

Liechtenstein

Total number of IAs identified: 56

Status of improvement actions at the end of 31/12/2025	Number of IAs
Completed	18
In progress	2
Not started	24
Delayed	12
Obsolete	0

Summary:

The Office of Statistics Liechtenstein (OSL) considered that during the reporting period, thirteen improvement actions were completed, including:

- A detailed concept outlining amendments to the Statistics Act to separate administrative and statistical registers as well as to shift competencies from the government towards the Statistics Commission has been prepared. Legal checks and advice by the ministry have been implemented.
- To have a greater and more visible separation between the two roles of the OSL as a statistical office and a provider of registers for administrative use, different labels have been implemented for data collection for administrative registers and data collections for exclusively statistical purposes.
- To identify data and respective data providers with major or reoccurring issues in data validation, interviews have been conducted with staff handling input data across all statistics.
- New staff has been hired by the OSL for the coordination and expansion of the open data portal.
- The OSL and the EEA Coordination Unit agreed on a process to ensure that the OSL is informed about all new or amended EU regulations that might involve data deliveries to the EU and could therefore tie up resources at the OSL. Furthermore, the estimated scope of the foreseen projects has been included in the Statistical Program.
- A concept for quality assessments has been developed, and all statistics are planned to be evaluated regularly through frequent light assessments, complemented with workshops for an in-depth assessment of high-priority statistics.
- To strengthen its training policy, the OSL has been in contact with the NSIs from the neighbouring countries. In addition, it organised an exchange with delegates from Statistics Malta. Furthermore, an introductory program has been developed and newly hired staff at the OSL will receive three introductory information sessions on Quality, International Cooperation and data protection.
- The new approach for prioritising activities in the multi-year work programme has been applied in practice.

Improvement actions that were reported as delayed include:

- The drafting of the amendment to the Statistics Act and the Statistics Ordinance to the Statistics Commission has been delayed due to additional questions on the concept that have been raised by the Government. This delay affects other actions.
- The finalization of the review of the assignment of administrative data collections has been delayed. So far, no feasible alternatives have been identified, however, the finalization depends on discussions which are ongoing in the context of the amendment of the Statistics Act and the Statistics Ordinance.
- The draft guidelines concerning conduction of surveys in view of small populations have been prepared, however the project is still ongoing as discussions about the shift of competences between the Statistics Commission and the Government are ongoing..
- Work on setting up a regular and sustainable flow of information on access rights to statistical software and databases has been postponed due to other priorities of the OSL.
- Establishing a dialogue with the Government on resources has been postponed since substantial additional personnel have recently been allocated to the OSL. Priorities have been focused on onboarding and integration of newly hired personnel, while raising awareness of higher budgetary needs has been delayed.
- A pilot project involving an internship position including the possibility for writing a master thesis has been launched. The position is expected to be advertised in 2026.

In addition, the Office of Statistics Liechtenstein reported that work was in progress on two improvement actions, while activity on 24 improvement actions had not yet commenced during the reporting period.

During the previous reporting period, five improvement actions were considered completed.