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## Introduction

1. The Conference of European Statisticians decided at its 2003 plenary session that an Annual Statistical Programme of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) be regularly compiled.
2. The main purpose of the Statistical Programme is to (i) give an overview of all statistical activities carried out by the various Divisions and Units of the ECE; (ii) help prioritise the activities undertaken by the ECE Statistical Division; (iii) allow for more transparency and focus on the work; and (iv) give an explicit mandate for the various activities of the Statistical Division. Furthermore, the compilation of the Statistical Programme facilitates the work of the ECE Statistical Division in fulfilling its mandate of coordination of the statistical activities of the ECE, and of the Conference of European Statisticians and its Bureau in providing guidance to other Principal Subsidiary Bodies on statistically related activities, as requested by the Economic Commission for Europe back in 1987 and re-affirmed in 1990 and 1997.
3. The Statistical Programme is prepared by the ECE Statistical Division. It is compiled for a calendar year.
4. The presentation of the statistical activities conforms to the following structure:
  - I. Statistical activities undertaken by the ECE Statistical Division: 38 statistical activities by the Statistical Division are identified and grouped into four categories:
    - Coordination of international statistical work in the ECE region (including coordination of statistical activities within ECE);
    - Collection, processing and dissemination of macroeconomic, social and demographic statistics;
    - Methodological work in various statistical areas; and
    - Technical assistance to ECE member countries.
  - II. Statistical activities undertaken by other ECE Divisions, including 11 activities.
5. The statistical activities are presented in the following way:
  - Summary description
  - Ultimate output [which could go beyond 2005]
  - Detailed description
  - ECE resources involved
  - Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation
6. The ECE resources involved are included only for the activities of the Statistical Division, for internal purposes and to inform the Bureau of the CES. Three categories for defining the resources in 2005 are used: minimal (less than 6 person-months); moderate (between 6 person-months and 2 person-years); or substantial (two person-years or more). The table below shows the summary distribution of the 38 statistical activities of the Statistical Division by resources required for each category of activities:

<b>Category of activities:</b>	<b>Minimal resources</b> (less than 6 person-months)	<b>Moderate resources</b> (between 6 person-months and 2 person-years)	<b>Substantial resources</b> (two person-years or more)
Coordination of international statistical work in the ECE region	--	2 activities	2 activities
Collection, processing and dissemination of macroeconomic, social and demographic statistics	4 activities	2 activities	2 activities
Methodological work in various statistical areas	14 activities	10 activities	--
Technical assistance to ECE member countries	--	2 activities	--
<b>TOTAL (all categories):</b>	<b>18 activities</b>	<b>16 activities</b>	<b>4 activities</b>

7. A more detailed table presenting the ECE resources involved for each activity of the Statistical Division is presented in Annex 2 at the end of the Statistical Programme. This table also includes the name of the staff member in charge of each activity.

8. For each statistical activity, the codes of the relevant Programme Element(s) in the Integrated Presentation are indicated for reference. In fact, the Statistical Programme is used as an input to the Integrated Presentation, and the information for both products is stored in the same database.

9. Any new activities undertaken in the course of the year and not mentioned in the programme will be included in the "Report on the implementation of the Statistical Programme" to be presented for review by the Bureau in October 2005. Moreover, it should be noted that any new activity will affect the fulfilment of the activities that have already been approved.

10. There are 38 activities in the Programme for 2005 while there were 40 activities in the Statistical Programme for 2004. The Statistical Programme for 2004 included 12 new activities, no new activities are proposed for 2005.

11. The Statistical Programme for 2005 includes three activities that were decided last year to be terminated during 2004-2005. These are:

- Activity 2.5: Robotics
- Activity 3.18: Demographic projections
- Activity 3.24: Registers and administrative records for social and demographic statistics

An additional activity proposed to be terminated during 2005 is

- Activity 2.7: Energy statistics

12. The following summary tables are presented at the end of the Statistical Programme:

- Annex 1 presents the statistical activities by type of activity;
- Annex 2 presents for all activities of the ECE Statistical Division, the name of the staff member in charge and information on the resource implications.

**Part I. Activities undertaken**  
**by the ECE Statistical Division**

**1. Coordination of international statistical work in the ECE region**

## **1. Coordination of international statistical work in the ECE region**

### **Activity 1.1: Integrated Presentation**

#### **Summary description**

The Integrated Presentation of International Statistical Work brings together the statistical programmes of work of about 25 international agencies active in the UNECE region, with the aim of coordinating statistical work and avoiding possible duplication.

#### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Maintain an up-to-date Integrated Presentation database on the Internet allowing to (i) browse and search for information by the users and (ii) update the information by the participating organizations.

#### **Detailed description**

- ◆ The Integrated Presentation is updated every year based on the Statistical Programme and contributions from about 25 International Organizations. For the ECE, Eurostat and OECD, the updating of the Integrated Presentation will be done on the basis of their statistical programmes for 2005. Major changes can be corrected mid-year, with regard to meetings and following the discussion at the CES plenary session.
- ◆ The updating process of the Integrated Presentation will be revised according to the recommendations of the CES Plenary session in 2004.
- ◆ The classification of statistical activities that is used in the IP will be changed depending on the outcome of the work of the Task Force established to review the classification.
- ◆ An electronic discussion of pertinent issues amongst the members of the Bureau and the CES members will be developed and experimented, focusing on the issues highlighted in the “Attention of the Conference is drawn to” section.
- ◆ Further work will be carried out to develop and improve the Integrated Presentation database with the aim of facilitating the browsing and searching of information by users.

#### **ECE resources involved**

Substantial

#### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

1.1 Promotion and coordination of multilateral statistical work



## **1. Coordination of international statistical work in the ECE region**

### **Activity 1.2: Annual ECE statistical programme**

#### **Summary description**

The Annual ECE Statistical Programme presents, in an integrated document, all statistical activities carried out by the various ECE Divisions and Units.

#### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Comprehensive, well presented Annual ECE Statistical Programme

#### **Detailed description**

- ◆ The main purpose of the ECE Statistical Programme is to (i) give an overview of all statistical activities carried out by the various Divisions and Units of the UNECE; (ii) help prioritise the activities undertaken by the ECE Statistical Division; and (iii) allow for more transparency and focus on the work.
- ◆ The Annual ECE Statistical Programme for 2006 will be prepared on the basis of the 2005 edition, which will be updated by the respective ECE Divisions and Units.
- ◆ An evaluation of the implementation of the 2005 programme describing the changes made after its completion (in particular new activities and activities that were dropped) will be prepared for review by the CES Bureau in October 2005.

#### **ECE resources involved**

Moderate.

#### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

1.1 Promotion and coordination of multilateral statistical work

## **1. Coordination of international statistical work in the ECE region**

### **Activity 1.3: Secretariat support for the work of the CES and its Bureau**

#### **Summary description**

Provide secretariat support for the work of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES), which is the Principal Subsidiary Body of the UNECE Statistical Division. The CES coordinates the statistical activities of the three main international organizations working in the region, Eurostat, OECD and ECE, as well as the statistical activities of CIS-STAT, UNSD and of other organizations in the UN system such as IMF, ILO, WHO and the World Bank. The work of the Conference is steered by its Bureau.

#### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Improved coordination of the international statistical work (data collection, processing and dissemination, methodological work, technical cooperation, etc.) carried out by the various international agencies active in the UNECE region with the goal of avoiding duplication of work, efficient use of resources and reducing the burden on member countries.

#### **Detailed description**

- ◆ Provide secretariat support for the work of the Bureau on an ongoing basis, including the Conference.
- ◆ Organize, prepare and service the annual plenary session of the CES (June 2005), which includes three modules: a session on formal business and two seminar sessions.
- ◆ Organize, prepare and service the two Bureau meetings (February and October 2005).
- ◆ Develop and experiment a system for electronic consultation with the members of the Bureau.
- ◆ Prepare the documentation for the CES plenary session and the Bureau meetings (see also Activity 1.1: Integrated Presentations, and Activity 1.2: Annual ECE Statistical Programme).
- ◆ Coordinate the work of the various teams of specialists that work under the auspices of the CES in various statistical areas and report their activities to the Bureau. Maintain an up-to-date information on these teams on the ECE website.

#### **Meetings:**

- ◆ Conference annual plenary session in June (Geneva, 13 -15 June 2005)
- ◆ Bureau meetings twice per year (Geneva, February 2005 and October 2005)

#### **ECE resources involved**

Substantial

#### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

1.1 Promotion and coordination of multilateral statistical work

Secondary category:

1.2 Managerial and policy issues of direct concern to presidents of NSOs

## **1. Coordination of international statistical work in the ECE region**

### **Activity 1.4: Handbook of official statistics**

#### **Summary description**

The Handbook of Official Statistics will present a description of organizational and legal aspects of national systems of official statistics in all 55 member countries of the UN Economic Commission for Europe.

#### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Updated online version of the Handbook of Official Statistics

#### **Detailed description**

- ◆ A Task Force created under the auspices of the Bureau of the Conference will consider the future concept of the Handbook of Official Statistics and how it might be updated effectively.
- ◆ During 2005, the new concept of the Handbook will be implemented and the information currently contained will be reviewed. A mechanism to ensure that information will be regularly updated in future will be established.
- ◆ The work will be carried in close coordination with the UNSD. Material currently available on this subject, including information on national statistical legislation available on the UNSD website, will be taken into consideration in updating the Handbook of Official Statistics.

