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**PROGRAMMES OF INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL WORK IN THE ECE REGION,  
2004/2005 AND 2005/2006: AN INTEGRATED PRESENTATION**

**(Excerpt of the Integrated Presentation database)**

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**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. The Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians decided at its February 2003 meeting that an excerpt of the “Integrated Presentation of International Statistical Work in the ECE Region” would be prepared, presenting the first part of each programme element for distribution at the annual plenary sessions of the Conference.
2. In previous years, before the Integrated Presentation (IP) was developed into a database and made available on the internet, the whole document of some 250 pages was produced in seven separate documents for general distribution and translation into the three ECE official languages. However, the translation of the Integrated Presentation into French and Russian was often delayed and not available in time for the CES plenary session.
2. The excerpt of the Integrated Presentation, presented in this document, is composed of approximately 90 pages as compared to 260 pages of the full document, and offers in an integrated unique document general information on the various statistical areas, including the following sections: goals, issues and problems, strategic medium-term objectives; expected outcomes in the next two years; attention of the Conference is drawn to; meetings and activities of the ECE (CES).
3. The CES Bureau also decided that only the excerpt of the IP would be translated into French and Russian. More information on the IP and plans for its future review and development as agreed by the CES Bureau in February 2004 are described in document CES/2004/3.
4. The full version of the Integrated Presentation database, presenting detailed information on the statistical activities of the various international organizations, is available on the ECE website at: <http://www.unece.org/stats>.

**PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 1  
ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF STATISTICAL SERVICES**

1.	Title	<b>Organization and operation of statistical services (edition 2004)</b>
1.1	Title	<b>Promotion and coordination of multilateral statistical work</b>
1.1:	Goal:	That multilateral statistical work is consistent, coherent and harmonious in regard to its use of classifications and definitions, publications, work programmes and collection of data.
1.1:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managing multilateral relations between international statistical organizations on matters relating to national statistical offices.</li> <li>• Coordination of multilateral statistical work in conducting global statistical surveys and joint data collection, so that duplication in data collection from member countries is avoided.</li> <li>• Improve efficiency of data collection by the international organisations and decrease reporting burden to member countries.</li> <li>• Improve incoherent definitions of metadata and the dissemination of metadata.</li> <li>• More transparency regarding the methods used by the international organisations for different compilation methods, as well as the various quality assessment procedures.</li> <li>• Quality of the statistical work.</li> <li>• Monitor the satisfaction of the users of the Integrated Presentation.</li> </ul>
1.1:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthen the work of the Conference so that it could better respond to major changes affecting countries in the ECE region.</li> <li>• Further strengthen the role of the Conference and its Bureau in providing guidance on statistical activities carried out by other ECE Principal Subsidiary Bodies.</li> <li>• Contribute to improving the coordination in statistics among the organisations within the UN system depending on developments in this direction.</li> </ul>
1.1:	Rapporteur:	ECE
1.1:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extension of the Integrated Presentation to cover statistical activities of other UN Regional Commissions.</li> <li>• OECD/EU glossary of meta-data terms.</li> <li>• Declaration of principles for the statistical activities of international organizations.</li> </ul>
1.1:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The need for further work on strengthening the coordination of statistical data collection among the various international organisations.</li> </ul>
1.1:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To approve the activities to be undertaken by the Conference in this programme element (see "Activities of CES").</li> </ul>
1.1:	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CCSA:</b> Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (two meetings per year, in March and September) (New York, <i>1 Sep 2004 -- tentative</i>)</li> <li>• <b>ECE (CES)</b> : Annual plenary session (Paris, 8 Jun 2004 - 10 Jun 2004) See: <a href="http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2004.06.ces.htm">http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2004.06.ces.htm</a> for more information</li> <li>• <b>ECE (CES)</b> : Bureau meeting (Washington D.C., 18 Oct 2004 - 19 Oct 2004)</li> <li>• <b>ECE (CES)</b> : Bureau meeting (Geneva, 10 Feb 2005 - 11 Feb 2005)</li> <li>• <b>ECE (CES)</b> : Annual plenary session (Geneva, 14 Jun 2005 - 16 Jun 2005)</li> </ul>
1.1:	Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b>Integrated Presentation</b> (<i>Activity 1.1 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> The Integrated Presentation of International Statistical Work brings together the</p>

		<p>statistical programmes of work of about 25 international agencies active in the UNECE and OECD areas, with the aim of coordinating statistical work and avoiding possible duplication.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop the Integrated Presentation database to facilitate (i) browsing and search of information by the users and (ii) updating of the information by the participating organizations.</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Integrated Presentation is updated every year in January, based on the Statistical Programme and contributions from about 25 International Organizations. Eurostat and OECD are the main contributors, including their statistical programmes. For the ECE, the updating of the Integrated Presentation in January 2004 will be done on the basis of the ECE Statistical Programme for 2004.</li> <li>• It is expected that, in 2004, the annual updating of the Integrated Presentation will be done for the first time using the IP database. Since April 2003, the IP database is available on the public ECE website in a test version.</li> <li>• Further work will be carried out to develop and improve the IP database, with the aim of facilitating browsing and search of information by the users. It is expected that the development and improvement of the IP database will progressively reduce the need for a paper version of the Integrated Presentation.</li> <li>• The main contributing organizations (UNECE, Eurostat and OECD) will continue to work together on the implementation of batch updating of the database using e-mail.</li> <li>• A review of the Integrated Presentation (including possible changes to the time-frame and the classification of statistical activities) will take place in 2004, based on the decisions taken by the CES Bureau.</li> </ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Substantial</b> See also: <a href="http://unece.unog.ch/IntPres">http://unece.unog.ch/IntPres</a></p>
1.1: Activities of ECE (CES)		<p><b><u>Annual ECE statistical programme</u></b> (<i>Activity 1.2 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> The Annual ECE Statistical Programme presents, in an integrated document, all statistical activities carried out by the various ECE Divisions and Units.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comprehensive, well presented Annual ECE Statistical Programme</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The Annual ECE Statistical Programme for 2005 will be prepared on the basis of the 2004 edition, which will be updated by the respective ECE Divisions and Units.</li> <li>• A report on the implementation of the 2004 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 2004.</li> </ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Moderate</b> See also: <a href="http://www.unece.org/stats/activities.e.htm">http://www.unece.org/stats/activities.e.htm</a></p>
1.1: Activities of ECE (CES)		<p><b><u>Towards a statistical system of International Organizations</u></b> (<i>Activity 1.3 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> Participation in a drafting group under the auspices of the UN Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA) to establish a declaration of</p>

		<p>principles for the statistical activities of international organizations.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of principles to be agreed at the meeting of the CCSA in September 2004, for later adoption by the Statistical Commission and endorsement by the appropriate high-level bodies of each international organization.</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under the leadership of UNSD, the drafting group is composed of IMF, World Bank, OECD, UNESCO, World Trade Organisation, World Tourism Organisation, and ECE. The final product should include a list of principles, based on the fundamental principles of official statistics, but modified and complemented in such a way as to be applicable to the various types of statistical activities of international organizations. This activity is a follow-up to the paper prepared by ECE for the CCSA meeting in September 2003 under the title "Towards a Statistical System".</li> </ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Minimal</b></p>
1.1:	Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b>Secretariat support to the work of the CES and its Bureau</b> (<i>Activity 1.4 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b></p> <p>Provide secretariat support to 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.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide secretariat support for the work of the Bureau on an ongoing basis, including the Conference.</li> <li>• Organize, prepare and service the annual plenary session of the CES (June 2004), which includes three modules: a session on formal business and two seminar sessions.</li> <li>• Organize, prepare and service the two Bureau meetings (February and October 2004).</li> <li>• Prepare the documentation for the CES plenary session and the Bureau meetings (see also PE 1.1: Integrated Presentations, and PE 1.2: Annual ECE Statistical Programme).</li> <li>• Coordinate the work of the various Steering Groups that work under the auspices of the CES in various statistical areas and report their activities to the Bureau.</li> </ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Substantial</b></p> <p>See also: <a href="http://www.unece.org/stats/archive/01.e.htm">http://www.unece.org/stats/archive/01.e.htm</a></p>

1.2	Title	<b>Managerial and policy issues of direct concern to presidents of National Statistical Offices</b>
1.2:	Goal:	That relationships among the top management level of the national statistical offices as well as contact with the management of international statistical organisations be efficient.
1.2:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The role of the different international players, and the different and partial overlap of groups of countries require special attention.</li> <li>• Focus and give priority to some specific topics for a certain period of time.</li> <li>• The conflict between increased demand for statistics and shrinking resources.</li> <li>• Promotion of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and assessments by the CES of whether they should be revised or updated.</li> <li>• The development strategy of national statistical offices.</li> <li>• The overall design and conception of official statistics.</li> <li>• Professional ethics in statistics.</li> <li>• Promoting the spread of "best statistical practices" among ECE countries.</li> <li>• Enhancing the role and policy relevance of statistics at the national and international level.</li> </ul>
1.2:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that data collection activities by international organisations are coordinated and monitored. This objective is also relevant for programme element 6.1 Dissemination of data and coordination of international data collection.</li> <li>• Review the implementation of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics; perform benchmark studies.</li> <li>• Review the functioning of different meetings and processes of supporting standardisation, methodological development and exchange of best practice.</li> <li>• Focus on the relevancy of statistics in relation to policy purposes.</li> </ul>
1.2:	Rapporteur:	Chair or the CES
1.2:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of the application of the Fundamental Principles in all CES member countries.</li> <li>• Find a solution for improved monitoring of international data exchange and document the improved coordination of data collection in specific areas.</li> <li>• Substantive papers and in-depth reviews prepared for the plenary sessions on development of international statistical standards and methods and their application in statistical practice.</li> <li>• Review the meetings' structure within the international framework.</li> <li>• Minutes of the major Bureau meetings and reports of the expert meetings of the Conference work to be available at the plenary session as room documents.</li> <li>• Decisions and guidance from the Conference on the statistical work programmes planned by the international organisations.</li> </ul>
1.2:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The enlargement of the European Union and the need for the Conference to evaluate its activities and priorities.</li> </ul>
1.2:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To approve the activities to be undertaken by the Conference in this programme element (see "Activities of CES").</li> </ul>
1.2:	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : 52nd SPC (12 Feb 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : 53rd SPC (27 May 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Programmation et coordination avec le SSE (21 Jun 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : 90th DGINS (13 Sep 2004 - 14 Sep 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : 54th SPC (18 Nov 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : 14th CEIES (19 Nov 2004)</li> </ul>
1.2:	Activities of	<b>Handbook of official statistics</b> (Activity 1.5 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical

ECE (CES)	<p><i>Programme)</i></p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> The Handbook of Official Statistics presents 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.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Updated online version of the Handbook of Official Statistics</li></ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <p><u>New activity:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Handbook of Official Statistics is available online on the ECE website, but in the past few years the information was not regularly updated. During 2004, the information contained in the Handbook will be reviewed. A mechanism to ensure that information will be regularly updated in future will be set up.</li><li>• 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.</li></ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Minimal</b></p> <p>See also: <a href="http://www.unece.org/stats/handbook/">http://www.unece.org/stats/handbook/</a></p>
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1.3	Title	<b>Relations with countries in Southeast Europe and the CIS</b>
1.3	Goal:	That countries in Southeast Europe and the CIS have mature, stable and adequate statistical infrastructure suitable for their needs; that they receive advice and assistance from the international statistical community in applying them; and that they adhere to international statistical standards and norms.
1.3	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transferring knowledge concerning statistical priorities and the creation of solid statistical programmes.</li> <li>• The implementation of international standards.</li> <li>• Evaluation, by both recipient and donor countries, of the progress that is being made as a result of technical assistance given and received.</li> <li>• For EU Candidate Countries, the objective for Technical Assistance is to comply with <i>acquis communautaire</i>.</li> </ul>
1.3	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that activities undertaken by countries and international organisations are carried out in a co-ordinated and efficient manner.</li> <li>• Ensure that the building of sustainable national statistical systems meets national and international needs and priorities.</li> <li>• Adopt statistical legislation in those countries where it does not exist yet, including an explicit reference to the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics.</li> <li>• Periodic review of the technical cooperation activities of international and national organisations in Southeast Europe and the CIS.</li> </ul>
1.3	Rapporteur:	ECE
1.3	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthen statistical capacity in Southeast Europe and the CIS.</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b>: Availability of comparable statistics in key areas among EU candidate countries.</li> </ul>
1.3	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The development of official statistics in Western Balkan countries is lagging behind the other European countries because of economic and social difficulties in their progress towards a market economy. This calls for a tailored development of statistics in the region supported by a sustained technical assistance by the international organisations active in the region.</li> <li>• Further activities to achieve comparability of CIS statistics with the statistical data of the other countries in the region.</li> </ul>
1.3	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To approve the activities to be undertaken by the Conference in this programme element (see "Activities of CES").</li> </ul>
1.3	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Management group Statistical co-operation Candidate and CARDS countries (18 Mar 2004 - 19 Mar 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : TACIS steering group on EU statistical cooperation with new independent states and Mongolia (14 Jun 2004 - 18 Jun 2004)</li> <li>• <b>OECD</b> : Workshop on the non-observed economy for Western Balkan countries (27 Sep 2004 - 30 Sep 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Policy Group Statistical Co-operation CARDS countries (21 Oct 2004 - 22 Oct 2004)</li> </ul>
1.3	Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b>Bilateral technical cooperation</b> (<i>Activity 4.1 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> Statistical capacity building in individual countries.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased statistical capacity in individual ECE member countries, enabling them to meet the needs of data users at the national and international level.</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statistical capacity building in ECE member countries, with a special emphasis on South-East Europe and CIS countries.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bilateral technical cooperation is provided at the request of national authorities and/or international organizations 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. Various topics are covered, such as: general organization of the statistical system, fundamental principles of official statistics, indicators for human development and MDG reporting, economic or social statistics, etc.</li> </ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Moderate</b></p>
1.3:	Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b>Multilateral technical cooperation</b> (<i>Activity 4.2 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> Statistical capacity building in sub-regional groups of countries.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statistical capacity building in groups of ECE member countries, through training services provided to these countries by the Regional Adviser on Statistics budget and through the regular meetings programme of the Conference of European Statisticians. Countries are mainly part of South-East Europe or the CIS.</li> <li>• Participation in inter-agency collaborative efforts aimed at assisting Southeast European and CIS countries.</li> <li>• Structuring all programme activities and seminar sessions of the Conference of European Statisticians to reflect also the concerns of Southeast European and CIS countries.</li> </ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Substantial</b></p> <p>See also: <a href="http://www.unece.org/stats/archive/04.11ab.e.htm">http://www.unece.org/stats/archive/04.11ab.e.htm</a></p>



1.4	Title	<b>Relations with countries outside the ECE region (including countries in the Mediterranean region)</b>
1.4:	Goal:	That Countries outside the ECE region have mature, stable and adequate statistical infrastructure suitable for their needs and adhere to international standards and norms.
1.4:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The implementation of international standards in countries outside the ECE region.</li> <li>• Provision of guidance to countries outside the ECE region in their efforts to take on the characteristics required of statistical agencies of market economy countries.</li> <li>• Measurement and monitoring of human rights and good governance.</li> <li>• Implications and consequences of customs union projects in different economic zones.</li> <li>• Transferring knowledge concerning statistical priorities and the creation of solid statistical programmes.</li> </ul>
1.4:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that activities undertaken by countries and international and supranational organizations are carried out in a coordinated and efficient manner.</li> <li>• Periodic consideration by the Bureau of the Conference and by the CES plenary session of ways in which the statistical experience of ECE member countries could effectively be transferred to and /or used by countries outside the ECE region.</li> <li>• Development with other UN regional commissions of regionally relevant sets of Millennium Development Goals indicators and sustainable development indicators, in collaboration with the UN standing committee on economic and social indicators.</li> <li>• Establishment of regional transition tables between the above-mentioned regional sets of indicators and UN-DESA sets of indicators at the world level.</li> <li>• Implementation of UN statistical standards in economic, social and environmental areas in ACP (Africa, Caribbean and Pacific) and Mediterranean countries.</li> </ul>
1.4:	Rapporteur:	ECE
1.4:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthened statistical capacity in countries outside the ECE region.</li> </ul>
1.4:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing.</li> </ul>
1.4:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>
1.4:	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Paris 21</b> : Numerous regional workshops, methodological workshops, and task team meetings</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : MEDSTAT reflection group (15 Mar 2004 - 16 Mar 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : MEDSTAT reflection group (21 Apr 2004 - 22 Apr 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : MEDSTAT reflection group (10 May 2004 - 11 May 2004)</li> <li>• <b>OECD</b> : Workshop on the non-observed economy for countries of the ESCAP region (see OECD's activity "Non-observed economy" in PE 1.3) (11 May 2004 - 14 May 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : MEDSTAT reflection group (8 Jun 2004 - 9 Jun 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Statistical cooperation (7 Jul 2004 - 8 Jul 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : MEDSTAT reflection group (15 Sep 2004 - 16 Sep 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : The measurement of poverty (séminaire de préparation) (27 Sep 2004 - 28 Sep 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Statistical cooperation (28 Oct 2004 - 29 Oct 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : MEDSTAT reflection group (25 Nov 2004 - 26 Nov 2004)</li> </ul>

**PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 2**  
**TECHNICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND OTHER CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES**

2.	Title	<b>Technical Infrastructure and other cross-cutting issues (edition 2004)</b>
2.1	Title	<b>Management of information technology infrastructure</b>
2.1:	Goal:	That the benefits of information and communication technology (ICT) be harnessed to the greatest extent possible in the collection, processing and dissemination of statistical data
2.1:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The potential of the emerging ICT has not yet been realised and it is perceived that considerable such potential exists.</li> <li>• Countries within the ECE area vary considerably in their ICT capabilities.</li> <li>• Priority should be given to re-engineering processes in the collection, processing and dissemination of statistics holistically as a consequence of the rapid proliferation of Internet services in statistical practice.</li> <li>• The Conference at its 2002 plenary session identified various issues requiring follow up by the International Organisations. In particular, the Conference asked: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to investigate the possibility of developing a common system (portal) for monitoring data collection activities by International Organisations;</li> <li>- to ensure the development of data sharing models;</li> <li>- to give both NSOs and other data providers easy access to statistics available at the international organizations in a form allowing comparisons and usage in national dissemination programmes;</li> <li>- to put in place secure and operational methods and tools for the transmission of sensitive information. The experiences from the STADIUM/STATEL solution supporting GESMES CB should be considered in this context;</li> <li>- to investigate the possibility of defining a standard codification scheme for economic time-series (for national accounts and balance of payments) with an initial focus on short term-indicators;</li> <li>- to work with NSOs to facilitate the reuse of their standard products.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2.1:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<p>(NOTE: Work is under way on the issues identified by the Conference at its 2002 plenary session as requiring follow-up by the International Organisations. These issues are listed in the section "issues and problems")</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved structure and cooperation with national focal points on the website on IT practices in national statistical offices.</li> <li>• Introduction of video and internet conferencing facilities in the international statistical cooperation</li> </ul> <p><b>For the ECE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A re-designed architecture for collection, processing and dissemination of statistical data under the rapid development in ICT with emphasis on the integration of data sources and data dissemination on both national and international levels.</li> <li>• Improved dissemination of official statistics via Internet.</li> <li>• Increased level of implementation of common EDI messages standards in transition countries.</li> </ul> <p><b>For Eurostat:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreement on common architecture for statistical information services (collection, production &amp; internal reference, external reference, dissemination).</li> <li>• Adoption and integration of open-EDI technologies such as common exchange standards for documents, statistical reports, statistical data, classifications and metadata.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreement on common EDI messages and APIs (Application Programming Interfaces) to couple distributed statistical information services (e.g. locating, extracting and downloading relevant statistical data for a specific domain).</li> </ul> <p><b>For the OECD:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further standardise and integrate statistical work in the Organisation with the aim of creating a corporate data warehouse.</li> <li>• Further coordinate statistical data collection and dissemination with other international organisations and relevant countries.</li> </ul> <p><b>For World Bank:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To develop a web-based statistical data collection and dissemination system for its own staff and for users in other countries and institutions by 2005. Its aims will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- As a first step, socio-economic, external debt and trade indicators and other related Bank/IDA (Interchange of Data between Administrators) data will be included in this warehouse;</li> <li>- The capability of supporting user specified queries over the Internet;</li> <li>- Differentiated access based on privileges;</li> <li>- The development of software that could be disseminated to countries to increase their statistical capacity.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2.1:	Rapporteur:	ECE
2.1:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved and publicised website on best applications of statistical information and communication technologies.</li> <li>• Progress in follow up to the priorities towards using the information systems infrastructure for better sharing of data, coordination of international data collection, improved dissemination of statistics by IOs to NSOs.</li> <li>• <b>CIS-STAT:</b> Increase the proportion of data transmitted by CIS member country correspondents using common standards for the electronic interchange of statistics.</li> <li>• <b>ECE:</b> Improved technological environment for collection, processing and dissemination of data with particular focus on the Internet technology.</li> <li>• <b>ECE:</b> A joint programme (with UNSD) of technical assistance to CIS countries focusing on information systems issues related to population and housing censuses</li> <li>• <b>ECE (CES):</b> Draft set of current best practices on statistical confidentiality and access to microdata.</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Creation of new Data Preparation System.</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Introduction of new ICT architecture.</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Construction of a single interface for Eurostat reference bases.</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Installation of new version of Eurostat internet site.</li> <li>• <b>IMF:</b> Increase the number of member country correspondents using the GESMES/CB standard UN/EDIFACT message for electronic interchange of monetary, balance of payments and other statistics from countries in the ECE region.</li> <li>• <b>OECD:</b> Installation of a new version of the OECD Statistics Portal</li> <li>• <b>OECD:</b> Complete a metadata driven universal interface to OECD.Stat</li> <li>• <b>OECD:</b> Complete the development of new OECD statistical systems (OECD.Stat)</li> </ul>
2.1:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing.</li> </ul>
2.1:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To approve the activities to be undertaken by the Conference in this programme element (see "Activities of CES").</li> </ul>

