UNECE (STAT) (Statistics)

1.1 Population and migration

Activity 6.3: Migration statistics

Description and objectives

Contribute to the improvement of the quality and availability of statistics on international migration by developing common definitions, methods and practices, and promoting them across the UNECE region.

Activities and output

• Provide technical assistance to EECCA and SEE countries to develop further their migration data, by improving existing sources and increasing data exchange within and between countries.
• Provide secretariat support to the Steering Group on migration statistics and related task forces.
• Contribute to research projects by the Task Force on improving migration and migrant data using household surveys and other sources (also called "Suitland Working Group") (subject to approval by the CES Bureau in October 2009).
• Report on definitions and main sources used by countries to produce statistics on international migration.
• Report on practices used to define and measure "difficult-to-measure" migrants in the UNECE region.
• Report on the impact of different residency rules on migration statistics.
• Organise the Work Session on Migration Statistics, in cooperation with Eurostat, on 14-16 April 2010.
• Organise a workshop on migration statistics in Central Asia, in the framework of the global UN Development Account project of the 6th Tranche (2009-2011) "Strengthening national capacities to deal with international migration" (see activity 9.1).

Organizations and groups involved

CES Steering Group on migration statistics
CES Task Force on analysing migration using different length of stay definitions
CES Task Force on improving migration and migrant data using household surveys and other sources (TOR to be approved by the Bureau)
Eurostat
UNSD
United Nations Population Division

Activity 6.2: Demographic projections

Summary description

Facilitate the exchange of experiences among UNECE member countries and discussion on methodologies in the field of demographic projections to allow EECCA and SEE countries to produce demographic projections according to methodologies developed at international level.

Activities and outputs

• Co-organise a Work Session on Demographic Projections, with Eurostat, on 28-30 April 2010 in Lisbon.

Organizations and groups involved

Eurostat

1.2 Labour

Activity 6.7: Measurement of quality of employment

Description and objectives

Support international work on the statistical framework for measurement of quality of employment in the UNECE region. Promote the application of the framework and identify good practices on the measurement of various aspects related to labour conditions.

Activities and output

• Promote the implementation of the framework for the statistical measurement of quality of employment in the region on a test basis.

• Seek feedback from countries to identify potential needs for further improvements of the statistical indicators for measuring the quality aspects of employment.
• Identify country priorities and practices in the area of measurement of quality of employment in the South-East European and EECCA regions.
• Prepare the final report of the Task Force on the conceptual framework and validation study results.
• Publish the Framework on Measurement of Quality of Employment, pending on the CES endorsement.
• Provide secretariat support to the work of the Task Force on quality of employment
• Start preparatory work for a possible Seminar on quality of employment in 2011, organised jointly with ILO.
• Organise a Task Force meeting on quality of employment.

Organizations and groups involved

CES Task Force on quality of employment (subject to approval of the CES Bureau)
ILO
Eurostat

1.4 Health

Activity 6.5: Health statistics

Description and objectives

Work towards the improvement of the comparability of health status statistics in the UNECE region, in cooperation with the Washington Group on Disability Statistics, the World Health Organization and Eurostat.

Activities and output

• Develop guidelines for statistics on measuring health status to assist UNECE member countries in designing surveys on measuring health status and to promote the utilization of common terminology and methodology. The work is done in collaboration with Eurostat and the Washington Group.
• Explore the possibility of creating a common forum on health statistics together with WHO and Eurostat.
• Finalize the survey module on measuring health status (Budapest Initiative Mark 2), in coordination with the existing groups, such as the Washington Group and the Eurostat Group on Health Interview Survey (HIS).
• Prepare a report on the outcome of the work of the Budapest Initiative.
• Provide secretariat support to the Steering Group on Health Statistics and the Task Force on Measurement of Health Status.
• Organise the Work Session on the Measurement of Health Status, in cooperation with WHO and Eurostat, on 20-22 January 2010.
• Organise the Meeting of CES Task Force on Measurement of Health Status in May 2010.

Organizations and groups involved

CES Steering Group on health statistics (TOR to be approved by the Bureau)
CES Task Force on measurement of health status (so-called Budapest Initiative)
Eurostat
WHO
Washington Group on Disability Statistics
Eurostat Group on Health Interview Survey.

1.5 Income and consumption

Activity 6.11: Statistics on income, living conditions and poverty

Description and objectives

Update the Canberra Group Handbook on Household Income Statistics taking into account recent country experiences and advancements in income measurement in specific areas such as imputed rent, in-kind benefits, capital gains and losses, and own consumption.

Activities and output

• Provide secretariat support to the work of the CES Task Force to update the Canberra Group Handbook on Household Income Statistics.
• Contribute to the review of the Canberra Group Handbook.
• Draft revised version of the Handbook, expected to be ready at the end of 2010.
• Organise a Meeting of the Task Force in August 2010, Switzerland, in conjunction with the IARIW (The International Association for Research in Income and Wealth) conference.

Organizations and groups involved

CES Task Force to update the Canberra Group Handbook on Household Income Statistics.

1.8 Justice and crime

Activity 6.6: Crime and justice statistics

Description and objectives

Work towards the development of comparable crime and justice statistics; contribute to the development of manuals, classifications and principles to improve consistency and comparability of crime statistics.

