4.3 Data sources (UNECE STAT)

4.3.1 Population and housing censuses and registers of population, dwellings and buildings (UNECE STAT)

Activity 6.1: Population and housing censuses

Description and objectives

Promote the implementation of the CES Recommendations for the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses and support countries in all activities related to the population and housing census of the 2010 round, taking into account the different methodological approaches adopted, including register-based censuses and other innovative approaches. Together with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), UNECE Secretariat leads assistance on population and housing census in South-Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

Activities and output

• Provide support to member countries for the planning and successful implementation of a population and housing census in the 2010 census round, based on the CES Recommendations for the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses. A large number of UNECE countries (including all EU countries) are expected to conduct the census in 2011.
• Provide training and technical assistance to countries of Eastern and South-eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia in the field of population and housing censuses, based on their expressed needs and in compliance with the CES Census Recommendations (see also activity 9.1).
• Start preparations for two joint UNECE-Eurostat meetings tentatively planned in Spring 2012: Joint Meeting on Population and Housing Censuses, and the Expert Group Meeting on Register-Based Censuses.
• Contribute actively to the International Monitoring and Observation missions in the UN Administered Region of Kosovo and in Bosnia and Herzegovina, aimed at ensuring that the next population and housing censuses are planned and conducted in accordance with the internationally agreed standards (in particular the CES Census Recommendations and the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics) and that the enumeration is fair and impartial.

Organizations and groups involved

CES Steering Group on Population and Housing Censuses
United Nations Population Fund
UNSD
Eurostat

Activity 6.2: 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 countries of Eastern and South-eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia 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.
• Support the activities of the Task Force on improving migration and migrant data using household surveys and other sources (also called "Suitland Working Group"), including a Task Force meeting tentatively planned in spring 2011.
• Lead the research project on the measurement of "hard-to-count" migrant groups, carried out in the framework of the activities of the Suitland Working Group.
• Prepare a final report of the Task Force on the analysis of international migration estimates using different length of stay definitions.
• Support and contribute to the activities of the Task Force on the measurement of the socio-economic conditions of migrants (subject to approval by the CES Bureau in November 2010).
• Finalise the activities planned 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 9.2).
• Start preparations for the Joint UNECE-Eurostat Work Session on Migration Statistics tentatively planned in spring 2012.

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 ("Suitland Working Group")
Eurostat
UNSD
United Nations Population Division

4.3.2 Business and agricultural censuses and registers (UNECE STAT)

Activity 5.4: Business registers

Description and objectives

Support development and implementation of internationally accepted standards and best practices in the area of statistical business registers through international cooperation, methodological work and technical assistance, particularly in the South-East European and EECCA countries. The aim is to improve the quality and international comparability of statistical business registers in the region and reduce existing gaps between western and eastern countries, in particular in respect of the use of administrative data and other secondary sources.

Activities and output

• Organise and conduct the meeting of the Group of Experts on Business Registers in September 2011 in cooperation with Eurostat and OECD.
• Finalise and publish an analytical report based on the results of the 2010 UNECE survey on business registers and supporting dataset.
• Comparison of existing practices and NSOs preparedness of South-East European and EECCA countries for including enterprise groups in the statistical business registers and for producing business demography statistics based on business registers.
• Survey on the needs for guidelines on business registers in terms of a manual or handbook targeted at the South-East European and EECCA countries.
• Follow-up on the implementation of the revisions of NACE and ISIC classifications into business registers in South-East European and EECCA countries.

Organizations and groups involved

Eurostat
OECD
Steering Group of the Wiesbaden City Group on Business registers
Friends of the Chair Group on Integrated Economic Statistics