

Draft Agenda

High Level Seminar for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia Countries (EECCA)

on

'Quality in Statistics: Administrative Data and Official Statistics'

4-6 September 2013, Vilnius, Lithuania

09:00 a.m., Holiday Inn Vilnius Hotel

4 September 2013: Seminar Day 1

09:00-10:15 Welcoming notes and opening Session by Eurostat

Welcome speeches

Ms Claudia Junker (Eurostat)

Ms Vilija Lapėnienė (Lithuania)

Introduction to the Seminar by Eurostat

This session will provide an explanation of the purpose of the seminar, link to the topic of the previous seminar; provide brief description of the sequence and contents of individual sessions, and a discussion on the expected results of this seminar

Speakers: Ms Claudia Junker (Eurostat)

10:15-10:30 Coffee break

10:30-12:00 Session 1

Chairperson: Ms Maia Guntsadze (Georgia)

Topic: Review of recent developments in quality matters in the ESS – in Eurostat and in the NSIs of EU Member States

Recent developments in Eurostat, a new round of peer reviews in the Member States, Commitments on Confidence, the revision of the European statistical law, and a new strategy for providing the European Union with a quality management framework for statistics

Speakers:

Ms Claudia Junker (Eurostat) 'Recent developments in the ESS on quality related initiatives'

Ms Bronislava Kaminskienė (Lithuania) "A quality framework in Statistics Lithuania"

Ms Laura Luksaite-Balakauskienė (Lithuania) “Assessment Criteria for the quality framework”

Ms Kornélia Mag (Hungary) “The quality policy and quality framework at the Hungarian Central Statistical Office”

Questions and answers

12:00-13:30 Lunch buffet

13:30-15:30 Session 2

Chairperson: *Mr Gabriel Gamez, UNECE*

Topic: Quality management practice in the EECCA countries

Progress in implementing quality frameworks in EECCA countries – to provide an overview of recent developments and state of play based on the reports sent from the countries: some EECCA countries will be asked to present their initiatives in quality management while all countries will be asked to report on new developments in quality management in their country (round table)

Speakers

Belarus: “Developing a quality management system”

Armenia “Developing quality reports and their role in a quality management system”

Round Table

Discussion

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:00 Session 3

Chairperson: *Ms Muhammadijeva Bakhtiya (Tajikistan)*

Topic: Other elements of quality management

Quality management encompasses many aspects such as the quality of processes, products and outputs, staff satisfaction, customer satisfaction, quality reporting to producers and users and others. Human resources are an essential element of quality management, and hence a well-developed policy for human resource management is an important element to implement quality management in an NSI. This session will discuss and exchange experience on human resource management, including training.

Speakers:

Ms Anna Borowska (Poland) “Developing a Human Resource Management strategy as a part of a quality management system”

Mr Martin Lagerström (Sweden) “Setting up and maintaining a training programme”

Questions and answers

17:00-20:00 Social event

5 September 2013: Seminar Day 2

09:00-10:30 Session 4

Chairperson: *Mr Gabriel Gamez, UNECE*

Topic: Administrative data and Official Statistics

The role of administrative data in and vis-à-vis official statistics: This session will provide an overview on the use of administrative data in the production of official statistics, and how to be involved in the design of administrative data sources to make them usable for statistical purposes based on a short report from each of the countries during the round table.

Speakers:

Mr Gabriel Gamez (UNECE): ‘Introduction: Official statistics vs. administrative data’

Round table discussion with all countries

10.30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:30 Session 5

Chairperson: *Ms Elmira Alymkulova (Kyrgyzstan)*

Topic: Coordination needed for a better use of administrative data and Confidentiality issues linked to the use of administrative data sources

An overview of coordination efforts needed and how to implement them to ensure a better use of administrative data will be provided and experience presented in this session. Confidentiality of individual data contained in administrative data sources is an issue of concern for many countries, and legal and technical issues will be discussed.