#### **ECE resources involved**

Moderate

#### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

1.2 Managerial and policy issues of direct concern to presidents of NSOs



## **2. Collection, processing and dissemination of macroeconomic, social and demographic statistics**

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

#### **Summary description**

Provide relevant, timely and harmonized statistics for economic analysis conducted by the ECE. (An ECE-wide review is currently underway that may change the orientation of analysis conducted at the ECE. The impact of this review on data requirements is not yet known, but it will likely influence data needs to a lesser degree than the impact on the analytical orientation).

#### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Maintain database and produce timely and relevant statistical data for:
  - “Economic Survey of Europe” (2 issues per year)
  - Mid-year Review of Economic Conditions in ECE Region
  - Structural and other one-time in-depth economic and social studies
  - “Trends in Europe and North America” (2005)
  - Public electronically accessible database (see Activity 2.6: Public access to ECE statistical databases)

#### **Detailed description**

- ◆ Ongoing maintenance (collection, verification and analysis) of a database of over 50,000 economic time series covering 55 countries in the region, in the following areas:
  - National Accounts
  - Industrial Production
  - Employment
  - Unemployment
  - Population
  - Wages
  - Labour productivity
  - Unit labour costs
  - Retail trade
  - Investment outlays
  - Prices
  - Purchasing Power parities
  - Exchange rates
  - Interest rates, money supply
  - Imports and exports
  - Balance of payments
  - Government expenditure, revenue and deficit
- ◆ Although the database covers all 55 ECE member countries, most of the resources are used for processing data on transition economies.
- ◆ One time collection, verification, analysis and compilation of detailed historical data sets as input to special economic and social studies:
  - Evolution and adaptation of economic structures in the ECE region
  - Analysis of intra-industry and other foreign trade patterns
- ◆ Development/implementation of statistical methodologies, as required, to enhance data quality and usefulness and to support analytical studies, including: Methods of regional aggregation for various series such as GDP, price indices, etc.; and Assessment of consistency of PPPs with National Accounts price inputs.

## **ECE resources involved**

Substantial

### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

6.2 Other statistically related activities of the ECE secretariat

Secondary categories:

- 3.1 Implementation of the system of national accounts
- 3.2 Money and banking, government finance, and balance of payments
- 3.3 Statistics on international trade in goods
- 3.6 Statistics on international trade in services
- 3.8 Statistics on other marketed services, and non-marketed services
- 3.9 Price statistics, including purchasing power parities
- 3.11 Industrial statistics
- 3.14 Business registers and administrative records in support of economic statistics
- 3.99 Other work in the field of economic statistics
- 4.1 Demographic statistics (including projections, migration and fertility)
- 4.4 Labour statistics

## **2. Collection, processing and dissemination of macroeconomic, social and demographic statistics**

### **Activity 2.2: Gender statistics database**

#### **Summary description**

Provide relevant, timely and harmonized statistics for gender policy analysis.

#### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ User-friendly database accessible to the public through the ECE regional gender statistics website with up-to-date statistics that are relevant to gender policy analysis in the economic and social areas.

#### **Detailed description**

- ◆ Maintain and update the UNECE Gender Statistics Database, the central database for sex-disaggregated social data. This database contains Common Gender Indicators for the ECE region, and detailed statistical data series that are used to calculate these indicators. Data series are presented in line with the policy areas, which are:
  - Population
  - Families and households
  - Work and the economy
  - Education
  - Public life and decision-making
  - Health
  - Crime and violence
- ◆ The 2005 annual update will include data from international organizations and National Statistical Offices through the gender statistics focal points, making an optimal use of existing data available in international organizations, through agreements between UNECE and these organizations.
- ◆ Data collected by ECE on employment, unemployment and wages will be sex-disaggregated

#### **ECE resources involved**

Substantial

#### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

4.10 Gender statistics

Secondary categories:

4.1 Demographic statistics (including projections, migration and fertility)

4.4 Labour statistics

4.5 Education and training statistics

4.8 Crime and criminal justice statistics

4.9 Health statistics



## **2. Collection, processing and dissemination of macroeconomic, social and demographic statistics**

### **Activity 2.3: Statistical database advisory and support services**

#### **Summary description**

Advisory and support services provided to other divisions regarding use of the ECE SQL database system for data management and the PC-Axis software family products for data dissemination.

#### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Ensure that the statistical assets of the Statistical Division and the ECE are properly documented and managed, and can be easily retrieved when required.

#### **Detailed description**

- ◆ A database management system using MS SQL Server was developed by the Statistical Division to manage data series for the macroeconomic database. This system is also used by the Environment and Human Settlements Division for the Human Settlements Database, by the Population Activities Unit (Economic Analysis Division) for the Demographic Database and by the Transport Division for the transport statistics database (see Activity 6.3: Development and updating of the ECE population database; Activity 7.2: Collection, processing and dissemination of housing statistics; and Activity 9.1: Collection, processing and dissemination of transport statistics). The Statistical Division will support these other users to ensure the continuous good functioning of the system.
- ◆ Development, implementation, and maintenance of SQL-based software applications required to manage and provide access to data series, and to implement statistical methodologies.
- ◆ The Statistical Division has completed the selection of a software tool (PC-Axis family of products) for the public dissemination of time series via the Web. An implementation plan for the Statistical Division data was agreed and work is underway. The Statistical Division will provide support on the use of the PC-Axis system to other interested users. (see also Activity 2.6: Public access to ECE Statistical Databases)

#### **ECE resources involved**

Minimal

#### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

6.2 Other statistically related activities of the ECE secretariat

## **2. Collection, processing and dissemination of macroeconomic, social and demographic statistics**

### **Activity 2.4: Trends in Europe and North America: the statistical yearbook of the ECE**

#### **Summary description**

Preparation of a publication of the yearbook type, published every two years. The target audience is the general public.

#### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ 2005 issue of Trends in Europe and North America (pending conclusions of the internal Task Force on concept of Trends)
- ◆ 2005/2006 issues of “Mini Trends” comprising country profiles for the UNECE member countries
- ◆ 2005/2006 updates of the Trends website.

#### **Detailed description**

- ◆ Review the current publication and develop a new strategy for its production and dissemination in future (a proposal to be submitted to the CES Bureau in February 2005).
- ◆ Study possible synergies with work on other databases maintained by the Statistical Division.
- ◆ Introduction of thematic maps using new software tools.

#### **ECE resources involved**

Moderate.

#### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

6.1 Dissemination of data and coordination of international data collection

## **2. Collection, processing and dissemination of macroeconomic, social and demographic statistics**

### **Activity 2.5: Robotics**

#### **Summary description**

Transfer of methods, data and procedures to the International Federation of Robotics (IFR) and assistance in the collection, compilation and analysis of robot statistics.

#### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Assist the IFR in the preparation of the publication World Robotics 2005.

#### **Detailed description**

- ◆ Beginning in 2005, the IFR will assume the responsibility for robotics statistics. In the first half of 2005, the UNECE Statistical Division will assist in the collection, compilation and analysis of robot statistics for inclusion in the publication World Robotics 2005.

#### **ECE resources involved**

Minimal

#### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

3.11 Industrial statistics

**NOTE: This activity will be terminated in mid 2005.**

## **2. Collection, processing and dissemination of macroeconomic, social and demographic statistics**

### **Activity 2.6: Public access to ECE statistical databases**

#### **Summary description**

Public dissemination of data collected and processed by ECE for its analytical activities, in particular the “Economic Survey of Europe”, the Gender Statistics database, and “Trends in Europe and North America – the Statistical Yearbook of the ECE”.

#### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ WEB-accessible central database for all ECE data disseminated to the public.

#### **Detailed description**

- ◆ Development of metadata management principles that apply to metadata describing validated statistical data to be shared or disseminated, whether internally or externally. These principles imply that statistical metadata cover a broad scope of users needs and must be consistent across subject matter areas.
- ◆ Statistical data series collected and processed for the economic analysis conducted by the UNECE will be organized by broad themes and delivered over the WEB by PC-AXIS. This dissemination service will include a metadata system in support of public users.
- ◆ Organize statistical data and text information presented in the Gender Statistics Website and in “Trends in Europe and North America” for public access via the WEB.
- ◆ Expansion of Web access beyond the core national accounts series for all ECE countries using PX-Web.

#### **ECE resources involved**

Moderate

#### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

6.1 Dissemination of data and coordination of international data collection

Secondary categories:

4.10 Gender statistics

6.2 Other statistically related activities of the ECE secretariat

## **2. Collection, processing and dissemination of macroeconomic, social and demographic statistics**

### **Activity 2.7: Energy statistics**

#### **Summary description**

Contribute to the timely update of the IEA/OECD/Eurostat database on energy statistics.

#### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Contribution to the IEA/OECD/Eurostat database on energy statistics, with particular reference to non-EU countries.

#### **Detailed description**

- ◆ Dispatch questionnaires to CIS and Western Balkan countries for processing by IEA and Eurostat.
- ◆ Negotiate access to database for participating countries.
- ◆ Follow-up activities from the joint 2004 IEA/Eurostat/UNECE Meeting on Energy Statistics.

