

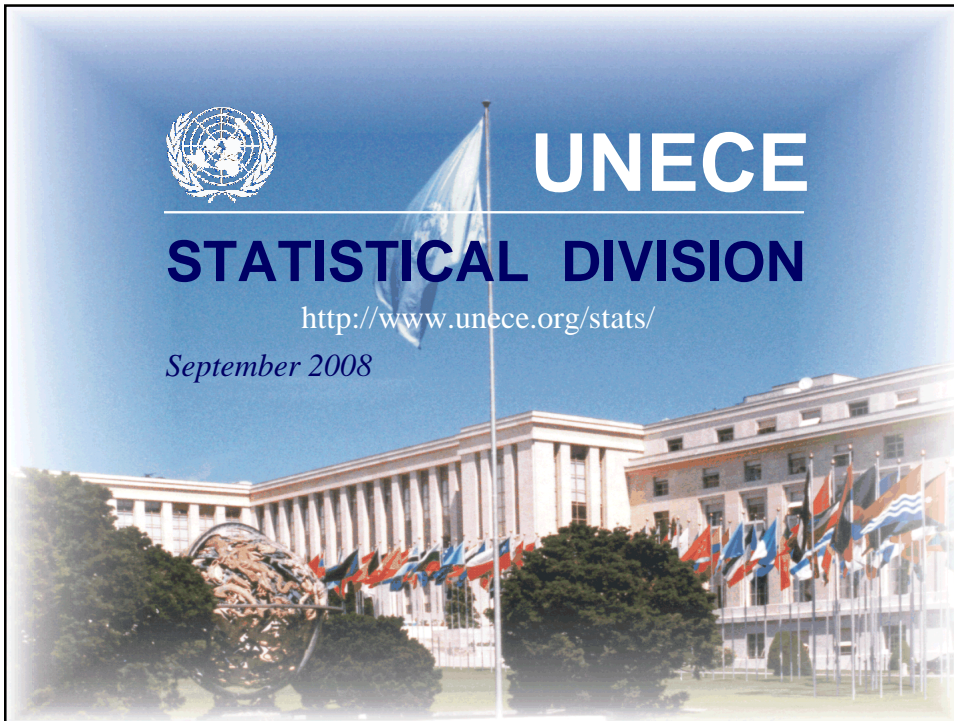


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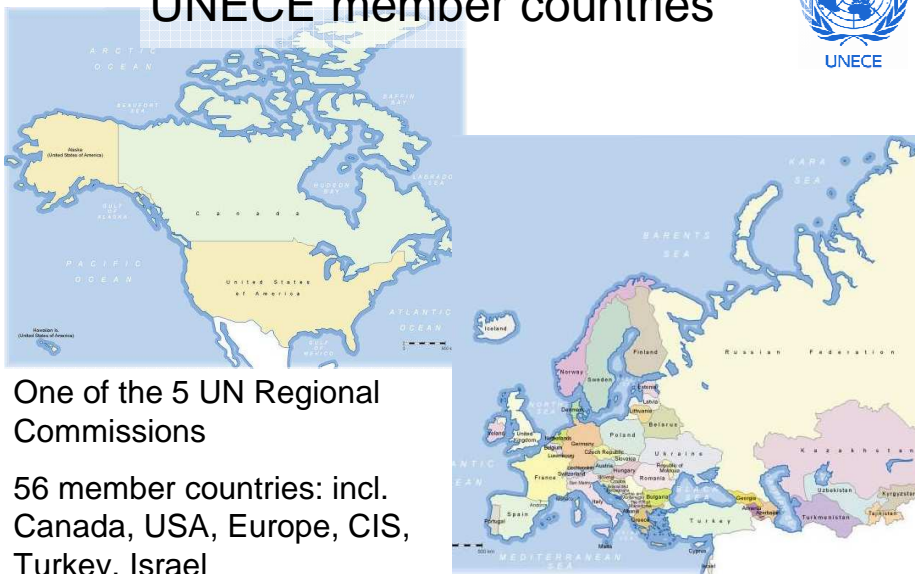
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### UNECE member countries



