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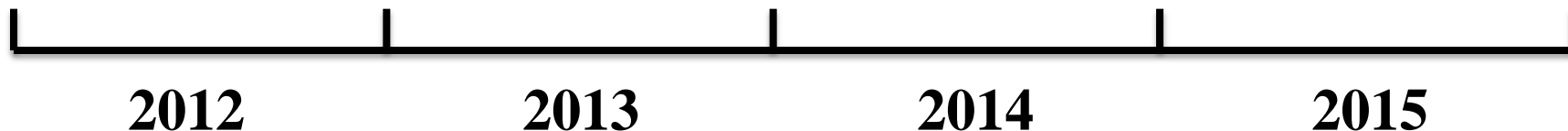
Content

- ❖ Preparation of CES recommendations for the 2020 census round
- ❖ Overview of changes related to migration

Preparation process

Work coordinated by UNECE and carried out in 2012-2015 by the UNECE Steering Group on Censuses and 9 task forces:

- a. Census methodology
- b. Census technology
- c. Census costs and benefits
- d. Census coverage and quality
- e. Population bases and geographic char.
- f. Economic and educational char.
- g. **Migration and ethno-cultural char.**
- h. Demogr., household and family char.
- i. Housing topics



Preparation process

2014

1st half of 2014: Preparation of draft chapters by the task forces

23-26 Sep. 2014: UNECE-Eurostat Expert Meeting (Geneva)

- Review draft CES census recommendations for 2020 censuses



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2015

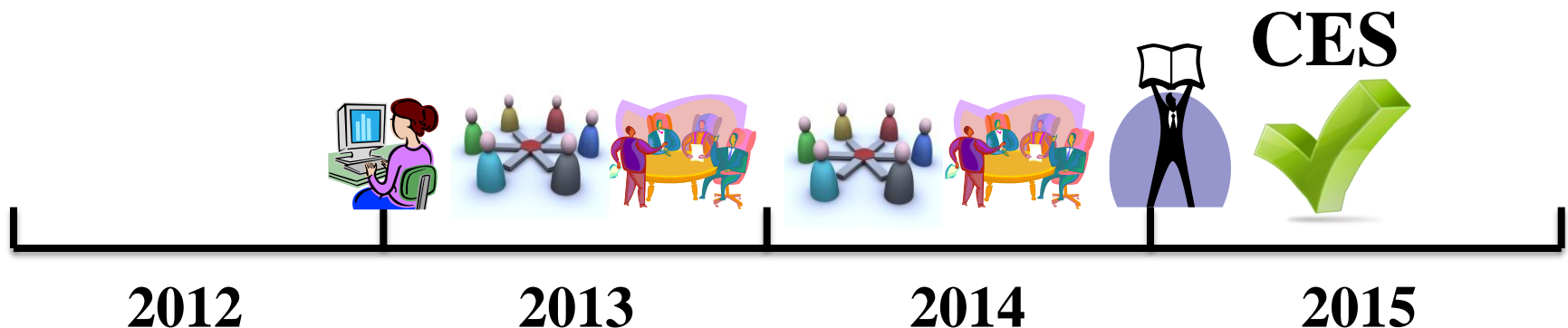
Preparation process

2015 (plans)

Jan. 2015: Finalization of draft CES Rec. for 2020 census round

Jan.-Mar. 2015: Review by CES Bureau

June 2015: Adoption by CES Plenary Session



Throughout the whole period:

Close coordination with parallel process for revision of **Principles and Recommendations for 2020 Round of Population and Housing Censuses (UNSD)**

- Coordination between UNECE, Eurostat and UNSD
- National experts leading CES work also involved in UNSD work



CES



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Migration topics

Core

- ❖ Citizenship
- ❖ Country of birth
- ❖ Place of birth
- ❖ Ever resided abroad and year of arrival in the country (id intl migrants)
- ❖ Previous place of usual residence and date of arrival in the current place

Non-core

- ❖ Country of birth of parents
- ❖ Citizenship acquisition (how, when acquired)
- ❖ Country of previous usual residence abroad
- ❖ Total duration of residence in the country
- ❖ Reason for migration
- ❖ Derived non-core topics
 - Joint use of place of birth and citizenship (and place of birth of parents)
 - Foreign/ national background
 - Refugee background
 - Internally displaced persons

Proposed changes

- ❖ Distinguish concepts of international and internal migration
- ❖ No major change as to which topics are *core* and *non-core*
- ❖ New topic: International border changes
- ❖ Changes focus on:
 - clarifying concepts;
 - improving guidance on
 - ◆ country of citizenship
 - ◆ dual/ multiple citizenships
 - ◆ ever resided abroad and year of arrival
 - ◆ population with refugee background
 - ◆ internally displaced persons