#### **ECE resources involved**

Minimal.

#### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

3.12 Energy statistics.

**NOTE: This activity is suggested to be terminated after 2005.**

## **2. Collection, processing and dissemination of macroeconomic, social and demographic statistics**

### **Activity 2.8: Contribution of statistical information for the “UNECE Weekly”**

#### **Summary description**

Contribution of statistical tables and information notes for the “UNECE Weekly” Newsletter.

#### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Up-to-date, relevant and well presented statistical tables and information notes for the “UNECE Weekly”.

#### **Detailed description**

- ◆ Statistical tables are selected, formatted and submitted for inclusion in all issues of the “UNECE Weekly”.
- ◆ Short articles are drafted and submitted for inclusion in “UNECE Weekly” on an ad-hoc basis, reflecting important events or news.
- ◆ Short articles are also drafted and submitted for inclusion in “UNSD Newsletter” on an ad-hoc basis.

#### **ECE resources involved**

Minimal.

#### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

6.1 Dissemination of data and coordination of international data collection

### **3. Methodological work in various statistical areas**

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#### **Activity 3.1: Indicators related to the goals contained in the Millennium Declaration**

##### **Summary description**

Contribute to the monitoring of progress towards achievement of the goals specified in the Millennium Declaration in the region of South-East Europe and CIS countries and to the Annual Secretary General Report on the progress towards achievement of the goals worldwide.

##### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Improvement of the statistical tables and annexes in the 2005 UNDP Regional Report.
- ◆ Story lines highlighting issues that are most relevant for the region to be included in the Secretary General Report on progress towards achievement of the goals specified in the Millennium Declaration.
- ◆ Regional database for South-East European and CIS countries including the indicators related to the goals contained in the Millennium Declaration.

##### **Detailed description**

- ◆ Assistance to the UNDP Regional Bureau for Europe and the CIS (RBEC) in developing the statistical part of the regional report. This will include:
  - Reviewing the data UNDP collects from national reports and comment on their comparability;
  - Assisting with tables to be included in text and annexes;
  - Analyzing trends of different indicators considering an overview of integrated topics;
  - Preparing some text on statistical issues (for example on gaps and data quality).
- ◆ Drafting storylines to be included in the Secretary General Report.
- ◆ Contribution to the sub-groups on gender and employment indicators created by the Inter-Agency Expert Group on the indicators.
- ◆ Initiate the work on establishing a regional database for South-East European and CIS countries (if funding is made available by other UN organizations).

##### **ECE resources involved**

Moderate.

##### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

2.9 Millennium Development Goals and human development

Secondary categories:

1.3 Relations with countries in Southeast Europe and the CIS

4.11.1 Social indicators and frameworks



### 3. Methodological work in various statistical areas

#### Activity 3.2: Statistical information processing\*

##### Summary description

This area covers the methodological and organizational aspects of statistical data processing focusing on structures, models and procedures.

##### Ultimate output

- ◆ Improve statistical information systems in national and international statistical agencies.
- ◆ Facilitate cooperation among statistical agencies in the field of statistical information processing and better harmonisation of data models, concepts, etc.
- ◆ Facilitate cooperation, data and knowledge sharing among statistical agencies.

##### Detailed description

###### Management of statistical information systems (MSIS):

- ◆ Steering Group on Management of Statistical Information Systems to: (i) provide a forum for exchange of experiences; (ii) make recommendations on the coordination of the activities of different international organizations in this area; (iii) collect, discuss and make available the best practices; (iv) facilitate and encourage implementation of standards and recommendations in the field of statistical data processing in the ECE region.
- ◆ Meeting on Management of Statistical Information Systems (April 2005), to consider: (i) IT governance in statistical offices (aligning business and IT strategies, value of IT, macro- and micro-level organization, etc.); (ii) Development strategies for statistical information systems (metadata-driven systems, information systems architecture, data collection, metadata standards, dissemination, etc.); (iii) XML and web services (progress in SDMX standards, statistical tables with complex metadata, archiving aspects, practical experiences with web services, use of XML tools inside national statistical offices, etc.).

###### Interchange of statistical information (EDR):

- ◆ Joint ECE/Eurostat Work Session Electronic Data Reporting (September/October 2005), to consider: (i) standardisation of data transmission (transmission means and transmission formats); (ii) security and confidentiality; and (iii) pre-validation of data.
- ◆ Active cooperation with other international organizations in the work aimed at standardization of electronic data interchange (EEG6, GMWG, SDMX)

##### ECE resources involved

Moderate

##### Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation

Main category:

2.1 Management of statistical information technology infrastructure

Secondary categories:

2.2 Statistical data collection and processing

2.1 Dissemination and interchange of statistical information

\* Note: the ECE secretariat's input to this activity lies mainly in organization of expert meetings and provision of secretariat support

### **3. Methodological work in various statistical areas**

#### **Activity 3.3: Statistical data editing (SDE)\***

##### **Summary description**

This area covers the methodological issues related to data quality control at the collection phase.

##### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Improved quality of statistical data used within the national statistical offices in the region.
- ◆ Facilitate cooperation among experts on issues related to data editing and imputation, exchange of experience, harmonization of methods and concepts and development of new methods and techniques.
- ◆ Methodological guides on data quality control, data editing and imputation.

##### **Detailed description**

- ◆ Methodological publication “Statistical Data Editing, Vol. 3” devoted to evaluation methods and quality indicators for statistical data editing.
- ◆ Work Session on Statistical Data Editing (16-18 May 2005), to discuss data editing methods and techniques with a particular focus on evaluation methods and quality indicators for statistical data editing and comprising the following topics: (i) editing administrative data and combined data sources (surveys, censuses); Implementing editing strategies and links to other parts of processing; (iii) Electronic data reporting (EDR) – editing nearer source and multimode collections; (iv) New methods and techniques; and (v) quality indicators, quality reporting.

##### **ECE resources involved**

Minimal

##### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

2.2 Statistical data collection and processing

\* Note: the ECE secretariat’s input to this activity lies mainly in organization of expert meetings and provision of secretariat support

### **3. Methodological work in various statistical areas**

#### **Activity 3.4: Statistical confidentiality and access to microdata\***

##### **Summary description**

Secretariat support to the work of the Task Force on Confidentiality and Microdata working under the auspices of the Conference of European Statisticians to develop a set of principles and associated guidelines for confidentiality protection of microdata and their dissemination (this activity is a follow-up to the seminar on statistical confidentiality and microdata held at the 2003 CES plenary session).

##### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ A set of principles for confidentiality protection in accessing microdata by researchers to be adopted by the CES.

##### **Detailed description**

- ◆ Provide secretariat support to the work of the Task Force, in line with the Terms of Reference. The Task Force is composed of the Heads of the National Statistical Offices of Australia (Chair), Canada, Denmark, Georgia, Italy and Poland.
- ◆ Work Session (jointly with Eurostat) on Statistical Confidentiality in 2005 to consider: (i) practical risk assessment (core of the dissemination of microdata); (ii) IT issues (data protection, software tools, remote access); (iii) Confidentiality issues for business data (review, practical experience, focus on microdata).

##### **ECE resources involved**

Minimal.

##### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

2.1 Management of information technology infrastructure.

\* Note: the ECE secretariat's input to this activity lies mainly in organization of expert meetings and provision of secretariat support

### **3. Methodological work in various statistical areas**

#### **Activity 3.5: Statistical metadata (METIS)**

##### **Summary description**

This activity is focused on data models and structures for statistical metadata in the context of statistical information processing and dissemination.

##### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Publication of a manual on a common metadata framework for national statistical offices.
- ◆ Identification and publication of good practices in statistical metadata.
- ◆ Implementation of developed standards and recommendations on statistical metadata.

##### **Detailed description**

- ◆ **Task Force on Common Metadata Framework.** The key objective of the work of the Task Force is to organise available information about statistical metadata related to official statistics into a framework that can be used by national statistical organizations in their development of metadata systems. It is expected that international statistical organizations would also gain benefits from this work.

A secondary objective, arising from the aim to create a coherent and practical framework for use by NSOs, is that the work of the Task Force and METIS will influence to some degree the work of the various groups developing metadata standards.

The development is planned according to the following timetable, with a Bureau review after completion of Phase 2:

Phase 1: Draft structure of the manual (October-November 2004)

Phase 2: Populate the framework with the existing material (METIS, MetaNet, SDMX, etc.: June 2005)

Phase 3: Gap analysis and recommendations for overcoming the gaps (October 2005)

Phase 4: Preparation of the draft framework (February-March 2006)

Phase 5: Review of the framework at the METIS work session (April 2006)

Phase 6: Version 1 of the framework (2006)

Phase 7: Follow up and possible work towards version 2.

- ◆ Preparation of the joint UNECE-Eurostat-OECD Work Session on Statistical Metadata (METIS) (planned to be held in Spring 2006) to consider the framework.
- ◆ Cooperation with other international organizations, in particular with organizations involved in the SDMX initiative in order to achieve coherence of the metadata activities.

