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Joint Eurostat/UNECE Work Session on Demographic Projections

Belgrade, 25-27 November 2019

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Opening of the meeting

TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

The Meeting will be held at the Palace of Serbia, Bulevar Mihajla Pupina 2, Belgrade, Serbia
It will start at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, 25 November 2019 (registration starting at 9:00 a.m.)
and finish on Wednesday 27 November by 3:30 p.m.

SUMMARY OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE MEETING:

1. Opening of the meeting and welcoming remarks by the Organizers
2. Welcome by the Serbian Minister for Demography and Population Policy
3. Adoption of the agenda and election of officers
4. Methodology (WP.1-WP.2)
5. Assumptions on migration (WP.3-WP.5)
6. Assumptions on fertility (WP.6-WP.10)
7. Communicating projections (WP.11)
8. Population projections at national level (WP.12-WP.14)
9. Assumptions on mortality (WP15-WP.18)
10. Workshop on future mortality (organized by Prof. Fanny Janssen)
11. Population projections at sub-national level (WP.19-WP.20)
12. Future work
13. Other business
14. Adoption of the draft report - Closing of the meeting

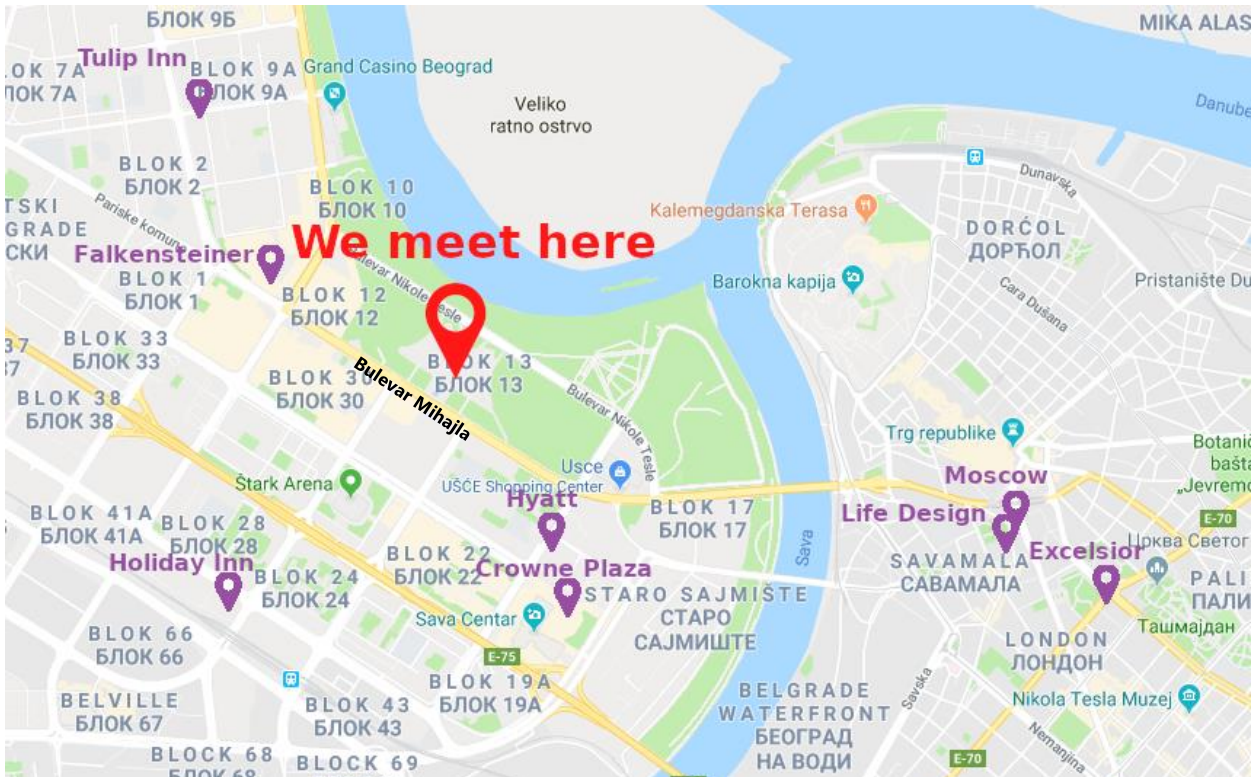
Time	Item	Session/Activity	Doc. No.
DAY 1 - MONDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2019			
9:00-10:00	Registration of participants		
10:00-10:20	1.	Opening of the meeting and welcoming remarks Welcoming remarks by: UNECE, Eurostat, SORS, ISS	
10:20-10:35	2.	Welcome by the Serbian Minister for Demography and Population Policy	
10:35-10:40	3.	Adoption of the agenda and election of officers	
10:40-11:40 10:40-11:00 11:00-11:20	4.	Methodology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Using expert elicitation to build long-term projection assumptions</i> (Patrice Dion, Statistics Canada) • <i>Relational spline-model for interpolating demographic data and population projections</i> (Dalkhat M. Ediev, NCSA, MSU, IIASA) Discussion	WP.1 WP.2
11:40-12:00	Coffee Break		
12:00-13:00 12:00-12:20 12:20-12:40	5.	Assumptions on migration I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Forecasting migration by age, sex and region with extensions of Lee-Carter model</i> (Arkadiusz Wiśniowski, Univ. Manchester) • <i>Refugee immigration to Sweden, 2012-2018: a comparison of observed and forecasted numbers</i> (Andreas Raneke, Statistics Sweden) Discussion	WP.3 WP.4
13:00-14:00	Lunch break		
14:00-15:00 14:00-14:20 14:20-14:40	6.	Assumptions on fertility I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Are surveys on fertility intentions useful in projections?</i> (Johan Tollebrant, Statistics Sweden) • <i>A study on the short-term fertility method using marriage rate</i> (Eunjin An, Statistics Korea) Discussion	WP.6 WP.7
15:00-15:20	Coffee break		
15:20-16:20 15:20-15:40 15:40-16:00	6.	Assumptions on fertility II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Does one have to be healthy to opt to have children in Norway today?</i> (Astri Syse, Statistics Norway) • <i>Ways to project fertility – how do European countries project fertility and what are their perceptions of current practices</i> (Astri Syse, Statistics Norway) Discussion	WP.8 WP.9
16:20-17:20 16:20-16:40 16:40-17:00	7.	Communicating projections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Taking the CES Recommendations on Communicating Population Projections one step further: a joint exercise in the European Statistical System</i> (Diana Ivan, Eurostat) • <i>Update on the UNECE Online Database on Population Projections Metadata</i> (Paolo Valente, UNECE) Discussion	WP.11 No paper
from 19:00	Optional subscription dinner (information to be provided to participants before the meeting, to be confirmed with SORS)		

