

CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS

Meeting of the 2017/2018 Bureau
Helsinki (Finland), 14-15 February 2017

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The Conference of European Statisticians (CES) Bureau meeting will start at 9:30 on Wednesday, 14 February and is planned to finish around 17:00 on Thursday, 15 February 2018. The meeting will take place at Statistics Finland, Panimokatu 1, Helsinki.

The meeting will be held in English only. The documents for the meeting will be uploaded on the following website: www1.unece.org/stat/platform/display/bureau/CES+Bureau (username: ces; password: bureau8).

All participants of the meeting are invited on Tuesday, 13 February 2018 to sauna and swimming in the Allas Sea Pool (Katajanokanlaituri 2a), starting from 18:00. This is followed by a dinner in the Neighbour Bistro (on the 2nd floor of the Allas Sea Pool building). More information is provided in the information note and by e-mail.

The traditional Bureau dinner will be offered by Statistics Finland on Wednesday, 14 February 2018 in Restaurant Nokka (Kanavaranta 7 F).

I. OPENING BY MARJO BRUUN

II. IN-DEPTH REVIEWS OF SELECTED STATISTICAL AREAS

1. The CES Bureau regularly reviews selected statistical areas in depth. The aim of the reviews is to improve coordination of statistical activities in the UNECE region, identify gaps or duplication of work, and address emerging issues. The reviews often lead to new work in topical areas and tangible outputs such as guidelines or recommendations.

(a) **Measuring social exclusion** – *for discussion and recommendations*
(ECE/CES/BUR/2018/FEB/2 by Canada and Mexico)

2. The in-depth review of measuring social exclusion will be based on a paper by Canada and Mexico. **Additional contributions from the CES Bureau members are welcome in advance of the Bureau meeting.**

(b) **Redefining the national statistical systems** – *for discussion and recommendations*
(ECE/CES/BUR/2018/FEB/3 by UNECE)

3. The discussion on redefining the national statistical systems will be based on a paper by the Secretariat. **Additional contributions from the CES Bureau members are welcome in advance of the Bureau meeting.**

(c) Follow-up to the review of measuring governance – for decision
(ECE/CES/BUR/2018/FEB/4 by UNECE)

4. The Bureau carried out an in-depth review of measuring governance in October 2016. The Bureau decided to come back to the issue later to take into account the outcomes of the Praia city group on governance statistics, and to decide on possible further work under CES.

5. In January 2018, the Secretariat received information from the Praia Group about the progress of work, including a draft report to the UN Statistical Commission in March 2018, and a technical note. The Group plans to prepare a first draft of the Handbook on governance statistics by October 2018, and a final one by October 2019.

6. The Bureau is invited to discuss possible further work under CES in this area, taking into account the above mentioned developments.

(d) Selection of topics for in-depth reviews in 2018-2019 – for decision
(ECE/CES/BUR/2017/FEB/5 by UNECE)

7. The Bureau will be invited to select the topics to be reviewed in-depth in 2018-2019 based on a proposal prepared by the Secretariat.

III. UNECE STATISTICAL WORK AND CES TEAMS OF SPECIALISTS

(a) Population and housing censuses (progress report and ToR) – for decision
(ECE/CES/BUR/2018/FEB/6, 6/Add.1 by the Steering Group)

8. The CES adopted the *Recommendations for the 2020 Censuses of Population and Housing* in June 2015. The Steering Group on population censuses will present a progress report on the work carried out in this field in 2016-2017, proposals for new work on future censuses beyond 2020 to be undertaken by the Steering Group, and a proposal to set up a task force.

9. The Bureau will be invited to review and approve the proposals for further work and the terms of reference for a Task Force on measuring quality of administrative sources for censuses.

(b) Migration statistics (renewal of ToR) – for decision
(ECE/CES/BUR/2018/FEB/7 and 7/Add.1 by UNECE)

10. The terms of reference for the Steering Group on migration statistics were approved in October 2014 and are due to be reviewed. The Secretariat will present a proposal for further work on migration statistics taking into account the global developments in this area and the outcomes of the UNECE regional discussion for preparing the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

11. The Bureau is invited to review and approve the updated terms of reference for the Steering Group on migration statistics and a proposal to set up a Task Force on longitudinal data for migration statistics.

