



Revised CES Recommendations proposed by Task Force 10 on Housing Topics

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Outline

1. TF-10 survey analysis findings
 - Concepts and definitions
 - Core and non-core topics
2. Recommended changes to the CESR
 - Clarification of terminology and cross-referencing
 - Improved wording and removal of paragraphs
 - Updated breakdowns of core and non-core topics
3. Conclusion & next steps

Survey analysis (1/2)

1. Standing CESR concepts and definitions are used by most countries carrying out a housing census
2. Differences observed for concepts and definitions of 'other housing units', 'collective living quarters', 'building' and 'room' in a small number of countries
3. The TF found no reason to rewrite concepts and definitions, but rather to clarify the terminology in certain instances

Survey analysis (2/2)

1. Most countries include all core topics in their census
2. Topics such as 'toilet facilities', 'bathing facilities', 'useful floor space' and 'water supply systems' are among the topics not included in the census in more than 10 countries
3. The most typical data source for the housing core topics are full enumeration followed by register/administrative data
4. The TF found no reason to exclude existing topics, but rather proposes to update the breakdown of certain topics

Recommended changes (1/3)

1. Clarification of terminology

- Ensuring consistent use of the concept ‘conventional dwelling’

2. Cross-referencing

- Including reference to when a person is considered part of an institutional household
- Further highlight the difference between the TF-8 topic ‘tenure status’ and the TF-10 topic ‘type of ownership’

Recommended changes (2/3)

1. Improved wording

- Several paragraphs updated to ensure consistency with the rest of the chapter

2. Removal of paragraphs

- Remove the recommended classification of dwellings in the process of being demolished
- Remove the notion that useful floor space should be collected in preference of number of rooms. Instead, it is now recommended to collect both if possible.
- Remove the suggested calculation of overcrowding indicators, since it is not relevant to census data collection

Recommended changes (3/3)

1. Updated breakdowns of topics

- Introduction of district heating under the non-core topic 'type of heating'
- The non-core topic 'main type of energy used for heating' re-classified to include grid electricity, ambient heat (heat pump), solar energy and district heating at the 1-digit level
- The non-core topic 'dwellings by materials of which specific parts of the building are constructed' has been re-classified to include stone, concrete (including e.g. reinforced concrete) and steel frame as separate categories at the 1-digit level.

Conclusion and next steps

- TF-10 analysed the 2023 UNECE survey results
- Proposed several CESR revisions to ensure consistent use of terminology and updated breakdowns of topics to better reflect the current situation in the UNECE region
- Ready to address comments and feedback from census week and upcoming further consultations

Thank you



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