

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT IN THE PRAIA CITY GROUP INITIATIVE

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PURPOSE

Created in 2015, the Praia City Group on Governance Statistics is now in its second term and is resolutely engaged in the further development of international statistical standards and methodologies for producing governance statistics. The work builds on the *Handbook on Governance Statistics* (Praia City Group, 2020) that we published in 2020.

DESIGN (OR METHODOLOGY OR APPROACH)

To this end, we established two task teams last year. One group focuses on participation in political and public affairs (see <https://ine.cv/praiagroup/participation-in-political-and-public-affairs/>), and the second group focuses on non-discrimination and equality. Both teams will be very useful for peer exchange and learning among national statistical organizations (NSOs).

RESULTS (OR OUTCOMES)

The task teams have also initiated work on guidance for NSOs to better use administrative data. We expect these two products to be ready by the end of 2022.

IMPLICATIONS FOR THEORY AND PRACTICE

Our new plan of work until 2025 also has a focus on capacity development, as we aim to strengthen the capacities of NSOs to use these new methodologies, and on advocacy, as we aim to increase the demand for governance statistics among policymakers at all levels.

ORIGINALITY AND VALUE (OR IMPORTANCE)

The world faces a lack of statistics on governance matters. However, in the Praia group, we consider that even in the face of severe financial constraints, investing in the production of governance statistics is an investment that will pay off in the long term (other/future crises).

The Praia City Group is the only global forum that exists today for statistical professionals interested in issues related to governance statistics.

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