2.1:	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ECE (CES) Eurostat</b> : Joint ECE/Eurostat Work Session Electronic Data Reporting (Autumn 2004) (<i>1 Sep 2004 -- tentative</i>)</li> <li>• <b>ECE (CES)</b> : Meeting on Management of Statistical Information Systems (17 May 2004 - 19 May 2004) See: <a href="http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2004.05.msis.htm">http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2004.05.msis.htm</a> for more information</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : IT Steering Committee (20 Oct 2004 - 21 Oct 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Statistical confidentiality (10 Dec 2004)</li> <li>• <b>ECE (CES)</b>: Meeting on Management of Statistical Information Systems (<i>1 May 2005 -- tentative</i>)</li> </ul>
2.1:	Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b>Statistical information processing</b> (<i>Activity 3.2 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> This area covers the methodological and organizational aspects of statistical data processing focusing on structures, models and procedures.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved statistical information systems in national and international statistical agencies</li> <li>• Facilitate cooperation among statistical agencies in the field of statistical information processing and better harmonisation of data models, concepts, etc.</li> <li>• Facilitate cooperation work, data and knowledge sharing among statistical agencies.</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <p><u>Management of statistical information systems:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Meeting on Management of Statistical Information Systems (17-19 May 2004), to consider: (i) web technology in statistical information systems; (ii) development of IT strategies in statistical offices; (iii) open source in statistics; (iv) review and follow-up to the activities in the field of statistical data processing with focus on statistical metadata.</li> </ul> <p><u>Interchange of statistical information:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint ECE/Eurostat Work Session Electronic Data Reporting (second half of 2004), to consider: (i) National integration (e-government initiatives); (ii) National research (quality issue, organization, administrative sources); (iii) Respondents' behaviour (security, e-commerce, built-in edits, benchmarking of data); (iv) Communication and support (helpdesk, training); (v) Implementation (in parallel with the programme of work of the work session).</li> <li>• Active cooperation with other international organizations in the work aimed at standardization of electronic data interchange (EEG6, GMWG, SDMX).</li> </ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Moderate</b> See also: <a href="http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2004.05.msis.htm">http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2004.05.msis.htm</a></p>
2.1:	Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b>Statistical confidentiality and access to microdata</b> (<i>Activity 3.4 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> 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</p>

	<p>2003 CES plenary session).</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Compile a set of current best practices to guide the implementation of the principles for confidentiality protection in accessing microdata by researchers.</li></ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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. Delivery of a draft set of current best practices for consideration by the CES Bureau in October 2004.</li></ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Minimal</b></p>
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2.2:	Title	<b>Statistical data collection and processing</b>
2.2:	Goal:	That the benefits of ICT be harnessed to the greatest extent possible in the collection and processing of statistical data, and that the reporting burden placed on countries be minimised.
2.2:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electronic data interchange standards are being promoted in order to further integrate technically the statistical systems of countries and international agencies.</li> <li>• The use and sharing of efficient methodology and software in common collection and processing operations carried out by statistical agencies (e.g. sampling, data entry, editing, coding, estimation), best practices in data editing methods and techniques especially those allowing cost savings are to be identified and made available.</li> </ul>
2.2:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress in putting in place secure and operational methods and tools for the transmission of sensitive information drawing on the best practices (e.g. STADIUM/STATEL, GESMES CB, etc.)</li> <li>• The reuse of NSOs' standard electronic data products by the international organisations when it is cost effective and feasible</li> </ul> <p><b>For the ECE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progressive re-engineering in data collection for statistical surveys caused by the expansion of web services.</li> <li>• Increased use of electronic data reporting methods and techniques in data collection from enterprises, administration and other sources.</li> <li>• Better use of EDI standards for statistical data collection with focus on transition economies.</li> <li>• Recommendations on the best practices on the evaluation of the efficiency of the data editing process.</li> </ul> <p><b>For Eurostat:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoption of XML version of RDRMES as UN standard.</li> <li>• Agreement on the use of EDI messages to specify the statistical requirements to the economic operators and their declarers.</li> <li>• Production of documentation on EDI projects for decision-makers, key partners in data collection, key technological players such as software houses, EDI providers, and standardization bodies, etc.</li> </ul> <p><b>For the OECD:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The OECD will continue its efforts to contribute to reducing the burden on national statistical agencies by further co-ordinating data collection activities across the Organisation and with other international organisations both in terms of content, timing and use of common technology (XML / Gesmes).</li> </ul> <p><b>For the World Bank:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reorganisation of official statistical data collection and processing in the Russian Federation</li> </ul>
2.2:	Rapporteur:	ECE
2.2:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creation of a secure environment where researchers can access micro EU data for Scientific purposes (Safe Centre).</li> <li>• <b>ECE (CES):</b> Methodological publication "Statistical Data Editing, Vol. 3" devoted to evaluation methods and quality indicators for statistical data editing.</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Proposals for IT security standards for the ESS.</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Publication of "Statistical Confidentiality in the EU".</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Windows version of IDEP/CN8.</li> </ul>
2.2:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possible combined use of business registers data and data collected for fiscal purposes.</li> </ul>

2.2:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To approve the activities to be undertaken by the Conference in this programme element (see "Activities of CES").</li> </ul>
2.2:	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ECE (CES) : Work Session on Statistical Data Editing (Ottawa, 1 Mar 2005 - tentative)</b></li> </ul>
2.2:	Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b>Statistical data editing</b> (<i>Activity 3.3 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> This area covers the methodological issues related to data quality control at the collection phase.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved quality of statistical data used within the national statistical offices in the region</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Publish methodological guides on data quality control, data editing and imputation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <p><b>Statistical data editing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Methodological publication "Statistical Data Editing, Vol. 3" devoted to evaluation methods and quality indicators for statistical data editing.</li> <li>• Work Session on Statistical Data Editing (autumn 2004- spring 2005), to discuss data editing methods and techniques with a particular focus on evaluation methods and quality indicators for statistical data editing.</li> </ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Moderate</b></p>

2.3	Title	<b>Dissemination and interchange of statistical information</b>
2.3	Goal:	That the benefits of ICT be harnessed to the greatest extent possible in the dissemination and interchange of statistical information (NOTE: this programme element is focused on the technical and methodological aspects of data dissemination, while the content of dissemination is treated under PE 6.1)
2.3	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of meta-information systems at national level and harmonization of metadata systems of international organizations.</li> <li>• Further spreading of use of Internet for dissemination of statistical data.</li> <li>• Implementation of common EDI standards for statistical data dissemination.</li> <li>• Dissemination of market-sensitive economic data to mass media.</li> </ul>
2.3	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved and user friendly dissemination of statistics collected by the international organisation to NSOs and other data providers.</li> </ul> <p><b>For the ECE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved tools for dissemination of statistics, with a particular focus on Internet</li> <li>• Progress in the integration of metadata related to the dissemination of statistics by international organisations.</li> <li>• Preparation of a compendium of examples of disseminated statistical commentary and stories.</li> <li>• Improved use of common standards for EDI in transition countries.</li> </ul> <p><b>For Eurostat:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreement on concentrated efforts, investments and resources on DSIS 6 priorities (metadata, reference environment, raw data collection, design and integration of EDI technologies, multimedia and information highways, integration with networking technologies).</li> <li>• Agreement on use of standardized EDI messages as a corner to exchange data and metadata between reference environments.</li> <li>• Implementation of reference and dissemination environments (new architecture) conforming to common recommendations, requirements and memorandum of understanding (including access rights, copyrights, accounting practices).</li> <li>• Feasibility studies on how statistical information services can benefit from EDI and multimedia technologies.</li> <li>• Improvement in the quality of publications and reductions in the number of titles.</li> </ul> <p><b>For the OECD:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further increase the dissemination of free data on the Internet and improve the coherence of on-line dissemination by integrating datasets and improving the descriptive metadata content.</li> <li>• Co-ordinate dissemination policies across NSOs and International Organisations.</li> </ul> <p><b>For the IMF:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of the initial set of draft standards for the exchange of statistical information by the Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange (SDMX).</li> </ul> <p><b>For the UNSD:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of the Millennium Indicators Database for monitoring the implementation of the Millennium Declaration.</li> </ul>
2.3	Rapporteur:	ECE
2.3	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Output delivery in the four SDMX priority areas (practical case study on emerging e-standards, batch time series data exchange; a metadata common vocabulary; and metadata repositories)</li> <li>• <b>ECE (CES):</b> Publication of best practices for dealing with the media summarising the outcomes of preceding meetings on statistical output for dissemination to information media.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ECE (CES):</b> Compendium of examples of statistical commentary and stories.</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> A reflection on charging policy will be conducted with EU Member States.</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> A new version of the Euro-Indicator website will be launched and evaluated</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Data Shop and Data Shop Relays action plan will be implemented.</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Version 2 of the Metadata Vocabulary to be made available on Internet for ESS users.</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> New version of an Internet user-friendly database.</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Repository for management of textual metadata.</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> New version of NewCronos.</li> <li>• <b>OECD:</b> Manual containing international recommendations and guidelines on the presentation of data and metadata in various dissemination media, including the Internet.</li> </ul>
2.3: Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Conference is expected to discuss at its 2004 Plenary session the possible creation of a Task Force which would prepare a draft common metadata framework, on the basis of a proposal by the ECE Secretariat.</li> </ul>
2.3: Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To approve the activities to be undertaken by the Conference in this programme element (see "Activities of CES").</li> </ul>
2.3: Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ECE (CES) :</b> Work Session on Dissemination of <i>(1 Apr 2005 -- tentative)</i> to consider the following topics: (i) How to train and educate statisticians for dissemination of statistical commentary and stories; (ii) How to exchange experience in disseminating statistical analysis, commentary and stories; (iii) How to increase acceptance and reception of statistics among the general public and media, and how to overcome the "fear" of numbers; (iv) Monitoring user feedback and measuring the effectiveness of statistical commentary and stories.</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat :</b> Groupe de réflexion sur l'avenir de la diffusion (26 Jan 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat :</b> Diffusion de l'information statistique (19 Feb 2004 - 20 Feb 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat :</b> Diffusion de l'information statistique (28 Apr 2004 - 29 Apr 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat :</b> STNE (13 May 2004 - 14 May 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat :</b> Groupe de réflexion sur l'avenir de la diffusion (9 Jun 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat :</b> METADATA, Statistical metadata (17 Jun 2004 - 18 Jun 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat :</b> Diffusion de l'information statistique (7 Oct 2004 - 8 Oct 2004)</li> </ul>
2.3: Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b>Statistical metadata</b> (<i>Activity 3.5 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> This activity is focused on data models and structures for statistical metadata in statistical information processing and dissemination context.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification and publication of good practices in statistical metadata</li> <li>• Implementation of developed standards and recommendations on statistical metadata</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint UNECE-Eurostat-OECD Work Session on Statistical Metadata (METIS) (9-11 February 2004) to consider: (i) Functions of metadata in statistical production; (ii) Metadata interchange; (iii) Metadata models and terminology; (iv) Using metadata for searching and finding statistical data in websites and portals.</li> </ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Minimal</b></p> <p>See also: <a href="http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2004.02.metis.htm">http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2004.02.metis.htm</a></p>
2.3: Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b>Managing statistical output for dissemination</b> (<i>Activity 3.6 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b></p>

	<p>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.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Publication of good practices in dissemination of statistical information</li></ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Publication of best practices for dealing with the media summarising the outcomes of preceding meetings on statistical output for dissemination to information media.</li><li>• Preparation of a compendium of examples of statistical commentary and stories.</li><li>• A Work Session on dissemination of statistical commentary and stories to be held in 2004/2005 to consider: (i) How to train and educate statisticians for dissemination of statistical commentary and stories; (ii) How to exchange experience in disseminating statistical analysis, commentary and stories; (iii) How to increase acceptance and reception of statistics among the general public and media, and how to overcome the “fear” of numbers; (iv) Monitoring user feedback and measuring the effectiveness of statistical commentary and stories.</li></ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Minimal</b></p>
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2.4	Title	<b>Statistical classifications</b>
2.4:	Goal:	The worldwide implementation of single statistical classification standards in each area of statistics.
2.4:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Significant discrepancies still exist in the classifications used by NSOs within the ECE region, particularly between ISIC/NACE and NAICS.</li> <li>• Differences exist between official statistical classifications and those used by private corporations.</li> <li>• Limited resources to support national adaptations of ISCO-88.</li> <li>• A socio-economic classification has yet to be created, though progress is being made funded by Eurostat with the ILO participation.</li> <li>• The fast-changing nature of some sectors of the economy compared with the limited capacities to up-date the classifications.</li> </ul>
2.4:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To establish an inventory of implementation plans in different countries and current deviations from international classifications.</li> <li>• To bring out greater convergence between NAICS (the North American Industrial Classification System) and NACE (Nomenclature Statistique des Activités Economique dans la Communauté Européenne).</li> <li>• To monitor the program on CPC/CPA revisions.</li> <li>• UNSD revision of ISIC in 2007.</li> </ul>
2.4:	Rapporteur:	Eurostat
2.4:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of interim classifications for IT sector of the economy pending full-scale revision of NACE.</li> </ul>
2.4:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The effort made by Statistics Canada, the Instituto Nacional de Estadística, Geografía e Informática of Mexico, the United States Bureau of the Census and Eurostat on the convergence of industrial classifications NAICS/NACE.</li> <li>• The revision of ISIC.</li> </ul>
2.4:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>
2.4:	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UN Statistics Division</b> : Classifications Workshop for ECE countries (2004- tentative)</li> <li>• <b>UN Statistics Division</b> : Meeting of the Technical Subgroup (<i>1 Oct 2004 -- tentative</i>)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Customs code committee "Tariff and statistical nomenclature section" (4 Feb 2004 - 5 Feb 2004)</li> <li>• <b>UN Statistics Division</b> : Meeting of the Technical Subgroup (22 Mar 2004 - 26 Mar 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Customs code committee "Tariff and statistical nomenclature section" (18 May 2004 - 19 May 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Nomenclatures CPS NACE/CPA (8 Sep 2004 - 10 Sep 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Nomenclatures CPS NACE/CPA (15 Dec 2004 - 17 Dec 2004)</li> </ul>

2.5	Title	<b>Statistical research and development</b>
2.5	Goal:	A continuing programme of productive and relevant research and development, whose results are disseminated widely
2.5	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishing research and development priorities.</li> <li>• Avoiding duplication.</li> <li>• Disseminating results widely.</li> <li>• To develop guidelines for statistical agencies on policies and practices for managing data quality in statistical programs, including the definition, control and description of data quality, and its implication for data release.</li> </ul>
2.5	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To promote an active program of research, technology development and transfer within the region on statistical and methodological issues that cut across other PEs in the Work programme (e.g. seasonal adjustment; data quality measurement: non-sampling error; sampling and estimating; questionnaire design; confidentiality protection; longitudinal surveys).</li> <li>• To ensure that the results of this work are accessible to statistical offices throughout the region.</li> <li>• To publish manuals on best practices for the most common adjustment and estimation procedures in Eurostat.</li> </ul>
2.5	Rapporteur:	Eurostat
2.5	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Setting up of a competence network on seasonal adjustment among NSO's, Universities, and Central Banks: To have improved the co-operation framework for seasonal adjustment activities in the ESS and to implement the co-operative arrangement with the US. The network would bring together the different actors, such as Eurostat, NSO's, Central Banks, and the US Bureau of the Census. It would ease the convergence of Member States policies, and the development (and support) of methods and tools.</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> The handbook on seasonal adjustment: To have finalised the handbook on best practices for seasonal adjustments. The handbook is being developed in order to implement the Eurostat seasonal adjustment policy, and will cover both conceptual and methodological aspects. A chapter will be dedicated to informing the user about the quality of seasonal adjustments. The objective is to have a tool for both Eurostat production Units and the National Statistical Institutes.</li> <li>• <b>OECD:</b> Handbook on Useful Practices for Constructing Composite Indicators.</li> <li>• <b>OECD:</b> Handbook on Economic Globalisation Indicators</li> <li>• <b>OECD:</b> CD-ROM edition of the OECD Glossary of Statistical Terms (already available for free distribution on the OECD website).</li> </ul>
2.5	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The increased and widespread implementation of ICT calls for new data and meta-data modelling.</li> <li>• Research in the area of data modelling is lacking and should be given high priority.</li> </ul>
2.5	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>
2.5	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>FAO :</b> FAO Demonstration Centre on Food Security Statistics for Eastern European Countries (Sinaia, Romania, <i>1 Mar 2004 -- tentative</i>)</li> <li>• <b>FAO :</b> FAO Seventh International Round Table Discussions on Statistics of Agricultural production, Trade, Supply/Utilization Accounts and Food Balance Sheets (Chisinau, Moldova, <i>1 May 2004 -- tentative</i>)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat :</b> Seasonal Adjustment (user group) (1 Apr 2004 - 2 Apr 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat :</b> Structural indicators network (22 Jun 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat :</b> Seasonal Adjustment (conference) (13 Sep 2004 - 15 Sep 2004)</li> <li>• <b>FAO :</b> Third International Conference on Agricultural Statistics – Measuring</li> </ul>

	<p>Sustainable Agriculture Indicators (co-organised by FAO) (Cancun, Mexico, 2 Nov 2004 - 4 Nov 2004)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : FEBI-FEBS-UNICE-Eurostat-INS (8 Nov 2004)</li><li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : EPROS (8 Nov 2004 - 9 Nov 2004)</li><li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Assessment of quality in statistics (15 Nov 2004 - 16 Nov 2004)</li></ul>
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2.6	Title	<b>Geographical and regional data</b>
2.6	Goal:	That geographical information standards are universally adopted and that geographically based information is disseminated as widely and efficiently as possible.
2.6	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development and integration of statistics for sub-national and supra-national regions.</li> <li>• The efficiency, quality and comparability of the geographic dimension of official statistics.</li> <li>• The measurement and reinforcement of economic and social cohesion of the European Union using high quality statistical information on the European regions.</li> <li>• Availability of necessary regional data for the definition, follow-up and evaluation of regional policies (both national and European Union) and the evaluation of the socio-economic situation and evolution of the regions of Europe.</li> <li>• To design and develop concepts and standards, new tools and technology (GIS), dissemination of geographical products and spatial analysis.</li> </ul>
2.6	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<p><b>For Eurostat:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publication of statistical yearbook "REGIONS".</li> <li>• Complete classification of regions for the new member states.</li> <li>• Publication of methodology for regional household accounts.</li> <li>• Publication of first results of the screening exercise.</li> </ul>
2.6	Rapporteur:	Eurostat
2.6	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Creation of the EU Portrait of the Regions website.</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Medium term strategy for urban statistics (2004).</li> <li>• <b>OECD:</b> Report on "Geographic Equity in Health in OECD countries".</li> <li>• <b>OECD:</b> Publication of "OECD Regions at Glance" in the Territorial Outlook 2004.</li> <li>• <b>World Bank:</b> Addition of sub-national data to World Bank databases.</li> </ul>
2.6	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There needs to be closer co-operation among National Statistical Offices, national mapping agencies and national administrative systems if the availability and comparability of spatial information is to be improved.</li> </ul>
2.6	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To approve the activities to be undertaken by the Conference in this programme element (see "Activities of CES").</li> </ul>
2.6	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ECE (CES) :</b> Joint UNECE-Eurostat Work Session on Geographical Information Systems (16 Jun 2004 - 18 Jun 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat :</b> Regional account and indicators (24 May 2004 - 25 May 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat :</b> Geographical information system for statistics (25 Oct 2004 - 26 Oct 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat :</b> Statistiques régionales (Statistiques urbaines et infra-régionales) (29 Nov 2004 - 30 Nov 2004)</li> </ul>
2.6	Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b><u>Integration of statistics and geography</u></b> (<i>Activity 3.7 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> This activity, which evolved from former activities on survey processing, is oriented to particular issues of using geo-referenced data in statistical production.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exchange of experience on geo-coding and geo-referencing</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint UNECE-Eurostat Work Session on Geographical Information Systems (16-18 June 2004) to consider: (i) infrastructure requirements for geo-statistics;</li> </ul>

	<p>(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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A possible one-day training session for interested countries may be organized back-to-back with the meeting.</li></ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Minimal</b></p>
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2.7	Title	<b>Human resource development</b>
2.7	Goal:	That personnel involved in statistical work should be appropriately trained and that adequate systems exist for the on-going training and development of staff.
2.7	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience of training in general shall be exchanged, its organisation and practises be reviewed, the complementarity between national and international training be investigated.</li> <li>• The needs of countries with small internal resources for training should especially be considered.</li> <li>• The EU considers a new permanent structure for the organisation of European statistical training necessary.</li> <li>• Training is a fundamental basis of building a harmonised, high quality statistical system. The training aspect should in general be seen to be an important element of most meetings, involving exchange of information on tools, methods and best practises.</li> <li>• Joint international training courses should be promoted, taking into account specific needs for training due to changing methods, tools, staff requirements, and the needs for international harmonisation.</li> <li>• As the main systematic contribution for training in the ECE area is provided by the training programme of Eurostat (TES), it is important to ensure a good functioning of the programme.</li> </ul>
2.7	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To ensure a well prepared training programme within the framework of TES, by analysing user requirements and by involving the countries in its preparation and execution.</li> <li>• To seek economy of scale in organisation of training among similar countries.</li> <li>• To ensure wide participation in this training programme by distributing information on the programme.</li> <li>• To ensure improved co-ordination of training offered by international actors and NSOs by exchange of information, Eurostat being the centre for co-ordination. Joint information should be made available via the Eurostat Circa Interest group; to evaluate the training component in different working groups offered by Eurostat, OECD or ECE.</li> </ul>
2.7	Rapporteur:	Eurostat
2.7	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination in the field of statistical training should be increased. As training on an international level shall fill gaps within national training schemes and gain synergies, the exchange of information is an important and basic issue.</li> </ul>
2.7	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>
2.7	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : TES Working group (16 Apr 2004)</li> </ul>



2.8	Title	<b>Sustainable development</b>
2.8	Goal:	To identify best measures for sustainable development; develop indicators or framework to evaluate sustainable development
2.8	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International organizations have tried to identify a single set of indicators, but the conclusion was that this is not a feasible and/or useful target. In fact, user needs are different in various contexts and there is no scope to try to force them to adopt a single set of indicators. Many international projects nowadays are based on a policy-oriented approach where a list of indicators is drawn up in order to monitor defined commitments and policies such as Agenda 21.</li> <li>• Problems have been identified with the currently proposed indicators for SD and their relationship to official statistics. In order to respond adequately to the policy demands, a statistical strategy is needed. On the one hand, more attention should be paid to the development of accounting frameworks for measuring sustainable development, able to take into account the economic, social and environmental dimensions. Concrete plans to produce methodologically integrated statistics across different subject areas in order to calculate indicators for SD need to be developed in parallel.</li> <li>• Statistics on sustainable development need to be produced in such a way as to ensure that they can be integrated across the social, economic and environmental spheres of sustainable development.</li> </ul>
2.8	Strategic medium-term objectives:	• To devise a theoretical framework to allow the integration of statistics from various subject areas which is both practical and relevant to policy
2.8	Rapporteur:	OECD
2.8	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Compilation and improvement of indicators on integrating environmental concerns relating to agriculture, energy, transport and industry.</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Development and compilation of a set of indicators on sustainable development supporting the EU Sustainable Development Strategy.</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Compilation and improvement of the set of Environmental Pressure Indicators.</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Creation of a website on Sustainable Development Indicators (2004).</li> <li>• <b>OECD:</b> Development of new accounting frameworks; this includes the development of indicators for peer reviews and evaluating sectoral trends.</li> <li>• <b>WHO - Euro:</b> Complete the pilot implementation of the Environment and Health (EH) indicator system in selected countries and obtain endorsement for a comprehensive EH indicators system (at the 4th ministerial conference on health and environment, Budapest 2004).</li> </ul>
2.8	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better coordination is necessary between the UN Commission on Sustainable Development and other international organizations active in this field. The role of official statistics in measuring SD needs to be brought out and strengthened.</li> <li>• Necessity for active cooperation of NSOs in developing measures for sustainable development.</li> <li>• More coordination is needed between national agencies in charge of sustainable development and national statistical offices.</li> <li>• In February 2004 the CES Bureau agreed to devote one of the 2005 CES seminars to the discussion of the role of official statistics in the measurement of sustainable development, and approved the creation of a Steering Group to prepare the seminar.</li> </ul>

