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JOINT UNECE/EUROSTAT/OECD WORK SESSION ON STATISTICAL METADATA (METIS)
9 – 11 April 2008
Joseph Bech building, 5 Rue Alphonse Weicker, Luxembourg

The aim of the meeting is to exchange experience among statisticians and other experts and to identify best practices in the field of statistical metadata. By this we mean information on concepts and classifications and the statistical process of data collection, processing and dissemination.

Wednesday, 9 April 2008		
Time	Session	Documentation
14:00	**Opening of the meeting –** Eurostat	
14:05	**Adoption of the Agenda** – UNECE Secretariat	WP.1
14:10	**Terms of Reference of the METIS Working Group and outcomes of the past meetings** The UNECE Secretariat and Eurostat will present a summary of METIS achievements and future direction in the context of new terms of reference. This brief session will set the context for the meeting and summarise key information from related meetings: • February and October 2007 Conference of European Statisticians (CES) Bureau meetings • Work sessions on Statistical Metadata (METIS) held in 2002, 2004, 2006 • Workshop on Statistical Metadata (METIS) held in 2007 Relevant papers:	
	Status report on METIS and the overall Common Metadata Framework Juraj Riecan (UNECE) and Marco Pellegrino (Eurostat)	WP.2
	Outcomes of pre-work session survey of METIS participants Jessica Gardner (UNECE)	WP.3
15:00	Topic 2 (i) : Advocating for metadata in a corporate context Introduction to session: Klas Blomqvist (Sweden)	
	Strategy for the development of a new integrated metadata driven statistical information system in the Statistical Service of Cyprus Costas K. Diamantides (Cyprus)	WP.4
15:35	Break (20 minutes)	
	Managing metadata in Statistics Norway Anne Gro Hustoft and Jenny Linnerud (Norway)	WP.5
	Value of metainformation system for the Czech Statistical Office Ebbo Petrikovits (Czech Republic)	WP.6 & WP.24
	Discussion, summary and conclusions from topic 2(i) Discussant: Jana Meliskova (Consultant)	
17:15	End of business	

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9:00	Topic 2 (ii):Part B: Metadata concepts, standards, models and registries Organizers: Dan Gillman (United States), Alice Born (Canada) and Marco Pellegrino (Eurostat)	
	Classifications of statistical metadata Bo Sundgren (Sweden)	WP.7
	Registry facilities for supporting the exchange of statistical data and metadata Beng-Ake Lindblad, Marco Pellegrino and Francesco Rizzo (Eurostat)	WP.8
	Mapping between metadata standards (follow on from 2006 paper) Arofan Gregory	WP.9
10:30	Break (15 minutes)	
	Structural and reference metadata in the European Statistical System August Götzfried (Eurostat)	WP.10
	General requirements for the soundness of metadata models Tjalling Gelsema (Netherlands)	WP.11
	Further Developments in the Terminological Principles for Data Frank Farance (Farance Inc.) & Daniel W. Gillman (US BLS)	WP.12
	SDMX as a source of standardised terminology: MCV and cross-domain concepts Marco Pellegrino (Eurostat)	13 (presentation + room docs only)
	Discussion, summary and conclusions from topic 2(ii)	
12:45	Lunch (1 hour 15 minutes)	
14:00	Topic 2 (iii): Part C: Metadata and the statistical cycle and Part D: Implementation Organizers: Max Booleman (Netherlands), Joza Klep (Slovenia) and Matjaz Jug (New Zealand)	
	Introduction to session: Max Booleman (Netherlands) **Metadata and the Statistical Cycle**	
	Metadata Management at the FSO - Introducing an End-to-End Approach to Sustain Modernisation Projects Fabian Perrot (Switzerland)	WP.14
	Experiences from distributed registering of metadata in MetaPlus Lars-Göran Lundell (Sweden)	WP.15
	Metadata requirements for archiving structured data Alice Born (Canada)	WP.16
	Proposal for a Generic Statistical Business Process Model Steven Vale (UNECE)	WP.17
	Discussion of papers Discussant: Joza Klep (Slovenia)	
16:30	Break (15 minutes)	
16:45	Time for **demonstrations of systems** by Canada, European Central Bank, Ireland, OECD and Sweden.	
18:00	End of business followed by a social event at Eurostat	

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Continuation of Topic 2 (iii): Part C: Metadata and the statistical cycle and Part D: Implementation Organizers: Max Booleman (Netherlands), Joza Klep (Slovenia) and Matjaz Jug (New Zealand)		
9:10	**Examples of Implementation: presentation of case studies**	
	Introduction	
	Statistics Norway case study	WP.18
	Statistics Croatia case study	WP.19
	UNIDO case study	WP.20
10:45	Break (15 minutes)	
	Portugal case study	WP.21
	Australia case study (presented via video or by UNECE)	WP.22
	Summary of common themes and differences between case studies Discussant: Matjaz Jug (New Zealand)	
12:15	Lunch (1 hour 45 minutes) Demonstration of the Croatian and UNIDO metadata systems for the last 30 minutes of the lunch break	
14:00	Discussion, summary and conclusions from topic 2(iii) Discussant: Max Booleman (Netherlands)	
14:45	**Future work on the Common Metadata Framework** Organizers: UNECE / Eurostat / OECD	
	CMF Status report and proposals for future work	
	Open Discussion	
	Summary of main conclusions and adoption of the meeting report	Draft report
16:30	Close the workshop	