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Meeting of Experts on Business Registers

Tenth meeting
Geneva, 18-19 June 2007

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

to be held at the Palais des Nations,
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday 18 June, in Room V

The meeting is organised jointly with the Commission of the European Communities (Eurostat) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of officers.
3. Information items:
 - (a) Information by UNECE;
 - (b) Information by Eurostat;
 - (c) Information by OECD;
 - (d) Report of the International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames;
 - (e) Statement by United Nations Statistical Division (UNSD).
4. Globalization and business statistics: Experience in developing enterprise group data, including work on multinational enterprises (MNEs) and on profiling.
5. Development of statistical outputs from business registers.
6. Quality improvements in business registers and implications of revisions of NACE (Nomenclature générale des activités économiques dans les Communautés européennes) and International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC).
7. The role of the business register in coordinating accounting and other administrative data for statistical users.
8. Future work and Terms of Reference (ToR) of Steering Group.

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9. Other business.
10. Adoption of Report.

II. PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

The meeting on Business Registers is convened jointly by UNECE, Eurostat and OECD pursuant the provisions made in the programme of work as adopted by the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians (ECE/CES/70).

MONDAY, 18 JUNE 2007

10.00-10.10 Item 1: Adoption of the agenda
Item 2: Election of officers

10.10-11.40 Item 3: Information items

Information on events and activities will be provided by the following:

- (a) Information by UNECE;
- (b) Information by Eurostat;
- (c) Information by OECD;
- (d) Report of the International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames; Statement by United Nations Statistical Division (UNSD).

11.40-13.00 Item 4: Globalization and business statistics: Experience in developing enterprise group data, including work on multinational enterprises (MNEs) and on profiling

Chair: To be decided

Invited paper: EuroGroups Register Project - Road Map for the Future
Presented by: Eurostat

Invited paper: Towards a unique European business register
Presented by: European Central Bank (ECB)

Supporting paper: EuroGroups Register project
Presented by: Netherlands and United Kingdom

Supporting paper: Use of administrative sources for identification of enterprise groups in Slovenia
Presented by: Slovenia

Supporting paper: Developing a Template for Business Profiling
Presented by: United Kingdom

Supporting paper: Profiling: users' needs and application in EU Member States
Presented by: Italy

15.00-15.30 Discussions and comments on invited and supporting papers

- 15.30-18.00 Item 5: Development of statistical outputs from business registers**
 Chair: To be decided
- Invited paper: Development of Outputs from the Business Register in Support of Regional Policy
 Presented by: United Kingdom
- Invited paper: Better utilising business registers and business statistics
 Presented by: OECD
- Supporting paper: (title to be confirmed)
 Presented by: United States or Australia (to be confirmed)
- Supporting paper: Czech Business Register - dissemination and use
 Presented by: Czech Republic
- Supporting paper: Use of business register for statistical surveys
 Presented by: Kazakhstan

17.00-18.00 Discussions and comments on invited and supporting papers

TUESDAY, 19 JUNE 2007

- 09.30-11.00 Item 6: Quality improvements in business registers and implications of revisions of NACE (Nomenclature générale des activités économiques dans les Communautés européennes) and International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC)**
- Chair: To be decided
- Invited paper: Quality improvements in business registers
 Presented by: France
- Invited paper: Methodological recommendations on "falsely" active units determination and their identification in business registers
 Presented by: Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CISSTAT)
- Supporting paper: A system of Business Register's quality indicators as handy tool for users
 Presented by: Italy
- Supporting paper: Key objectives in quality improvement of the statistical Business Registers in Serbia
 Presented by: Serbia

Supporting paper: Quality improvements in Croatian Business Register and implications of revision of NACE Rev.2 (Nomenclature générale des activités économiques dans les Communautés européennes)

Presented by: Croatia

Supporting paper: Implementing Coding Tools for a New Classification

Presented by: United Kingdom

11.20-11.50 Discussions and comments on invited and supporting papers

11.50-12.30 **Item 7:** **The role of the business register in coordinating accounting**
14.30-15.50 **and other administrative data for statistical users**

Chair: To be decided

Invited paper: Business Register and administrative data – ground for the effective production of economic statistics

Presented by: Finland

Invited paper: The importance of a good legal framework for the coordination function of statistical business registers

Presented by: UNECE

Supporting paper: German business register re-engineering: Heading for a tool to acquire, combine and connect statistical data sources

Presented by: Germany

Supporting paper: Business register in the context of reciprocity among agents on information exchange

Presented by: Ukraine

Supporting paper: Use of administrative data for updating Business Register

Presented by: Moldova

Supporting paper: Austrian business register as a tool for linking various administrative data sources

Presented by: Austria

15.20-15.50 Discussions and comments on invited and supporting papers

16.10-16.50 **Item 8:** **Future work and Terms of Reference (ToR) of Steering Group**

Chair: To be decided
 Roundtable discussion

16.50-17.30 **Items 9 and 10: Other business and Adoption of the Report**