2.8:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To approve the activities to be undertaken by the Conference in this programme element (see "Activities of CES").</li> </ul>
2.8:	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>OECD</b> : Workshop in 2004, in co-operation with other international organisations</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Sustainable development indicators (14 Jun 2004 - 15 Jun 2004)</li> </ul>
2.8:	Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b>Sustainable development statistics</b> (<i>Activity 3.8 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> Secretariat of the CES Steering Group on Sustainable development .</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2005 CES Seminar on sustainable development addressed to chief statisticians.</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b> New activity in 2004:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of activities carried out by international organizations and selected national statistical offices in the area of sustainable development statistics. Identification of key issues related to the role of national statistical offices in the collection, dissemination and analysis of statistics for sustainable development.</li> <li>• Support the members of the Steering Group in the finalization of an agenda for the CES seminar in 2005 and the development of a proposal for CES work programme on sustainable development statistics.</li> </ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Minimal</b></p>

2.9:	Title	<b>Millennium Development Goals and human development</b>
2.9:	Goal:	To improve the quality and availability of statistics to monitor MDG at national and global level
2.9:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International organizations are strengthening their collaboration and efforts to improve the global reporting of MDG indicators (based on the standard list of indicators) through the regular Inter-Agency and Expert Meeting on MDG indicators. However, gaps and quality issues still exist in areas such as environment, malnutrition, maternal mortality, HIV/AIDS and other major diseases. Issues that are also under discussion include principles to compute regional and sub-regional aggregates and common regional desegregations.</li> <li>• A process to review the standard list of indicators approved by the UN General Assembly has started and working groups in the areas of poverty, gender, environment, slums, and education have been established to review current indicators and bring to the Secretary General office a proposal for new indicators by 2005</li> <li>• Countries, with the assistance of UNDP and other international organizations are engaged in developing systems and indicators to monitor MDG at national level. The standard list of indicators is used as reference but national lists are produced to monitor goals that are put in the national context and may require more specific statistics</li> </ul>
2.9:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To produce annual reports to monitor MDG at global level and improve the availability and quality of the statistics and aggregates presented</li> <li>• To revise the current standard list of indicators by 2005</li> <li>• To agree on common practices to compute regional and sub-regional aggregates</li> <li>• To strengthen the statistical capacity of countries to regularly produce the statistics needed to monitor national MDG</li> </ul>
2.9:	Rapporteur:	UN Statistics Division
2.9:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Country participation in the global monitoring system should be strengthened</li> <li>• National statistical offices should be better involved in the national monitoring systems and the role of official statistics should be strengthened in the national reports</li> <li>• National MDG monitoring systems should be coordinated with PRSP processes</li> </ul>
2.9:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To approve the activities to be undertaken by the Conference in this programme element (see "Activities of CES").</li> </ul>
2.9:	Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b><u>Human development and Millennium Development Goals (MDG) indicators</u></b> (<i>Activity 3.1 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> Development of standard statistical indicators for human development reporting and monitoring of progress towards achievement of MDG in South-East Europe and CIS countries.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relevant indicators used by countries in South-East Europe and the CIS in their national reports on human development and Millennium Development Goals.</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In cooperation with the UNDP Regional Bureau for Europe and the CIS (RBEC), ECE will continue to elaborate proposals for a core set of statistical indicators to be used by countries for national human development reports and national reports on progress towards the achievement of MDG. This will include methodological work on the disaggregation of indicators at the local</li> </ul>

	<p>level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Organization of workshops at the regional and sub-regional level to ensure a proper feedback from analysts to national statistical offices.</li><li>• Develop and implement statistical methodologies, such as factor analysis, to analyse progress towards MDGs.</li></ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Moderate</b></p>
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**PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 3  
ECONOMIC STATISTICS**

3.1:	Title	<b>Implementation of the system of national accounts (edition 2004)</b>
3.1:	Goal:	That there exists the full range of high quality national accounts data produced according to SNA/ESA standards for all CES countries with lengthy time-series.
3.1:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The following task forces of national accounts experts have been set up: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Insurance services with emphasis on catastrophe insurance</li> <li>- Banking services, especially portfolio management</li> <li>- Software measurement</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Canberra II Group (secretariat OECD), chaired by Australia, continues to review the treatment of non-financial assets.</li> <li>• Timeliness of transmission of the accounts, especially institutional sector accounts and general government accounts remains a serious issue. Eurostat intends to compile flash estimates for European aggregates at 45/48 days as a first step.</li> <li>• The availability of balance sheet data on households is poor.</li> <li>• Progressive implementation of the SNA 93 is still a significant focus of activity.</li> <li>• For the transition economies, improvements in national accounts over the next few years are conditional on the improvement in the basic data underlying them to which priority should be given. CIS-STAT to prepare material for improving the statistics on the non-observed economy (NOE).</li> </ul>
3.1:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare SNA 93 Rev 1, for publication around 2008</li> <li>• Develop a common policy on the timing of national accounts revisions</li> <li>• Implement the reform of the questionnaire, less annual data, more quarterly data</li> <li>• Test the NAWWE initiative, designed to significantly lower response burden in the future</li> </ul>
3.1:	Rapporteur:	OECD
3.1:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management structure for updating the SNA 93 will be fully implemented, with a project manager and editor appointed, involving EDGs, city groups and the Canberra Group on non-financial assets. Recommendations of these specialised groups will be forwarded to the Advisory Expert Group on National Accounts for review.</li> <li>• Improvements to quarterly national accounts.</li> <li>• <b>ECE (CES):</b> Disseminate the survey of best practice in estimating service lives of fixed assets.</li> <li>• <b>OECD:</b> Support a selected group of Non-Member countries in the implementation of the NOE Handbook.</li> <li>• <b>OECD:</b> Revive the Financial Accounts Database (2004).</li> <li>• <b>OECD:</b> Publish a volume on general government and subsector accounts.</li> <li>• <b>OECD:</b> Data on capital services for productivity measurement will be increased and country coverage expanded.</li> </ul>
3.1:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future action in joint data collection : Eurostat, in cooperation with the OECD, is preparing a reform of the common questionnaire. The OECD has launched the NAWWE initiative, which objective is to have countries to update the tables of the questionnaire directly on their web sites. Australia and Canada accepted to participate in the tests. This initiative should avoid any double or triple transmission by countries. International organisations would use directly these tables.</li> <li>• Financial and in kind contributions are needed for the update of the 1993 SNA, to be finalised in 2007.</li> </ul>

3.1:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To approve the activities to be undertaken by the Conference in this programme element (see "Activities of CES").</li> </ul>
3.1:	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>ECE (CES)</b> : Special ECE session on National Accounts for Transition Economies organized back-to-back with the OECD meeting on National Accounts (<i>1 Oct 2004 -- tentative</i>)</li> <li><b>Eurostat</b> : Directors of national accounts (28 Jan 2004)</li> <li><b>Eurostat</b> : National accounts (25 Feb 2004 - 26 Feb 2004)</li> <li><b>OECD</b> : Canberra II Group on the Measurement of Non-financial Assets. Bank Profitability - Financial Statements of Banks (17 Mar 2004 - 19 Mar 2004)</li> <li><b>Eurostat</b> : Gross national income committee (25 Mar 2004 - 26 Mar 2004)</li> <li><b>ECE (CES) Eurostat OECD</b>: Special session on National Accounts for the CIS countries, back-to-back with the Joint ECE/Eurostat/ OECD Meeting on National Accounts (Geneva, 27 Apr 2004) to consider the following topics: (i) Flash estimates of GDP; (ii) Allocation of FISIM; (iii) NOE. See: <a href="http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2004.04.scissna.htm">http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2004.04.scissna.htm</a> for more information</li> <li><b>ECE (CES) OECD Eurostat</b>: Joint UNECE/OECD/Eurostat Meeting on National Accounts, Geneva, to be held under the general motto "Responding to user needs" (28 Apr 2004 - 30 Apr 2004) to consider the following topics: (i) Short-term statistics and their relation to national accounts; (ii) Consistency of time series: practical solutions for defining long series when there are changes in methodologies and classifications; (iii) The link between satellite accounts and national accounts (including: do we have to benchmark satellite accounts to national accounts?); (iv) Quantitative methods to control the quality of national accounts (including the interaction with basic statistics); (v) Conceptual issues and recent methodological developments. See: <a href="http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2004.04.sna.htm">http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2004.04.sna.htm</a> for more information</li> <li><b>Eurostat</b> : National accounts (18 May 2004 - 19 May 2004)</li> <li><b>Eurostat</b> : Directors of national accounts (14 Jun 2004)</li> <li><b>Eurostat</b> : Gross national product committee (5 Jul 2004 - 6 Jul 2004)</li> <li><b>OECD</b> : Fourth Meeting of Canberra II (1 Sep 2004 - 3 Sep 2004)</li> <li><b>Eurostat</b> : Gross national product committee (4 Nov 2004 - 5 Nov 2004)</li> <li><b>Eurostat</b> : National accounts (24 Nov 2004)</li> </ul>
3.1:	Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b>National accounts</b> (<i>Activity 3.9 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> Promote the implementation of the methodology of 1993 System National Accounts (1993 SNA) in the UNECE member countries with emphasis on the Transition Economies.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure that 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.</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <p><b>Methodological work:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>Participate and contribute to the work of the ISWGNA, which steers the work on national accounts in the ECE region.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contribute to the work undertaken by the UNSD, following the decision of the Statistical Commission, for updating the SNA methodology by 2008. Ensure the regional context of the revision.</li><li>• Contribute to the work of the Canberra II Group on Measurement of Capital</li><li>• Prepare and disseminate the methodological document on best practices in estimating service lives of fixed assets. The document will be reviewed in April 2004 by a National Accounts Expert Group meeting.</li></ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Moderate</b></p> <p>See also: <a href="http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2004.04.sna.htm">http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2004.04.sna.htm</a></p>
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3.2	Title	<b>Money and banking, government finance, and balance of payments</b>
3.2:	Goal:	That there exists a comprehensive, coherent and balanced system of money, banking government finance and balance of payments statistics capable of supporting government activities relating to developing and adjusting policy, and deepening the understanding of the determinants of globalisation.
3.2:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rapid change in the areas covered by finance statistics - especially in monetary and financial statistics.</li> <li>• How to put in place an international financial architecture that will enhance and spread the benefits of globalization while minimizing its risks.</li> <li>• Dissemination of data and metadata in finance statistics is especially challenging in part because, first, the use of data for monetary policy puts a high premium on timeliness of dissemination and, second, because the increasing extent to which data and metadata are needed beyond the national boundaries puts a high premium on rapid and user-friendly modes of distribution.</li> <li>• Data quality is an especially important and/or difficult issue in areas of statistics that are, inter alia, derived from multiple sets of source data; are relatively newly developed and thus less familiar to users; and are used for policy and operational purposes. Several of the sets of finance statistics meet one or more of these criteria.</li> <li>• Harmonisation with 1993 SNA of balance of payments, international investment position (IIP), government finance, and money and banking statistics.</li> </ul>
3.2:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<p><b>For IMF:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An IMF database consistent with the standards in the Monetary and Financial Statistics Manual.</li> <li>• A compilation guide to accompany the Monetary and Financial Statistics Manual.</li> <li>• Updating the fifth edition of the IMF's Balance of Payments Manual to take account of rapid changes in relevant areas such as services, financial derivatives and other financial activities, and to provide more detailed IIP guidelines.</li> <li>• Assist member countries to compile IIP statistics. The Statistics Department released a document entitled International Investment Position: A Guide to Data Sources in November 2002 to provide practical advice on existing data sources that could be used to build an IIP statement within a relatively short time.</li> <li>• Collection of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) flow and stock data.</li> <li>• Development of guidance on the compilation of financial soundness indicators to meet mandate from the IMF Executive Board.</li> </ul> <p><b>For Eurostat:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Production of statistics needed for the conduct of macroeconomic policy and to support the Stability and Growth pact.</li> </ul> <p><b>For OECD:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OECD will provide Internet access to the public at large to the information on Member countries resulting from the joint IMF/OECD Survey of Implementation of Methodological Standards of Direct Investment (SIMSDI).</li> <li>• A joint OECD/World Bank web site will be organised and opened to the public on privatisation statistics.</li> </ul>
3.2:	Rapporteur:	IMF
3.2:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conversion of the IMF's databases of monetary and financial statistics to comply with the Monetary and Financial Statistics Manual.</li> <li>• <b>CIS-STAT:</b> Preparation for CIS countries in 2004 of Basic provisions of a new international standard for monetary, credit and financial statistics.</li> <li>• <b>ECB:</b> Improvements to data on securities issues, interest rates.</li> <li>• <b>ECB:</b> Further improvements to bank (MFI) balance sheet data and derivation</li> </ul>



		<p>of monetary statistics and counterparts from them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ECB:</b> Financial accounts for the euro area, starting with financing and investment of non-financial sectors.</li> <li>• <b>ECB:</b> Better links between balance of payments and monetary statistics</li> <li>• <b>ECB:</b> Better data on the balance of payments (notably in the areas of investment income and portfolio account).</li> <li>• <b>ECB:</b> Data on (non-monetary) financial institutions.</li> <li>• <b>ECB:</b> The ECB intends to develop a Centralised Securities Database as a means of improving the treatment of negotiable securities across the financial accounts.</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> A compilation manual on sources and methods for financial accounts should be operational within in the next two years.</li> <li>• <b>IMF:</b> Automated data collection of balance of payments statistics.</li> <li>• <b>IMF:</b> Conversion of the IMF's databases for the Government Finance Statistics Yearbook and for International Financial Statistics to comply with the Government Finance Statistics Manual (end-2004).</li> <li>• <b>IMF:</b> IMF Compilation Guide on Financial Soundness Indicators (end-2004).</li> <li>• <b>OECD:</b> Working papers on various methodological studies, including additional operational guidelines to foreign direct investment statistics, will be issued to the public as they become available.</li> <li>• <b>UNCTAD:</b> Issuing of guidance for the compilation of FDI flow and stock data and their dissemination via UNCTAD.</li> <li>• <b>UNCTAD:</b> Issuing of guidance for the compilation of external debt statistics.</li> </ul>
3.2:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harmonization of public sector accounting with the statistical guidelines (GFS Manual 2001 and SNA).</li> <li>• Problems that countries are facing in collection of good quality data on balance of payments.</li> </ul>
3.2:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>
3.2:	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IMF :</b> Experts group on currency union issues</li> <li>• <b>IMF :</b> Experts group on other balance of payments of issues</li> <li>• <b>ITF on Financial Statistics :</b> Inter-Agency Task Force on Finance Statistics (ad hoc meetings, as required)</li> <li>• <b>OECD IMF :</b> Joint OECD-IMF Experts group on direct investment statistics</li> <li>• <b>ECB :</b> Statistics Committee: about 5 meetings per year (Working groups reporting to the Committee meet with varying frequency)</li> <li>• <b>TF on Harmonization of Public Sector Accounting :</b> Meeting of the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Harmonization of Public Sector Accounts (1 Feb 2004 -- tentative)</li> <li>• <b>OECD IMF :</b> Direct Investment Technical Group (DITEG) joint IMF/OECD (1 Jun 2004 -- tentative)</li> <li>• <b>ECB Eurostat :</b> Quarterly Financial Accounts for the Government Sector (June) (1 Jun 2004 -- tentative)</li> <li>• <b>IMF :</b> Committee on Balance of Payments Statistics (two meetings per year) (1 Oct 2004 -- tentative)</li> <li>• <b>OECD IMF :</b> Direct Investment Technical Group (DITEG) joint IMF/OECD (1 Nov 2004 -- tentative)</li> <li>• <b>TF on Harmonization of Public Sector Accounting :</b> Meeting of the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Harmonization of Public Sector Accounts (1 Feb 2005 -- tentative)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat :</b> Comité des statistiques monétaires, financières et de la balance des paiements (CMFB) (29 Jan 2004 - 30 Jan 2004)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>OECD</b> : WP-STAT informal meeting about CRS User's Guide and other issues (9 Feb 2004 - 10 Feb 2004)</li><li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Joint Eurostat/ECB meeting Quarterly financial accounts for general governments (19 Feb 2004 - 20 Feb 2004)</li><li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Balance of payments (18 Mar 2004 - 19 Mar 2004)</li><li>• <b>OECD</b> : Workshop on International Investment Statistics (22 Mar 2004 - 24 Mar 2004)</li><li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Financial accounts (10 May 2004 - 11 May 2004)</li><li>• <b>OECD</b> : Steering Group on Revenue Statistics (8 Jun 2004)</li><li>• <b>OECD</b> : Task Force on Pension Statistics (15 Jun 2004)</li><li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Comité des statistiques monétaires, financières et de la balance des paiements (CMFB) (15 Jun 2004 - 16 Jun 2004)</li><li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Réunion conjointe Eurostat-BCE : Short term (STPFS)/Quarterly financial accounts for general government (16 Jun 2004 - 18 Jun 2004)</li><li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Joint Eurostat/ECB meeting Quarterly financial accounts for general governments (8 Jul 2004 - 9 Jul 2004)</li><li>• <b>OECD</b> : Working Party on Government Debt Management (14 Sep 2004 - 15 Sep 2004)</li><li>• <b>OECD</b> : Working Party on Financial Statistics (11 Oct 2004 - 12 Oct 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Balance of payments (14 Oct 2004 - 15 Oct 2004)</li><li>• <b>OECD</b> : Steering Group on Revenue Statistics (16 Nov 2004)</li><li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Financial accounts (18 Nov 2004 - 19 Nov 2004)</li><li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Short term Public Finance Statistics (STPFS) (13 Dec 2004 - 14 Dec 2004)</li></ul>
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3.3	Title	<b>Statistics on international trade in goods</b>
3.3:	Goal:	To make available consistent and comprehensive international trade in goods statistics that are up-to-date and consistent with international standards and definitions.
3.3:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Countries generally tend to implement the recommended international concepts and definitions for international merchandise trade statistics. However, there are still differences in the levels and details of implementation between countries.</li> <li>• National authorities also tend to report international merchandise trade statistics to international organizations on different time schedules. At the international level, organizations adjust the data for comparability and can estimate non-reported data. The methodologies applied are not fully harmonised, leading to different results that unnecessarily confuse users.</li> <li>• The assessment of data quality of national data.</li> <li>• the exchange of information on statistical metadata in trade statistics and the identification of best practises.</li> <li>• UNSD and OECD agreed in a Memorandum of Understanding that UNSD sources its merchandise trade data directly from OECD for all its member countries but Mexico. UNSD and OECD also agreed to compare their respective processing practices with a view of adopting common standards.</li> </ul>
3.3:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To adapt existing and develop new conceptual and methodological material to new economic developments.</li> <li>• Reduce the response burden on countries by further rationalizing data collection of international organisations, for example through increased data sharing.</li> <li>• To ensure consistency of data held by each organization through developing a commonly agreed, consistent aggregate data set on merchandise trade by country (WTO-UNSD-IMF-UNCTAD-OECD-Eurostat) for joint dissemination.</li> <li>• To continuously improve the coverage of Comtrade and to develop strategic plans for its platform.</li> <li>• To assist countries in capacity building and technical assistance activities to improve international trade statistics.</li> </ul>
3.3:	Rapporteur:	World Trade Organisation
3.3:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreed processing standards between the OECD and UNSD for jointly collected data.</li> <li>• Common Data Set on aggregate merchandise trade data by country.</li> <li>• Manual on Foreign Trade Indices (leading organization IMF).</li> <li>• Supplement to the Compilers' Manual for International Merchandise Trade Statistics.</li> </ul>
3.3:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The work led by WTO to develop a commonly agreed data set on aggregate merchandise trade statistics through an interagency cooperation which should provide consistent analytical data to the statistical user.</li> <li>• Development and adoption of joint processing procedures between OECD and UNSD.</li> <li>• Development of a Manual on Foreign Trade Indices (Lead: IMF).</li> <li>• Development of a SITC, Rev.4.</li> </ul>
3.3:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>
3.3:	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ITF on Trade Statistics</b> : Inter-secretariat Task Force on International Merchandise Trade Statistics, 2004 and 2005</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : EDICOM ITC (11 Feb 2004 - 12 Feb 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Comité Statistiques des échanges de biens + Réunion</li> </ul>

	<p>d'Elargissement (10 Mar 2004 - 12 Mar 2004)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>OECD</b> : International Trade Statistics Expert Group Meeting (followed by Trade in Services Expert Group meeting) (26 Apr 2004 - 29 Apr 2004)</li><li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Comité Statistiques des échanges de biens + Réunion d'Elargissement (28 Jun 2004 - 30 Jun 2004)</li><li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : EDICOM ITC (18 Oct 2004 - 19 Oct 2004)</li><li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Comité Statistiques des échanges de biens + Réunion d'Elargissement (15 Nov 2004 - 17 Nov 2004)</li></ul>
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3.4	Title	<b>Transport statistics</b>
3.4:	Goal:	That there exist transport statistics that are consistent with the standards, classifications and needs of mainstream economic statistics and with international standards and definitions. (NOTE: For statistical work in the area of information and communications technology see PE 3.13 Science and technology statistics, including ICT)
3.4:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve data comparability through the development of a standardized terminology, definitions and classifications in transport statistics.</li> <li>• Develop a set of standard price and quantity indices for transport services.</li> <li>• Monitor developments in the field of transport database and information systems and promote the co-ordination of these.</li> </ul>
3.4:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publication of a third expanded edition of the Glossary for Transport Statistics (ECE-ECMT-Eurostat).</li> <li>• Harmonisation of existing classifications for the transport of goods.</li> <li>• Conduct the first Combined Census of Rail Traffic and Inventory of Standards and Parameters in 2005.</li> </ul>
3.4:	Rapporteur:	Eurostat
3.4:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publication of pan-European survey on long distance mobility.</li> <li>• Finalise in co-operation with EUROSTAT and ECE an electronic version of the Common Questionnaire. Catch up with the delays in publications and improve their timeliness.</li> <li>• Produce an Internet version of the Common Questionnaire.</li> <li>• 3rd edition of Glossary of Transport Statistics.ECE/Eurostat</li> <li>• Agreement on the second digit of the NST/R classification of transport commodities.Eurostat</li> <li>• Reference manual for road freight transport statistics (1998 Council Regulation).</li> <li>• Reference manual for maritime transport statistics (1995 Council Directive).</li> <li>• Glossaries for air and maritime transport statistics and road accident statistics.</li> <li>• Methodological guidelines for inter-modal freight transport.</li> <li>• Implementation of EU Regulation on air transport statistics.</li> <li>• Inter-secretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (OECD/ECMT/Eurostat)</li> <li>• Implementation of EU Regulation on rail transport statistics (passengers and freight), rail safety, including draft reference manual.</li> </ul>
3.4:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very little progress has been made in developing price indices for transport, which remains an area of high demand.</li> </ul>
3.4:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>
3.4:	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>OECD ECMT</b> : ECMT Group of Statisticians (<i>1 May 2004 -- tentative</i>) to consider the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Investment in Transport Infrastructure</li> <li>- Quarterly Transport Statistics</li> <li>- Road Accidents</li> <li>- Transport Sector Trends Analysis</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : CCST (Coordination statistiques des transports) (11 Mar 2004 - 12 Mar 2004)</li> <li>• <b>IWG on Transport Statistics Eurostat</b>: Inter-secretariat Working Group</li> </ul>