Activities and output

• Publish the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)/UNECE Manual on victimization surveys in English and possibly in Russian and/or other languages.
• Provide secretariat services to the UNECE/UNODC Task Force on Crime Classification (ToR to be approved by the CES Bureau in October 2009).
• Develop a case study of selected offences in terms of terminology, concepts, definitions, classifications, etc. adopted in different countries.
• Develop a set of principles for statistical use of international crime classification systems.

Organizations and groups involved

CES Task Force on crime classification (TOR to be approved by the Bureau)
UNODC
Eurostat

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2. Economic statistics (UNECE STAT)

2.1 Macroeconomic statistics

Activity 2.1: Economic data collection, analysis and advice (Economic database)

Description and objectives

Collect, process and publish economic statistics for the UNECE Member Countries in a publicly available database with online access via English and Russian interfaces. The database provides comparable data on core indicators on short-term and structural economic statistics for all the countries of the UNECE region and a number of different regional aggregates within the UNECE area.

Activities and output

• Maintain an online database providing macroeconomic data in the following areas: national accounts main aggregates, industrial production, labour force, population, wages, price indices, Purchasing Power Parities, exchange rates, interest rates, and balance of payments, external debt.
• Improve quality of published data, focusing on better coverage, timeliness, relevance and comparability, in line with the UNECE data quality framework.
• Improve coverage of seasonally adjusted data for selected macro-economic series.

Activity 5.1: National accounts

Description and objectives

Promote the implementation of the methodology of the System of National Accounts (SNA) in the UNECE region with an emphasis on SEE and EECCA countries. Carry out research work and surveys of country practices. Contribute to the development of the global implementation strategy for the 2008 SNA and the formulation and implementation of the regional action plan focusing on the SEE and EECCA countries.

Activities and output

• Contribute to the development of global implementation strategy and international methodological standards, guidelines and manuals for the implementation of 2008 SNA.
• Provide technical assistance to the SEE and EECCA countries in the development of the implementation strategies for 2008 SNA at country level, improvement of the availability and quality of national accounts data, and implementation of other international standards related to national accounts (e.g. economic classifications) in close cooperation with Eurostat, OECD and CIS-STAT.
• Contribute to the follow up work on the research agenda of the 2008 SNA, led by the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts

(ISWGNA).
• Provide technical assistance to the statistical office of Albania within the project of the UN Delivering as One Pilot, subject to the provision of financial resources. Organise a seminar and provide consultancies on implementation of 2008 SNA and improvement of related macroeconomic statistics.
• Organise the meeting of the Group of Experts on National Accounts (in cooperation with Eurostat and OECD) in April 2010 in Geneva.
• Organise a special session for EECCA and SEE countries in April 2010 in Geneva, back-to-back with the Meeting of the Group of Experts on National Accounts.
• Organise a seminar on 2008 SNA and related economic statistics in a selected EECCA country.

Organizations and groups involved

Eurostat
OECD
ISWGNA (composed of UN Statistics Division, UN Regional Commissions, CIS-STAT, Eurostat, IMF, OECD, and the World Bank.).

Activity 5.5: Short-term economic statistics (STS)

Description and objectives

Support development and implementation of internationally accepted standards, norms and best practices in the field of STS through international cooperation, methodological work and technical assistance, with special focus on the South-East European and EECCA countries.

Activities and output

• Assist South-East European and EECCA countries in improving international comparability of STS and in the implementation of seasonal adjustment techniques and methods for de-cumulation of statistical time series.
• Prepare practical guidelines on seasonal adjustment in English and Russian. The guidelines will be based on the experiences from regional workshops and broader international work on seasonal adjustment.
• Promote the new Index of Industrial Production Manual (UNSD) among South-East European and EECCA countries and, if requested by NSO, help in reviewing the consistency and international comparability of published Industrial Production Indices.
• Evaluate the need for preparing guidelines for on-line dissemination of STS in South-East European and EECCA countries.
• Support initiatives to align STS with National Accounts standards and NACE and ISIC revisions.
• Organise a regional Workshop on seasonal adjustment methods for Central Asian and other EECCA countries, February 2010.

2.7 Prices

Activity 5.3: Price indices

Description and objectives

Support development and implementation of internationally accepted standards and best practices in price statistics through international cooperation, methodological work and technical assistance, particularly in the South-East European and EECCA countries.

Activities and output

• Provide methodological and technical assistance on price statistics to SEE and EECCA countries to support implementation of internationally recommended practices.
• Serve as chair and secretariat of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics (IWGPS).
• Contribute actively to the international work on price indices and international price index manuals, such as the CPI and PPI Manuals.
• Promote the Practical Guide to Producing Consumer Price Indices. A Supplementary Handbook to the Consumer Price Index Manual.
• Participate in the Organising Committee of the Ottawa Group on Price Indices.
• Organise a regional Workshop on price indices for Central Asian and possibly other EECCA countries, in September 2010, in Kyrgyzstan (see also activity 9.1).
• Organise a Meeting of the Group of Experts on CPI, jointly with ILO, in May 2010.
• Organise an IWGPS meeting in May 2010.

Organizations and groups involved

CES Organising Committee of the meetings on Consumer Price Indices
Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics
Organising Committee of the Ottawa Group on Price Indices
ILO

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3. Environment and multi-domain statistics (UNECE STAT)

4. Methodology of data collection, processing, dissemination and analysis (UNECE STAT)

5. Strategic and managerial issues of official statistics (UNECE STAT)