

Conference of European Statisticians

Objective, achievements, main directions and challenges

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CES: Covid-19 impact and response



Significant impacts of Covid-19 on official statistics

- Increased demand for data and significant obstacles for statistical production
- Increased recognition of the value of official statistics and role of NSOs
- Accelerated innovation needed to ensure for business continuity



CES response encompassed both specific and cross-cutting activities

Web platform on Covid-19 and official statistics

Regular **meetings in virtual or hybrid format** addressed impact of Covid-19

Dedicated webinars

Informal **joint session of CES and OECD CSSP**

Re-focused **capacity development**

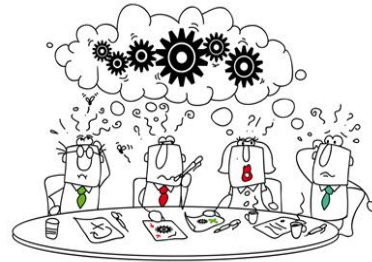
In **2021**, responding to the challenges resulting from pandemic will cut across **all thematic areas**

Key achievements in 2020



33 events

- 29 hybrid or on-line expert meetings, workshops and webinars
- A hybrid CES plenary session with joint sessions with UN-GGIM: Europe and OECD
- Close collaboration with Eurostat, EFTA, OECD, UNSD and regional commissions



3 new areas reviewed

- Measuring well-being in the era of digital society
- Role of the statistical community in climate action
- Measuring circular economy

7 statistical guidelines

- Sharing of economic data
- Core climate-change related indicators and statistics
- Poverty data disaggregation
- New frontiers for censuses beyond 2020
- Measuring intra-household power
- Communicating gender statistics
- Use of longitudinal data for migration statistics

1st SDG report and regional platform on statistics

- 2020 report “Towards Achieving the SDGs in the UNECE Region” for the Regional Forum
- Knowledge hub and database for statisticians and analysts
- Dashboard for policymakers and public

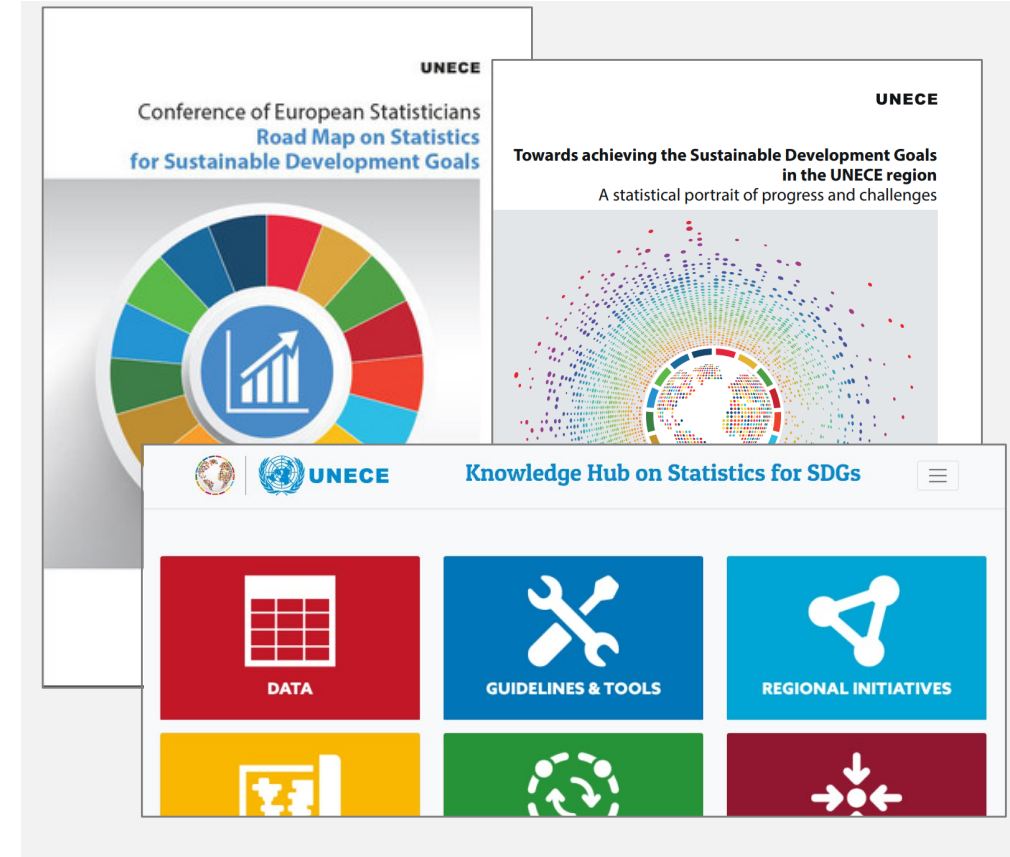
Working methods were quickly adapted to the Covid-19 conditions and outputs delivered as planned