	<p>on Transport Statistics (ECE, ECMT and Eurostat). Two-three meetings per year, with the location rotating between Geneva, Paris and Luxembourg. (Paris, 22 Apr 2004 - 23 Apr 2004) to consider the following topics: Continuous work on common projects such as the Glossary, database and common questionnaires.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Rail transport statistics (29 Apr 2004 - 30 Apr 2004)</li><li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Maritime transport statistics (7 Jun 2004 - 8 Jun 2004)</li><li>• <b>ECE Transport (ITC)</b> : Working Party on Transport Statistics (9 Jun 2004 - 11 Jun 2004)</li><li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : CCST (Coordination statistiques des transports) (18 Oct 2004 - 19 Oct 2004)</li><li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Air transport statistics (10 Nov 2004 - 11 Nov 2004)</li><li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Passenger mobility statistics (2 Dec 2004 - 3 Dec 2004)</li><li>• <b>ECE Transport (ITC)</b> : Working Party on Transport Statistics (8 Jun 2005 - 10 Jun 2005)</li></ul>
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**NOTE: Programme element 3.5 was deleted in 2003 and merged with PE 3.8**

3.6	Title	<b>Statistics on international trade in services</b>
3.6:	Goal:	That there exist consistent and comprehensive statistics on international trade in services that are consistent with international standards and definitions.
3.6:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To develop suitable international nomenclatures and standards to ensure that national measurements are internationally comparable and consistent with basic economic statistics.</li> <li>• To identify and establish a basic set of comparable data that meet the requirements of revised international standards for reporting Balance of Payments (BOP), National Accounts (SNA) data, the Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services (MSITS) and of recent agreements on international services trade.</li> <li>• To give due attention to data quality and provision of sufficient detail to address the needs of users including trade negotiators and analysts.</li> <li>• To ensure that transition economies have access to the methods and practices developed for the measurement of trade in services.</li> <li>• To contribute to the adaptation of the CPC to the specific needs of international trade in services.</li> <li>• Change from settlements to direct survey/reporting systems (EU MSS).</li> </ul>
3.6:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<p><b>For OECD:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The main objective is implementation of recommendations of MSITS and the corresponding coordinated collection of data. (OECD, WTO, Eurostat, UNSD, UNCTAD and the IMF)</li> <li>• OECD in cooperation with Eurostat and TFSITS will monitor implementation of MSITS and data quality.</li> <li>• MSITS provides a link between trade-in services statistics and GATS requirements.</li> <li>• TFSITS is to coordinate production of a Compilation Guide concerning methods of collecting information in line with the recommendations of MSITS.</li> <li>• Defining and measuring international trade in software and online delivery of products</li> <li>• Measuring trade by GATS mode of supply</li> <li>• Reduction of bilateral asymmetries (OECD/EU)</li> </ul>
3.6:	Rapporteur:	OECD
3.6:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issuing of guidance on the compilation of statistics on the activities of TNC's and their affiliates, foreign affiliates trade in services, and travel expenditure in the balance of payments, and their dissemination (UNCTAD and IMF in cooperation with TFSITS).</li> <li>• Expansion of data collection to provide a wider and more detailed picture of trade in services</li> <li>• Change in data collection systems. This work is top priority, as most MSs will shift from settlements to direct reporting/surveys (DR/surveys) systems. Eurostat (in co-operation with the ECB) will monitor the whole process in following up the national plans.</li> </ul>
3.6:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The need for resource to be devoted to technical assistance in development of country reporting of trade in services.</li> </ul>
3.6:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>
3.6:	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>OECD Eurostat</b> : OECD-Eurostat Experts on Trade-in-services Statistics (27 Apr 2004 - 29 Apr 2004)</li> <li>• <b>ITF on International Trade in Services</b> : Interagency Task Force on Statistics of International Trade in Services (30 Apr 2004)</li> </ul>

3.7:	Title	<b>Tourism statistics</b>
3.7:	Goal:	That there exists a comprehensive, coherent and balanced system of tourism statistics capable of supporting government activities relating to developing and adjusting policy, and deepening the understanding of the determinants of tourism.
3.7:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The development of conceptual frameworks.</li> <li>• Common concepts and methodologies for measurement and integration of data.</li> <li>• Information should also support the broad range of non-government interests (industry, public) including research, and coherent linkages with other areas such as social, demographic, business, economic and environmental studies.</li> <li>• Development of sustainability indicators</li> </ul>
3.7:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A work plan for a co-ordinated and co-operative development of approaches to</li> <li>• Assess current international tourism-related statistics.</li> <li>• Examine the compatibility and the consistency of concepts, definitions and classifications.</li> <li>• Conclude special agreements with neighbouring countries on the harmonization of methodologies and exchange of statistics on tourism flows between them.</li> <li>• The development of a credible economic statement of the size and significance of tourism industries and their linkages with other industries in the economy.</li> <li>• Manual for measuring the effects of tourism on employment.</li> </ul>
3.7:	Rapporteur:	Eurostat
3.7:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Producing various publications including a Yearbook on CD-ROM; Tourism in Europe, in the Central European countries and in the Mediterranean countries - Key figures; and Tourism in Europe – Trends.</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Developing a practical implementation manual adapted to the Community situation to assist Member States starting to produce Tourism Satellite Accounts (TSA).</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Making regional data available in the TOUR, REGIO and New Cronos databases.</li> <li>• <b>OECD:</b> To produce an up-to-date inventory of Member countries' experiences, analysis and problems in regard to Tourism Satellite accounts implementation.</li> <li>• <b>OECD:</b> To produce with the Environment Directorate a methodology for developing national sustainable tourism indicators.</li> <li>• <b>OECD:</b> To contribute to the update of the 1993 UN recommendations on tourism statistics.</li> <li>• <b>World Tourism Organisation:</b> <u>Guidelines for estimating tourism expenditure:</u> A specific questionnaire on tourism expenditure will be designed to be applied to non-residents, preferably at national borders on departure from the country of reference. The corresponding guidelines will be prepared to make it operational.</li> <li>• <b>World Tourism Organisation:</b> <u>Enzo Paci papers on measuring the economic significance of tourism:</u> Publication to be prepared every year, which may bring a better knowledge in the preparation of a TSA and its use by the different users (public and private).</li> <li>• <b>World Tourism Organisation:</b> <u>Conceptual framework for a tourism satellite account:</u> Ongoing process for improving and expanding the methodological framework for the development of the TSA, making use of the experience of those countries that have a TSA.</li> </ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>World Tourism Organisation:</b> <u>Publications related to the TSA:</u> Set of technical documents designed to be used for the preparation of TSAs in countries with different levels of statistical infrastructure, as well as training material and other instruments of support for the development of ad hoc initiatives with a view to support the WTO-TSA project.</li> </ul>
3.7:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International cooperation in the field of tourism statistics continues to work well. The next important field to work on is the update of the 1993 UN Recommendations on Tourism Statistics.</li> </ul>
3.7:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>
3.7:	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>World Tourism Organisation :</b> International Conference "Understanding and measuring tourism in a global economy" (First half of 2005)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat :</b> Tourism statistics (26 Jan 2004 - 27 Jan 2004)</li> <li>• <b>OECD Eurostat :</b> 7th International OECD-Eurostat Forum on tourism statistics (9 Jun 2004 - 11 Jun 2004)</li> <li>• <b>OECD :</b> 30th meeting of the Statistical Working Party of the Tourism Committee (13 Dec 2004 - 14 Dec 2004)</li> </ul>

3.8	Title	<b>Statistics on other marketed services, and non-marketed services</b>
3.8:	Goal:	To provide or make available service sector statistics that are consistent with international standards and definitions.
3.8:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of suitable international nomenclatures and standards to ensure that national measurements are internationally comparable.</li> <li>• To support policy-makers' analytical needs with data offering new possibilities for analysis in the areas of emerging activities, small- and medium-sized enterprises, productivity or employment at a disaggregated level.</li> <li>• To ensure that countries in transition have access to the methods and practices developed for the measurement of activity in the services industries.</li> <li>• To keep pace with developments in business services and e-commerce.</li> <li>• Keep international manuals and standards in this field up-to-date in the light of changes taking place in the structure of the retail and wholesale sectors.</li> <li>• Provide a forum for transition economies and other countries to discuss methodological problems in this field.</li> <li>• Supplementary detail in NACE/CPA needed in this area.</li> <li>• International comparison of the public sector and its management.</li> <li>• Measurement of public sector pay.</li> </ul>
3.8:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To continue to develop the detail, comparability and timeliness of the annual publication giving detailed statistics on output and employment in service activities.</li> <li>• Development of price indices for services purchased by producers.</li> <li>• The measurement of labour productivity in government: to improve output measures in real terms.</li> <li>• Apply existing concepts, definitions and data collection procedures relevant to international comparison of the public sector to all member states (OECD).</li> <li>• The partial integration of the standard balance of payments items on transactions in services with measures of domestic production.</li> </ul>
3.8:	Rapporteur:	Eurostat
3.8:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Updating of methodological manual for telecommunications statistics</li> <li>• <b>UNCTAD:</b> Best practice guidance on the compilation of e-commerce statistics</li> </ul>
3.8:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The publication of databases on “Indicators of Industry and Services” and “Services Statistics: Value Added and Employment” are suspended (OECD).</li> <li>• Information Society Statistics, see also PE 3.11 and PE 3.13: The OECD Working Party on Indicators for the Information Society (WPIIS), after having developed an OECD activity-based definition of the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector, is now extending the ICT sector definition to a commodity-based one.</li> <li>• The 2007 revision of ISIC and the need for substantially better coverage of the information sector and other service sectors.</li> </ul>
3.8:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>
3.8:	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Voorburg Group on Services Statistics :</b> Meeting of the Voorburg Group (Autumn 2005)</li> <li>• <b>Voorburg Group on Services Statistics :</b> Meeting of the Voorburg Group (Ottawa, 1 Sep 2004 -- tentative)</li> </ul>

3.9	Title	<b>Price statistics, including purchasing power parities</b>
3.9:	Goal:	That there exist internationally comparable and reliable measures of price changes, levels and trends and of purchasing power parities
3.9:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To define standards for the collection, compilation and dissemination of timely, reliable and internationally comparable measures of changes over time in the prices of goods and services acquired by households that are relevant for users' needs, and for their correct interpretation.</li> <li>• To help countries in transition convert their measures of price change into internationally comparable indexes.</li> <li>• Timeliness of PPP statistics.</li> <li>• To improve comparability between national accounts time series and PPP comparison results.</li> <li>• Developing the measurement of PPPs for dwelling services and for non-market services.</li> <li>• The effect of the Euro on inflation rates is a very important issue. There is a need for an international initiative (a specific study or a collection of existing material on this subject) to highlight good practices and problems in measuring such effect.</li> </ul>
3.9:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<p><b>For Eurostat:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The adoption of PPP regulation has been scheduled for 2005.</li> <li>• Research is being done into the possibility of obtaining price data more efficiently using existing sources including barcode scanner data.</li> <li>• Contribution to the International Comparison of Prices (ICP project).</li> </ul> <p><b>For OECD:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-ordinating the methodology used between Eurostat and OECD within the OECD –Eurostat PPP Programme and reinforcing linkage between the European and non-European countries participating in the programme.</li> <li>• Contribution to the International Comparison of Prices (ICP project)</li> </ul>
3.9:	Rapporteur:	Statistics Canada (CPI) and OECD (PPPs & other price statistics)
3.9:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OECD-Eurostat PPP manual.</li> <li>• Manual for the ICP.</li> <li>• ECP 2000 to be published by ECE in 2004.</li> <li>• Methodological guide for developing PPIs for services activities.</li> <li>• Export and import price index manual.</li> <li>• <b>ILO:</b> The IWGPS "Consumer Price Index Manual: Theory and Practice" will be published in 2004.</li> <li>• <b>ILO:</b> In 2004, the ILO will begin disseminating national CPI series rebased to 2000=100.</li> <li>• <b>ILO:</b> A new edition of Volume 1 (Consumer price indices) in the series "Sources and Methods: Labour Statistics" will be prepared and disseminated on the statistical Web site (laborsta.ilo.orf) and on CD-ROM.</li> <li>• <b>IMF:</b> International manual on PPI to be published in 2004.</li> </ul>
3.9:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The measurement of prices and volumes in the service sector.</li> <li>• PPP work could benefit significantly from the participation of national accountants.</li> </ul>
3.9:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To approve the activities to be undertaken by the Conference in this programme element (see "Activities of CES").</li> </ul>
3.9:	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>OECD :</b> "Pacific group" meeting on results of the 2002 round</li> <li>• <b>Ottawa Group on Price Indices :</b> Meeting of the Ottawa Group (Spring 2006, United Kingdom)</li> <li>• <b>ECE (CES) ILO :</b> Joint meeting on CPI (1 Apr 2006 -- tentative) to</li> </ul>

		<p>consider the following topics:</p> <p>i) Scope of the CPI: Systems of price indices, domain of the index depending on its main use: treatment of owner occupied housing and other own production, compensation in kind, individual consumption of NPISH and Government, monetary versus monetary plus non monetary transactions.</p> <p>ii) Quality adjustment: standards for product descriptions; ICP structure</p> <p>iii) Other CPI issues: Users feedback on the Manual on CPI; Revision policies; Indices for Services; Seasonality and seasonal adjustment; Hidden economy; Treatment of second hand transactions within Households sector and between Households and other sectors; Use of scanner data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ECE (CES) ILO</b> : Special session for Transitions Economies to be organised back to back with the Joint ECE/ILO Meeting on CPI (1 Apr 2006 -- tentative)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Harmonised indices of consumer prices (24 Mar 2004 - 26 Mar 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : PPA: Biens d'équipement + construction (21 Jun 2004 - 22 Jun 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : PPA: Biens d'équipement + construction (24 Jun 2004 - 25 Jun 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Ottawa Group on Price Indices</b> : Meeting of the Ottawa Group (Helsinki, 23 Aug 2004 - 25 Aug 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Harmonised indices of consumer prices (20 Sep 2004 - 22 Sep 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Purchasing power parities (22 Nov 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Purchasing power parities National accounts (23 Nov 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Harmonised indices of consumer prices (29 Nov 2004 - 1 Dec 2004)</li> </ul>
3.9:	Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b><u>Consumer price indices (CPI)</u></b> (Activity 3.11 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> Development and dissemination of standards and norms of CPI.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Papers on the implementation of the CPI manual based on countries' surveys.</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under the guidance of a Steering Group conduct a survey on the scope of the consumer price index in relation to its main uses in the countries of the ECE region, and present the results in a publication or a report to the next Joint ECE/ILO Meeting on CPI.</li> <li>• Jointly with ILO conduct a user's feedback survey on the Manual on CPI: usefulness, applicability and completeness of the manual.</li> <li>• Start the preparations for the April 2006 ECE/ILO joint meeting on CPI, and the special session for Transitions Economies to be organised back to back with the meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Minimal</b></p>
3.9:	Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b><u>International comparisons of GDP</u></b> (Activity 3.12 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> Participate in programmes on international comparisons of GDP, such as the European Comparison Programme (ECP) and the International Comparison Programme (ICP).</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support comparisons in the ECE Region.</li> <li>• Publication of the 2000 ECP.</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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.</li><li>• ICP: Contribute to the current global comparisons undertaken by the World Bank, in the context.</li><li>• Benchmarking Purchasing Power Parities to multiple occasional benchmarks.</li></ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Minimal</b></p>
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3.10:	Title	<b>Agriculture, forestry and fishery statistics</b>
3.10:	Goal:	To provide or make available internationally comparable and reliable statistics on sustainable agricultural, forestry and fishing activities as well as on rural development that provides national and international policy makers with adequate information.
3.10:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To adapt the concepts and definitions used in agricultural statistics to encompass a wider view of agriculture reflecting economic, rural, social and environmental linkages.</li> <li>• To exchange information on experiences in collecting and compiling food, agriculture, forestry and fishery statistics including their environmental aspects, to ensure that such data are integrated, comply with comparable conceptual frameworks and help answer current policy concerns.</li> <li>• To develop recommendations for agricultural censuses and to ensure that the concerns and requirements of countries in transition are adequately reflected.</li> </ul> <p>To assist national statistical offices to develop agricultural statistical systems capable of being used for organizing agricultural surveys for the collection, analysis and dissemination of current data on both crops and livestock.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To continue close inter-organisation co-operation in collecting and publishing forest sector data, relevant to the monitoring of sustainable forest management.</li> <li>• The issue of food safety will have increasing importance in the future.</li> </ul> <p><b>For Eurostat:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to provide the essential data required for the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) within the European Union and the plans for its reform.</li> <li>• Income statistics, productivity, measuring and forecasting food supplies, GIS and administrative data.</li> </ul> <p><b>For OECD:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide the essential data needed for agricultural policy analyses.</li> <li>• Structural and economic agricultural statistics, agri-environmental indicators, agricultural trade and commodity forecasts, fishery.</li> </ul>
3.10:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building up an agricultural information system with focus on integrated information of the natural resource base of a country (IWG.AGRI)</li> <li>• Progressively implementing the recommendations from the 8th IWG.AGRI Seminar "PARIS" to set up Inter-Agency Task Forces on identified themes requiring intensified attention, such as rural statistics, environmental EAA, review of basic unit.</li> <li>• Agreed concepts and definitions for implementation in the forthcoming round of agricultural censuses.</li> <li>• A centrally developed and supported training programme in food and agricultural statistics for developing countries and countries in transition. Training Seminars organized jointly by ECE-OECD-FAO-Eurostat (IWG.AGRI).</li> <li>• Preparation and publication of a new methodological manual for agricultural price statistics is being undertaken by Eurostat.</li> <li>• A work programme to develop the use of agricultural statistics to obtain environmental information (Cross-reference: See also Programme Activity 5, environment statistics).</li> <li>• An improved, more comprehensive set of forest sector statistics collected jointly by FAO, ECE, Eurostat and ITTO.</li> </ul>
3.10:	Rapporteur:	IWG-AGRI
3.10:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ECE Timber:</b> Capacity building in member countries through workshops and meetings of national correspondents.</li> <li>• <b>ECE Timber:</b> Agreed plans for next forest resource assessment, closely respond to Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe for</li> </ul>