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DAY 2 – TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2019			
9:30-11:00 9:30-9:50 9:50-10:10 10:10-10:30	8.	Population projections at national level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Stochastic projections: the New Zealand experience</i> (Kim Dunstan, Stats NZ, New Zealand) • <i>Population projections 2018-2068 in Spain</i> (Jorge L. Vega Valle, National Statistical Office, Spain) • <i>Population projections of Bosnia and Herzegovina - challenges and possible solutions</i> (Radoslav Ćorović, Agency for Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina) Discussion	WP.12 WP.13 No paper
11:00-11:20	Coffee break		
11:20-12:20 11:20-11:40 11:40-12:00	9.	Assumptions on mortality I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Future mortality in selected European countries, taking into account the impact of lifestyle epidemics</i> (Fanny Janssen, University of Groningen, the Netherlands) • <i>European mortality forecasts: Are the targets still moving?</i> (Nico Keilman, Department of Economics, University of Oslo) Discussion	WP.15 WP.16
12:20-13:45	Lunch break		
13:45-14:45	Guided tour of the building		
15:00-18:00	10.	Future mortality Workshop Organized by Prof. Fanny Janssen, University of Groningen, The Netherlands <i>The Future Mortality workshop is part of the research project on forecasting mortality that Fanny Janssen and her team have been working on over the last five years and is currently in the finalization phase. The research project is entitled "Smoking, alcohol and obesity – ingredients for improved and robust mortality projections". Main aim of the project has been to discern the effects of lifestyle factors (smoking, alcohol, obesity) on long-term mortality trends in Europe and to advance mortality forecasts by incorporating these effects.</i>	
15:00-16:30 15:00-16:00 16:00-16:30		Details behind the novel mortality forecasting technique which integrates the effect of lifestyle epidemics and the mortality experience in other countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The projection of smoking-, obesity- and alcohol-attributable mortality in Europe</i> (Fanny Janssen & Sergi Trias Llimos, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine) • <i>Coherent forecasting of lifestyle- and non-lifestyle attributable mortality in Europe</i> (Fanny Janssen) 	
16:30-16:50	Coffee break		
16:50-18:00 16:50-17:30 17:30-18:00		Potential implementation; Further advancement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Possibilities for the potential implementation of the forecasting technique at statistical offices in Europe</i> (Brainstorm session led by Fanny Janssen & Lenny Stoeldraijer, Statistics Netherlands) • <i>Mortality forecasting: incorporating socio-economic inequalities in longevity</i> (Fanny Janssen) 	

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DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2019			
9:30-10:30 9:30-9:50 9:50-10:10	9.	Assumptions on mortality II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Current Approaches to Mortality Projections</i> (Lauren Medina, U.S. Census Bureau) • <i>Modelling frontier mortality using Bayesian generalised additive models</i> (Jason Hilton, Centre for Population Change, University of Southampton) Discussion	WP.17 WP.18
10:30-10:50	Coffee break		
10:50-11:50 10:50-11:10 11:10-11:30	11.	Population projections at sub-national level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ex-post analysis of sub-national population projection errors for Ukraine and data quality problems</i> (Pavlo Shevchuk, Ptoukha Institute for Demography and Social Studies of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine) • <i>Are we facing regional depopulation in Serbia? A subnational population projection</i> (Vladimir Nikitović, Demographic Research Centre – Institute of Social Sciences, Belgrade) Discussion	WP.19 WP.20
11:50-12:50 11:50-12:10 12:10-12:30	6.	Assumptions on fertility III <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Comparing fertility forecasting methods: how do parametric mixture models perform?</i> (Jason Hilton, Centre for Population Change, University of Southampton, United Kingdom) • <i>Revision of the fertility model applied in the national population projection for Belgium - integration of structural and cyclical components in the projection of the total fertility rate and the evolution of the fertility schedule</i> (Marie Vandresse, Federal Planning Bureau, Belgium) Discussion	WP.10 No paper
12:50-13:00	12.	Future work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Proposal on future work</i> (Paolo Valente, UNECE) Discussion	
13:00-14:00	Lunch break		
14:00-15:00 14:00-14:20	5.	Assumptions on migration II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Using administrative and statistical data sources for estimation of international migration trends for Serbia</i> (Dragana Paunović Radulović, Ljiljana Sekulić) Discussion	No paper
15:00-15:10	13.	Other business	
15:10-15:30	14.	Adoption of the draft report - Closing of meeting	Draft report

ANNEX 1.

Map of Belgrade showing the meeting venue “Palace of Serbia” and recommended hotels



Participants should use the main entrance of The Palace of Serbia that is from the Bulevar Mihajla Pupina.