##### **ECE resources involved**

Moderate

##### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

2.3 Dissemination and interchange of statistical information

Secondary categories:

2.1 Management of statistical information technology

## 2.2 Statistical data collection and processing

### **3. Methodological work in various statistical areas**

#### **Activity 3.6: Managing statistical output for dissemination**

##### **Summary description**

Identification and promotion of good practices in dissemination of statistical information by national statistical offices in the light of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics.

##### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Publication of good practices in dissemination of statistical information.

##### **Detailed description**

- ◆ Coordinate the work of the Steering Group on Statistical Dissemination and Communication.
- ◆ Compile a compendium of examples of statistical stories.
- ◆ Work Session on statistical dissemination (in early 2005) to consider: (i) how to train and educate statisticians for dissemination of statistical commentary and stories, (ii) exchanging experience in this area (draft compendium of examples of statistical stories), (iii) how to increase acceptance of statistics among the general public and the media, (iv) monitoring user feedback; possibly one or two more topics related to general questions of statistical dissemination to be selected by the Steering Group on statistical dissemination and communication.

##### **ECE resources involved**

Minimal

##### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

2.3 Dissemination and interchange of statistical information

### **3. Methodological work in various statistical areas**

#### **Activity 3.7: Integration of statistics and geography\***

##### **Summary description**

The integration of statistics and geography, which evolved from former activities on survey processing, is oriented to particular issues of using geo-referenced data in statistical production. This activity is carried over from 2004.

##### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Exchange of experiences on geo-coding and geo-referencing.

##### **Detailed description**

- ◆ Joint UNECE-Eurostat Work Session on Geographical Information Systems to consider: (i) infrastructure requirements for geo-statistics; (ii) cooperation between national statistical institutes and geo-data providers; (iii) solutions for supporting user needs, and (iv) geo-coding and geo-referencing of datasets used in statistics in different countries.
- ◆ A possible one-day training session for interested countries may be organized back-to-back with the meeting.

##### **ECE resources involved**

Minimal

##### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

2.6 Geographical and regional data

**NOTE: The 2004 meeting was postponed due to unavailable resources in the UNECE and Eurostat.**

\* Note: the ECE secretariat's input to this activity lies mainly in organization of expert meetings and provision of secretariat support

### **3. Methodological work in various statistical areas**

#### **Activity 3.8: Sustainable development statistics\***

##### **Summary description**

Contribute to the Organising Committee of the seminar on Sustainable development

##### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ 2005 CES Seminar on sustainable development addressed to chief statisticians.

##### **Detailed description**

- ◆ Support the members of the Organising Committee in the preparation and organization of the CES seminar in 2005.

##### **ECE resources involved**

Minimal

##### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

2.8 Sustainable development

\* Note: the ECE secretariat's input to this activity lies mainly in organization of expert meetings and provision of secretariat support



### **3. Methodological work in various statistical areas**

#### **Activity 3.9: National accounts**

##### **Summary description**

Promote the implementation of the methodology of 1993 System National Accounts (1993 SNA) in the UNECE member countries with an emphasis on the Transition Economies in South-East Europe and CIS. Contribute to the current update of the 1993 SNA by ensuring that the views of the ECE member countries are taken into account.

##### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ A full range of high quality national accounts data produced according to the 1993 SNA standards exists for all countries in the UNECE region with emphasis on the Transition Economies, and more particularly the CIS countries and South-East Europe.

##### **Detailed description**

- ◆ The methodological work related to the implementation of 1993 SNA is carried out in close cooperation with Eurostat, OECD and CIS-STAT. The work is coordinated within the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts (ISWGNA) composed of Eurostat, OECD, IMF, World Bank, UN Statistics Division and the UN Regional Commissions.
- ◆ Participate and contribute to the work of the ISWGNA, which steers the work on national accounts in the ECE region.
- ◆ Contribute to the work undertaken by the UNSD, following the decision of the Statistical Commission, for updating the 1993 SNA methodology by 2008. Ensure the regional context of the revision and that the views of all countries are communicated to the Advisory Expert Group on National Accounts.
- ◆ Contribute to the work of the Canberra II Group on Measurement of Capital through the project on estimating service lives of fixed assets.
- ◆ Undertake work following the recommendations of the Joint UNECE/OECD/Eurostat Meetings in April and October 2004.
- ◆ Carry out a second survey of national practices in measuring the non-observed economy in national accounts (following the survey of 2001).

##### **Meetings:**

- ◆ Joint ECE/OECD meeting on the update of the 1993 SNA, October 2005

##### **ECE resources involved**

Moderate

##### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

##### **Main category:**

3.1 Implementation of the system of national accounts

### **3. Methodological work in various statistical areas**

#### **Activity 3.10: Measuring globalisation – The multinational enterprises (MNEs) project\***

##### **Summary description**

- ◆ Secretariat support to the work of the Task Force on measuring the activities of multinational enterprises (MNEs) carried out under the auspices of the Conference of European Statisticians and its Bureau - the MNE Project (this activity is a follow-up to the seminar on globalisation held at the 2003 CES plenary session).

##### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Recommendations on measuring the activities of MNEs, contributing to improved national and international economic statistics.

##### **Detailed description**

- ◆ Provide secretariat support to the work of the Task Force, in line with the Terms of Reference and attend the extended Task Force meetings. The MNE Project was proposed by Statistics Canada and endorsed by the Conference of European Statisticians in June 2003. Five National Statistical Offices (Canada, France, Italy, Netherlands and United Kingdom) participate in an initial phase of the project. The OECD, Eurostat and the UNECE are members of the Extended Task Force. The project is expected to continue in successive phases over several years. If the recommendations on measuring the activities of MNEs are endorsed by the CES, they would be passed on to the National Statistical Offices or to the appropriate international organizations or standard-setting body (e.g. the UN Statistical Commission).
- ◆ Progress report of the Task Force at the annual CES session in June 2005.

##### **ECE resources involved**

Minimal.

##### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

3.6 Statistics on international trade in services

Secondary categories:

1.1 Promotion and coordination of multilateral statistical work

3.3 Statistics on international trade in goods

3.8 Statistics on other marketed services, and non-marketed services

3.14 Business registers and administrative records in support of economic statistics

\* Note: the ECE secretariat's input to this activity lies mainly in organization of expert meetings and provision of secretariat support

### **3. Methodological work in various statistical areas**

#### **Activity 3.11: Consumer price indices (CPI)**

##### **Summary description**

Development and dissemination of standards and norms of CPI.

##### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Analytical papers on the implementation of the new international CPI manual, based on countries' surveys.

##### **Detailed description**

- ◆ Prepare and launch, jointly with ILO, the user's feedback survey on the Manual on CPI: usefulness, applicability and completeness.
- ◆ Under the guidance of the Steering Group on price statistics, carry out a survey on the scope of the consumer price index in relation to its main uses in the countries of the ECE region. The results of the survey would be presented in a publication or a report to the next Joint ECE/ILO Meeting on CPI and could contribute to the electronic update of the CPI Manual.
- ◆ Start the preparations for the 2006 ECE/ILO meeting on CPI.

##### **ECE resources involved**

Moderate

##### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

3.9 Price statistics, including purchasing power parities

### **3. Methodological work in various statistical areas**

#### **Activity 3.12: International comparisons of GDP**

##### **Summary description**

Participate in programmes on international comparisons of GDP, such as the European Comparison Programme (ECP) and the International Comparison Programme (ICP). Carry out methodological work on sensitivity analysis and simulations of PPP data in order to verify consistencies.

##### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Analytical report on methods for sensitivity analysis and simulations of PPP data.

##### **Detailed description**

- ◆ ECP: Joint Consultation with all the international and national statistical offices involved in the calculation of the 2004 results to be organized in 2006, provided that the results for the CIS countries are available and that financial provision is made so that they will be able to attend the Consultation.
- ◆ ICP: Contribute to the current global comparisons undertaken by the World Bank, in the context of the ECE region.

##### **ECE resources involved**

Minimal

##### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

3.9 Price statistics, including purchasing power parities

Secondary category:

3.1 Implementation of the system of national accounts

### **3. Methodological work in various statistical areas**

#### **Activity 3.13: Agriculture statistics – Task force on rural development**

##### **Summary description**

Development and dissemination of standards and norms on best practices in agriculture and rural development statistics.

##### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Manual on Rural Development Statistics and Agriculture Household Income (2005)

##### **Detailed description**

- ◆ Contribute substantively to the work of the Task Force on Rural Development Statistics and Agriculture Household Income. The Task Force will prepare an international manual on compiling rural statistics and propose definitions of the agriculture household and how to measure its income and wealth. This work will have an important political relevance in the sense that greater focus will be made on follow-up systems on “Who gets what?”. The final product will be reported to the 2005 meeting.
- ◆ Prepare the 2005 joint ECE/Eurostat/FAO/OECD Meeting on Food and Agriculture Statistics.
- ◆ Engage in follow-up activities on rural development statistics from the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Conference on Agriculture Statistics in 2004 (ECE-Eurostat-FAO-OECD-ISI).

##### **ECE resources involved**

Moderate.

##### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

3.10 Agriculture, forestry and fishery statistics

### **3. Methodological work in various statistical areas**

#### **Activity 3.14: Business registers**

##### **Summary description**

Development and dissemination of standards and norms and best practices in business registers. Work on the statistical unit and consistency of business demography data in various sources of databases.

##### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Prepare an analytical paper on the results of the UNECE 2004 survey on business registers.

##### **Detailed description**

Under the guidance of the Steering Group on Business Registers:

- ◆ Prepare an analytical paper on the results of the ECE 2004 questionnaire on business registers;
- ◆ Make preparations for the joint ECE/Eurostat/OECD meeting on business registers (June 2005); and
- ◆ Conduct a survey on how countries define “dormant” enterprises and continue analyzing the consistency of business demography data in various sources of databases.

##### **ECE resources involved**

Minimal.

##### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

3.14 Business registers and administrative records in support of economic statistics

### **3. Methodological work in various statistical areas**

#### **Activity 3.15: Families and households**

##### **Summary description**

Work, in collaboration with Eurostat and some NSOs, on a project aimed at: (i) evaluating household and family issues encountered by countries in their 2000 population censuses and in major European surveys, and (ii) developing recommendations on families and households for the 2010 population censuses and for large-scale household surveys.

##### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Improved recommendations on families and households to be used for the 2010 round of censuses (2006) and in large-scale household surveys.

##### **Detailed description**

- ◆ Work, in collaboration with Eurostat and other interested NSOs (e.g. Canada, Norway and the USA), on the following four tasks:
  - Task 1: Evaluate household and family issues encountered by countries in their 2000 population censuses;
  - Task 2: Evaluate household and family issues encountered by countries in major European surveys such as EU-SILC and LFSs;
  - Task 3: Develop and propose improved recommendations on families and households for inclusion in the new set of CES recommendations for the 2010 round of population censuses in the ECE region (see also Activity 3.19: Population and Housing censuses); and
  - Task 4: Develop recommendations on families and households for large-scale household surveys.
- ◆ A Task Force composed of interested NSOs was established to advance the work. Task 1 is expected to be completed in the course of 2004; Task 3 will draw on the outputs of Task 1 and is planned to be conducted between autumn 2004 and spring 2006; Task 2 and 4 require funding support, and can be started when funding becomes available.

##### **Meetings:**

- ◆ Task Force on Families and Households (Luxembourg, 17-18 January 2005)

##### **ECE resources involved**

Minimal

##### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

4.1 Demographic statistics (including projections, migration and fertility)

Secondary category:

4.2.1 Population and housing censuses

4.11.2 Multi-purpose social surveys

### **3. Methodological work in various statistical areas**

#### **Activity 3.16: Migration statistics**

##### **Summary description**

Provide support and contribute to the activities of the Steering Group working on the preparation of the 2005 Joint ECE-Eurostat Work Session on Migration Statistics.

##### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Cross-country comparisons on approaches and definitions used to identify immigrant population.
- ◆ In-depth studies conducted by 4-5 interested countries on their experiences in implementing the current set of UN recommendations on international migration statistics in censuses and other data sources.
- ◆ Contribute to the ECE-Eurostat recommendations for the 2010 round of population censuses in the ECE region (2006).

##### **Detailed description**

- ◆ Prepare the Joint ECE-Eurostat Work Session on Migration Statistics (Spring 2005) to focus on: (i) Carrying out cross-country comparisons on approaches and definitions used to identify immigrant population, and (ii) Presenting the results obtained by 4-5 countries from in-depth studies they conducted on their experiences in implementing the current set of UN recommendations on international migration statistics in censuses and other data sources.

##### Data collection:

- ◆ Annual collection of statistics on international migration flows (joint data collection of Eurostat, ECE, UNSD, Council of Europe and ILO).

##### **ECE resources involved**

Minimal

##### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

4.1 Demographic statistics (including projections, migration and fertility)

Secondary category:

4.2.1 Population and housing censuses



### **3. Methodological work in various statistical areas**

#### **Activity 3.17: Demographic projections\***

##### **Summary description**

Contribute to the organization of the Joint Eurostat/ECE Work Session on Demographic Projections (Vienna, spring 2005). Activity carried forward from 2004.

##### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Exchange of experiences and discussion on new methodologies for demographic projections.

##### **Detailed description**

- ◆ Preparatory work for the Joint Eurostat/ECE Work Session on Demographic Projections (Vienna, spring 2005), to consider the following topics:
  - Latest international, national and sub-national population and household projections;
  - New approaches and experiences in estimating, analysing and projecting trends and patterns of fertility, mortality, migration and household structures and dynamics;
  - Accuracy and uncertainty in international, national and sub-national population and household projections;
  - Documentation and dissemination strategies;
  - Users and uses of projections; and
  - Evaluation and use of projections software.
- ◆ The meeting will be organized in cooperation with the Netherlands (NIDI and Statistics Netherlands) and Austria as the host country (Statistics Austria and IIASA).

##### **ECE resources involved**

Minimal

##### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

4.1 Demographic statistics (including projections, migration and fertility)

**NOTE: The ECE involvement in this area to be terminated after the 2005 meeting.**

\* Note: the ECE secretariat's input to this activity lies mainly in organization of expert meetings and provision of secretariat support

### 3. Methodological work in various statistical areas

#### Activity 3.18: Population and housing censuses

##### Summary description

Promote and coordinate, jointly with Eurostat, the work on the preparation of the new set of CES recommendations for the 2010 round of population and housing censuses in the ECE Region.

##### Ultimate output

- ◆ A new set of CES recommendations for the 2010 round of population and housing censuses in the ECE Region (2006)

##### Detailed description

###### Methodological work:

- ◆ Prepare (jointly with Eurostat) a new set of CES recommendations for the 2010 round of population and housing censuses in the ECE Region. To the extent possible, the work will be closely coordinated with the work UNSD undertakes on preparing the world recommendations for the 2010 round of censuses. The UNSD recommendations will be tailored more to the needs of developing countries, while the CES recommendations are tailored more to the circumstances and needs of statistically more advanced countries. Work on the preparation of the new set of recommendations is expected to culminate in the adoption of the new set of recommendations by the CES in 2006.
- ◆ The work in 2005 will consist of the following steps:
  - Step 1 (ECE and Eurostat in cooperation with the Steering Group on Population and Housing Censuses, January-October): Prepare draft of new recommendations based on the work of the Steering Group, Task Forces and other contributors to this activity, and taking into account the comments and proposals formulated at the November 2004 Work Session on Population and Housing Censuses.
  - Step 2 (November 2005): Discuss the draft of the new recommendations at the November 2005 Work Session on Population and Housing Censuses.
  - Step 3: (ECE and Eurostat in cooperation with the Steering Group on Population and Housing Censuses, November-March 2006): Revise the draft of the new recommendations taking into account the comments and proposals formulated at the November 2005 Work Session on Population and Housing Censuses. Finalise the draft in time for submission to the June 2006 plenary session of the CES.

###### Meetings:

- ◆ Joint ECE-Eurostat Work Session, based on inputs from Task Forces (November 2005)
- ◆ Possible meetings of the Steering Group on Population and Housing Censuses (if required)

##### ECE resources involved

Moderate

##### Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation

Main category:

4.2.1 Population and housing censuses

Secondary categories:

4.1 Demographic statistics (including projections, migration and fertility)

4.11.3 Registers and administrative records for social and demographic statistics

### **3. Methodological work in various statistical areas**

#### **Activity 3.19: Labour statistics\***

##### **Summary description**

Contribute to the development of methodologies and identification of good practices on the measurement of various aspects related to labour conditions. This activity is carried forward from 2004.

##### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Good practices on the measurement of quality of work.

##### **Detailed description**

- ◆ Organization of the Joint ECE-Eurostat-ILO Work Session on Quality of Employment (February 2005) with the objectives:
  - Review the work of the international agencies and national governmental agencies in the ECE region in measuring various qualitative aspects of employment on the basis of an established set of statistical indicators.
  - Evaluate the indicators of quality of employment developed by the ILO, EUROSTAT, OECD and national statistical agencies.
  - Review studies analysing the levels and trends of the quality of employment indicators.
  - Discuss possible ways of joining international efforts in measuring quality of employment.

##### **ECE resources involved**

Minimal

##### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

4.4 Labour statistics

\* Note: the ECE secretariat's input to this activity lies mainly in organization of expert meetings and provision of secretariat support

### **3. Methodological work in various statistical areas**

#### **Activity 3.20: Crime and justice statistics**

##### **Summary description**

In collaboration with UNODC, work towards the preparation of guidelines for comparable crime and justice statistics in the ECE region, to be discussed at a meeting organized in November 2004.

##### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Regional guidelines to improve international comparability of crime and justice statistics.

##### **Detailed description**

- ◆ Follow-up on the joint ECE-UNODC Meeting on Crime Statistics (November 2004) and coordinate the CES work toward the development of standards in the region.

##### **ECE resources involved**

Minimal

##### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

4.8 Crime and criminal justice statistics

### **3. Methodological work in various statistical areas**

#### **Activity 3.21: Health statistics**

##### **Summary description**

Work towards the improvement of the comparability of health status statistics in the ECE region, in cooperation with the World Health Organisation (WHO) and Eurostat.

##### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Guidelines for improving international comparability of statistics on health status.