		<p>reporting on indicators for sustainable forest management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Land use and landscape: possible repetition of the LUCAS project in 2003.</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Fisheries statistics. In collaboration with FAO particular attention will be given to updating and extending the content of the joint publication "Handbook of Fishery Statistics" and the production of a CD-ROM version of the publication.</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Rebasings agricultural prices to 2000=100.</li> <li>• <b>FAO:</b> To publish in CD-Rom format Technical Conversion Factors.</li> <li>• <b>FAO:</b> To publish the Handbook on Preparation of Economic Accounts for Agriculture for Use of Developing Countries.</li> <li>• <b>FAO:</b> To update the information on the web page on agricultural census: <a href="http://www.fao.org/WAICENT/FAOINFO/ECONOMICS/ESS/wcares/wcaresfr.htm">www.fao.org/WAICENT/FAOINFO/ECONOMICS/ESS/wcares/wcaresfr.htm</a></li> <li>• <b>FAO:</b> To complete the documentation of the Handbook of Fishery Statistics.</li> <li>• <b>FAO:</b> To prepare and publish The Handbook on Food Balance Sheets.</li> <li>• <b>FAO:</b> To release the revised and updated version of the Handbook on Internet.</li> <li>• <b>FAO:</b> To publish a handbook on collection of data for compilation of environmental indicators and accounts relating to agriculture.</li> <li>• <b>IWG-AGRI:</b> A manual on statistics on rural development and the agriculture household unit</li> <li>• <b>OECD:</b> To release a new series of agricultural accounts with more harmonised data SNA93/EAA97</li> </ul>
3.10:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing joint data collection: Eurostat and OECD have implemented a unified and harmonised framework for the Economic Accounts for Agriculture (EAA).</li> <li>• Future action in joint data collection (agriculture other than economic accounts for agriculture): Eurostat and FAO have agreed to co-operate in the area of agriculture price statistics. Other types of data sets are successively to be identified and included in framework of Common Data Consultation and Utilization.</li> <li>• Future action in joint data collection (fishery statistics): Following a joint Eurostat/FAO/OECD meeting with national statisticians in February 2000 and discussions on this topic in the OECD Committee for Fisheries proposals are being formulated to minimise the duplication of demands made on the national services and to improve the exchange of data between the international agencies.</li> <li>• Future action in joint data collection (agro-environment indicators): See PE 5.1.</li> </ul>
3.10:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To approve the activities to be undertaken by the Conference in this programme element (see "Activities of CES").</li> </ul>
3.10:	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Paris 21 :</b> Agricultural and Rural Statistics Task Team may organize seminars on specific areas of interest to donors and recipients of technical assistance in agricultural and rural statistics</li> <li>• <b>FAO ECE Timber :</b> Global Forest Resource Assessment Advisory Group</li> <li>• <b>ECE Timber FAO Eurostat:</b> Inter-secretariat Working Group on Forest Sector Statistics (membership: ECE, FAO, Eurostat, ITTO, OECD, EEA, CEC). Meetings about twice a year.</li> <li>• <b>FAO ECE Timber :</b> Meeting of national statistical correspondents (as funds allow)</li> <li>• <b>FAO ECE Timber :</b> Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics (March 2004) (<i>1 Mar 2004 -- tentative</i>)</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>FAO ECE Timber</b> : Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics (March 2005) (<i>1 Mar 2005 -- tentative</i>)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Animal products (15 Mar 2004 - 16 Mar 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Land use (19 Apr 2004 - 20 Apr 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Food safety (22 Apr 2004 - 23 Apr 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Fishery+CPSA (3 May 2004 - 4 May 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : CSA+CPSA (6 May 2004 - 7 May 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Crop products (1 Jun 2004 - 3 Jun 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Food safety (10 Jun 2004 - 11 Jun 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Structure and typology of agricultural holdings (14 Jun 2004 - 15 Jun 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Rural development (24 Jun 2004 - 25 Jun 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Agricultural Accounts and Prices (1 Jul 2004 - 2 Jul 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Milk statistics (1 Jul 2004 - 2 Jul 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Agriculture/environment statistics (13 Sep 2004 - 14 Sep 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Structure and typology of agricultural holdings (4 Oct 2004 - 5 Oct 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Land use (13 Oct 2004 - 14 Oct 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Animal products (27 Oct 2004 - 28 Oct 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Forestry (28 Oct 2004 - 29 Oct 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Third World Conference on Agriculture (2 Nov 2004 - 4 Nov 2004)</li> <li>• <b>OECD</b> : Measuring Sustainable Agriculture Indicators - MEXSAI (2 Nov 2004 - 5 Nov 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Forestry (3 Nov 2004 - 5 Nov 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Rural development+CPSA (15 Nov 2004 - 16 Nov 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : New requirements for European Agricultural statistics (19 Nov 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Food safety+ CPSA (22 Nov 2004 - 23 Nov 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : CSA +CPSA (22 Nov 2004 - 26 Nov 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Agricultural Accounts and Prices (29 Nov 2004 - 30 Nov 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Rural development+CPSA (6 Dec 2004 - 7 Dec 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Crop products (8 Dec 2004 - 9 Dec 2004)</li> <li>• <b>FAO ECE (CES) Eurostat</b>: ECE/Eurostat/OECD/FAO Meeting on Food and Agriculture Statistics (29 Jun 2005 - 1 Jul 2005) to consider the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Rural development statistics within the framework of agriculture;</li> <li>(b) Measurement of agricultural household income including the definition of the agricultural household;</li> <li>(c) Statistics related to food safety and in this context use of control;</li> <li>(d) Agri-environmental, organic farming and sustainability statistics;</li> <li>(e) The role of the agriculture, agri food and the agri-industry in the economy.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3.10:	Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b><u>Agriculture statistics – Task force on rural development</u></b> (<i>Activity 3.13 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> Development and dissemination of standards and norms on best practices in agriculture and rural development statistics.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manual on statistics on rural development and the agriculture household unit (2005)</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare the 3rd World Conference on Agriculture Statistics in 2004 (ECE-Eurostat-FAO-OECD-ISI).</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Start preparations for the 2005 joint ECE/Eurostat/FAO/OECD Meeting on Food and Agriculture Statistics.</li><li>• Preliminary discussions with FAO on procedures for the 2010 round of agricultural censuses.</li><li>• Contribution to the work of the Task Force on Rural Development Statistics and Agriculture Household Income. The Task Force will prepare an international handbook 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 (see above).</li></ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Moderate</b></p> <p>See also: <a href="http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/rural.htm">http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/rural.htm</a></p>
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3.11	Title	<b>Industrial statistics</b>
3.11:	Goal:	To provide or make available industry sector statistics that are consistent with international standards and definitions, and ensure that policy-makers have adequate information in the areas of SME's, productivity, technology and employment at an appropriate disaggregated level.
3.11:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To ensure that industry statistics are consistently classified for purposes of international comparability.</li> <li>• To ensure that recent trends in the structure of the economy (industry and services) can be analysed by means of series of statistics that are harmonised, comparable, detailed and up-to-date.</li> <li>• To support policy-makers' analytical needs with longitudinal micro-level databases offering new possibilities for analysis in the areas of small and medium-sized enterprises, entrepreneurship, productivity, technology or employment at a disaggregated level.</li> <li>• To contribute to the development of internationally comparable and policy-relevant indicators such as productivity measures at detailed industry level.</li> <li>• Changeover from ISIC (Rev.2) to ISIC (Rev.3).</li> <li>• To provide relevant short-term economic indicators for industry and services sectors.</li> </ul>
3.11:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advance the compilation and publication of core industry-level data in ISIC Rev. 3 (NACE Rev. 1) with the objective of providing time series that can be used for policy-relevant analysis;</li> <li>• examine measurement issues in industry statistics such as those associated with information and communication technology;</li> <li>• publish international SME statistics;</li> <li>• advance the development of a manual for the development of globalisation indicators and for the measurement of productivity.</li> <li>• Creation of Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) database (UNCTAD)</li> </ul>
3.11:	Rapporteur:	OECD
3.11:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Production of a methodology of Foreign Affiliates Trade Statistics (FATS)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Production of a methodology of Business Demography</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Production of a Short Term Statistics methodological manual</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Production of PRODCOM methodological manual</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Reduced set of Steel Statistics after the expiry of the ECSC (European Coal and Steel Community) Treaty.</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Production of a methodology of Business Services</li> <li>• <b>OECD:</b> Measuring Globalisation: the Role of Multinationals in OECD Economies (CD ROM).</li> <li>• <b>OECD:</b> Measuring Globalisation: the Role of Multinationals in OECD Economies-volume I the manufacturing sector (paper version).</li> <li>• <b>OECD:</b> Business Tendency Surveys - Handbook on Methodology, Harmonisation and Analytical Use.</li> <li>• <b>UN Statistics Division:</b> Revision of the Handbook on Index Numbers of Industrial Production.</li> <li>• <b>UNIDO:</b> UNIDO's Set of Industrial Development Indicators will be expanded both in terms of number of indicators and the number of countries covered.</li> <li>• <b>UNIDO:</b> UNIDO's International Yearbook of Industrial Statistics will be published in paper form in 2003 and 2004 and also on the Internet</li> <li>• <b>UNIDO:</b> UNIDO's INDSTAT database will cease at the 4-digit level of ISIC(Rev.2) but continue for 3-digit level by conversion from ISIC (Rev.3)</li> </ul>

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3.11:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future action in joint data collection (structural business statistics): agreement on joint data collection has been reached between OECD and Eurostat.</li> <li>• Future action in data collection on SME statistics: Data collection will continue to be carried out by OECD.</li> </ul>
3.11:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To approve the activities to be undertaken by the Conference in this programme element (see "Activities of CES").</li> </ul>
3.11:	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>OECD European Commission</b> : Joint European Commission-OECD-CIRET Workshop on International Development of Business Tendency and Consumer Opinion Surveys (<i>1 Sep 2004 -- tentative</i>)</li> <li>• <b>OECD ECLAC</b> : ECLAC-OECD Workshop on Harmonised Business Tendency Surveys in Latin America (<i>1 Nov 2004 -- tentative</i>)</li> <li>• <b>OECD</b> : Evaluation of Business Tendency Survey implemented by the Central Bank of Chile (<i>1 Nov 2004 -- tentative</i>)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : FATS (4 Mar 2004 - 5 Mar 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : BusinessDemography/Factors of Success (29 Mar 2004 - 30 Mar 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : SBS - Steering Group (21 Apr 2004 - 23 Apr 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : BusinessDemography/Factors of Success (29 Apr 2004 - 30 Apr 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Services Statistics (6 May 2004 - 7 May 2004)</li> <li>• <b>OECD</b> : Towards a more systematic statistical measurement of SME behaviour (2 Jun 2004 - 6 Jun 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Business statistics Directors (10 Jun 2004 - 11 Jun 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : La mise en oeuvre du règ. sur les statistiques conjoncturelles (21 Jun 2004 - 22 Jun 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Comité préparatoire du CPS pour le règlement SSE (PRODCOM) (28 Jun 2004 - 29 Jun 2004)</li> <li>• <b>OECD</b> : OECD Short-term Economic Statistics Expert Group (STESEG) (28 Jun 2004 - 30 Jun 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : La mise en oeuvre du règ. sur les statistiques conjoncturelles (6 Sep 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Euro-Indicators (20 Sep 2004 - 21 Sep 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : FATS (22 Sep 2004 - 24 Sep 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Services Statistics (14 Oct 2004 - 15 Oct 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : La mise en oeuvre du règ. sur les statistiques conjoncturelles (15 Oct 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : La mise en oeuvre du règ. sur les statistiques conjoncturelles (4 Nov 2004 - 5 Nov 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : SBS - Steering Group (8 Nov 2004 - 9 Nov 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Séminaire Annuel (8 Nov 2004 - 12 Nov 2004)</li> <li>• <b>OECD</b> : Statistical Working Party of the Committee on Industry and the Business Environment (15 Nov 2004 - 17 Nov 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Comité préparatoire du CPS pour le règlement SSE (PRODCOM) (17 Nov 2004 - 18 Nov 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : SBS Financial annexes (6 Dec 2004 - 7 Dec 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : La mise en oeuvre du règ. sur les statistiques conjoncturelles (13 Dec 2004 - 14 Dec 2004)</li> </ul>
3.11:	Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b>Robotics</b> (<i>Activity 2.5 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> Collect, compile and analyse robot statistics.</p>

	<p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Publication World Robotics 2004.</li></ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Collect, compile and analyse robot statistics for inclusion in the publication World Robotics 2004.</li></ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Minimal</b></p> <p>See also: <a href="http://www.unece.org/stats/publications/robots.e.htm">http://www.unece.org/stats/publications/robots.e.htm</a> <a href="http://www.unece.org/stats/robotics">http://www.unece.org/stats/robotics</a></p>
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3.12:	Title	<b>Energy statistics</b>
3.12:	Goal:	That there exist energy sector statistics that are consistent with international standards and definitions and allow to monitor a fast evolving energy situation.
3.12:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The integrated compilation of statistics on energy</li> <li>• The growing gap between the quantity of data to be collected and the resources allocated to do so (countries, organisations)</li> <li>• Liberalisation of markets leading to confidentiality and a loss of transparency</li> <li>• The use of internationally agreed and harmonised concepts and definitions</li> <li>• Proper linkages between energy statistics, other fields of economic statistics (e.g. conventional industrial statistics and transport statistics) and environmental statistics</li> <li>• Reducing the gap between supply and demand in monthly oil statistics (IEA) (EU)</li> <li>• Monitoring of greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) (EU) (IEA)</li> <li>• Monitoring of sustainable development in the energy sector (EU)</li> <li>• Monitoring of progress in energy efficiency (EU) (IEA)</li> <li>• Monitoring of electricity and gas markets liberalisation (EU) (IEA)</li> <li>• Development of methods for temperature correction of energy consumption monthly statistics (EU)</li> <li>• The rapid development of renewables energy (IEA) (EU)</li> <li>• EU enlargement (EU)</li> </ul>
3.12:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consistent, integrated data on energy statistics - flows of production and consumption – compiled according to agreed frameworks.</li> <li>• Assessment of whether different databases for energy statistics are needed.</li> <li>• Dissemination from time to time of updates to existing standards and methods for the compilation of energy statistics.</li> <li>• Establishing a Renewables database (iEA/OECD).</li> <li>• Improvement of the transparency of oil data (iEA/OECD).</li> <li>• Full integration of 10 new Member States data on energy (EU).</li> <li>• Development a new energy price statistics system adapted to the liberalised market requirements (EU).</li> </ul>
3.12:	Rapporteur:	OECD IEA
3.12:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>OECD IEA – EU:</b> An inter-organisations website on monthly statistics</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Pocketbook on Energy, Transport and Environment Indicators</li> <li>• <b>OECD IEA:</b> Production of a manual on energy questionnaires</li> </ul>
3.12:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing.</li> </ul>
3.12:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To approve the activities to be undertaken by the Conference in this programme element (see “Activities of CES”).</li> </ul>
3.12:	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>OECD IEA Eurostat :</b></li> <li>• <b>OECD IEA Eurostat :</b> 5th International Meeting on Oil Statistics, jointly with APEC/OLADE/OPEC and UNSD – Asia (place to be decided), 4th Quarter 2004 (<i>1 Oct 2004 -- tentative</i>)</li> <li>• <b>OECD IEA :</b> Meeting on Monthly Oil Statistics (Paris, <i>1 Nov 2004 -- tentative</i>)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat :</b> Energy Statistics Committee (27 May 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat :</b> Energy Statistics Committee (29 Sep 2004 - 30 Sep 2004)</li> <li>• <b>OECD IEA Eurostat ECE (CES):</b> Energy Statistics Working Group Meeting (Paris, 16 Nov 2004 - 17 Nov 2004)</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Combined Heat &amp; Power plant statistics (1 Dec 2004)</li></ul>
3.12:	Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b>Energy statistics</b> (<i>Activity 2.7 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> Contribute to the timely update of the IEA/OECD/Eurostat database on energy statistics.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contribution to the IEA/OECD/Eurostat database on energy statistics, with reference in particular to non-EU countries.</li></ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dispatch questionnaires to CIS and Balkan countries for processing by IEA and Eurostat.</li><li>• Negotiate access to database for participating countries.</li></ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Minimal</b></p>

3.13	Title	<b>Science and technology statistics, including Information and Communication Technology</b>
3.13	Goal:	Establish and maintain international statistical standards in the field of science and technology (S&T) statistics, including definitions and statistical methods. S&T covers research and development (R&D), innovation, patents, - technology balance of payments and human resources in S&T (HRST).
3.13	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe statistically the role of S&amp;T in the national innovation systems of member countries and the economic impact and determinants of S&amp;T activities;</li> <li>• Improve the set of internationally agreed standards and conceptual frameworks for the compilation of S&amp;T statistics, adapt them to evolving economic conditions (e.g. emergence of New activities such as IT and biotechnologies) and changing policy needs.</li> </ul>
3.13	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The review of the Oslo Manual for innovation surveys.</li> <li>• The activity of patents, aimed at building an international statistical infrastructure (methods and data bases) will continue, in co-operation notably with patent offices and the WIPO.</li> <li>• Bridging the gap between the Frascati approach and national accounts for R&amp;D statistics.</li> <li>• Developing countries launch their own statistical compilation programmes on e-commerce and the use of ICT</li> <li>• Development of IT indicators database.</li> </ul>
3.13	Rapporteur:	OECD
3.13	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revised guidelines for patents statistics.</li> <li>• Revised Oslo manual (finalised possibly in 2005).</li> <li>• Revised guidelines for HRST statistics.</li> <li>• Development of R&amp;D data consistent with national accounts.</li> <li>• <b>OECD</b>: Framework and guidelines for the development and measurement of Indicators for the Information Society.</li> <li>• <b>OECD</b>: Develop indicators and analysis of the information society that provide insights for policy making and analysis.</li> </ul>
3.13	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue analytical and methodological work on patents and where necessary improve the Patent Manual.</li> <li>• More coordination is needed to avoid duplication of work on ICT and the confusing roles of different organizations.</li> <li>• Finalise improvements of various aspects of the Frascati Manual for R&amp;D surveys and put them into practice.</li> <li>• Continue to develop and improve surveys of technological innovation and the associated indicators and, where necessary, improve the Oslo Manual.</li> <li>• Update and expand existing methodologies and surveys in order to provide better indicators of the internationalization of science and technology and its application.</li> </ul>
3.13	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To approve the activities to be undertaken by the Conference in this programme element (see "Activities of CES").</li> </ul>
3.13	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Information society statistics (22 Mar 2004 - 23 Mar 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : S&amp;T&amp;I Statistics (4 May 2004 - 5 May 2004)</li> <li>• <b>OECD</b> : Fifth Ad hoc Meeting on Biotechnology Statistics (24 May 2004 - 25 May 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Audiovisual statistics (27 May 2004 - 28 May 2004)</li> <li>• <b>OECD</b> : Working Party of National Experts on Science and Technology Indicators - NESTI (21 Jun 2004 - 24 Jun 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Audiovisual statistics (29 Sep 2004 - 30 Sep 2004)</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Information society statistics (11 Oct 2004 - 13 Oct 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Communications services statistics (15 Nov 2004 - 16 Nov 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : S&amp;T&amp;I Statistics (22 Nov 2004 - 23 Nov 2004)</li> </ul>
3.13:	Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b>Information and communication technology (ICT)</b> (<i>Activity 3.14 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> Follow-up and finalise the ECE/UNCTAD/ITU/UIS/OECD/Eurostat Workshop on Monitoring the Information Society (December 2003).</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conclusions and recommendations of the Workshop.</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare the “Conclusions and recommendations” of the Workshop and communicate them to the Statistical Commission.</li> </ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Minimal</b></p> <p>See also: <a href="http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2003.12.wsis.htm">http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2003.12.wsis.htm</a></p>



3.14:	Title	<b>Business registers and administrative records in support of economic statistics</b>
3.14:	Goal:	That there exist business registers of sufficiently good quality to support all business surveys and to provide consistent data on business structures and demography, making best use of administrative records for statistical purposes.
3.14:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promoting the use of business registers and general purpose survey frames for business surveys.</li> <li>• Harmonization of the coverage of business registers and the concepts used, and of the uses of business registers.</li> <li>• Developing business registers that deal effectively and consistently with Multi-National Enterprises.</li> <li>• Developing business registers as a tools for business demography.</li> <li>• Dissemination of best practices used by countries in the construction and maintenance of business registers.</li> <li>• Training in business registers, recognising the latest technological developments in leading statistical offices.</li> </ul>
3.14:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The harmonization of the treatment of enterprise groups, which is essential for improving statistics on globalisation, through support of the study led by Statistics Canada of Multi-National Enterprises.</li> <li>• Further development of the Eurostat Business Registers Manual of Recommendations and support for translation to meet the needs of all of the ECE.</li> <li>• Occasional bulletins on developments in business register topics.</li> </ul>
3.14:	Rapporteur:	Steering Group on Business Registers
3.14:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publication of comparative data on the structure of businesses for ECE countries.</li> <li>• Support for the use of the EU business register manual of recommendations in ECE countries and the development with Eurostat of a supporting glossary.</li> <li>• Development of guidelines for Multi-National Enterprises (MNE).</li> </ul>
3.14:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many countries are still in the implementing phase of the harmonization and development of business registers as a survey frame and source of information.</li> <li>• A global harmonization of the treatment of enterprise groups is necessary, as the information on enterprise groups is essential for improving statistics on globalisation; in this context, the development of the OECD Manual of Economic Globalisation Indicators is important and an agreement at the UN level should be achieved.</li> </ul>
3.14:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To approve the activities to be undertaken by the Conference in this programme element (see "Activities of CES").</li> </ul>
3.14:	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Round Table on Business Survey Frames</b> : The next meeting is scheduled for October 2004 (Beijing, <i>1 Oct 2004 -- tentative</i>)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat ECE (CES) OECD: Joint Seminar on Business Registers</b> (Geneva, 16 Jun 2005 – 17 Jun 2005) to consider the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-8a) Development of a quality framework based on the business registers annual questionnaire, including measurement of convergence. Expected output: Agreement on a quality framework.</li> <li>(b) Sharing of experience in planning the implementation of ISIC 2007 on the business registers. Expected output: Inventory of national experiences.</li> <li>(c) Discussion of issues relating to complex multinational groups, based on specific cases.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<p>Expected output: Review document of experiment led by Statistics Canada. (d) Use of the business register to support the demand for statistics on Small and Medium sized enterprises.</p> <p>Expected output: Inventory of uses from Eurostat/ UNECE questionnaire; and review business register contribution to the Bologna Process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Business registers (2 Jun 2004 - 4 Jun 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Statistical units (9 Dec 2004 - 10 Dec 2004)</li> </ul>
3.14:	Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b><u>Measuring globalisation – The multinational enterprises (MNEs) project</u></b> <i>(Activity 3.10 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme)</i></p> <p><b>Summary description:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secretariat support to the work of the Steering Group on measuring the activities of multinational enterprises (MNEs) to be 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)</li> </ul> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendations on measuring the activities of MNEs, contributing to improved national and international economic statistics.</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide secretariat support to the work of the Steering Group, in line with the Terms of Reference. The MNE Project was proposed by Statistics Canada and endorsed by the Conference of European Statisticians in June 2003. Four National Statistical Offices (Canada, France, Spain and United Kingdom) will participate in an initial phase of the project. The OECD, IMF, UNCTAD and the European Central Bank also expressed interest in the project. 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).</li> <li>• Progress report of the Steering Group at the annual CES session in June 2004.</li> </ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Minimal</b></p>
3.14:	Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b><u>Business registers</u></b> <i>(Activity 3.15 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme)</i></p> <p><b>Summary description:</b></p> <p>Development and dissemination of standards and norms and best practices in business registers.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Results of the survey on business registers in non-EU countries, to be published on the ECE website.</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare and disseminate the ECE/Eurostat questionnaire on business registers, and prepare an analytical paper on the results.</li> <li>• Start the preparations on the joint ECE/Eurostat/OECD meeting on business registers (June 2005).</li> </ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Minimal</b></p>

**PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 4  
SOCIAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS**

4.	Title	<b>Social and demographic statistics (edition 2004)</b>
4.1	Title	<b>Demographic statistics (including projections, migration and fertility)</b>
4.1:	Goal:	That member states be able to produce reliable, internationally comparable and timely demographic statistics and projections according to international standards, thereby facilitating national policy-making and internationally comparative analysis.
4.1:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poor quality migration estimates (international and internal).</li> <li>• Varying quality of local population registers (undercounting and overcounting).</li> <li>• Relative infrequency of national population censuses.</li> </ul>
4.1:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<p><b>Registers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved quality of population registers, including conversion into electronic form.</li> <li>• The role of high quality local, regional and centralised population registers and their integration should play a more prominent role in the planned future work of NSOs in the region.</li> </ul> <p><b>Projections:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of best practices for demographic estimates and projections (for Eurostat).</li> </ul> <p><b>Migration:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased compliance with the UN recommendations on international migration statistics adopted in 1997 by the UN Statistical Commission (applicable to all Organizations).</li> <li>• Review of the UN recommendations on international migration statistics, and provision of guidance and assistance to countries in applying them at the national level (ECE, Eurostat and UNSD).</li> <li>• Improved data on international migration flows (for all Organizations).</li> <li>• Improved integration between migration stock and flow data (applicable to all Organizations).</li> <li>• Provision of monthly immigration and asylum data in support of Treaty of Amsterdam provisions on security and free movement of people (for Eurostat).</li> <li>• Provision of guidance and technical assistance to countries in transition, countries in the Mediterranean region and other countries interested in putting in place statistical systems for measuring immigration and emigration flows (ECE and Eurostat).</li> </ul> <p><b>Fertility:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in transition economies comprising work on the ECE population database (for the ECE PAU).</li> <li>• Promotion and coordination of conduct of a new round of surveys. Search for funding modalities at the regional and national level (for the ECE PAU).</li> <li>• Improved documenting and understanding of changes in the fertility behaviour in the context of family and society changes (for ECE PAU).</li> </ul> <p><b>Families and households:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of current practices in the collection and dissemination of statistics on families and households and development of new</li> </ul>

