

The CES Member's Guidebook

The Guidebook was prepared to facilitate the work of the members of Conference and Bureau. It provides information on CES and its Bureau: their role, history, working procedures, outputs, and on the ways they support international statistical development in the UNECE region and beyond. It also contains practical information for members attending meetings, preparing CES seminars and in-depth review papers.

The Member's Guidebook on the UNECE Conference of European Statisticians is available at:

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What is the Conference ?

- The Conference is one of the oldest statistical bodies working on international statistics. It is the governing body on statistics of UNECE
- Stemming from the first Conference of Statistics held under the League of Nations in 1928, the CES was founded in 1953
- The CES Bureau, composed of Chief Statisticians from 8 countries and 6 international organizations, steers the work

What does the Conference do ?

- Coordinates international statistical work in the region
- Develops guidelines and recommendations on statistical methodology through dedicated Task Forces
- Builds capacity to improve national statistics
- Collects and disseminates internationally comparable statistics

Who is in the Conference ?

- Chief statisticians of the member countries of UNECE, OECD and beyond, and international organizations
- All United Nations member countries can become members

Major CES achievements

Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics

- 1991: the Principles were adopted by the Conference of European Statisticians
- 1992: UNECE adopted the Principles at the political level
- 1994: the Principles were adopted by the United Nations Statistical Commission
- 2013: Economic and Social Council endorsed the Principles
- 2014: United Nations General Assembly endorsed the Principles at the highest political level

Recent CES Recommendations, Guidelines and Standards

- Statistics for sustainable development goals
- Climate change-related statistics
- Population and housing censuses
- Measuring global production
- Valuing unpaid household work
- Gender equality indicators
- Measuring poverty
- Developing statistical business registers
- Making data meaningful
- Human resources management and training
- Models for statistical production (GSBPM, GSIM, GAMSO, CSPA)

Types of outputs

- Recommendations and Guidelines – prepared in collaboration with national and international experts
- Standards for statistical production – produced under the CES High-Level Group for the Modernisation of Official Statistics
- Knowledge bases – over 60 UNECE wikis for international statistical development work
- In-depth reviews – studies on selected strategic issues to identify gaps and new issues
- Global Assessments of national statistical systems in EECCA countries – provide, at countries' request, recommendations for improving national capacity to produce official statistics
- Library of Training Materials – shares generic training materials in statistics
- Statistical Database – on-line statistics on UNECE member countries, in English and Russian

Seminars and expert meetings

CES seminars and expert meetings offer a platform to exchange experiences and discuss new conceptual work and emerging topics. They promote the implementation of standards to accelerate the development of official statistics.