Statistics for Sustainable Development Goals



Priorities

- **2nd edition of the Roadmap on Statistics for SDGs** to be published in 2021
- Further development of the **regional platform and the Knowledge Hub** on Statistics for SDGs
- **2nd report on progress towards SDGs** for the 2021 Regional Forum



41 countries in the UNECE region have set up national reporting platforms on SDGs.

Main areas of the CES work

Economy and globalization

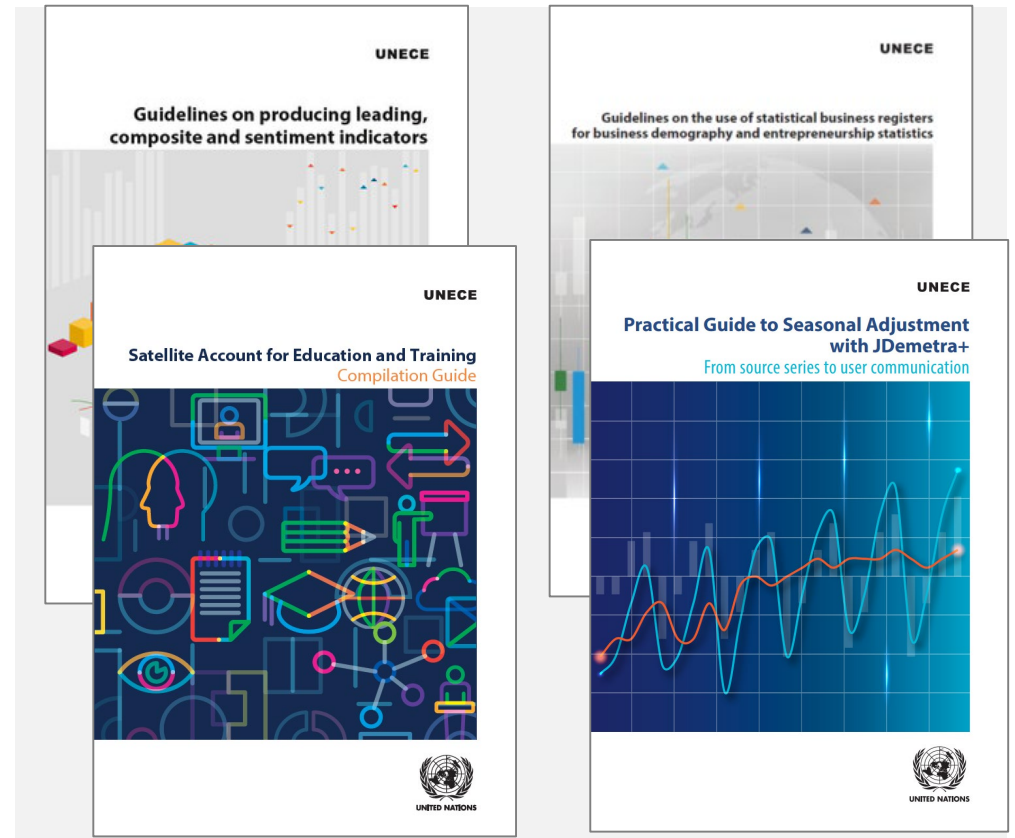


Priorities

- Sharing and exchange of economic data
- Globalization and digitalization
- Measuring human capital
- Quality of employment
- Prices

Covid-19 impact and response

- Providing **business continuity** support and methodological guidance for producing economic statistics during Covid-19, e.g., support for producing **price indices during lockdown**



Our guidelines help **all** the ECE countries to measure global production and activities of multinationals.