		<p>recommendations for censuses and surveys.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotion and coordination of conduct of a new round of surveys on the behaviour and conditions of men and women of different generations. Search for funding modalities at the regional and national level (ECE PAU).</li> <li>• Further elaboration of methodologies for the collection and analysis of comparable survey data, census-based microdata samples and macro-level contextual indicators in support of this research (for the ECE PAU, subject to the availability of additional extra-budgetary funds).</li> </ul>
4.1:	Rapporteur:	ECE & Eurostat
4.1:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Families and households:</b> Assessment of current definitions and classifications of families and households, particularly with reference to emerging new types of family and household units; development of improved concepts, definitions and classifications for them for use in the 2010 round of censuses and in other sources (ECE, Eurostat and UNSD).</li> <li>• <b>Fertility:</b> The collection of new internationally comparable survey data to document and explain fertility behaviour. Data to include information on fertility outcomes and their contexts – partnership and family dynamics, gender relations, labour market conditions, values and family policies. Aggregate-level information from other sources need to complement the survey data (ECE/PAU).</li> <li>• To promote further analysis of the FFS data by making standard recode tapes available to researchers and, subject to availability of resources, carry out further analysis (ECE PAU).</li> <li>• <b>Migration:</b> Adoption by the Commission of a proposal of a Community legislation on migration and asylum statistics, by June 2004 (Eurostat)</li> <li>• 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 (ECE and Eurostat, 2005)</li> <li>• Cross-country comparisons by Eurostat and the ECE on international migration flows (2005)</li> <li>• Technical report on international migration statistics (UNSD, 2006).</li> <li>• Handbook on statistics of international migration (UNSD, 2006).</li> <li>• <b>Projections:</b> New series of national level and regional level (NUTS2) population projections (Eurostat, 2004)</li> <li>• Fifth edition of the estimates and projections of the economically active population, with revised and updated estimates of labour force participation rates to 2002, and projections to 2020 (ILO, 2004).</li> <li>• <b>CIS-STAT:</b> Publication of analytical materials on the demographic situation in CIS countries (CIS-Stat, 2004-2006).</li> <li>• <b>ECE PAU:</b> Production of technical documents relating to Generations and Gender on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New survey data;</li> <li>- Micro-census data samples;</li> <li>- Contextual macro-level indicators.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Updated version of <i>Definition and methods of collection of demographic statistics</i>.</li> <li>• <b>UN Population Division:</b> Review and appraisal of implementation of Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development.</li> </ul>
4.1:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under the auspices of the Bureau a Task Force on Families and Households has started its work in reviewing current practices in the collection and dissemination of census data in this field and has elaborated</li> </ul>

	following	<p>a timetable to develop new census recommendations by 2006.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Estimates of international migration flows and stocks remain very low in quality, and in order to improve them it is important that NSOs work in close cooperation with the other Government agencies and administrations concerned. Countries are urged to work towards achieving a greater degree of harmonisation in national definitions of immigration and emigration, and to complying more fully with the UN recommendations.</li> <li>• A new EU regulation on migration and asylum statistics is being finalised. It is expected that the new regulation will be adopted by the European Commission by June 2004.</li> <li>• The cooperation among international organisations in data collection should be further improved.</li> </ul>
4.1:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To approve the activities to be undertaken by the Conference in this programme element (see "Activities of CES").</li> <li>• To approve the activities to be undertaken by the ECE's Population Activities Unit in this programme element (see "Activities of the ECE PAU").</li> </ul>
4.1:	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Migration Statistics (25 Feb 2004 - 26 Feb 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Asylum and Immigration statistics (9 Nov 2004)</li> <li>• <b>OECD</b> : Continuous reporting system on migration (SOPEMI) Expert Group (8 Dec 2004 - 10 Dec 2004)</li> <li>• <b>ECE (CES) Eurostat</b> : Joint ECE/Eurostat Work Session Migration Statistics) (<i>1 Mar 2005 -- tentative</i>)</li> <li>• <b>ECE (CES) Eurostat</b> : Joint ECE-Eurostat Work Session on Population Projections (<i>1 Apr 2005, tentative</i>)</li> <li>• <b>ECE PAU</b> : Ninth meeting of the Consortium Board of the Generations and Gender Programme on the launching of the data collection (Spring 2004)</li> <li>• <b>ECE PAU</b> : Third meeting (Spring 2004) of the Informal Working Group of the Generations and Gender Programme</li> <li>• <b>ECE PAU</b> : Fourth meeting (Fall 2004 or Spring 2005) of the Informal Working Group of the Generations and Gender Programme</li> <li>• <b>UN Population Division</b> : UN Population Div. : Expert group meeting on population policies: past, present and future (2004-2005)</li> <li>• <b>UN Population Division</b> : UN Population Div. : Expert group meeting on social and economic implications of changing population age structures (2004-2005)</li> <li>• <b>UN Population Division</b> : UN Population Div. : Technical meeting on projections methodology, with special emphasis on the projection of the impact of HIV/AIDS (2004-2005)</li> <li>• <b>UN Population Division</b> : UN Population Div.: Expert group meeting on mortality and HIV/AIDS (2004-2005)</li> <li>• <b>UN Statistics Division</b> : Workshop on fertility and mortality measurement in English-speaking countries of Africa</li> </ul>
4.1:	Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b><u>Families and households</u></b> (<i>Activity 3.16 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved recommendations on families and households to be used for the 2010 round of censuses (2006) and in large-scale household surveys.</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work, in collaboration with Eurostat and other interested NSOs (e.g. Canada, Norway and the USA), on the following three tasks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Task 1: Evaluate household and family issues encountered by countries in their 2000 population censuses;</li> <li>- Task 2: Evaluate household and family issues encountered by countries in major European surveys such as EU-SILC and LFSs;</li> <li>- Task 3: Develop and propose improved recommendations on families and households for inclusion in the new set of ECE-Eurostat recommendations for the 2010 round of population censuses in the ECE region (see also PE 4.2.1: Population and Housing censuses)</li> <li>- Task 4: Develop recommendations on families and households for large-scale household surveys.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Task Forces composed of interested NSOs will be established to help to advance the work more quickly. Task 1 will be conducted from Autumn 2003 – Summer 2004; Task 2 requires funding support, and can be started when funding becomes available; Tasks 3 and 4 will have to draw on the outputs of the first two tasks.</li> </ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Minimal</b></p>
4.1:	Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b>Migration statistics</b> (<i>Activity 3.17 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cross-country comparisons by Eurostat and the ECE on international migration flows (2005)</li> <li>• 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 (2005)</li> <li>• Input to the ECE-Eurostat recommendations for the 2010 round of population censuses in the ECE region (2006)</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <p><u>Methodological work:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparatory work for the Joint ECE-Eurostat Work Session on Migration Statistics (Spring 2005) to focus on: (i) Carrying out of cross-country comparisons by Eurostat and the ECE on international migration flows, and (ii) Presentation of 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.</li> </ul> <p><u>Data collection:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual collection of statistics on international migration flows (joint data collection of Eurostat, ECE, UNSD, Council of Europe and ILO).</li> </ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Minimal</b></p>
4.1:	Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b>Demographic projections</b> (<i>Activity 3.18 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> Contribute to the organization of the Joint Eurostat/ECE Work Session on Demographic Projections (Vienna, Spring 2005).</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exchange of experiences and discussion on new methodologies for demographic projections.</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint Eurostat/ECE Work Session on Demographic Projections (Vienna, Spring 2005), to consider the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Latest international, national and sub-national population and household projections;</li> <li>- New approaches and experiences in estimating, analysing and projecting trends and patterns of fertility, mortality, migration and household structures and dynamics;</li> <li>- Accuracy and uncertainty in international, national and sub-national population and household projections;</li> <li>- Documentation and dissemination strategies;</li> <li>- Users and uses of projections; and</li> <li>- Evaluation and use of projections software.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Preparatory work for the meeting carried out in cooperation with the Netherlands (NIDI and Statistics Netherlands) and Austria as the host country (Statistics Austria and IIASA).</li> </ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Minimal</b></p>
4.1:	Activities of ECE PAU	<p><b><u>Generations and gender programme (GGP)</u></b> (<i>Activity 6.1 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Methodological Guidelines for survey instruments, including the study design and sampling, the questionnaires, and contextual database.</li> <li>• Data from participating countries for comparative research</li> <li>• Descriptive and analytical reports of participating countries</li> <li>• Analytical thematic cross country reports</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <p><u>Methodological work:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Promotion and coordination of conduct of a new round of cross-nationally comparable surveys conducive to documenting and explaining changes in the behaviour and conditions of men and women of different generations within the context of differential family formation;</li> <li>(ii) 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)</li> <li>(iii) Inventory of national and international databases for the contextual macro-level indicators.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further elaboration of methodologies for the collection and analysis of comparable survey and census sample data and macro-level contextual data for the study of the behaviour and conditions of men and women of different generations.</li> <li>• Technical documents pertaining respectively to the collection and standardization of data collection and analysis especially (i) survey design and sampling for longitudinal data; (ii) 2000-round microdata census samples and (iii) contextual macro-level indicators.</li> </ul> <p><u>New activities to be undertaken:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the survey programme: the conduct of pilot surveys using the standard model questionnaire in participating countries; the development</li> </ul>

		<p>of survey codebook; development of analysis programme, and conduct of surveys in participating countries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the census programme: modification of the existing strategy for drawing microdata samples from the 2000-round of population and housing censuses; prepare census comparability study; draw microdata census samples.</li> <li>• For the contextual analysis: inventory of relevant national and international databases; establishing the operational parameters of a contextual database, and initiating the creation and maintenance of such a database in a central location.</li> </ul> <p>See also: <a href="http://www.unece.org/ead/pau/ggp/Welcome.html">http://www.unece.org/ead/pau/ggp/Welcome.html</a></p>
4.1:	Activities of ECE PAU	<p><b><u>Development and updating of the ECE population database</u></b> (<i>Activity 6.3 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> Further development and regular updating of the ECE population database.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide internal and external users with a consistent and comprehensive demographic data set on the countries of Central and Eastern Europe.</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Work on the database includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regular updating of the data collections included in the database</li> <li>- Finalization of a data collection exercise aimed at filling the gaps of the time series</li> <li>- Development of a system to make the database available to the public through the Web.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>See also: <a href="http://w3.unece.org/stat/pau.asp">http://w3.unece.org/stat/pau.asp</a></p>



4.2.1	Title	<b>Population and housing censuses</b>
4.2.1:	Goal:	Censuses are conducted according to international standards and norms of efficiency and effectiveness while meeting the needs of individual countries.
4.2.1:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As approved by the Bureau, a new set of census recommendations will be developed by 2006. As recommended by the Steering Group appointed by the Bureau to monitor this process the following topics will have an in depth review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- migration</li> <li>- families and households</li> <li>- usual residence</li> <li>- collective dwelling</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Other issues may be identified as problematic after evaluating the results of a questionnaire that ECE sent to countries to evaluate their practices in the 2000 round of censuses.</li> </ul>
4.2.1:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exchanges of information among national and international statistical services on critical issues that emerged in the 2000 round of censuses, on best census methods and practices, and on changing or sensitive topics (e.g. ethnicity, families and the measurement of unpaid work in the household).</li> </ul> <p><b>For ECE and Eurostat:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of a revised set of International recommendations for the 2010 round of population and housing censuses in the ECE region, to be completed in 2006.</li> </ul> <p><b>For Eurostat, UNSD, the ILO and CIS/STAT:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation and publication of guidelines and methodological materials on censuses.</li> </ul>
4.2.1:	Rapporteur:	ECE
4.2.1:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ECE:</b> New set of recommendations for the 2010 round of population and housing censuses in the ECE Region (ECE and Eurostat, 2006).</li> <li>• <b>UN Statistics Division:</b> Handbook on the collection of economic characteristics on population censuses (2004).</li> <li>• <b>UN Statistics Division:</b> Technical report on census evaluation (2006).</li> <li>• <b>UN Statistics Division:</b> Technical report on census data dissemination (2006).</li> </ul>
4.2.1:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The planned transition from traditional censuses to register-based censuses or other forms of censuses such as rotating samples that are to take place in some countries in the region can have important consequences (e.g. in areas such as statistics on special groups).</li> <li>• Some countries were unable to carry out the censuses for financial or technical reasons.</li> </ul>
4.2.1:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To approve the activities to be undertaken by the Conference in this programme element (see "Activities of CES").</li> </ul>
4.2.1:	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ECE (CES) Eurostat :</b> Joint ECE-Eurostat Work Session on Population Censuses (22 Nov 2004 –24 Nov 2004)</li> <li>• <b>ECE (CES) Eurostat :</b> Joint ECE-Eurostat Work Session on Housing Censuses (25 Nov 2004)</li> <li>• <b>ECE (CES) Eurostat :</b> Joint ECE-Eurostat Meeting on Population and Housing Censuses (<i>1 Nov 2005 -- tentative</i>)</li> </ul>
4.2.1:	Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b>Population and housing censuses</b> (<i>Activity 3.19 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b></p>

	<p>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.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New set of CES recommendations for the 2010 round of population and housing censuses in the ECE Region (2006)</li></ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <p><u>Methodological work:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preparation (jointly by ECE and Eurostat) of the 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 that 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. The CES recommendations for the 2010 round of censuses will likely be of great importance for achieving international comparability of the census results, because of the growing divergence among countries in the ECE region in the methods and data sources they plan to use in collecting and producing census and census-like data. Work on the preparation of the new set of recommendations is expected to culminate in the CES adopting the new set of recommendations in 2006.</li><li>• A Steering Group on Population Censuses was set up to provide guidance and assistance on the planning and execution of the programme. The work plan proposed by the Steering Group includes the following steps for 2004:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Step 1: Distribute a detailed questionnaire to all ECE countries to obtain information on the extent to which they complied with the ECE/Eurostat Recommendations for the 2000 round of censuses, as well as feedback on which parts of the 2000 recommendations should be revised and improved, and which new issues should be addressed.</li><li>- Step 2: Analyse the results of the questionnaires, identify additional areas to review (in addition to those identified by the Steering Group) if necessary and summarize the practices used by countries in order to facilitate the development of new recommendations.</li><li>- Step 3: Prepare first draft of parts of the new recommendations based on input from Task Forces and results of the questionnaire.</li><li>- Step 4: Discuss first draft of parts of the new recommendations at the November 2004 Work sessions on Population and Housing Censuses.</li></ul></li></ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Moderate</b></p>
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4.2.2	Title	<b>Statistics on population groups of special interest</b>
4.2.2:	Goal:	That comprehensive and comparable data are collected on population groups of special interest (NOTE: For disability statistics, see P.E. 4.9 - Health statistics)
4.2.2:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better coordination of research on the older population, minorities, children, refugees, the homeless, etc.</li> <li>• Integration of data collection on these groups with that of current surveys.</li> </ul>
4.2.2:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of recommendations for a series of internationally comparable reports on population groups of special interest (ECE PAU).</li> <li>• Agreements on data collection priorities and related research concerning the behaviour and conditions of certain groups of special interest with national and regional partners (ECE PAU, ILO).</li> <li>• Generations and Gender project (ECE PAU).</li> </ul>
4.2.2:	Rapporteur:	ECE
4.2.2:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ILO:</b> Several Child Labour Surveys.</li> <li>• <b>ILO:</b> Manuals on Child Labour Surveys: Manual on survey methods, and Manual on data analysis</li> <li>• <b>ILO:</b> International guidelines for statistics on child labour.</li> <li>• <b>ILO:</b> Global report on forced labour (2005)</li> </ul>
4.2.2:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing.</li> </ul>
4.2.2:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To approve the activities to be undertaken by the ECE's Population Activities Unit in this programme element (see "Activities of the ECE PAU").</li> </ul>
4.2.2:	Activities of ECE PAU	<p><b>Population ageing project</b> (<i>Activity 6.2 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• An integrated system of metadata on the census samples;</li> <li>• A series of reports on the social and economic status of older persons in selected countries;</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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).</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>

	<p>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).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Promotion of cross-national comparative research on the status of older persons.</li></ul> <p>See also: <a href="http://www.unece.org/ead/pau/age/Welcome.html">http://www.unece.org/ead/pau/age/Welcome.html</a></p>
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4.3	Title	<b>Human settlements and housing statistics</b>
4.3:	Goal:	That housing statistics be adequate for policy needs and public purposes and conform to international standards and norms (For household income statistics see P.E. 4.7a - Statistics of household income and expenditures, of the welfare of the population, and of poverty and income statistics)
4.3:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social aspects of housing and in particular social exclusion to be included.</li> <li>• This is a low priority area e.g., in Eurostat this work depends entirely on data sources that currently exist, namely, the ECHP, population and housing censuses and household budget surveys.</li> </ul>
4.3:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of the data collected by UNECE for their Housing Bulletin.</li> <li>• Continuation of work as described above. It should be noted that ECE and Eurostat are among the few international organisations working in this field.</li> </ul>
4.3:	Rapporteur:	ECE
4.3:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CIS-STAT:</b> Information reports on the development of the housing market and on housing conditions for the urban population in Commonwealth countries (2005).</li> <li>• <b>ECE ENHS:</b> Country profile for the Russian Federation (2004).</li> </ul>
4.3:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In February 2004 the CES Bureau agreed to set up a Steering Group on the Coordination of International Housing Statistics. The Steering Group is expected to prepare a programme of work and related timetable to be submitted to the Bureaux of the CES and the Committee on Human Settlements.</li> </ul>
4.3:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>

4.4	Title	<b>Labour statistics</b>
4.4:	Goal:	That labour statistics be adequate for describing labour market conditions and identifying the underlying causal conditions in order to enable governments to have the information with which to intervene to improve conditions and to harmonise economic and social policies and programmes and conform to international standards and norms.
4.4:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of statistics on labour market dynamics.</li> <li>• Need to revise ISCO-88.</li> <li>• Reconciliation of labour statistics from different sources.</li> <li>• Child labour.</li> <li>• Informal employment.</li> <li>• Social dialogue.</li> <li>• Decent work and quality of employment.</li> <li>• Working time.</li> <li>• Demand for labour.</li> </ul>
4.4:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To develop a Labour Accounting System which could serve as a link to the SNA (see programme element 3.1).</li> <li>• To develop statistics capable of measuring skills of workers.</li> <li>• To develop statistics on informal employment (see programme element 3.1).</li> <li>• To develop statistics on social dialogue.</li> <li>• To develop measures of decent work.</li> <li>• A co-ordinated work plan for data collection in the field of labour statistics for statistics to be collected by Eurostat, the ILO and the OECD.</li> <li>• Co-operation and co-ordination among the international organisations concerned in the development and improvement of international statistical instruments and in technical co-operation and training.</li> <li>• Publication of methodological analyses on earnings labour costs and labour prices and on employment and unemployment statistics.</li> </ul>
4.4:	Rapporteur:	ILO
4.4:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow-up to the guide on the economic characteristics in censuses for the 2010 round (ILO and UNSD).</li> <li>• <b>CIS-STAT:</b> Reports on “The labour market situation in CIS countries” and “Labour costs and nominal and real wages and salaries” (2004-2006).</li> <li>• <b>CIS-STAT:</b> Recommendations on a methodology for recording foreign labour migration and the cooperation of statistical services in its measurement (2004).</li> </ul>
4.4:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 17th International Conference of Labour Statistics (November-December 2003) adopted a Resolution concerning further work on the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO), recommending that ISCO-88 be modified and updated by the end of 2007.</li> <li>• The ILO considers that there is a growing need for NSOs to collect information needed for measuring the quality of work, and to measure progress being made by countries towards decent work.</li> <li>• At the Lisbon Special European Council (March 2000) the EU set itself as the strategic goal for the next decade to become the most competitive and dynamic knowledge-based economy in the world capable of sustainable economic growth with more and better jobs, and greater social cohesion.</li> <li>• The Bureau has decided to invite the ILO to participate in one of the Bureau’s meetings in the upcoming year, in order to discuss some of the critical issues it identified in its Rapporteur Report and to receive advice from it on how best the Bureau could address some of those issues.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work is needed on the harmonization of the measurement of income earnings. A higher degree of harmonisation of the measures of income should be achieved with the Statistics on Income and Living Conditions developed by Eurostat.</li> <li>• There is a need to reinforce communication and coordination between international and supranational agencies working in the field of labour statistics, particularly with reference to the collection of data from NSOs and the development of international guidelines.</li> </ul>
4.4:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To approve the activities to be undertaken by the Conference in this programme element (see “Activities of CES”).</li> </ul>
4.4:	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ILO ECE (CES) Eurostat:</b> Seminar on Measurement of the Quality of Employment on the theme “Equitable opportunities for employment: conceptual and methodological issues” (Early 2005) to consider the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Access to the labour market, social exclusion;</li> <li>(ii) Inadequate employment situations (skill-related, income-related, etc.);</li> <li>(iii) Non-discrimination at work or in access to work (sex, age, education, ethnic origin, migration status, balance between work and family life, etc.);</li> <li>(iv) Workers’ representation and participation. (Timing of the meeting to be proposed to the CES Bureau based on consultations to take place between ILO and Eurostat and interested countries serving on the meeting’s Steering Committee).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>ILO :</b> Tripartite Meeting of Experts on the measurement of decent work (provisional, 2005)</li> <li>• <b>OECD :</b> Paris City Group on Labour and Compensation Statistics (1 Sep 2004 -- tentative)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat :</b> LCI feasibility studies (9 Feb 2004 - 10 Feb 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat :</b> Earnings and labour costs statistics (1 Mar 2004 - 2 Mar 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat :</b> Employment statistics (9 Mar 2004 - 10 Mar 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat :</b> Employment statistics (15 Sep 2004 - 17 Sep 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat :</b> Earnings and labour costs statistics (7 Oct 2004 - 8 Oct 2004)</li> </ul>
4.4:	Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b>Labour statistics</b> (<i>Activity 3.20 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> Contribute to the development of methodologies and identification of good practices on the measurement of various aspects related to labour conditions.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good practices on the measurement of various aspects related to labour conditions.</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint ECE-Eurostat-ILO Seminar on Measurement of the Quality of Employment (early 2005), on the theme “Equitable opportunities for employment: conceptual and methodological issues”, to consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Access to the labour market, social exclusion;</li> <li>(ii) Inadequate employment situations (skill-related, income-related, etc.);</li> <li>(iii) Non-discrimination at work or in access to work (sex, age, education, ethnic origin, migration status, balance between work and family life, etc.);</li> <li>(iv) Workers’ representation and participation.</li> </ul> (Timing of the meeting to be proposed after consultations between ECE, ILO, Eurostat and interested countries serving on the meeting’s Steering Committee).</li> </ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Minimal</b></p>