One of the 5 UN Regional Commissions

56 member countries: incl. Canada, USA, Europe, CIS, Turkey, Israel

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## UNECE: 8 programmes



- ❖ Environmental Policy
- ❖ Transport
- ❖ **Statistics**
- ❖ Sustainable Energy
- ❖ Trade
- ❖ Timber
- ❖ Housing and Land Management
- ❖ Economic Cooperation and Integration

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## Statistics



1. Coordination of international statistical work
2. Methodological work in economic, social and environment statistics and cross-cutting areas
3. Technical cooperation
4. Data collection and dissemination

## Coordination of international statistical work: Conference of European Statisticians



- ❖ Members: Heads of national statistical offices of
  - UNECE countries
  - Australia, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Brazil, participating also China, South Africa, Mongolia
  - International organizations: Eurostat, OECD, UNSD, CIS Stat. Committee, IMF, World Bank, ILO, WHO
- ❖ Objectives:
  - to improve national statistics and their international **comparability**;
  - to promote close **coordination** of the statistical activities in Europe of international organizations;
  - to respond to any **emerging need for international statistical cooperation**;
  - to discuss and adopt statistical **standards**

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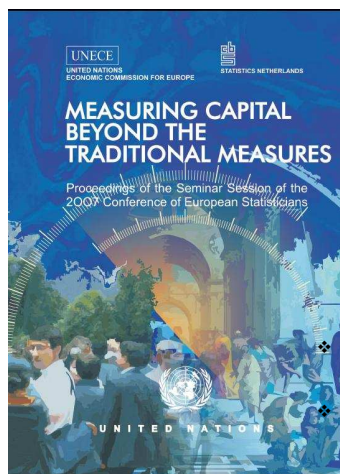
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## CES: meetings and groups



- ❖ Annual plenary session (June), in E,F,R,  
<http://www.unece.org/stats/archive/01.02.e.htm>
  - including two seminars
    - ♦confidentiality, globalization, sustainable development, measuring services, measuring capital, measuring population movement and integration, international transactions, national statistical systems, improved data reporting, productivity of statistical offices
    - ♦in 2009: business statistics and balancing principles of professional autonomy and accountability with the mandate to produce policy relevant data
- ❖ Teams of Specialists:  
<http://www.unece.org/stats/ToS.html>
- ❖ Expert meetings:  
<http://www.unece.org/stats/>



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## Database of International Statistical Activities (DISA) – overview of current statistical work of about 30 IOs <http://unece.unog.ch/disa/>



Database of International Statistical Activities – Integrated Presentation – Mozilla Firefox

http://unece.unog.ch/disa/element\_details.asp?tabID=59&PECode=2.2&Year=2008

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Year  
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Annotation Meetings Activities  
Eurostat  
Theme 2.01 Annual economic accounts

1. Description  
Annual national accounts play a fundamental role in the examination of many key policy questions for the European Union. They provide key economic and monetary policy indicators and basic information for the own resources system, the regional and structural funds, the excessive deficit procedure, and the growth and stability pact. The data are used by the Commission and the ECB, as well as by national governments, social partners, financial markets and economic analysts. Annual national accounts also constitute the basis for many structural indicators required by the European Council. As well as providing a wealth of detail, the annual economic accounts provide a solid framework and benchmark for quarterly estimates (Theme 2.02) and calculation of own resources (Theme 2.05). Harmonised data are compiled and transmitted by all Member States in accordance with the European System of Accounts (ESA95), which is the EU version of the world-level System of National Accounts. Data are transmitted by EU Member States to Eurostat in accordance with the transmission programme set out in annex B of the ESA regulation.