Main areas of the CES work

Population, gender and society



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Priorities

- Poverty and social exclusion
- Population and housing censuses
- Gender statistics
- Migration statistics and labour mobility
- Statistics on children and youth

Covid-19 impact and response

- Addressing the impact on **2020 census round**
- Support for measuring impact on men and women
- Methodological work on new sociodemographic data needed to build back better



New Guide on poverty measurement will help to produce **disaggregated data** crucial for **SDG 1** and **post-Covid recovery**.

Environment, climate change and hazardous events



Priorities

- Climate change-related statistics and indicators
- Environment statistics
- Hazardous events and disasters
- Circular economy

Covid-19 impact and response

- Dynamic **web platform on Covid-19 and official statistics** to share experiences and solutions
- **Using the Covid-19 experience to define emergency data kit for future crises**
- Addressing **information needs for green recovery**



2020 Recommendations on the role of NSOs in measuring hazardous events and disasters laid the ground for **NSOs' role of in the pandemic response.**

Modernization of statistical production



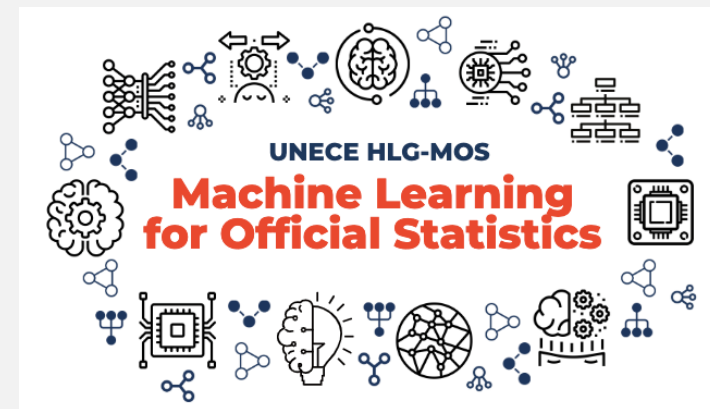
Priorities

- Standards and models of statistical production
- Machine learning and artificial intelligence
- Privacy preserving techniques
- Strategic communication
- Integrating geospatial and statistical data

Covid-19 impact and response

- Support for NSOs in **crisis management**, internal **communication** and remote **HR** management
- **Workshops** on **data collection**, dissemination and communications during the pandemic

Long-standing efforts in modernization enabled NSOs to quickly adapt to new conditions and demands. Guidelines on Risk Management received record views during the pandemic.



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Annex II

Collaboration agreement between UNECE and UN-GGIM: Europe (2021-2023)

I. Summary

1. This agreement is an updated version of the first collaboration agreement between UNECE and UN-GGIM: Europe, which covered the period 2018 to 2020. That agreement was endorsed by the 2017 plenary sessions of UN-GGIM: Europe and the Conference of European Statisticians, as well as the UNECE Executive Committee at its 95th Meeting (EXCOM/CONCLU/95).

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Issues for EXCOM decision



EXCOM is invited to:

- Approve the **programme of work** of the Statistics subprogramme for 2021 (ECE/CES/2020/16 and ECE/CES/2020/16/Add.1).
- Approve the **mandates** and terms of references of the **Task Forces** (ECE/EX/2021/L.1, annexes I and II).
- Welcome the **renewal of the partnership agreement** between the ECE Secretariat and UN-GGIM: Europe for 2021–2023.
- **Comment on the achievements and future priorities** of the Conference of the European Statisticians (Chair's report)

Thank you!

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