4.5	Title	<b>Education and training statistics</b>
4.5:	Goal:	That education and training statistics be adequate for policy needs and public purposes and conform to international standards and norms.
4.5:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development work is still required on indicators of educational systems, in particular with respect to resolving outstanding definitional and comparability questions, enhancing the comparative understanding of national educational systems and fostering the analytical use of the indicators.</li> <li>• Development of “learning outcomes” indicators.</li> <li>• Development of statistics on adult education and early childhood education.</li> <li>• Implementation of new methods to measure literacy.</li> </ul>
4.5:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Produce regular, reliable and internationally comparable indicators of student achievement in reading, mathematics and science.</li> <li>• Fully take advantage of the International Standard Classification of Education, to take account of the variety of educational provision and the complexities of national educational systems and provide as well a multi-dimensional classification of educational programmes that can be used for both enrolment and attainment data.</li> <li>• The expansion of the UNESCO/OECD/Eurostat data collection procedures and definitions to more countries in the ECE region.</li> <li>• Consolidation of data collection on teachers.</li> <li>• The improvement of comparability of Finance statistics in Education and training.</li> <li>• The development of indicators on student outcomes, the school-to-work transition, non-institutional tertiary education, disparities in educational access and attainment; early childhood education, teacher training and professional development, decision making and school autonomy, school leadership, and the use of information technology in the classroom.</li> <li>• To enhance cooperation and collaboration between the international organisations with regard to the collection and publication of education and training statistics.</li> <li>• To develop methodology and tools for measuring teacher quality, teachers’ work conditions and socio-economic factors affecting teacher supply.</li> <li>• To pursue development work in a number of areas, in particular the school-to-work transition, vocational education, lifelong learning (including continuing education and training), early childhood education, tertiary education (private funding and the separation of research from teaching expenditures) and disparities in educational access, resources and achievement.</li> <li>• To continue assistance in the implementation of the UNESCO / OECD / Eurostat questionnaire, definitions and methodology to developing and transition countries.</li> </ul>
4.5:	Rapporteur:	OECD
4.5:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CIS-STAT:</b> Annual report entitled “Status of education in Commonwealth countries”.</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Adult Education Survey (Target: 2006)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> 3rd Continuing Vocational Training Survey (CVTS) (target: 2005)</li> <li>• <b>ILO:</b> Database on investments in training.</li> <li>• <b>OECD:</b> Handbook for Internationally Comparable Education Statistics (2004)</li> </ul>



4.5:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work by the CES in this field has been essentially dormant for several years, awaiting UNESCO's Institute for Statistics, the international organization that has primary competence in this work area, to propose work of possible mutual interest to it, the CES and other international organizations.</li> </ul>
4.5:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>
4.5:	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>OECD</b> : Meeting of the INES Network C on the learning environment and the organisation of learning (<i>1 Mar 2004 -- tentative</i>)</li> <li>• <b>OECD</b> : 23rd meeting of the Technical Group (TG) of the Education Indicators Programme (INES) (<i>1 Dec 2004 -- tentative</i>)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Education and training statistics (22 Jan 2004 - 23 Jan 2004)</li> <li>• <b>OECD</b> : Strategic Management Group (SMG) of the Education Indicators Programme (INES) (2 Feb 2004 - 3 Feb 2004)</li> <li>• <b>OECD</b> : Meeting of the INES Network B on labour-market outcomes and student destinations (9 Feb 2004 - 11 Feb 2004)</li> <li>• <b>OECD</b> : Meeting of the PISA Board of Participating countries (15 Mar 2004 - 17 Mar 2004)</li> <li>• <b>OECD</b> : Meeting of the INES Network A on learning outcomes (18 Mar 2004 - 19 Mar 2004)</li> <li>• <b>OECD</b> : Meeting of the INES Network A/C task-force teachers, teaching and learning (22 Mar 2004 - 23 Mar 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Education in the labour force survey (26 Apr 2004 - 27 Apr 2004)</li> <li>• <b>OECD</b> : National Co-ordinators of the Education Indicators Programme (INES) (10 May 2004 - 11 May 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Continuous vocational training survey (CVTS) (13 May 2004 - 14 May 2004)</li> <li>• <b>OECD</b> : 22nd meeting of the Technical Group (TG) of the Education Indicators Programme (INES) (17 May 2004 - 19 May 2004)</li> <li>• <b>OECD</b> : Meeting of the INES Network A on learning outcomes (14 Oct 2004 - 15 Oct 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : UNESCO-OECD-Eurostat data collection (14 Oct 2004 - 15 Oct 2004)</li> <li>• <b>OECD</b> : Meeting of the PISA Board of Participating countries (18 Oct 2004 - 20 Oct 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Continuous vocational training survey (CVTS) (11 Nov 2004 - 12 Nov 2004)</li> </ul>

4.6	Title	<b>Culture statistics</b>
4.6:	Goal:	That cultural statistics be adequate for policy needs, and can meet the increasing expectations of both new and traditional communities for official statistics to span all aspects of their way of life.
4.6:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The lack of an international framework for culture statistics with linkages to social and demographic statistics and to economic statistics (especially national accounts).</li> <li>• The need to establish or improve programs of integrated data on cultural activities.</li> <li>• Exploration of the link between cultural participation and social goals.</li> </ul>
4.6:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To develop a work plan for a coordinated and cooperative development of approaches to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assess current international culture statistics against the goal listed above.</li> <li>- Highlight areas of overlap or duplication among international agencies.</li> <li>- Suggest priorities where major advances in line with the objectives would be promising.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• To develop an internationally agreed common language on culture statistics that goes well beyond the current UNESCO framework. Only joint efforts of international organisations will make possible acceptable proposals on this matter.</li> </ul>
4.6:	Rapporteur:	Eurostat
4.6:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next ECE-Eurostat-Unesco-OECD joint meeting to be planned and organized by the four organizations should not focus on international comparability but on more basis issues such as clarifying what is meant by culture and cultural statistics, who the users are, what the users expect and need and what the next joint meeting should aim at achieving.</li> </ul>
4.6:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The OECD has offered to associate itself with the next ECE-Eurostat-Unesco joint work session on cultural statistics, because of its experience in the related field of education statistics, and as a possible means of facilitating more rapid progress occurring in the field of cultural statistics.</li> <li>• Work by the CES in this field has been essentially dormant for several years, awaiting UNESCO's Institute for Statistics, the international organization that has primary competence in this work area, to propose work of possible mutual interest to it, the CES and other international organizations.</li> <li>• Countries are encouraged to start using international classifications already available (NACE, ISCO) in the production of their national statistics on culture. This would be a useful starting point for the design and implementation of the common framework referred to above in the medium-term objectives.</li> </ul>
4.6:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>
4.6:	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Culture statistics (4 Mar 2004 - 5 Mar 2004)</li> </ul>

4.7.1	Title	<b>Statistics of household income and expenditures, of the welfare of the population, and of poverty and income inequality</b>
4.7.1:	Goal:	That there exist comprehensive, comparable, reliable and timely statistics describing the distribution of the capacity of individuals, families, and households to acquire goods and services; to identify the sources of inequality in incomes; to understand processes of social exclusion; to assess the need for intervention in the distribution of incomes to target interventions deemed necessary and to monitor the effectiveness of such interventions.
4.7.1:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of internationally comparable measures of household income.</li> <li>• Difficulties in measuring non-income poverty.</li> <li>• Difficulties to measure poverty disaggregated by other social-demographic variables such as sex, age, education, and ethnicity.</li> <li>• International comparability of earnings.</li> </ul>
4.7.1:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of conceptual and methodological issues impeding the production of internationally comparable measures of household income and expenditure, and development of an approach to eliminate these impediments (e.g. development of international guidelines, expert meetings, seminars, commissioned studies, and promotion of international collaboration in research).</li> <li>• Development of summary measures such as measures of low income and on the role of income in shedding light on social exclusion and on labour-market exclusions.</li> <li>• For ILO, to follow national developments in collecting and compiling statistics of income related to paid and self-employment in order to evaluate the implementation of the resolution concerning the measurement of employment-related income adopted by the 16th ICLS in October 1998.</li> <li>• To carry out further work on the consistency between the various ILO guidelines dealing with income and expenditure, CPI and employment-related income, with a view to harmonizing them.</li> </ul>
4.7.1:	Rapporteur:	Eurostat
4.7.1:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CIS-STAT:</b> Recommendations on the simultaneous observation of household composition and tax payments will be drawn up in 2004</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Technical handbook on methods for income, poverty and social exclusion.</li> <li>• <b>ILO:</b> Technical guide on household income and expenditure statistics (in collaboration with various international organizations).</li> <li>• <b>OECD:</b> Benefits and Wages: OECD Indicators.</li> <li>• <b>UN Statistics Division:</b> Publication on statistical concepts, methods and best practices for poverty statistics (2005).</li> </ul>
4.7.1:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The final report and recommendations of the Canberra Group on Household Income Statistics are available at the following address: <a href="http://www.lisproject.org/links/canbaccess.htm">http://www.lisproject.org/links/canbaccess.htm</a></li> <li>• Major improvements have been made in relation to the definition of income and for monetary income poverty, but there is a need to do more work on non-monetary indicators of social exclusion (including longitudinal indicators). Further work is also needed in the area of the measurement of income earnings, to improve data quality and international comparability.</li> <li>• The 17th ICLS supported the idea of creating a city group on expenditure statistics; a national statistical office is looking into the possibility of setting it up; others have stated their intention of participating in it.</li> </ul>

4.7.1:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None.</li></ul>
4.7.1:	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Income, poverty and social exclusion (19 Apr 2004)</li><li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Income, poverty and social exclusion (7 Jul 2004)</li></ul>

4.7.2:	Title	<b>Social security statistics</b>
4.7.2:	Goal:	That social security statistics be adequate for policy needs and public purposes and conform to international standards and norms.
4.7.2:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarifying and improving the link between social protection statistics and the national accounts.</li> </ul>
4.7.2:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<p><b>For Eurostat:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of ESSPROS and LMP data collections in the acceding countries.</li> <li>• Revision of the ESSPROS methodology in order to respond better to new developments in social protection in Europe.</li> </ul> <p><b>For the ECE's Population Activities Unit (PAU):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the field of population ageing and the status of older persons, (i) PAU's collection of census samples; (ii) studies on the implications of population ageing for social security systems and pension schemes, and on the consequences of disordered cohort flows in transition countries.</li> </ul>
4.7.2:	Rapporteur:	Eurostat
4.7.2:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Publication of ESSPROS results (2004).</li> <li>• <b>ILO:</b> Book on social security statistics in the ILO's "Quantitative Methods in Social Protection" series.</li> <li>• <b>OECD:</b> Social Expenditures Database (SOCX) CD-ROM.</li> </ul>
4.7.2:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the field of Social Protection, it is particularly important for NSOs to collaborate with and involve in the work the Ministries of Labour, Social Security, etc., in the production of statistical data. Therefore, closer co-operation between the NSOs and the different Ministries involved in collecting administrative data should be encouraged in order to ensure better quality of the data.</li> <li>• The increasing attention and the various activities on the ageing of the population and the costs associated with it.</li> </ul>
4.7.2:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>
4.7.2:	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eurostat :</b> Social protection (11 Oct 2004 - 12 Oct 2004)</li> </ul>

4.8	Title	<b>Crime and criminal justice statistics</b>
4.8:	Goal:	That there exist reliable, comprehensive and internationally comparable system of crime and justice statistics capable of supporting social policy development and enhanced public awareness and accountability.
4.8:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measurement of and reporting of illegal activities, e.g., corruption, organised crime and trafficking in human beings.</li> <li>• Vast differences in legal and justice systems create problems for statistical comparability.</li> <li>• Survey methods used in official statistics should be more harmonized.</li> </ul>
4.8:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<p>A work plan for a coordinated and cooperative development of approaches to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess current international statistics related to crime and criminal justice against the objectives listed above.</li> <li>• Highlight areas of overlap or duplication among international agencies.</li> <li>• Exchange experiences in the collection and dissemination of crime statistics and within the framework of official statistics develop common methodologies to be applied in Surveys.</li> </ul>
4.8:	Rapporteur:	UNODC
4.8:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ECE (CES):</b> Guidelines to improve comparability of crime and justice statistics..</li> </ul>
4.8:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The field of crime statistics has been identified as a priority area of work in an increasing number of NSOs, and the necessity of working on improving the comparability of the statistics is widely recognized.</li> <li>• ECE and UNODC are organising a meeting in November 2004 to identify priorities in crime statistics and set up an agenda for future work in this field. A steering group was set up to develop terms of reference for the meeting.</li> <li>• Further work is needed to improve data comparability of crime statistics.</li> <li>• Attention should also be paid to the differences existing between survey data and administrative data.</li> </ul>
4.8:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To approve the activities to be undertaken by the Conference in this programme element (see "Activities of CES").</li> </ul>
4.8:	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HEUNI Siena Group on Social Statistics Statistics Finland:</b> Joint meeting. The agenda of the meeting will include, among other topics, statistics on safety, crime and justice. (Helsinki, 1 Jan 2005 -- tentative)</li> <li>• <b>Council of Europe :</b> Meeting to establish priorities for the continuation of the European Sourcebook (Frankfurt, 27 Feb 2004 - 28 Feb 2004)</li> <li>• <b>UNODC ECE (CES) :</b> Joint UNODC – UN ECE Statistical Division Meeting on Crime and Criminal Justice Statistics (Geneva, 3 Nov 2004 - 5 Nov 2004)</li> </ul>
4.8:	Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b>Crime and justice statistics</b> (<i>Activity 3.21 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> Work towards the preparation of guidelines for comparable crime and justice statistics in the ECE region, to be discussed at a meeting organized in 2004 or 2005.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional guidelines to improve international comparability of crime and justice statistics.</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b> New activity in 2004:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Following the discussion at the June 2003 plenary session of the Conference of European Statisticians, ECE is launching work towards the improvement of comparability of crime and justice statistics in the region, in cooperation with interested international organizations.</li><li>• A Steering Group composed of the international organizations concerned (including the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime - UNODC) plus two or three country representatives will prepare Terms of Reference for a meeting to be organized in late 2004 or early 2005, which will be presented to the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians for its review and endorsement.</li></ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Minimal</b></p>
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4.9	Title	<b>Health statistics</b>
4.9:	Goal:	That there exists a coherent system of health statistics capable of supporting policy analysis and decision-making in the field of health (including long-term nursing care)
4.9:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring the performance of health care systems by tracing the inputs, throughputs and outcomes of health care systems in both monetary and non-monetary terms.</li> <li>• Development of standardised instruments in household surveys to measure health and disability in order to supplement health data from administrative sources, and promotion of their use in national and international surveys.</li> <li>• Integrating the many diverse statistics into a coherent system of health statistics and assisting countries in developing national health information strategies.</li> <li>• Agreed common methodology in public health issues such as morbidity, disability, injuries and performance of public health systems needs further development.</li> </ul>
4.9:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of conceptual frameworks, definitions and methodologies for measurement and collection of health statistics in particular for indicators of population health status and performance of health care systems.</li> <li>• Improving data availability and comparability of health resources (e.g. beds and employment) and health care activities (e.g. surgical procedures in inpatient and ambulatory settings and pharmaceutical consumption and sales).</li> <li>• Development of methodology for the preparation of comparable estimates of occupational diseases and injuries, and work-related fatalities.</li> <li>• Development of methodology for statistics on disabled workers.</li> <li>• Improve estimates of national health accounts and support exchange of national administrations on implementations of international health accounting standards. This includes the ongoing development of supporting guidelines, in particular to complement the OECD manual “A System of Health Accounts”.</li> <li>• Development of indicators for the technical quality of medical care.</li> <li>• Develop database of comparable hospital data (EU/WHO Euro).</li> <li>• Coordinate the work of the different organizations involved in the region in the collection of data and measurement of health status through population based data collection activities.</li> </ul>
4.9:	Rapporteur:	WHO Headquarters
4.9:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Methodology for collection and analysis of data on efficiency and effectiveness in healthcare provision</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> EU manual on Causes of Death certification and coding (linked with the implementation of the International Classification of Diseases established by the WHO).</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> SILC (Survey on Income and Living Conditions) module on health.</li> <li>• <b>ILO:</b> Manual on the collection of basic information on occupational injuries from household and establishment surveys.</li> <li>• <b>ILO:</b> Guidelines for compilation of statistics on the employment situation of persons with disabilities.</li> <li>• <b>UN Statistics Division:</b> Set(s) of general disability measures, suitable for use in censuses, sample-based national surveys, or other statistical formats (jointly with the Washington Group on Disability Statistics).</li> </ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>WHO - Euro:</b> Completion of EUROHIS (Health Interview Surveys) methodology project</li> </ul>
4.9:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The issue of data confidentiality, which is particularly felt in the area of health statistics.</li> <li>• Joint data collection: Informal agreements exist between WHO, OECD and Eurostat for improvement of data collection, harmonised data collection and analysis, the use of common instruments, mutual exchange of data of common interest. A close collaboration is also developed with ILO in the field of Occupational Health and Safety statistics.</li> <li>• While good progress has been made in recent years towards a common framework on health care statistics, as well as progress with survey instruments, the absence of a comprehensive and up-to-date international classification on procedure in health care poses a major challenge for future work on health care statistics.</li> <li>• Coordination needs to be improved between the WHO programme on the World Health Survey and the activities related to health surveys carried out by other national and regional organizations. This issue was addressed in considerable detail by the CES Bureau at its February 2003 meeting and by the UN Statistical Commission at its March 2003 session.</li> <li>• Exchange of information: Informal agreements exist between OECD and Eurostat to exchange information and data obtained from MS for the purpose of cross-checking and completing respective own data collections.</li> </ul>
4.9:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To approve the activities to be undertaken by the Conference in this programme element (see "Activities of CES").</li> </ul>
4.9:	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Technical Group on Accidents at work statistics (ex-Accidents du travail) (28 Jan 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Washington Group on Disability Statistics</b> : Washington Group on Disability Measurement (19 Feb 2004 - 20 Feb 2004) to consider the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) identifying the purpose/s that a general disability measure should address, and</li> <li>ii) the structure and operational guidelines for the Group.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Technical Group on Causes of Death statistics (13 May 2004 - 14 May 2004)</li> <li>• <b>WHO Headquarters ECE (CES) Eurostat:</b> Meeting on Health Statistics. (Geneva, 24 May 2004 - 26 May 2004) to consider the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) International and regional activities and experiences in measuring health status</li> <li>ii) Countries' experiences in measuring health status</li> <li>iii) Methodological issues in the measurement and reporting of health status</li> <li>iv) Health status indicators</li> <li>v) Implementation and co-ordination of health surveys in the ECE region See: <a href="http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2004.05.health.htm">http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2004.05.health.htm</a> for more information</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Technical Group on Health Care statistics (14 Jun 2004 - 15 Jun 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Technical Group on Occupational diseases statistics (ex-Maladies Professionnelles) (6 Jul 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Technical Group on Health and health-interview survey data</li> </ul>

		<p>(16 Sep 2004 - 17 Sep 2004)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>OECD</b> : Meeting of OECD Health Data National Correspondents (29 Sep 2004 - 30 Sep 2004)</li> <li>• <b>OECD</b> : Annual Meeting of Experts in National Health Accounts (30 Sep 2004 - 1 Oct 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Health and safety at work statistics (6 Oct 2004 - 7 Oct 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Public health (24 Nov 2004 - 25 Nov 2004)</li> </ul>
4.9:	Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b>Health statistics</b> (<i>Activity 3.22 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guidelines for improving international comparability of statistics on health status.</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <p><u>New activity in 2004:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organize a joint ECE/WHO meeting on health statistics in 2004, in cooperation with Eurostat. The main recommended items on the agenda will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recent advances in measurement of population health status</li> <li>- Comparability issues in health status survey data</li> <li>- Targeting at a regional set of questions to be used in surveys to measure health status.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Identify some countries to use the regional set of questions on health status in their household surveys and report back on their experiences and results.</li> </ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Moderate</b></p>

4.10	Title	<b>Gender statistics</b>
4.10:	Goal:	To mainstream gender into the collection, analysis and dissemination of statistical data
4.10:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integration of the gender perspective, not only by having data disaggregated by sex, but also by the improvement of data collection methods, concepts and definitions.</li> <li>• Developing policy -relevant approaches for monitoring and assessing women and men's conditions in countries and highlight the concerns that are related to unequal access to resources and participation in social, economic, and political life</li> <li>• Assessing and monitoring women's and men's contribution to the economy and society in the form of paid and unpaid work.</li> <li>• Implementation of EU recommendations on household satellite accounts.</li> </ul>
4.10:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To improve the mainstreaming of gender into the production, analysis and dissemination of statistics into all relevant areas.</li> <li>• To identify and quantify sex differences in living conditions and status.</li> <li>• Improving the measurement of paid and unpaid work.</li> </ul>
4.10:	Rapporteur:	ECE
4.10:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ECE:</b> Updating of the regional gender statistics website with indicators and gender-related information including statistics on fertility, mortality, population, families and household, employment, public life and decision making, health, crime and education.</li> <li>• <b>UN Statistics Division:</b> World's Women 2005. This issue will focus on assessing the adequacy of official national statistics in responding to increasing user needs in gender statistics.</li> <li>• <b>UN Statistics Division:</b> Guide to producing statistics on time-use for measuring paid and unpaid work (2005)</li> </ul>
4.10:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To respond to the policy concerns that have been addressed or will be addressed at the 2003 and 2004 Commission on the Status of Women, organizations should work towards developing and/or harmonizing statistical methods and improving statistical data related to the following areas: i) women and men accessibility to media, information and communication technologies, ii) women's human rights and elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls, iii) the role of men and boys in achieving gender equality, and iv) women's equal participation in conflict prevention, management and conflict resolution and in post-conflict peace-building.</li> <li>• Further work is needed to improve the measurement of gender differences in earnings. Eurostat will try to improve this measurement using the best sources (or a combination) available from each country in order to cover the whole labour market.</li> </ul>
4.10:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To approve the activities to be undertaken by the Conference in this programme element (see "Activities of CES").</li> </ul>
4.10:	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ECE (CES) :</b> Work session on gender statistics (Geneva, 18 Oct 2004 -- 22 Oct 2004)</li> </ul>
4.10:	Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b>Gender statistics database</b> (<i>Activity 2.2 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> Provide relevant, timely and harmonized statistics for gender policy analysis.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• User-friendly database accessible to the public through the ECE regional</li> </ul>

		<p>gender statistics website with up-to-date statistics that are relevant to gender policy analysis in the economic and social areas.</p> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- population</li> <li>- families and households</li> <li>- work and the economy</li> <li>- education</li> <li>- public life and decision-making</li> <li>- health</li> <li>- crime and violence</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>New activity in 2004:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new strategy for updating of the Gender Statistics Database and the associated web site will be implemented. The aim is to have a regular update without overburdening National Statistical Offices, in making an optimal use of existing data available in other international organizations, through agreements between UNECE and these organizations. Questionnaires will continue to be sent to country gender statistics focal points only for those data that are not available in other international organizations.</li> </ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Substantial</b></p> <p>See also: <a href="http://w3.unece.org/stat/gender.asp">http://w3.unece.org/stat/gender.asp</a> <a href="http://www.unece.org/stats/gender/web/">http://www.unece.org/stats/gender/web/</a></p>
4.10:	Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b>Gender statistics</b> (<i>Activity 3.23 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> Methodological work on gender statistics</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional guidelines defining relevant statistics on emerging gender-related issues</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <p><u>New activity in 2004:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Methodological work on the methods used to collect and disseminate statistics on emerging gender-related issues, especially (i) women and men entrepreneurship; (ii) gender and ICT; (iii) violence from a gender perspective.</li> <li>• Prepare proposals for regional guidelines on the basis of surveys conducted by ECE in 2003 on national practices in these areas, and discussions in international fora (OECD seminar on entrepreneurship, World Summit on Information Society, etc.)</li> <li>• Work session on gender statistics to be organized in late 2004 or early 2005. A Steering Group will be established to define the Terms of Reference of the work session and propose an appropriate timing for scheduling of the session.</li> </ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Moderate</b></p> <p>See also: <a href="http://w3.unece.org/stat/gender.asp">http://w3.unece.org/stat/gender.asp</a> <a href="http://www.unece.org/stats/gender/web/">http://www.unece.org/stats/gender/web/</a></p>

