



**United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
Statistical Division**

Task Force on Ageing-related Statistics

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Statistical work at UNECE

- ❖ Conference of European Statisticians (CES), meets annually
 - Coordination
 - Methodological work
 - Database
 - Capacity-building
 - Membership broader than the UNECE region
- ❖ Bureau meets twice a year in between the plenary sessions

In-depth review

- ❖ In-depth review of ageing-related statistics in November 2012
- ❖ Paper by UNECE secretariat
 - Production and dissemination of data by age
 - Dispersion of ageing-related statistics
 - Data gaps
 - Measurement of institutional population
 - Need for subjective measures
 - Need for longitudinal data



Task Force on Ageing-related Statistics

- ❖ February 2013: terms of reference approved
- ❖ Mandate of two years
- ❖ Statisticians, policymakers, researchers
- ❖ Objective: to improve the availability, accessibility and comparability of statistical data in support of ageing-related policymaking in the framework of the MIPAA/RIS

Planned Activities & Outputs

- ❖ Providing an **overview** of (i) existing sets of statistical indicators, and (ii) international data availability and comparability
- ❖ Identifying **domains** to be covered and **data gaps** within each domain
- ❖ Collecting/presenting good national practices in **dissemination** and **communication**
- ❖ Developing **recommendations to statistical offices** for (i) addressing data gaps and (ii) harmonising dissemination and improving communication

Membership

- ❖ 15 national statistical offices:
 - Australia
 - Azerbaijan
 - Belgium
 - Canada
 - Hungary
 - Israel
 - Italy
 - Mexico
 - New Zealand
 - Poland
 - Slovakia
 - Switzerland
 - Tajikistan
 - United Kingdom
 - United States
- ❖ CIS-Stat, Eurostat, UNECE
- ❖ 8 government agencies dealing with ageing:
 - Austria
 - Belgium
 - Czech Republic
 - Georgia
 - Italy
 - Portugal
 - Serbia
 - United States
- ❖ Academic:
 - European Centre of Gerontology
 - European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research
 - University of Southampton.

Altogether, 33 persons are listed among the members.
Chair: Emma Wright, UK Office for National Statistics

Progress to date, 1

- ❖ Scope of work and plan for first 6 months agreed in May 2013
- ❖ Review of data availability for indicators in existing frameworks:
 - Active Ageing Index
 - MA:IMI
 - UNECE MIPAA Synthesis Report
 - Eurostat database
 - OECD reports and databases

Progress to date, 2

- ❖ Development and circulation of template to gather information on availability and use of ageing-related data in the Task Force
- ❖ To date, completed templates received from 15 countries



Meeting on 27 November

- ❖ The collected information on the indicators and their policy use
- ❖ Good practice examples from countries in compiling and disseminating ageing-related statistics and indicators
- ❖ Next steps of the Task Force, including ways of collecting information on national practices in disseminating and communicating ageing-related statistics

Timetable

- ❖ By Jan 2014: collection of national practices in disseminating and communicating ageing-related statistics
- ❖ 2014:
 - Review and analysis of collected info
 - Drafting of recommendations
 - Report by the end of the year

Concluding remarks

- ❖ First attempt to unite statisticians and policymakers in a CES task force ⇒ producers and users
- ❖ Practical guidance to statisticians
- ❖ More and better accessible data for policymaking