Speakers

Norway: “Confidentiality and use of administrative data: Legal and technical issues”

Azerbaijan: “Using the statistical law as a coordinating tool for better use of administrative data”

Belarus: “Coordinating the use of administrative data: An example”

Discussions

12:30-13:30 Lunch buffet

13:30-15:00 Session 6

Chairperson: *Ms Andrea Scheller (EFTA)*

Topic: Administrative data and their impact on the efficiency in statistical production

This session provides an overview on how the use of administrative data can increase the efficiency in production of statistics and decrease response burden on respondents

Ms Claudia Junker (Eurostat) “legal developments in strengthening the use of administrative data”

Mr Ilie Dumitrescu (Romania) ‘Use of administrative data and their impact on efficiency in statistical production’

Ukraine ‘Measurement of response burden’

Round table discussion

15:00-15:30 Coffee break

15:30-17:00 Session 7

Chairperson: *Mr Bakhodir Giyazov (Uzbekistan)*

Topic: Administrative data and Official Statistics, practical examples

The role of administrative data in and vis-à-vis official statistics: This is a session on how administrative data sources can be used in official statistics, on partially register based population census and how to build up registers for statistical use. The session will also discuss challenges in establishing a system for efficiently using administrative sources in official statistics.

Speakers:

Ms Antanina Valiulienė and Ms Daliute Kavaliauskiene (Lithuania) “Using administrative data sources in official statistics: The practicalities for structural business statistics and Burden reduction and sampling gains”

Mr Baris Ucar (Turkey) “Developing an address based population register”

Ms Svetlana Šutova (Estonia) “How to build up registers for statistical use”

Moldova: “Challenges in establishing a system for using administrative data sources in official statistics”

Discussions

19:00–20:30 Social event

6 September 2013: Seminar Day 3

09:00-10:30 Session 8

Chairperson: Ms Andrea Scheller (EFTA)

Topic: Cooperation issues

This session will cover different issues linked to the statistical cooperation between Eurostat and the EECCA countries. It will be used to present the results of the donor coordination survey, information on training courses planned for the EECCA countries and feedback from the Yalta II conference on Adapted Global Assessments. Topics for future High Level Seminars should be defined.

Ms Siv Irene Pedersen (Eurostat) 'Results of the Donor survey'

Ms Jolanta Szczerbinska (Eurostat) 'Information on the Training courses planned for the EECCA Countries'

Ms Andrea Scheller 'Feedback from the Yalta II conference'

Ms Siv Irene Pedersen (Eurostat) 'Summary of the results of the questionnaires on the follow-up of the AGA/LPR'

Discussions

Ms Claudia Junker 'General conclusions from the High Level Seminar'

Ms Claudia Junker 'Topics for future high level seminars'

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:00 Session 8 (continuation)

Chairperson: Ms Andrea Scheller (EUROSTAT)

The development of national statistical systems can benefit from other countries' experience. Regional statistical cooperation will therefore be useful. In light of that, Eurostat and the ENP East countries have set up a task force to develop a regional strategy for the cooperation between EU and the ENP East countries in statistics. The draft strategy will be presented and discussed in this session.

Ms Jolanta Szczerbinska (Eurostat) 'Strategy for ENP-East countries for the period 2014-2020'

Discussions

12:00-13:00 Lunch buffet

13:00-14:30 Session 9

Chairperson: *Ms Claudia Junker (EUROSTAT)*

Topic: Association Agendas

The Association Agreements between EU and several of the ENP East countries are planned to be initialled in November this year. An association agenda will be developed for the first three years (2014-2016). This session will provide an introduction to the association agendas and its implications for statistics, as well as its implication for one specific statistical area. It will also provide an introduction on how to understand, start planning the application and then applying the European acquis.

Speakers:

Ms Claudia Junker (Eurostat) 'General introduction to the Association Agendas'

Ms Jolanta Szczerbinska (Eurostat) 'Applying the aquis – step by step'

14:30-15:00 Coffee break

15:00-16:30 Session 9 (Continued)

Chairperson: *Mrs Claudia Junker (EUROSTAT)*

Topic: Association Agendas

Speakers:

Ms Siv Irene Pedersen (Eurostat) 'General introduction for the implication in one area'

Discussions

16:30 Close of seminar

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