

**Information provided by Poland about the following topic discussed in the
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TOURISM SATELLITE ACCOUNTS (TSA): Developments, state of the art

- 1) About the existence of an interinstitutional technical team for the development of the TSA Project. If that's the case, please indicate the institutions involved and identify the person / coordinator responsible for the TSA Project.**

The interinstitutional technical team for the development of the TSA and enhancement of the Methodology of Tourism Satellite Account existed in Poland last year. In this interinstitutional platform there were involved such institutions as: Department of Tourism (from Ministry of Economy), Institute of Tourism, Central Statistical Office and Warsaw School of Economics. The coordinator for this platform was Department of Tourism from Ministry of Economy (now moved to Ministry of Sport and Tourism). During the time of running the platform we have prepared project, which was co-financed with European Union Budget. We have prepared the enhancement of Methodology of TSA and TSA for 2002. Now the cooperation between institutions still exists and we are meeting with these people now with the subject of estimation of Foreign Arrivals to Poland on border of non-Schengen Countries.

- 2) About the interest of developing a TSA in your country.**

The interest in developing a TSA is clear. Especially the data from TSA - the share of tourism in economy, employment and tax revenues are important for Tourism Administration and National Tourism Organization

- 3) Initiatives already taken for launching the TSA Project.**

The first work connected with preparing the methodology and experimental Tourism Satellite Account for Poland were carried in 1998 (TSA for 1995 and 1996). This project was carried out by Central Statistical Office. TSA was prepared according to the OECD methodology. After that project the works were moved to the Ministry of Economy, which financed the project of TSA for 2000 and 2001. TSA was prepared by scientist from Institute of Tourism and Warsaw School of Economics. After this those scientists have also prepared the entrance to the methodology of Regional Tourism Satellite Account for Poland in 2004. In 2006 with co-financing UE (grant agreement) those institutions have prepared TSA for 2002 and enhancement of the existing methodology. Last year we have financed TSA for 2003-2004 – simplified version and its methodology. This year we want to finance full version of TSA for 2005 and simplified version to compare the results.

- 4) Expectations around the TSA Project.**

We expect to have data from TSA fresh. We have prepared simplified version of TSA for 2003-2004 and we want to prepare simplified version each year and full version every three or five years and we are thinking about the Methodology of Regional Tourism Satellite Account for Poland.