(c) Gender statistics (ToR) – for decision
(ECE/CES/BUR/2018/FEB/8 by UNECE)

12. In October 2017, the Bureau conducted an in-depth review of gender statistics. In November, the UNECE Work Session on Gender Statistics followed up by discussing focus areas of future work. The Bureau is invited to review and approve the proposal for establishing a Task Force on communicating gender statistics, prepared by the Steering Group on gender statistics.

(d) National accounts (ToR for a standing body) – for decision
(ECE/CES/BUR/2018/FEB/9 by UNECE)

13. In October 2017, the Bureau discussed the proposal of the meeting of the Group of Experts on national accounts and the Steering Group on national accounts to establish a standing body on national accounts under CES. The Bureau asked the Secretariat to prepare, together with the Steering Group, terms of reference for the standing body, and present them to the CES Bureau in February 2018 for approval before submission to the CES plenary session and the UNECE Executive Committee in 2018.

(e) Exchange and sharing of economic data (progress report) – for discussion and recommendations (ECE/CES/BUR/2018/FEB/10 by the Task Force)

14. In February 2017, the Bureau set up the Task Force on exchange and sharing of economic data. The 2017 CES plenary session discussed the topic and provided input to the work of the Task Force. Considering the urgency of advancing data exchange, both CES and its Bureau asked the Task Force to report back early in its mandate to share its first findings with statistical offices. The Bureau is invited to review the progress of work and advise the Task Force on the next steps.

(f) HLG-MOS progress in 2017 and priorities for 2018 (report) – for discussion and recommendations (ECE/CES/BUR/2018/FEB/11 by HLG-MOS)

15. The Bureau approved the updated terms of reference and governance structure for HLG-MOS in February 2017, and extended the mandate of the Group until end 2019. The Bureau will discuss the outcomes of the international collaboration projects overseen by HLG-MOS in 2017 and planned activities for 2018.

16. The Bureau is invited to review the outcomes of the projects overseen by HLG-MOS in 2017 and the priorities for 2018, as well as the future workshop on data integration.

(g) High-level seminar on strategic partnerships – for decision
(ECE/CES/BUR/2018/FEB/12 by UNECE)

17. In October 2017, the Bureau approved the work plan on strategic partnerships, including organizing a high-level seminar in spring 2018. The Bureau will be invited to review and approve the preparations for the high-level seminar on strategic partnerships to be held on 11-12 April 2018 in Geneva.

IV. GEOSPATIAL DATA AND STATISTICS (update) – for information

18. The Bureau will be informed about the latest developments related to geospatial data and statistics: the outcomes of the UN-GGIM: Europe Executive Board meeting hosted by UNECE in November 2017, a workshop on integrating geospatial and statistical standards organised jointly with UN-GGIM: Europe (6-8 November 2017, Stockholm, Sweden), and the decision of the UNECE Executive Committee (11 December 2017) on closer cooperation.

V. STATISTICAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT (strategy) – for decision (ECE/CES/BUR/2018/FEB/13 by UNECE)

19. The Bureau discussed developing capabilities in official statistics in October 2017. The Bureau asked the Secretariat to prepare a Statistical Capacity Development Strategy and present it to the February 2018 Bureau meeting, with the aim of submitting it to the 2018 CES plenary session for endorsement.

VI. CES GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ENDORSEMENT IN 2018

(a) Data integration for migration statistics – for decision (ECE/CES/BUR/2018/FEB/14 by the Task Force)

20. The *Report on data integration for measuring migration* was prepared by a Task Force, set up by the CES Bureau in October 2015. The Bureau will be invited to comment on the report and decide whether it can be circulated for electronic consultation among all CES members with a view to be presented to the 2018 CES plenary session for endorsement.

(b) Measuring cross-border labour mobility – for decision (ECE/CES/BUR/2018/FEB/15 by the Task Force)

21. The *Report on measuring cross-border labour mobility* was prepared by a Task Force, set up by the CES Bureau in October 2015. The Bureau will be invited to comment on the draft report and decide whether the document can be circulated for electronic consultation among all CES members with a view to be presented to the 2018 CES plenary session for endorsement.

