
3rd Task Force Training

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Evaluation of the Training programme 2008/09



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1 Background

The Integrated Training Programme 2008/09 (ITP) was the second and the last training programme implemented in the framework of the MEDSTAT II.

The ITP was based on the training priorities expressed by MPCs and on proposals made during the TF meeting.

Indeed, training needs of the Mediterranean Partner Countries (MPCs) have been identified following two parallel but inter-related ways:

- needs related to horizontal statistical activities:

Training needs and priorities of MPCs were collected and discussed by the training expert with the NC for training during the training needs assessment missions;

- Needs related to sectors/themes of statistics.

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Training priorities were discussed and approved by sector Task Forces held during the first semester of 2007

The ITP 2008 was approved by the second Task Force for training in MEDSTAT II in its meeting of 11-12 September 2007 in Budapest, Hungary.

The planning of the training courses with dates, locations of the ITP 2008/09 was announced by EuropeAid to the MPCs on the third of April 2008

2 Cross cutting courses:

2.1 Training courses:

Planning & management of statistical programmes & projects

Non response in surveys

Theory and application of household panel surveys for Social sector

Statistical presentation with graphic softwares

Seasonal adjustment methods for trade sector (two courses EN and FR)

Price index theory and price statistics (two courses EN and FR)

Sampling techniques for agricultural sector

Supervision and management for Training sector

Human resources management for Training sector

User-friendly dissemination of official statistics on Internet (organized by EFTA)



2.2 Training of trainers:

The use of administrative sources for statistical purposes (first session in 2007)
User friendly statistical reporting (two sessions)
Data bases essential for economic and social statistics (two sessions)

2.3 E-learning

Sampling techniques in official statistics: 3 courses, AR, EN and FR

3 Courses location and organization

The training courses were organized mainly on regional basis and were held in Arabic (1), English (3), French (3), 4 courses were held with simultaneous interpretation EN/AR/FR and 5 courses were held with simultaneous interpretation EN/FR

Only 4 training courses were organized in the Mediterranean region since that most of courses were organized at regional level.

The courses were organized with the support of the National Coordinators for training in the respective country.

4 Participant's selection

The selection procedures were performed by the NSIs, the NCs transmit the EC and the training expert the applications of the selected candidates.

An application form was provided for each candidate describing the language level as well as elements of the profile and expectations from the course.

Candidates were expected to meet the requirements of the course in terms of background and language skills (course language).

These two elements are the basis for the participant to take most benefits from the course.

Since the course content is prepared by the trainers according to the course description sent along with the announcement of the ITP, a homogeneous group is mandatory in order to meet the specific expectations of the participants.

This was not the case in some courses where the level of participants was heterogeneous, the trainers made all their efforts to satisfy the expectations but this is an impossible exercise. This situation jeopardizes the courses deployment and led to the non-satisfaction of some participants.

Discussions with the NCs and Directors Generals always solved the cases where the candidates did not correspond to the entry requirements.



The support and commitment of EuropeAid were determinant for applying selection rules requested by MPCs following the discussion of the Directors Committee during its meeting of February 2008 in Luxembourg.

5 Selection of trainers

In all training courses the trainers remain the key element of the success, for this purpose the selection of trainers was still given a high importance by the EC

All the trainers selected had a long track in the training of official statisticians and working either as senior experts in the topics covered by the course or professor in statistics in the course topic and most of them had already an experience with the Mediterranean statisticians.

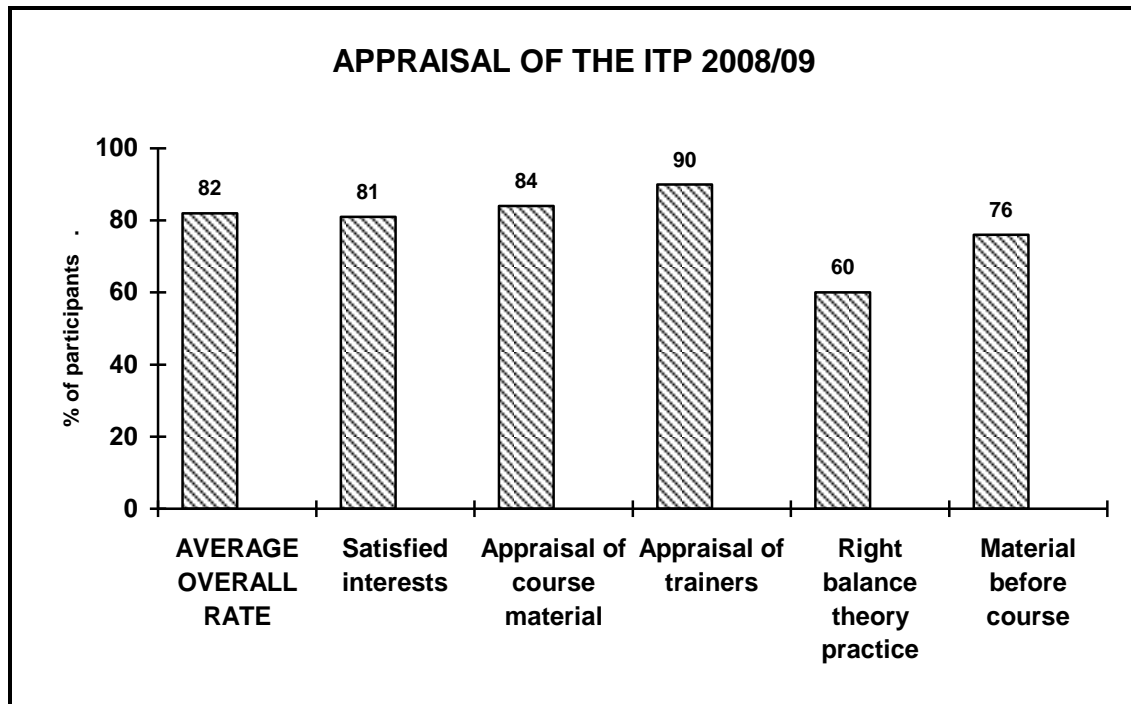
6 Evaluation by the participants

Executive summary:

MEDSTAT training programme 2008/09 was successful.

- Training of trainers courses got very high scores, an average of 4,3/5 compared to the average of the programme 4,1/5
- The appraisals of the lecturers were very high (4,5/5)
- TCs that were evaluated below 4/5 should be improved in future programmes
- Both overall appraisal and percentage of participants with satisfied interests were higher than those of 2007 programme.





The training courses were highly appreciated by the participants in terms of content and quality of the trainers.

Training of trainers courses were the most appreciated courses,

The course material prepared by the trainers was also highly appreciated by the participants; this material was always sent prior to the course in electronic format. However, some participants mentioned that they did not receive the material before the start of the course.

More practice in the courses with the use of PCs for hands on session was requested by the participants.

Preparation for the course was not possible for some participants either because they did not receive the course material or because of lack of time.

The participants are still motivated to participate to MEDSTAT training courses in order to share their experience with colleagues and to discuss problems and possible solutions.

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Overall all 2008/09