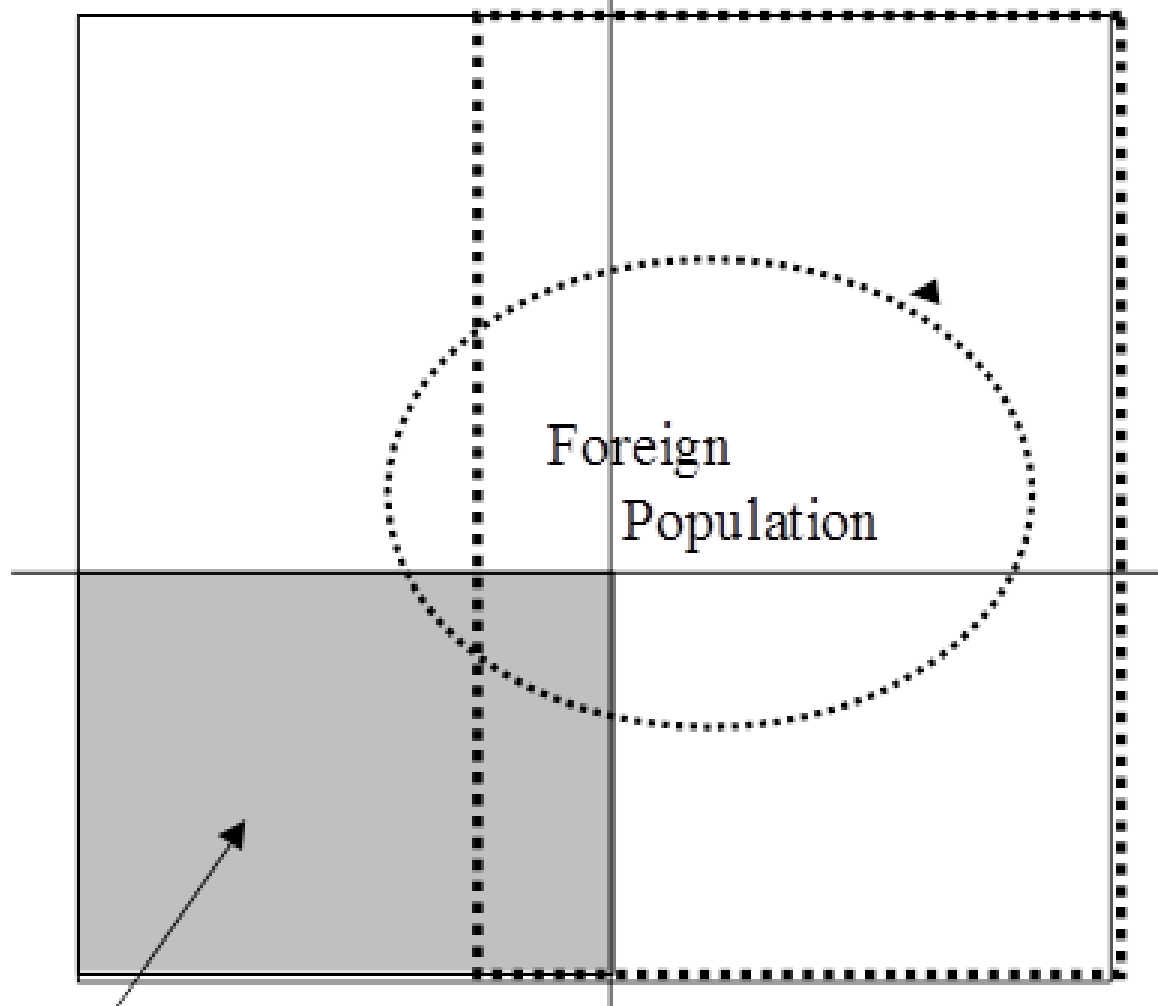


Population groups relevant to international migration

- ❖ Propose removing the term 'foreigner'.
- ❖ Focus on concepts of
 - foreign born/ native
 - citizens/ non-citizens
 - permanent/ temporary residence status

Native-born

Foreign-born



International migrants

Foreign Population

Persons with native-born parents

Persons with foreign-born parents

Descendants of foreign-born

Country of birth; border changes

- ❖ Reference to borders at the time of the census
- ❖ If boundary changes affected the person's country of birth, it may be necessary to record that country of birth
- ❖ Optional category 'born in the country': persons who were born in a particular territory but whose country of birth has changed because of boundary changes, should not be counted as foreign born

Country of citizenship

- ❖ Separate from country of birth
- ❖ Option for 'no citizenship'
- ❖ Dual/ multiple citizenships:
country of residence to be recorded as
first



Ever resided abroad and year of arrival

- ❖ Clarified these concepts to refer to international migrants, including returning nationals
- ❖ International migrants:
persons who have spent at least one consecutive year in a country other than their country of current residence



Population with refugee background

... includes foreign citizens who were “forced migrants” and their dependents living in the same household at the time of the census, including children born after the forced migration.



Internally displaced persons

... refers to nationals or citizens who were “forced migrants” within their country of residence and their dependents living in the same household at the time of the census, including children born after the forced migration took place.

Next steps

- ❖ Workshop for countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia: Geneva, 22 September
- ❖ Final discussion among experts (all CES countries): Geneva, 23-26 September
- ❖ Expected endorsement: CES plenary session, Geneva, June 2015