(c) Guidance on common elements of statistical legislation – for decision (ECE/CES/BUR/2018/FEB/16 by the Task Force)

22. A Task Force, set up by the CES Bureau in April 2016, developed *Guidance on common elements of statistical legislation*. The Bureau will be invited to comment on the draft document and decide whether the document can be circulated for electronic consultation among all CES members with a view to be presented to the 2018 CES plenary session for endorsement.

(d) Guidelines on the use of registers and administrative data for population and housing censuses – for decision (ECE/CES/BUR/2018/FEB/17 and 17/Add.1 by the Task Force)

23. A Task Force, set up by the CES Bureau in February 2016, developed *Guidelines on the use of registers and administrative data for population and housing censuses*. The Bureau will be invited to comment on the draft document and decide whether the document can be

circulated for electronic consultation among all CES members with a view to be presented to the 2018 CES plenary session for endorsement.

VII. PREPARATION OF THE 2018 CES PLENARY SESSION

(a) Measuring what matters – broadening official statistics – *for discussion and recommendations*

(ECE/CES/BUR/2018/FEB/18 by Poland, Israel, New Zealand, Slovakia and UNECE)

24. The CES plenary session selected this topic for one of the 2018 CES seminars. The seminar will take place on Monday, 18 June 2018. In October 2017, the Bureau provided comments on the initial seminar outline. The Bureau will be invited to provide advice on the organization of the seminar based on the updated outline by the seminar organizers: Poland, Israel, New Zealand, Slovakia and UNECE.

(b) Getting our message across: Strategic reflections on modernizing statistical communication – *for discussion and recommendations*

(ECE/CES/BUR/2018/FEB/19 by Albania in collaboration with Mexico, Montenegro, the Netherlands and UNECE)

25. The CES plenary session selected this topic for one of the 2018 CES seminars. The seminar will take place on Tuesday, 19 June 2018. In October 2017, the Bureau provided comments on the initial seminar outline. The Bureau will be invited to provide advice on the organization of the seminar based on the updated outline by the seminar organizers: Albania, Mexico, Montenegro, the Netherlands and UNECE.

(c) Draft agenda and timetable for the 2018 CES plenary session – *for decision*

(ECE/CES/BUR/2018/FEB/20 by UNECE)

26. The Bureau will be invited to discuss and approve the provisional agenda and timetable of the 2018 CES plenary session which has been updated to reflect the discussions at the October 2017 Bureau meeting.

VIII. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STATISTICAL PROGRAMME 2017 – *for decision* (ECE/CES/BUR/2018/FEB/21 by UNECE)

27. The Bureau will be invited to review and approve the report on the implementation of the UNECE Statistical Programme in 2017.

IX. PRINCIPLES OF ROTATION OF THE MEMBERS OF IAEG-SDGS AND HLG-PCCB IN UNECE REGION – *for decision*

(ECE/CES/BUR/2018/OCT/22 by UNECE)

28. In October 2017, the Bureau discussed the criteria for rotation of the members from the UNECE region in the Inter-agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) and the High-level group on partnership, cooperation and capacity building for the 2030 Agenda (HLG-PCCB). The Bureau decided to continue the discussion to agree on the principles of rotation of the members of these groups in UNECE region, and asked the Secretariat to prepare an updated draft document for its meeting in February 2018.

29. The Bureau is invited to review and approve the principles for rotation of the members of IAEG-SDGs and HLG-PCCB in UNECE region based on a proposal by UNECE.

X. MEETING WITH MR. ERKKI LIIKANEN, THE GOVERNOR OF THE BANK OF FINLAND

30. The CES Bureau members will meet with Mr. Liikanen, the Chairman of the Board (Governor) of the Bank of Finland. The meeting will be at the premises of Bank of Finland, transfer organized by Statistics Finland.

XI. DATES AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETINGS

31. The Bureau confirmed the dates and venues for its forthcoming meetings as follows:

- 16-17 October 2018 (Geneva) (to be confirmed)
- Beginning of March 2019 (Washington D.C., back-to-back with the UN Statistical Commission)

32. The 66th CES plenary session will take place on 18-20 (a.m.) June 2018 in Geneva, back-to-back with the meeting of the OECD Committee on Statistics and Statistical Policy.

33. The 67th CES plenary session will take place on the week of 17 June 2019 in Paris, back-to-back with the meeting of the OECD Committee on Statistics and Statistical Policy.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

34. Any other topics can be taken up under this agenda item.

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