

# Developing the Conference of European Statisticians Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses for the 2030 round

Overview of the process and expectations for the session

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# How we got to where we are (1)



- 2020: Steering Group proposed themes for task forces
- 2020 expert meeting (online) supported proposals
- November 2020: online survey gathered informal expressions of interest to participate
- January 2021: CES Bureau approved a high-level work plan for the project
- October 2021: CES Bureau approved terms of reference to formally establish the 13 groups

# How we got to where we are (2)



- 2022: identified chairs, gathered members, each group developed detailed work plans
- Most started meeting late 2022
- 2023: developed comprehensive questionnaire on 2020-round practices & experiences
- September-December 2023: fielded survey (thanks!)

# How we got to where we are (3)



2024:

- Analyzed survey findings to identify implications for the Recommendations (summary publication and online platform forthcoming)
- Revised or newly drafted Recs content, based on
  - Survey findings:
    - how many countries complied with existing recs? If they didn't, why? Are they irrelevant, impossible to follow, at odds with competing influences/demands, insufficiently detailed, obsolete?
    - do countries do other things in their census that our recs don't cover (and should)?
  - Expert knowledge:
    - what has changed since previous round? Are there new standards, policy needs etc?
  - Editorial considerations:
    - More concise and easily translatable language, clearer when something is recommended vs described, better distinguishing definitions from explanatory notes, etc.

# What happens next (1)



- At this expert meeting:

- Task forces present their drafts

(n.b. submitted end June 2024, before full P&R draft was available: some have identified small changes to align with P&R since then, not reflected in the official docs online)

- Participants (you!) offer feedback
- Not reopening major questions– these have been settled already by TFs and with input from last year’s expert meeting
- But still time to comment on details
- Do they make sense for your country? Do they reflect your census design? Will you be able to implement them? Are they useful?

# What happens next (2)



- After this expert meeting:
  - By early December: TFs revise based on feedback
  - December-early January: secretariat combines, edits and formats
  - Mid-January 2025: submit to CES Bureau
  - Q1 2025: CES-wide consultation
    - IMPORTANT: prepare your colleagues and your senior management for this. Consultation on a long document will take a long time!
    - Much better to receive your critique now than during consultation
  - Once unanimously approved by all CES countries, CES endorses at June 2025 Plenary.
  - 2030 Recs published later in 2025.

# Conclusion



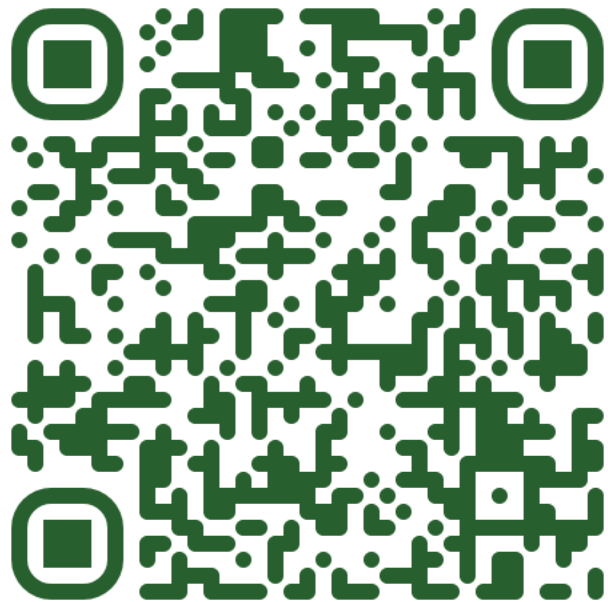
- Express your concerns or wishes now!
- Loop in colleagues who might have input but are not at this meeting. All feedback welcome, ASAP.
- Send minor editorial comments in writing (to Fiona and/or TF chair).
- Each TF has approx. half hour for presentation, questions & discussion
- Aim to have all key questions resolved by decisions at the end of each topic's slot, if possible.

# Reference documents



All papers available on our meeting webpage:

<https://unece.org/statistics/events/censusEGM2024>





# Reference documents



CES Census  
Recommendations  
for 2020 round  
(ENG, FRE, RUS)

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UNSD Principles &  
Recommendations  
rev.3 (2020 round)



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# Thank you for your attention!

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