2. Work Programme for 2008  
2.1 KEY PRIORITIES 2008  
Eurostat and the Member States will continue their methodological work. In particular, they will continue to participate actively in the review of the world-level System of National Accounts (SNA93) and will revise the European System of Accounts (ESA95), which should in general be consistent with the SNA. Assessing the quality of the implementation of important methodological improvements will also be a key task. These methodological improvements include the allocation of FISIM (Financial Intermediation Services Indirectly Measured) among user sectors and industries and improved price and volume measures in national accounts. Eurostat and the Member States will actively work to ensure the successful

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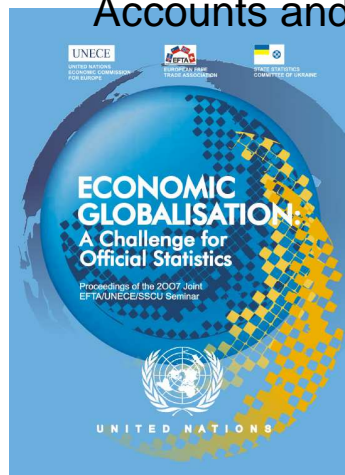
- Chief of Section : **Lidia Bratanova**
- Secretariat of the Conference of European Statisticians;
- Data collection and maintenance of the UNECE macroeconomic database;
- Contribution to the SNA93 update process and to the development of methodological standards;



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### ➤ Organization of meetings on National Accounts and related areas;



- Joint UNECE/Eurostat/OECD Meeting on NA (every 2 years in Geneva; previous 22-24 April 2008);
- Special meetings for transition countries;
- Working Group on Impact of Globalisation on NA (April 2008 in Geneva);
- OECD Working Party on NA (every year in Paris);
- Other ad-hoc meetings (e.g. Globalisation Seminar in Kiev, July 2007)

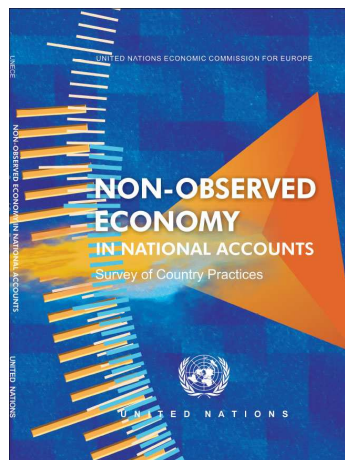
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### ➤ Surveys of national practices



- Measurement of Capital Stock in Transition Economies;
- Service Lives of Assets;
- Measuring of Non-observed Economy (1991, 2002 and 2005/2006);
- Use of employment data in National Accounts (2006/2007)
  - Employment data in NA of increasing interest to users and policy markers
  - Eurostat&OECD survey of employment data (36 countries)
  - UNECE Survey:23 non-EU/OECD countries (CIS, W Balkans, Andorra, Israel)

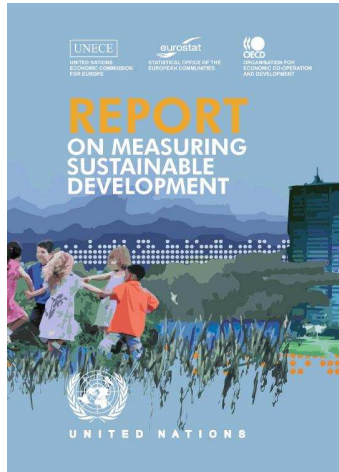
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### ➤ Statistics for Sustainable Development



➤ Joint UNECE/OECD/Eurostat Working Group on Statistics for Sustainable Development 2005-2008

➤ Framework for Measuring Sustainable Development

➤ Report presented to CES plenary session June 2008

<http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/ece/ces/2008/29.e.pdf>

➤ Further work – set up a Task Force to:

- pursue the conceptual development of the capital approach, indicators for long-term dimension of sustainability;
- test a set of indicators; ensure that they can be compiled by statistical systems at different levels

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## Economic Statistics Section



❖ Chief of Section: **Carsten Hansen**

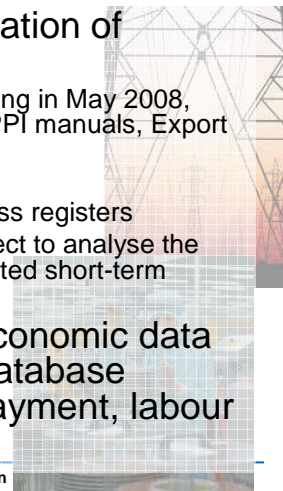
❖ Organization of meetings, preparation of handbooks, guidelines:

