

CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS

**Joint Consultation on the European
Comparison Programme**
(Geneva, 31 March - 2 April 2003)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE MEETING
to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, in Salle VIII
on 31 March - 2 April 2003, starting at 2.00 p.m. on the first day

- 1. Adoption of the agenda (WP.1)**
- 2. Election of officers**
- 3. Current status of the ECP:**
 - EU Member States and Candidate Countries. Eurostat new timetable (Eurostat – **WP.2**)
 - OECD non-European countries, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, Western Balkans, China (OECD –presentation);
 - CIS comparison (CIS-STAT and Goskomstat-Russia)
 - i) Results of the international comparisons of GDP and PPP of the CIS countries and Mongolia for 2000 (CIS-STAT and Goskomstat-Russia – **WP.3**)
 - ii) Methodological issues of the international comparison of GDP and purchasing power parities of the CIS countries and Mongolia (CIS-STAT and Goskomstat-Russia – **WP.4**)
 - Information on Eurostat Draft Regulation on PPP (Eurostat –presentation)
- 4. ECP 2000:**
 - Calculation and linking of the 2000 results (Eurostat and OECD – **WP.5**)
 - Review of the 2000 results (Round table discussion – **WP.6**)
 - Publication of the 2000 results (UNECE –presentation)

5. ICP 2004:

- Current status, organisation, timetable and methodology (World Bank – **WP.7**)
- Demonstration of ICP software (World Bank - presentation)

6. Recent methodological issues:

- Equi-representativity and the Sergueev correction to the EKS method at the basic heading level (Statistics Austria – **WP.8**)
- Nowcasting of PPP (Eurostat – **WP.9**)
- Consistency between PPP prices and NA expenditure weights (Eurostat – **WP.10**)
- Measuring the volume of housing services (Eurostat and OECD – **WP.11**)
- Revision of 1995 – 2000 results by Eurostat: state of play (Eurostat – **WP.12**)

7. Future work

8. Any other business

9. Adoption of the report