UNECE Task Team on Measuring Gender Identity

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Measuring Gender Identity: Background

• About how people identify
• Can differ from sex assigned at birth
• Not a simple male/female binary
• Growing recognition and interest
Measuring Gender Identity: Challenges

• New topic
• Evolving terminology
• Country-specific contexts:
  • Cultural
  • Linguistic
  • Legal and political
  • Statistical
Task Force: Introduction

• Recommended by CES Bureau In-depth Review of Measuring Gender Identity report (2019)
• First met March 2020

• Remit: Development of a regional networking platform on the measurement of gender identity, to help experts in the field communicate developments and share information and material

• Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States and UNECE
Task Force: Approach

8 topic areas:

• Terminology
• Modal effects
• Testing
• Existing questions
• Context
• Dissemination
• Standards
• Legal situation
Task Force: Deliverables

• Online platform already established
• Networking / information sharing ongoing

• Autumn 2021:
  • Platform populated
  • Progress report to CES Bureau, including proposals for taking work forward

• Watch this space!