4.11.1	Title	<b>Social indicators and frameworks</b>
4.11.1	Goal:	That there exists a coherent framework of internationally comparable social indicators in selected fields such as health, education, crime and social safety nets.
4.11.1	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to continue the work on social indicators by building selectively on the ideas developed in the 1960s and 1970s, and taking account of the reasons for the failure of efforts at that time. This work should also build on the sectoral work and on links between different sectoral levels. Initially, work should focus at the conceptual level.</li> <li>• Questions of standardization of concepts and definitions to follow the general conceptual work, and the detailed work of the specific sectors.</li> </ul>
4.11.1	Strategic medium-term objectives:	• A work plan for a co-ordinated and co-operative development of a coherent social indicators framework, identifying existing areas of overlap or duplication among international agencies, and taking account of developments in other sectoral work plans.
4.11.1	Rapporteur:	Eurostat
4.11.1	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Council of Europe:</b> Guidebook for the use of Social Indicators</li> <li>• <b>European Commission:</b> Publication “The social situation in the European Union”. The 2004 report will focus on enlargement, and the 2005 report on Time Use.</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat:</b> Publication of the statistical pocketbook “Living Conditions in Europe”.</li> <li>• <b>OECD:</b> Publication "Society at a glance" (2004).</li> </ul>
4.11.1	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Bureau considered that more work is required to improve international collaboration on social statistics, and it noted that there is a need to establish a new mechanism where the work on social statistics could be coordinated, especially since existing groups like the Siena Group have not been as effective as desired.</li> <li>• It also concluded that the work of the proposed new group should focus more on specific outputs. The Bureau agreed to come back to this issue at one of its future meetings, based in part on the outcome of the March 2003 session of the Statistical Commission and the May 2003 Expert Group Meeting on Setting the Scope of Social Statistics that UNSD and the Siena Group are collaborating in organizing in New York in May 2003.</li> <li>• The Siena Group on Social Statistics held its eighth meeting in London in November 2001. Social capital was the theme of the meeting.</li> </ul>
4.11.1	Decisions recommended	• None.
4.11.1	Meetings	• <b>Siena Group on Social Statistics :</b> General meetings envisaged early 2005 in Helsinki, Finland and in 2006 (Helsinki, <i>1 Jan 2005 -- tentative</i> )

4.11.2	Title	<b>Multi-purpose social surveys</b>
4.11.2	Goal:	That there exists a comprehensive range of reliable, timely and comparable social statistics and indicators for policy formation and implementation purposes, as well as monitoring policy outcomes in areas such as poverty, social exclusion, convergence, cohesion and social reporting.
4.11.2	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The multi-dimensional nature of social change.</li> </ul>
4.11.2	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To produce a wide range of comparable, multidimensional social statistics and social indicators, including harmonised income distributions and related measures, with subsets of information on the dynamics of social processes and traditions.</li> <li>• To produce associated social reports.</li> <li>• To support developments in survey methodologies, including questionnaire design and implementation, sampling, design, non-response aspects, imputations, longitudinal databases and so on.</li> <li>• To work on definitions and measurement rules of harmonised variables, also using national sources, related to persons and households and the meta-data linked to these variables.</li> </ul>
4.11.2	Rapporteur:	Eurostat
4.11.2	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UN Statistics Division:</b> Handbook on designing household sample surveys.</li> </ul>
4.11.2	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eurostat is the only organization doing this kind of Europe-wide multipurpose social surveys.</li> <li>• Improving the timeliness and comparability of data from multi-purpose social surveys is of prime importance.</li> </ul>
4.11.2	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>
4.11.2	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eurostat :</b> EU-SILC (17 Feb 2004 - 18 Feb 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat :</b> EU-SILC (6 Sep 2004 - 7 Sep 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat :</b> Time use survey (2 Dec 2004 - 3 Dec 2004)</li> </ul>

4.11.3	Title	<b>Registers and administrative records for social and demographic statistics</b>
4.11.3	Goal:	That statistical systems make the best use of administrative data.
4.11.3	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The costs of data collection.</li> <li>• The burden on respondents.</li> <li>• The quality of data.</li> <li>• Combining administrative and statistical requirements in the same system.</li> </ul>
4.11.3	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To establish a framework to integrate data from administrative sources, surveys and other sources.</li> <li>• To conduct methodological research on the characteristics of administrative sources such as timeliness, coverage, completeness and reliability.</li> <li>• A programme of exchange of documentation on the experiences of member countries in the field of exploiting registers and administrative sources.</li> <li>• Other activities in the international programmes of work on social statistics should contain, as an element in the plan, the exchange of information on exploiting administrative sources.</li> </ul>
4.11.3	Rapporteur:	Eurostat
4.11.3	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ECE (CES):</b> Compendium on best practices in the use of administrative data for social and demographic registers.</li> </ul>
4.11.3	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In many countries of the region registers and administrative records are increasingly used for census purposes, representing in some cases the main sources of information (see P.E. 4.2.1).</li> </ul>
4.11.3	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To approve the activities to be undertaken by the Conference in this programme element (see "Activities of CES").</li> </ul>
4.11.3	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : European directors of social statistics (1 Apr 2004 - 2 Apr 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : European directors of social statistics (21 Oct 2004 - 22 Oct 2004)</li> <li>• <b>ECE (CES) Eurostat</b> : Joint ECE-Eurostat Work Session on Registers and Administrative Records for Social and Demographic Statistics (<i>1 Jun 2005, tentative</i>)</li> </ul>
4.11.3	Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b><u>Registers and administrative records for social and demographic statistics</u></b> (<i>Activity 3.24 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> Provide support and contribute to the activities of the Steering Group preparing the next Joint UNECE/Eurostat Work Session on Registers and Administrative Records for Social and Demographic Statistics, tentatively scheduled in Spring 2005.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compendium on best practices in the use of administrative data for social and demographic registers (2005)</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the December 2002 Joint UNECE-Eurostat Work Session on Registers and Administrative Records for Social and Demographic Statistics, a Steering Group was appointed to elaborate a concrete proposal for future work to be submitted to the CES Bureau (tentatively in February 2004).</li> <li>• In the course of 2004, the Steering Group should approach a small number of countries with experience in this field and ask them to prepare methodological material on the use of registers and administrative records for social and demographic statistics, for publication in a "Compendium on best practices in the use of administrative data for social and demographic registers".</li> </ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Minimal</b></p>

**PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 5  
ENVIRONMENT STATISTICS**

5.	Title	<b>Environment statistics (edition 2004)</b>
5.1	Title	<b>Sectoral concepts, definitions, classifications and environmental databases</b>
5.1:	Goal:	To have established, within a specified time frame, an integrated system of internationally comparable environmental statistics as a necessary tool for governments when setting and adjusting management policies which directly or indirectly affect the environment.
5.1:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need for further work on developing methodologies, harmonising the concepts and identifying common sets of indicators. The following areas can be mentioned:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- measuring emissions to air, especially relating to climate change</li> <li>- monitoring waste generation and movements, especially hazardous waste</li> <li>- bio-diversity</li> <li>- water resources, water use and discharges of water</li> <li>- other natural resources including land and sea resources and biological resources</li> <li>- environmental expenditures and revenues</li> <li>- chemicals and health issues</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Need for filling the gaps and improving the quality of data collected in the field of environment.</li> <li>• Need for a more visible, common priority among environmental topics. In this respect, it should also be pointed to which topics there is a need of legal instruments, general agreements or other regulatory instruments.</li> <li>• Need for better co-ordination between work in the field of environmental statistics, environmental accounts and sustainable development indicators.</li> <li>• As environment statistics is cross-sectoral, there is a need to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- focus on needs for data covering environmental dimensions in structural statistics</li> <li>- focus on the share of response for sectoral-environmental data production and dissemination</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Need for improving institutional cooperation in data collection, data treatment and data exchange</li> <li>• Need for better dissemination and simplified communication of statistics, accounts and indicators, independent of what kind of these 'labels' are put on the results.</li> </ul>
5.1:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further develop a memorandum of understanding concerning the share of response areas between international bodies. An inter-secretariat group for collaboration is established with participation from OECD, EU, UNSD).</li> <li>• Review and assess current questionnaires and ensure the joint development of any new questionnaire with a view to eliminating redundancy and avoidable differences in concepts and definitions.</li> <li>• Streamline and harmonise the dataflow from countries to international databases, by developing a 'Shared European Environmental Information System'.</li> <li>• Improve the quality of data available in international databases.</li> <li>• Review the list of indicators for environment statistics and update the respective classifications.</li> <li>• Produce agreed standard methodologies for waste and recycling; water, environmental protection expenditure and facilities; environmentally related</li> </ul>



		<p>taxes and other economic instruments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to develop methodologies for emissions to air, bio-diversity, chemicals and natural resources.</li> <li>• Extension of EEA monitoring networks to include EU accession countries, the Balkans and CIS.</li> </ul>
5.1:	Rapporteur:	Statistics Norway
5.1:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DG Env. + Eurostat:</b> A common understanding on the ways of reporting according to directives and regulations.</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat + EEA:</b> Streamlining data reporting work, especially on the topic waste.</li> <li>• <b>OECD + Eurostat:</b> Further progress in the work of streamlining common data collection work and harmonising data bases.</li> </ul>
5.1:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The UN Statistical Commission (March 2003) which approved the creation of an Inter-Secretariat Working Group on Environment Statistics.</li> <li>• At the same time the constant and urgent need for better coordination of data collection, avoid duplication and focus on priority data sets (“streamlining data collection”).</li> <li>• The need to fill data gaps for prioritised environment statistics and to improve the data quality.</li> <li>• The development of indicators to monitor progress towards sustainable development (see also PE 2.8 Sustainable development).</li> </ul>
5.1:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>
5.1:	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UN Statistics Division :</b> Annual meetings of the Interagency Working Group on Environment Statistics</li> <li>• <b>UN Statistics Division :</b> Expert meeting to discuss the draft Manual of Environment Statistics (2005)</li> <li>• <b>EEA :</b> National Focal Point meetings (3 Feb 2004 - 4 Feb 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat :</b> Environment Statistics: Sub-group Waste statistics (26 Apr 2004 - 27 Apr 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat :</b> Environment Statistics: Sub-group Water (29 Jun 2004 - 30 Jun 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat :</b> Environment Statistics (4 Oct 2004 - 5 Oct 2004)</li> <li>• <b>EEA :</b> National Focal Point meetings (5 Oct 2004 - 6 Oct 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat :</b> Environment Statistics: Sub-group Waste statistics (4 Nov 2004 - 5 Nov 2004)</li> </ul>

5.2:	Title	<b>Environmental accounting</b>
5.2:	Goal:	Integrating environmental and economic information in physical and, when possible, in monetary terms in a common framework using consistent concepts, definitions and classifications.
5.2:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To review developments in natural resource accounting.</li> <li>• Further methodological work on water accounting and practical implementation of environmental accounts.</li> <li>• To suggest ways in which a synthesis of different approaches may be constructed to ensure flexibility for special cases within a framework that is consistent overall.</li> <li>• To work to avoid a divergence in approach taken by ECE Members and that taken by countries outside the region (specifically developing countries).</li> </ul>
5.2:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrate environmental accounts with existing environmental data collection and indicators activities</li> <li>• Standardize practices of implementation of selected components of the SEEA-2003 develop practical guidelines, in particular on water accounting and subsoil asset accounting</li> <li>• Promote the implementation of the SEEA-2003 in countries and the use of environmental accounting for policy making</li> <li>• Continue theoretical developments of components of the SEEA-2003 that are not yet well advanced (e.g. valuation of degradation, etc.)</li> <li>• Explore possibilities of expanding the SEEA-2003 to include selected social aspects</li> </ul>
5.2:	Rapporteur:	UN Statistics Division
5.2:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UN Statistics Division:</b> Handbook on Water Resources Accounting (with Eurostat and the London Group).</li> <li>• <b>UN Statistics Division:</b> Handbook on Fishery Resources Accounting (with FAO and UNU).</li> </ul>
5.2:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close interaction of environmental and economic accounting.</li> <li>• Publication of the revised SEEA handbook and the need to implement SEEA in as many countries as possible</li> </ul>
5.2:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>
5.2:	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UN Statistics Division :</b> Regional workshop on water resources accounting for the ESCWA region (2004)</li> <li>• <b>London Group on Environmental Accounting :</b> 10th Meeting, location to be determined (<i>1 Sep 2005 -- tentative</i>)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat :</b> Environmental Accounts: material flows workshop (24 Jun 2004 - 25 Jun 2004)</li> <li>• <b>London Group on Environmental Accounting :</b> 9th Meeting of the London Group (Copenhagen, 22 Sep 2004 - 24 Sep 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat :</b> Environmental Accounts (6 Oct 2004)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat :</b> Environmental Accounts: NAMEA (25 Oct 2004 - 26 Oct 2004)</li> </ul>

**PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 6  
DISSEMINATION AND SUPPORT FOR SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES**

6.	Title	<b>Dissemination and support for secretariat activities (edition 2004)</b>
6.1	Title	<b>Dissemination of data and co-ordination of international data collection</b>
6.1:	Goal:	That coordination of international data collection and dissemination be done effectively.
6.1:	Issues and problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To coordinate policies of the international organizations involved in the collection of national statistical data, which are needed for their socio-economic analysis and publications.</li> <li>• To avoid any inefficient duplication in the data collection activities between international organizations, and to ensure that the burden placed on NSOs in responding to international data requests is kept to a minimum.</li> <li>• To implement jointly prepared questionnaires in international data collection.</li> <li>• Further improvement in on-line data capture aiming to improve timeliness of data collection.</li> <li>• To share data stored in statistical databases that are maintained by international organizations.</li> <li>• To make collected data available to national and international statistical agencies in printed or electronic form.</li> </ul>
6.1:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved procedures and tools for coordination of data collection</li> <li>• Issuing of statistical publications and products by all the organizations.</li> </ul>
6.1:	Rapporteur:	ECE
6.1:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full implementation of the OECD-UNSD data sharing agreement concerning international trade in goods covering all OECD member countries (see also PE 3.3).</li> <li>• Completion of the initial set of draft standards for the exchange of statistical information by the Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange (SDMX).</li> <li>• Expansion of joint UNESCO/OECD/Eurostat data collection procedures and definitions in the area of education and training statistics to more countries in the ECE region (see also PE 4.5).</li> <li>• Joint data collection by Eurostat and ILO of selected labour statistics from EU member States (see also programme elements 4.4 and 4.9).</li> <li>• Establishment of a Website on annual energy questionnaires jointly by IEA and OECD (see also PE 3.12).</li> <li>• Implementation of the joint data collection agreement that has been reached between OECD and Eurostat on Structural Business Statistics (see also PE 3.8 and 3.11).</li> <li>• INTERNET access to the electronic version of the common questionnaire by Eurostat and ECE for the collection of transport statistics (see also PE 3.4).</li> <li>• Enhancement in coverage of website on the joint BIS, IMF, OECD, World Bank statistics on External Debt.</li> <li>• Implementation of the new national accounts questionnaire based on SNA 93 and ESA 95, and sharing data among UNECE, UNSD, Eurostat and OECD.</li> <li>• Joint data collection by ECE and Eurostat of macro-economic data from the EU candidate countries (see also PE 3.1).</li> <li>• Development of a Common Questionnaire for Road Accident Statistics.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>OECD:</b> The OECD to complete the test phase of the NAWWE initiative, the objective of which is to have countries update the tables of the questionnaire directly on their web-sites (see also PE 3.1)</li> </ul>
6.1:	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Differences in pricing policies used by different national and international statistical agencies in the dissemination of statistical information.</li> <li>• The increasing role of Internet in data collection. These innovations represent an opportunity to reduce the burden on NSOs. Further development of electronic data interchange standards (e.g. the XML-based standard for Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange (SDMX)) is expected to considerably enhance the use of Internet based data collection. However, in order to take full advantage of this opportunity, a high level of coordination among international organizations on data collection is required.</li> </ul>
6.1:	Decisions recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To approve the activities to be undertaken by the Conference in this programme element (see "Activities of CES").</li> </ul>
6.1:	Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b><u>Trends in Europe and North America: the statistical yearbook of the ECE</u></b> (<i>Activity 2.4 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> Preparation of a publication of the yearbook type, which has been published every two years. The target audience is the general public.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2005 issue of Trends in Europe and North America</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the current publication and develop a new strategy for its production and dissemination in future.</li> <li>• Study possible synergies with work on other databases maintained by the Statistical Division.</li> </ul> <p><b>New activity:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of thematic maps using new software tools.</li> </ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Moderate</b> See also: <a href="http://www.unece.org/stats/trend/trend_h.htm">http://www.unece.org/stats/trend/trend_h.htm</a></p>
6.1:	Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b><u>Public access to ECE statistical databases</u></b> (<i>Activity 2.6 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> 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".</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WEB-accessible central database for all ECE data disseminated to the public.</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <p><b>New activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Web access to the core national accounts series for all ECE countries using PX-Web.</li> <li>• Web access to a set of main tables of Trends using PX-Web.</li> </ul> <p>(see also PE 6.2: Economic data collection, analysis and advice, PE 4.10: Gender Statistics Database, and PE 6.1: Trends in Europe and North America</p>

		<p>).</p> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Moderate</b> See also: <a href="http://www.unece.org/stats/data.htm">http://www.unece.org/stats/data.htm</a></p>
6.1: Activities of ECE (CES)		<p><b>Contribution to “UNECE Weekly”</b> (<i>Activity 2.8 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> Contribution of statistical tables and information notes to “UNECE Weekly”, newsletter introduced in 2003.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up-to-date, relevant and well presented statistical tables and information notes for the “UNECE Weekly”</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statistical tables are selected, formatted and submitted for inclusion in all issues of the “UNECE Weekly”. Occasionally, statistical tables proposed by other Divisions are also checked.</li> <li>• Short articles are drafted and submitted for inclusion in “UNECE Weekly” on an ad-hoc basis, reflecting important events or news.</li> <li>• Short articles are also drafted and submitted for inclusion in “UNSD Newsletter” on an ad-hoc basis.</li> </ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Minimal</b> See also: <a href="http://www.unece.org/highlights/unece_weekly/unece_weekly_index.htm">http://www.unece.org/highlights/unece_weekly/unece_weekly_index.htm</a></p>
6.1: Activities of ECE (CES)		<p><b>Statistical Journal of the UNECE</b> (<i>Activity 3.25 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four issues of the Journal per year.</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The work on the preparation of the Statistical Journal is coordinated by an Editorial Board which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identifies potential authors and contributors of papers</li> <li>- Reviews and selects papers for publications</li> <li>- Coordinates the publishing process with the publisher (IOS Press)</li> <li>- Works towards publicising and disseminating the journal</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The papers to be published in the journal are selected in different ways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Papers voluntarily submitted by authors</li> <li>- Papers requested by the Editorial Board</li> <li>- Papers presented at meetings in the CES work programme (which are always posted on the ECE website).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Moderate</b> See also: <a href="http://www.unece.org/stats/publications/journal.e.htm">http://www.unece.org/stats/publications/journal.e.htm</a></p>

6.2:	Title	<b>Other statistically-related activities of the ECE secretariat</b>
6.2:	Goal:	To provide effective statistical services to its customers with a high degree of professionalism
6.2:	Issues and problems:	For ECE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To collect statistical data and to provide other statistical support needed for the ECE's economic analysis (some macro-economic data from the EU candidate countries is collected jointly with Eurostat, see also PA 3: Economic statistics).</li> <li>• To develop and maintain a statistical database for this purpose with emphasis on countries under the transition process.</li> <li>• To provide statistical services to other ECE divisions.</li> <li>• To further develop electronic data interchange between national statistical offices and the ECE secretariat based on international standards developed within the Western European EDIFACT Board.</li> </ul>
6.2:	Strategic medium-term objectives:	<b>For ECE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Database on macroeconomic data from market economy countries and transition economies; operational network for EDI collection of macroeconomic data from market economy and transition economies; periodic progress reports to the CES plenary sessions.</li> </ul>
6.2:	Rapporteur:	ECE
6.2:	Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increasing availability on the WEB of a core set of macro-economic indicators for all economies in the ECE region</li> </ul>
6.2:	Attention of the Conference was/is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing.</li> </ul>
6.2:	Decisions recommended/taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To approve the activities to be undertaken by the Conference in this programme element (see "Activities of CES").</li> </ul>
6.2:	Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b><u>Economic data collection, analysis and advice (Macroeconomic database)</u></b>  <i>(Activity 2.1 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme)</i></p> <p><b>Summary description:</b>  Provide relevant, timely and harmonized statistics for economic analysis conducted by the ECE.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain database and produce timely and relevant statistical data for:</li> <li>• Economic Survey of Europe" (2 issues per year)</li> <li>• Mid-year Review of Economic Conditions in ECE Region</li> <li>• Structural and other one-time in-depth economic and social studies</li> <li>• "Trends in Europe and North America" (2005)</li> <li>• Public electronically accessible database (see Activity 2.6: Public access to ECE statistical databases)</li> </ul> <p><b>Detailed description:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Accounts</li> <li>- Industrial Production</li> <li>- Employment</li> <li>- Unemployment</li> <li>- Population</li> <li>- Wages</li> <li>- Labour productivity</li> <li>- Unit labour costs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Retail trade</li> <li>- Investment outlays</li> <li>- Prices</li> <li>- Purchasing Power parities</li> <li>- Exchange rates</li> <li>- Interest rates, money supply</li> <li>- Imports and exports</li> <li>- Balance of payments</li> <li>- Government expenditure, revenue and deficit</li> <li>• Although the database covers all 55 ECE member countries, most of the resources are used for processing data on transition economies.</li> <li>• One time collection, verification, analysis and compilation of detailed historical data sets as input to special economic and social studies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Evolution and adaptation of economic structures in the ECE region</li> <li>- Analysis of intra-industry and other foreign trade patterns</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Development/implementation of statistical methodologies, as required, to enhance data quality and usefulness and to support analytical studies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Methods of regional aggregation for various series such as GDP, price indices, etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Development, implementation, and maintenance of SQL-based software applications required to manage and provide access to data series, and to implement statistical methodologies.</li> </ul> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Substantial</b></p>
6.2:	Activities of ECE (CES)	<p><b><u>Statistical database advisory and support services</u></b> (<i>Activity 2.3 of the 2004 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Ultimate output:</b> - Ensure that the statistical assets of the Statistical Division and the ECE are properly documented and managed, and can be easily retrieved when required.</p> <p><b>Detailed description:</b> - 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. - 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 PE 6.1: Public access to ECE Statistical Databases).</p> <p><b>Secretariat resources: Minimal</b> See also: <a href="http://www.unece.org/stats/data.htm">http://www.unece.org/stats/data.htm</a></p>