- Consumer Price Indices (CPI) – next meeting in May 2008, contributes to the revision of the CPI and PPI manuals, Export and Import Price Index (XMPI) Manual
- Business registers – joint meetings with UNECE/Eurostat/OECD, survey on business registers
- Short-term economic statistics, a pilot project to analyse the possibilities of calculating seasonally adjusted short-term statistics in CIS and SEE countries

❖ Collection and maintenance of economic data in the UNECE Macroeconomic database (prices, production, balance of payment, labour market, etc.)

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## Social and Demographic Statistics Section



- ❖ Chief of Section: **Paolo Valente (OIC)**
- ❖ Organization of meetings, preparation of Handbooks, guidelines:
  - Population and Housing Censuses - the CES *Recommendations for the 2010 round of Censuses – in Russian*
  - Gender statistics – *website and database, indicators on violence against women, gender training manual*
  - Migration statistics - *using receiving countries' data to estimate emigration in sending countries, inventory of definitions, guidelines*
  - Millennium Development Goals, labour, crime and health statistics
- ❖ Data collection and maintenance of the UNECE gender database

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## User services section



- ❖ Chief of Section: **Juraj Riecan**
- ❖ Organization of meetings, preparation of handbooks, guidelines:
  - Management of statistical IT
  - Statistical dissemination– *Guide on communicating with the media, Making data meaningful – a guide to writing stories about numbers – in Russian*
  - Data editing
  - Statistical confidentiality – *managing statistical confidentiality and microdata access*
  - Statistical metadata – *Common Metadata Framework*

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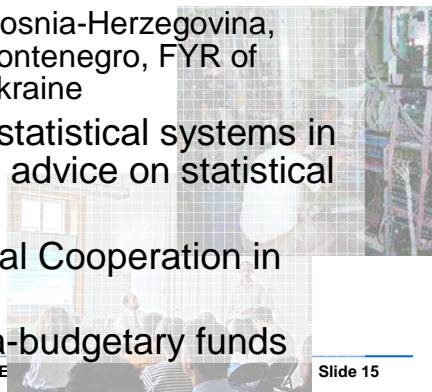
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## Technical Cooperation



- ❖ Coordinated by the Regional Advisor: **Petteri Baer**
- ❖ Statistical capacity building in SEE and CIS countries related to UNECE norms and standards
  - In 2007-08 in Armenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Montenegro, FYR of Macedonia, Tajikistan, Ukraine
- ❖ Global Assessments of statistical systems in ECE member countries; advice on statistical legislation
- ❖ Coordination of Technical Cooperation in Central Asia
- ❖ Mostly financed by extra-budgetary funds



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## Data collection, processing and dissemination



**UNECE Statistical database** <http://w3.unece.org/pxweb/Dialog/>

- ❖ English and Russian
- ❖ 3 main subject areas:
  - Macroeconomic Statistics
  - Gender Statistics
  - Transport Statistics
- ❖ **Data sources:** Eurostat, OECD, questionnaires, national publications and websites
- ❖ **Data processing:** recalculation to a common base year, smoothing of breaks to produce long time series, conversion to USD, production of consistent set of PPPs, derived indicators, regional aggregates
- ❖ **Data dissemination:**
  - UNECE Statistical database
  - UNSD National Accounts Main Aggregates Database  
<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/snaama/Introduction.asp>
  - UN publication "National Accounts Statistics: Main Aggregates and Detailed Tables"

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- ❖ Website: <http://www.unece.org/stats/>
  - documents from CES plenary sessions and expert meetings
  - database of international statistical activities
  - statistical database
  - gender website
- ❖ General e-mail for the Division: [support.stat@unece.org](mailto:support.stat@unece.org)