##### **Detailed description**

- ◆ Organize a joint ECE/WHO/Eurostat meeting on health statistics in 2005.
- ◆ Coordinate the work of the Steering and Working Groups, established at the 2004 meeting, to work toward the development of a new common instrument coordinating with existing groups such as the Washington Group and the Eurostat Group on Health Interview Survey (HIS).

##### **ECE resources involved**

Moderate

##### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

4.9 Health statistics

### **3. Methodological work in various statistical areas**

#### **Activity 3.22: Gender statistics**

##### **Summary description**

Methodological work on gender statistics

##### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Regional guidelines defining relevant statistics on emerging gender-related issues.

##### **Detailed description**

- ◆ Coordinate the follow-up on the recommendations made at the Work Session on Gender Statistics (October 2004).
- ◆ Methodological work on the methods used to collect and disseminate statistics on emerging gender-related issues, especially concerning: (i) violence against women (in collaboration with WHO and UNOCD); and (ii) gender and social attitudes and behaviours.
- ◆ Collaborate with UNDP in providing technical assistance and tackle some of the areas highlighted as problematic in the ECE-UNDP Assessment of gender statistics in South-East European and CIS countries.

##### **ECE resources involved**

Moderate

##### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

4.10 Gender statistics

Secondary categories:

3.13 Science and technology statistics, including ICT

4.1 Demographic statistics (including projections, migration and fertility)

4.4 Labour statistics

4.5 Education and training statistics

4.8 Crime and criminal justice statistics

4.9 Health statistics

### **3. Methodological work in various statistical areas**

#### **Activity 3.23: Registers and administrative records for social and demographic statistics\***

##### **Summary description**

Provide support and contribute to the activities of the Organising Committee preparing the next Joint UNECE/Eurostat Work Session on Registers and Administrative Records for Social and Demographic Statistics (11-13 April 2005).

##### **Ultimate outputs**

- ◆ A new set of CES recommendations for the 2010 round of population and housing censuses in the ECE Region (2006).

##### **Detailed description**

- ◆ The main subject for the Joint UNECE/Eurostat Work Session will be the use of registers and administrative sources for population and housing censuses, and the outcome of the work session will feed into the work on the new recommendations for the 2010 round of population and housing censuses (see also Activity 3.19: Population and Housing censuses).

##### **ECE resources involved**

Minimal

##### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

4.11.3 Registers and administrative records for social and demographic statistics

Secondary category:

4.2.1 Population and housing censuses

**NOTE: The ECE involvement in this area will be phased out after the 2005 meeting.**

\* Note: the ECE secretariat's input to this activity lies mainly in organization of expert meetings and provision of secretariat support



### **3. Methodological work in various statistical areas**

#### **Activity 3.24: Statistical Journal of the UNECE**

##### **Summary description**

The UNECE Statistical Journal covers a wide range of statistical areas of international concern, including: statistical cooperation in Europe and North America; organization and operation of statistical services; methodological development and harmonization of statistics in different fields; conceptual development and frameworks; measurement issues related to specific topics.

##### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Publication of four quarterly issues of the Journal per year.

##### **Detailed description**

- ◆ The work on the preparation of the Statistical Journal is coordinated by an Editorial Board which:
  - Identifies potential authors and contributors of papers;
  - Reviews and selects papers for publication;
  - Coordinates the publishing process with the publisher (IOS Press);
  - Works towards publicising and disseminating the journal.
- ◆ The papers published in the Journal are obtained in different ways:
  - Papers voluntarily submitted by authors;
  - Papers requested by the Editorial Board; and
  - Papers presented at meetings in the CES work programme.

##### **ECE resources involved**

Moderate

##### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

6.1 Dissemination of data and coordination of international data collection



#### **4. Technical assistance to ECE member countries**

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### **Activity 4.1: Bilateral technical cooperation**

#### **Summary description**

Statistical capacity building in individual countries.

#### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Increased statistical capacity in individual ECE member countries, enabling them to meet the needs of data users at the national and international level.

#### **Detailed description**

- ◆ Statistical capacity building in ECE member countries, with a special emphasis on South-East European and CIS countries.
- ◆ Bilateral technical cooperation is provided at the request of national authorities and/or international organisations involved in the capacity building of the country. It is carried out by the Regional Adviser on Statistics and/or by staff members of the Statistical Division. It covers various topics such as general organisation of the statistical system, fundamental principles of official statistics, indicators for human development and MDG reporting, economic or social statistics, etc.

#### **ECE resources involved**

Moderate

#### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

1.3. Relations with countries in Southeast Europe and the CIS

## **4. Technical assistance to ECE member countries**

### **Activity 4.2: Multilateral technical cooperation**

#### **Summary description**

Statistical capacity building in sub-regional groups of countries.

#### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Increased statistical capacity in groups of ECE member countries, especially within South-East Europe and the CIS countries, enabling them to meet the needs of data users at the national and international level.

#### **Detailed description**

- ◆ Statistical capacity building in groups of ECE member countries, through training services provided to these countries by the Regional Adviser on Statistics and/or by staff members of the Statistical Division, and through the regular meetings programme of the Conference of European Statisticians. Countries are mainly part of South-East Europe or the CIS.
- ◆ Participation in inter-agency collaborative efforts, which are aimed at assisting South-East European and CIS countries.
- ◆ In cooperation with PARIS21, provide assistance to CIS countries in the definition of national strategies for statistical development.
- ◆ Structuring all programme activities and seminar sessions of the Conference of European Statisticians to reflect also the concerns of South-East European and CIS countries.
- ◆ Transfer useful knowledge and experience to the countries outside the ECE region.

#### **ECE resources involved**

Moderate

#### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

1.3. Relations with countries in Southeast Europe and the CIS



## **Part II. Activities undertaken by other ECE Divisions**

### **5. Economic Analysis Division**

## **5. Economic Analysis Division**

### **Activity 5.1: Collection of additional statistical indicators**

#### **Summary description**

In addition to the macroeconomic statistics collected by the ECE Statistical Division, the Survey Team in EAD compiles regularly a series of statistical indicators for use in economic analysis.

#### **Ultimate output**

Statistical tables for use in economic analysis.

#### **Detailed description**

##### Data collection/data management on:

- ◆ Real effective exchange rates in Transition Economies and their components (unit labour costs etc.) in all ECE countries.

#### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

3.99 Other work in the field of economic statistics

Secondary categories:

3.11 Industrial statistics

4.4 Labour statistics



## **6. Economic Analysis Division - Population Activities Unit (PAU)**

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### **Activity 6.1: Generations and gender programme (GGP)**

#### **Summary description**

The GGP (subject to availability of additional extra-budgetary funds) is a cross-national, comparative, multidisciplinary, longitudinal study of the dynamics of the family and family relationships in the contemporary industrialised countries.

#### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Methodological instruments for Generations and Gender Survey (GGS), including the questionnaire, the study design and sampling.
- ◆ Methodological guidelines for the contextual database design.
- ◆ Methodological guidelines for the use of information from administrative records for selected GGS variables.
- ◆ Methodological guidelines for in-country and cross-country analyses.
- ◆ Micro-level GGS and macro-level contextual data from participating countries for in-country and cross-country comparative research.
- ◆ Descriptive and analytical reports for participating countries.
- ◆ Analytical thematic cross-country reports.

#### **Detailed description**

##### Methodological work:

- ◆ (i) For the contextual database design: the completion of the inventory of relevant national and international databases; the completion of establishing the operational parameters of a contextual database; and initiating the creation and maintenance of such a database at a central location.
- ◆ (ii) For the use of administrative records: complete the lists of GGS variables for which information will be obtained from administrative records for participating countries with high-quality administrative records data.
- ◆ (iii) For the in-country and cross-country analyses: develop guidelines for in-country reports based on first-wave GGS data and accompanying contextual information.
- ◆ (iv) In connection with (i) above, for the census programme: modification of the existing strategy for drawing microdata samples from the 2000-round of population and housing censuses and preparation of a study on census data comparability (for details see also Activity 6.2: Population Ageing Project)

##### Data collection work:

- ◆ (i) Further promotion and coordination of the conduct of the GGS surveys. As a result of the continuation of these activities, in 2005, pilot surveys will be conducted in several participating countries using the standard model questionnaire, another few countries will initiate or complete the first-wave fieldwork and one country will complete its second-wave fieldwork.
- ◆ (ii) Onset of collection, harmonisation and entry of macro-level data into the contextual data base (see above point (i) under Methodological work)

- ◆ (iii) Promotion and collection of census samples from the 2000-round of censuses in cooperation with the Minnesota Population Center, University of Minnesota (for details see also Activity 6.2: Population Ageing Project)

Meetings:

- ◆ Fourth meeting of the Informal Working Group of the GGP (Fall 2005)
- ◆ Eleventh and Twelfth meetings of the Consortium Board of the GGP on the monitoring of the GGS data collection, the progress of work on the launching of the contextual database work as well as other activities (Spring and Fall 2005)

**Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

4.1 Demographic statistics (including projections, migration and fertility)

Secondary categories:

4.2.2 Statistics on population groups of special interest

4.10 Gender statistics

## **6. Economic Analysis Division - Population Activities Unit (PAU)**

### **Activity 6.2: Population ageing project**

#### **Summary description**

The main objectives of the Population Ageing Project are: to assemble a set of cross-nationally comparable microdata samples based on the 1990 and 2000-round national population and housing censuses in countries of Europe and North America, and to use these samples to study the social and economic conditions of older persons.

#### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ A collection of harmonized microdata samples based on the 1990- and 2000- rounds of national population and housing censuses in up to 15 countries in the UNECE region;
- ◆ An integrated system of metadata on the census samples;
- ◆ A series of reports on the social and economic status of older persons in selected countries;

#### **Detailed description**

- ◆ Maintenance of the collection of census samples based on the 1990 round of censuses (this will involve working with the data distributors on the release of the data sets and support to end-users; maintenance of the data sets as they are upgraded from beta to pre-release and final versions; working to increase the visibility and use of the data sets).
- ◆ Assembling a collection of census samples based on the 2000 round of censuses in cooperation with the Minnesota Population Center, University of Minnesota, (Minneapolis, USA) and the Center for Demographic Studies (Barcelona, Spain) within the framework of the ICM Europe project (including a study of census data comparability for the censuses of the 2000 round; modification of the existing strategy for drawing microdata samples from the population and housing censuses; drawing the samples from the 2000 round of censuses).
- ◆ Promotion of cross-national comparative research on the status of older persons.

#### Meetings:

- ◆ Meeting of the consortium of the project on census microdata samples (2-3 December 2004, Geneva).

#### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

4.2.2 Statistics on population groups of special interest

Secondary category:

## **6. Economic Analysis Division - Population Activities Unit (PAU)**

### **Activity 6.3: Development and updating of the ECE population database**

#### **Summary description**

Further development and regular updating of the ECE population database.

#### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Provide internal and external users with a consistent and comprehensive demographic data set on the countries of Central and Eastern Europe.

#### **Detailed description**

- ◆ The work on development and regular updating of the ECE population database is carried out as a follow-up activity to the International Conference on Population and Development.
- ◆ Work on the database includes:
  - Regular updating of the data collections included in the database;
  - Finalization of a data collection exercise aimed at filling the gaps of the time series;
  - Make the database available to the public through the Web.

#### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

Main category:

4.1 Demographic statistics (including projections, migration and fertility)



## **7. Environment and Human Settlements Division**

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### Activity 7.1: Environmental monitoring

#### Summary description

Provide recommendations, propose action plans, and strengthen international initiatives within the region in the area of environmental monitoring and related areas.

#### Ultimate output

- ◆ Capacity building on environmental monitoring and assessment in countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia.

#### Detailed description

##### Methodological and analytical work:

- ◆ The *Ad Hoc Working Group on Environmental Monitoring* serves as an instrument to provide recommendations, to propose action plans, and to strengthen international initiatives within the region in the area of environmental monitoring and related areas ([http://www.unece.org/env/europe/environmental\\_monitoring.htm](http://www.unece.org/env/europe/environmental_monitoring.htm)).
- ◆ Provided that there will be enough resources based on voluntary contributions, the Group plans to:
  - Contribute to the Belgrade assessment report to be prepared by EEA for the next “Environment for Europe“ Conference. This will include, in particular, reviewing a draft outline of the report, assisting in data collection in EECCA countries and reviewing the report's draft chapters and executive summary.
  - Establish an on-line EcoReporting catalogue of national periodicals on the environment (state-of-the-environment reports, environmental statistical bulletins, etc.) and environmental reports submitted to international bodies, such as governing bodies of multilateral environmental conventions. It will follow the ReportNet system of EEA.
  - Finalize and test the manual on the application of the core set of environmental indicators in EECCA.
  - Prepare guidelines for EECCA on integrated environmental monitoring and assessments, including requirements for monitoring networks, standards and formats, interagency cooperation, information management and reporting.

##### Meetings:

- ◆ Meeting of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring (2-3 June 2005)

#### Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation

- 5.1 Sectoral concepts, definitions, classifications and environmental databases



## **7. Environment and Human Settlements Division**

### **Activity 7.2: Collection, processing and dissemination of housing statistics**

#### **Summary description**

Regular collection and dissemination of data on housing from national and international sources.

#### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Public “Human settlements database” presenting updated housing statistics;
- ◆ Bulletin of Housing Statistics for Europe and North America on the ECE website;
- ◆ Country profile for Serbia and Montenegro (mid-2005); and
- ◆ Input for the Secretary General report for CSD-13 with policy recommendations based on the chair’s summary of the UNECE Regional Implementation Meeting.

#### **Detailed description**

##### Data collection:

- ◆ The annual collection of time series statistics through the questionnaire for the biannual “Bulletin of Housing Statistics for Europe and North America” and the “Human Settlements” database. The data collected are also used for other ECE publications, in particular for the programme of country profiles on the housing sector.

##### Dissemination:

- ◆ Country profile for Serbia and Montenegro.
- ◆ Bulletin of Housing Statistics for Europe and North America (only on the web).
- ◆ Human settlements trends in the ECE region.
- ◆ Human settlements database with specific reference to data on housing. Data are collected for the ECE’s “Bulletin of Housing Statistics for Europe and North America” and other ECE publications through the questionnaire and from a number of both national and international sources. The database is available on the Internet <<http://w3.unece.org/environment/humansettlements.asp>>.
- ◆ Statistical tables on housing statistics are regularly updated biannually on the ECE website.

##### Methodological work:

- ◆ Check time series data for accuracy and consistency, which involves working with focal points of national statistical offices.

##### Meetings:

- ◆ Meeting of the Steering Group on Coordination of International Housing Statistics (March-April 2005).

#### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

4.3 Human settlements and housing statistics



## **8. Trade Division (Timber Branch)**

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### **Activity 8.1: Collection, processing and dissemination of forest statistics**

#### **Summary description**

Collection and dissemination of data on production and trade of forest products.

#### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Produce timely and relevant forest statistics, including data on production and trade of forest products and on forest fires.

#### **Detailed description**

- ◆ Four organizations - FAO, ECE, Eurostat and ITTO (International Tropical Timber Organisation) - work together to collect and disseminate data on production and trade of forest products, through the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire.

#### Data collection/data management:

- ◆ Forest Products Statistics
- ◆ Forest Products Trade Flow Data
- ◆ Forest Resource Assessment data
- ◆ Forest Fire Statistics

#### Dissemination of statistical products:

- ◆ Annual issue of the Timber Bulletin
- ◆ Timber Committee's website: < <http://www.unece.org/trade/timber/welcome.htm>>
- ◆ CD-ROMs

#### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

3.10 Agricultural, forestry and fishery statistics

## **8. Trade Division (Timber Branch)**

### **Activity 8.2: Analytical and methodological work on forest statistics**

#### **Summary description**

Analytical and methodological studies on different issues in the area of forest statistics.

#### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Methodological improvements in areas such as forest resource assessment and forest fire.
- ◆ Analysis of forest resources and forest products markets.

#### **Detailed description**

The Timber Branch, in cooperation with other members of the Inter-secretariat Working Group on Forest Sector Statistics, carries out various analytical and methodological studies on different issues in the area of forest statistics.

##### Analytical products:

- ◆ Forest resources of Europe, CIS, North America, Australia, Japan and New Zealand
- ◆ Long-term historical changes in the forest resource
- ◆ Forest Products Annual Market Analysis, published in the Timber Bulletin
- ◆ Report on the implementation of resolution H3 (MCPFE) on forestry assistance to economies in transition
- ◆ Series of publications under the European Forest Sector Outlook Studies (EFSOS)
- ◆ State of Europe's Forests

##### Methodological work:

- ◆ Elaboration of parameters/variables/data items to be reported in Global Forest Resources Assessment 2005, including corresponding terms and definitions under close review by the Joint FAO/UNECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics. Agreed preliminary plans for next forest resource assessment.
- ◆ Activities by the teams of specialists on forest resource assessment, on forest products markets and marketing, on European forest sector outlook studies, and on forest fire.

##### Meetings:

- ◆ Inter-secretariat Working Group on Forest Sector Statistics (membership: ECE, FAO, Eurostat, ITTO, OECD, EEA, CEC). Meetings about twice a year.
- ◆ Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics (March 2004)

#### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

3.10 Agricultural, forestry and fishery statistics

## **8. Trade Division (Timber Branch)**

### **Activity 8.3: Technical cooperation on forest statistics**

#### **Summary description**

Capacity building in member countries through workshops and meetings of national correspondents.

#### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Improved capacity in forest statistics.

#### **Detailed description**

- ◆ Future cooperation is expected to focus on the following issues:
  - Economically viable, multifunctional sustainable forest management and its enabling legal and financial environment;
  - Conservation and sustainable development of forest resources;
  - Development of the institutional framework of the public and private forestry as well as the forestry administration;
  - Increasing public awareness of forest issues; and
  - Involvement of the public in forestry matters and recognition of the cross-sectoral nature of most forestry issues.
- ◆ Detailed information on cooperation projects with economies in transition of Central and Eastern Europe in the forestry and forest products sector is presented in the H3 database. The H3 database was set up within the framework of the implementation of resolution H3 of the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE), and is available on the Timber Committee's website at the following address:  
< <http://www.unece.org/trade/timber/h3/H3database.htm> >

#### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

3.10 Agricultural, forestry and fishery statistics

## **9. Transport Division**

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### **Activity 9.1: Collection, processing and dissemination of transport statistics**

#### **Summary description**

Collection and dissemination of transport statistics, including data on motor traffic, road traffic accidents and rail traffic.

#### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Good quality, relevant and timely transport statistics.

#### **Detailed description**

- ◆ The Transport Division, in cooperation with ECMT and EUROSTAT, regularly collects and disseminates transport statistics, including data on motor traffic, road traffic accidents and rail traffic.

#### Data collection:

- ◆ Common questionnaire for the Annual Bulletin of Transport Statistics (with ECMT and EUROSTAT)

#### Dissemination - Publications:

- ◆ Annual Bulletin of Transport Statistics (with ECMT and EUROSTAT), sales publication available through the UN Sales section; format: only printed version.
- ◆ Statistics of Road Traffic Accidents in Europe and North America, annual sales publication available through the UN Sales section; format: only printed version.
- ◆ Handbook of Transport Statistics in the ECE region, annual booklet available free on request through the UN Sales section; format: only printed version.

#### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

3.4 Transport statistics



## **9. Transport Division**

### **Activity 9.2: Methodological work on transport statistics**

#### **Summary description**

Development of the new edition of the Glossary of transport statistics and of new sets of Draft recommendations to Governments on motor traffic and rail traffic in Europe.

#### **Ultimate output**

- ◆ Improved international comparability of transport statistics.

#### **Detailed description**

- ◆ The Transport Division, in cooperation with ECMT and EUROSTAT, is working on the new edition of the Glossary of transport statistics and on new sets of Draft recommendations to Governments on motor traffic and rail traffic in Europe.
- ◆ Glossary of transport statistics. Undertaken together with the ECMT and Eurostat. Continuously updated. Published: occasionally.
- ◆ Draft Recommendations to Governments on the Combined Census of Motor Traffic and Inventory of Standards and Parameters on Main International Traffic Arteries in Europe in 2005.
- ◆ Draft recommendations to Governments on the E-Rail Traffic Census in Europe in 2005 jointly undertaken by the UNECE and EUROSTAT.

#### **Meetings:**

- ◆ Inter-secretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (ECE, ECMT and Eurostat). Two-three meetings per year, with the location rotating between Geneva, Paris and Luxembourg. Continuous work on common projects such as the Glossary, database and common questionnaires.
- ◆ Working Party VI for the Annual Meeting on Transport Statistics (8-10 June 2005).

#### **Relevant Programme Elements in the Integrated Presentation**

3.4 Transport statistics



**ANNEX 1**  
**ECE Statistical activities by type of activity - 2005**

Code	Activity	Data collection	Data dissemination	Method. work (publications, standards, best practices, recomm., etc.)	Org. of meetings	Technical cooperation
<b>Statistical Division</b>						
<b>1. Coordination of international statistical work in the ECE region</b>						
1.1	Integrated Presentation	X	X			
1.2	Annual ECE statistical programme	X	X			
1.3	Secretariat support for the work of the CES and its Bureau			X	X	
1.4	Handbook of official statistics	X	X			
<b>2. Collection, processing and dissemination of macroeconomic, social and demographic statistics</b>						
2.1	Economic data collection, analysis and advice (Macroeconomic database)	X	X			
2.2	Gender statistics database	X	X			
2.3	Statistical database advisory and support services			X		
2.4	Trends in Europe and North America: the statistical yearbook of the ECE	X	X			
2.5	Robotics	X	X	X		
2.6	Public access to ECE statistical databases		X			
2.7	Energy statistics	X				
2.8	Contribution of statistical information for the "UNECE Weekly"		X			
<b>3. Methodological work in various statistical areas</b>						
3.1	Indicators related to the goals contained in the Millennium Declaration	X	X	X	X	X
3.2*	Statistical information processing	X	X	X	X	
3.3*	Statistical data editing			X	X	
3.4*	Statistical confidentiality and access to microdata			X	X	
3.5	Statistical metadata			X	X	
3.6	Managing statistical output for dissemination			X	X	
3.7*	Integration of statistics and geography			X	X	
3.8*	Sustainable development statistics				X	
3.9	National accounts			X	X	X
3.10*	Measuring globalisation – the multinational enterprises (MNEs) project			X		
3.11	Consumer price indices (CPI)			X	X	
3.12	International comparisons of GDP			X		
3.13	Agriculture statistics – Task force on rural development			X		
3.14	Business registers			X	X	
3.15	Families and households			X	X	
3.16	Migration statistics			X	X	
3.17*	Demographic projections				X	
3.18	Population and housing censuses			X	X	
3.19*	Labour statistics			X	X	
3.20	Crime and justice statistics			X	X	
3.21	Health statistics			X	X	
3.22	Gender statistics			X	X	X
3.23*	Registers and administrative records for social and demographic statistics				X	
3.24	Statistical Journal of the UNECE			X		
<b>4. Technical assistance to ECE member countries</b>						
4.1	Bilateral technical cooperation					X
4.2	Multilateral technical cooperation					X
<b>Economic Analysis Division</b>						
5.1	Collection of additional statistical indicators	X				
6.1	Generations and gender programme (GGP)	X	X	X		
6.2	Population ageing project	X	X	X		
6.3	Development and updating of the ECE population database	X	X			
<b>Environment and Human Settlements Division</b>						
7.1	Environmental monitoring			X	X	
7.2	Collection, processing and dissemination of housing statistics	X	X	X		
<b>Trade Division (Timber Branch)</b>						
8.1	Collection, processing and dissemination of forest statistics	X	X			
8.2	Analytical and methodological work on forest statistics			X	X	
8.3	Technical cooperation on forest statistics					X
<b>Transport Division</b>						
9.1	Collection, processing and dissemination of transport statistics	X	X			
9.2	Methodological work on transport statistics			X	X	

\* Note: the ECE secretariat's input to this activity lies mainly in organization of expert meetings and provision of secretariat support

**ANNEX 2**  
**Activities of the ECE Statistical Division for 2005**  
**Staff member in charge of the activity and resource implications**

Code	Activity	Staff member in charge	ECE resources involved (in person months)
<b>1. Coordination of international statistical work in the ECE region</b>			
1.1	Integrated Presentation	L. Bratanova	Substantial
1.2	Annual ECE statistical programme	L. Bratanova	Moderate
1.3	Secretariat support for the work of the CES and its Bureau	L. Bratanova	Substantial
1.4	Handbook of official statistics	L. Bratanova	Moderate
<b>2. Collection, processing and dissemination of macroeconomic, social and demographic statistics</b>			
2.1	Economic data collection, analysis and advice (Macroeconomic database)	D. Rhoades	Substantial
2.2	Gender statistics database	A. Me	Substantial
2.3	Statistical database advisory and support services	D. Rhoades	Minimal
2.4	Trends in Europe and North America: the statistical yearbook of the ECE	J. Riecan	Moderate
2.5	Robotics	J. Karlsson	Minimal
2.6	Public access to ECE statistical databases	D. Rhoades	Moderate
2.7	Energy statistics	J. Karlsson	Minimal
2.8	Contribution of statistical information for the "UNECE Weekly"	D. Rhoades	Minimal
<b>3. Methodological work in various statistical areas</b>			
3.1	Indicators related to the goals contained in the Millennium Declaration	A. Me	Moderate
3.2*	Statistical information processing	J. Riecan	Moderate
3.3*	Statistical data editing	J. Riecan	Minimal
3.4*	Statistical confidentiality and access to microdata	L. Bratanova/J. Riecan	Minimal
3.5	Statistical metadata	J. Riecan	Moderate
3.6	Managing statistical output for dissemination	J. Riecan	Minimal
3.7*	Integration of statistics and geography	J. Riecan	Minimal
3.8*	Sustainable development statistics	L. Bratanova	Minimal
3.9	National accounts	L. Bratanova	Moderate
3.10*	Measuring globalisation – the multinational enterprises (MNEs) project	J. Karlsson	Minimal
3.11	Consumer price indices (CPI)	J. Karlsson	Moderate
3.12	International comparisons of GDP	J. Karlsson	Minimal
3.13	Agriculture statistics – Task force on rural development	J. Karlsson	Moderate
3.14	Business registers	J. Karlsson	Minimal
3.15	Families and households	A. Me	Minimal
3.16	Migration statistics	A. Me	Minimal
3.17*	Demographic projections	A. Me	Minimal
3.18	Population and housing censuses	A. Me	Moderate
3.19*	Labour statistics	A. Me	Minimal
3.20	Crime and justice statistics	A. Me	Minimal
3.21	Health statistics	A. Me	Moderate
3.22	Gender statistics	A. Me	Moderate
3.23*	Registers and administrative records for social and demographic statistics	A. Me	Minimal
3.24	Statistical Journal of the UNECE	H. Brüngger/L.Bratanova	Moderate
<b>4. Technical assistance to ECE member countries</b>			
4.1	Bilateral technical cooperation	J. E. Chapron	Moderate
4.2	Multilateral technical cooperation	J. E. Chapron	Moderate

\* Note: the ECE secretariat's input to this activity lies mainly in organization of expert meetings and provision of secretariat support