country experiences in developing consumer price indices;
- Calculating producer price indices;
- Using alternative data collection methods to calculate price indices;
- Disseminating price statistics and working with users.

Mr. Andrey Kosarev, Deputy Chairman of the CIS Statistical Committee, addressed the meeting participants with a welcoming speech.

The following papers were presented during *the first session*:

- Review of CIS countries' experience in calculating the CPI (CIS Statistical Committee);
- Consumer price index in the Republic of Armenia: methodological approaches (Statistical Committee of the Republic of Armenia);

- Use of scanned data in the CPI – the experience of Azerbaijan (State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan);
- Organization of monitoring and calculation of the consumer price index in the Republic of Belarus (National Statistical Committee of the Republic of Belarus);
- Specifics of CPI calculation in the Russian Federation. CPI assessment for the Russian Federation. Prospects and barriers to the development of consumer price monitoring (Federal State Statistics Service of Russia-Rosstat);
- Experience of the Republic of Tajikistan in compiling the consumer price index and the construction materials price index (Agency on Statistics under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan);
- Price statistics in the Kyrgyz Republic (National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic);
- Price statistics in the Eurasian Economic Union (Eurasian Economic Commission).

The discussion of the use of the 2018 COICOP in CPI calculations generated considerable interest among the participants of the Meeting. Belstat, Rosstat, and the National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan use the 2018 COICOP. The statistical services of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan are getting prepared to transition to the new classification. Starting in January 2026, the CIS Statistics Committee plans to introduce an additional form for the consumer price index in accordance with the 2018 COICOP.

Various price recording methods are used to calculate the consumer price index, including both traditional approaches and modern data technologies. During the discussion, the participants of the Meeting shared information on how monthly data on prices for consumer goods and services is currently collected.

The following papers were presented during ***the second session***:

- Calculating the price index of agricultural products in the CIS (CIS Statistical Committee);
- Methodological guidelines for calculating the industrial producer index in the Republic of Armenia (Statistical Committee of the Republic of Armenia);
- Recommendations for developing price indices in construction in accordance with international standards (invited Expert);
- Developing price indices in construction in the Russian Federation (Federal State Statistics Service of Russia-Rosstat);
- Price indices for construction and installation work in Azerbaijan (State Statistics Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan).

A discussion was held on the calculation of price indices for agricultural production in the Commonwealth countries.

The following papers were presented during ***the third session***:

- Using alternative data sources in calculating the consumer price index in the Republic of Belarus (National Statistical Committee of the Republic of Belarus);
- Using Big Data in compiling the consumer price index in Kazakhstan (Bureau of National Statistics of the Agency for Strategic Planning and Reforms of the Republic of Kazakhstan);
- Using administrative and alternative data to calculate the consumer price index in Turkmenistan (State Committee of Turkmenistan on Statistics);
- Using alternative data sources in calculating the consumer price index in the Republic of Uzbekistan (National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan).

During ***the fourth session***, the CIS Statistical Committee presented its reports "Price statistics in the hardware and software complex and the Unified Information and Analytical System" and "The International statistical data and metadata hub of the CIS Statistical Committee." A discussion was held on the CIS countries' experience in working with users, the Meeting's results were summarized, and the Final Report was adopted.

Meeting Decisions

Based on the presentations and discussions that followed, **the participants of the Meeting consider it important to:**

1. Note that the discussion of countries' experiences in developing consumer price indices contributes to the development of price statistics methodology in the CIS countries;
2. Note that the primary task in the field of consumer price statistics is the transition of countries to the 2018 COICOP;
3. Continue work on introducing alternative data sources into price statistics;
4. Continue working with users of statistical information;
5. Expand interaction between statistical services and the CIS Statistical Committee on producer price statistics;
6. Hold meetings to exchange experience in the field of price statistics;
7. Commend the high level of organization of the Meeting and post its materials on the CIS Statistical Committee website.