

**CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS**

For information

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Geneva, 2-3 November 2011

Item 11(a) of the Provisional  
Agenda

**EVALUATION OF THE JUNE 2011 CES PLENARY SESSION**  
(Summary of replies to the evaluation questionnaires)

**Note prepared by the UNECE secretariat**

1. As a rule, all participants in the meetings organised under the CES work programme are asked to fill in an evaluation questionnaire at the end of the meeting. Below is the summary of the evaluation questionnaires filled in by the participants of the 2011 June CES plenary session.
2. There were 148 registered participants at the meeting (excluding members of the UNECE secretariat). 64 responses to the evaluation questionnaires were received (response rate 43%).

**Summary of replies**

**Question 1: How do you evaluate the quality of the meeting in general?**

	Evaluation	Number of replies	%
<b>Content</b>	Very good	26	41%
	<b>Good</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>53%</b>
	Fairly good	3	5%
	Unsatisfactory	1	2%
<b>Documentation</b>	Very good	25	41%
	<b>Good</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>46%</b>
	Fairly good	8	13%
	Unsatisfactory	0	0%

**Question 2: Are you satisfied with the organization of the seminars?**

	Evaluation	Number of replies	%
<b>Seminar on Organization of data collection and implementation of SDMX</b>			
<b>Organization</b>	<b>Very good</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>57%</b>
	Good	20	33%
	Fairly good	5	8%
	Unsatisfactory	1	2%
<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Very good</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>49%</b>
	Good	23	40%
	Fairly good	5	9%
	Unsatisfactory	1	2%
<b>Seminar on Measuring human capital</b>			
<b>Organization</b>	Very good	26	42%
	<b>Good</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>53%</b>
	Fairly good	3	5%
	Unsatisfactory	0	0%
<b>Discussion</b>	Very good	24	41%
	<b>Good</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>46%</b>
	Fairly good	7	12%
	Unsatisfactory	1	2%

**Question 3: How do you evaluate the discussion under the “formal business” part of the meeting?**

	Evaluation	Number of replies	%
<b>Outcomes of the in-depth reviews conducted by the Bureau in November 2010</b>	<b>Very good</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>53%</b>
	Good	26	45%
	Fairly good	1	2%
	Unsatisfactory	0	0%
<b>In-depth review of education statistics</b>	Very good	26	46%
	<b>Good</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>51%</b>
	Fairly good	2	4%
	Unsatisfactory	0	0%
<b>Progress reports and work of the Conference of European Statisticians’ Teams of Specialists</b>	Very good	21	37%
	<b>Good</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>61%</b>
	Fairly good	1	2%
	Unsatisfactory	0	0%
<b>Manuals, guidelines, recommendations, frameworks, etc. prepared under the umbrella of the CES</b>	Very good	25	43%
	<b>Good</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>53%</b>
	Fairly good	2	3%
	Unsatisfactory	0	0%

## **Suggestions for improvement and other comments**

*Note: This year there were fewer written comments from participants than in previous years. Below is a full record of all comments made.*

### General

- Congratulations because your work as a European committee not only impacts European countries, but also helps the development of the countries of America. Many thanks! (Chile);
- Particular attention could be given to the developing countries. Developing countries are facing many problems and practical guidelines on how to deal with these problems would be essential;
- We had an excellent Madame Chair.

### Documentation

- Found the papers on overviews of international groups working on different statistical areas very helpful. These inventories will allow us to understand the process of constructing guidelines and manuals and to participate accordingly. Would like to have these inventories presented for all the different subjects;
- In some cases, timeliness of the papers can be improved;
- To get all documents out earlier, some are coming too late;
- Please send the documentation to the NSO at an early stage;
- The main documents should be translated into Russian prior to the Conference;
- It would be good to have documents in Russian in advance;
- Concerning the PowerPoint presentations, please post on the web page. They are summaries, and very important information for us;
- Make available the presentations from all the sessions;
- Documents are so voluminous. The summaries (that is, the PowerPoint presentations) are a prerequisite. We would be happy if they were posted on the web-page before the Conference;
- It's not convenient that the order of topics doesn't match with the sequence of documents.

### Other

- Hotel accommodation was in too short supply.

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