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**CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN
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MEETING OF NATIONAL ACCOUNT EXPERTS

Joint UNECE/OECD Meeting on National Accounts
(Paris, 12-15 October 2004)

INFORMATION NOTE TO PARTICIPANTS

Joint Meeting on National Accounts to be held at the Tour Europe – Salle des Nations, Paris,
starting on 12 October 2004 at 9:30

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE MEETING

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of officers.
3. 1993 SNA Review: financial issues (financial services, pension schemes, non-performing loans, repurchase agreements, treatment of provisions).
4. 1993 SNA Review: general government accounts (harmonization of public sector accounts, tax revenues and tax credits, privatization, SPVs, earnings and funding of public corporations).
5. 1993 SNA Review: non-financial assets (ownership transfer costs, treatment of originals and copies, databases, cost of capital services, general government assets, mineral exploration, treatment of land and cultivated assets).
6. National accounts data at the OECD: new publication on general government accounts, collection and dissemination of annual and quarterly national accounts, progress report on the NAWWE project.
7. Productivity: UK Atkinson review on non-market output, employment and hours worked data.
8. Open Session: quality framework; benchmarking.

II. GENERAL INFORMATION

Documentation

All documentation for the meeting will be made available through the UNECE web site:

<http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2004.10.sna.htm>

and through the OECD web site for the meeting:

http://www.oecd.org/document/31/0,2340,en_2649_34245_31722847_1_1_1_1,00.html

Participants are requested to bring copies of the documents mentioned in the provisional agenda to the meeting.

II. PARTICIPATION AND LANGUAGES

In accordance with standard UNECE practice, national statistical offices in the UNECE region are invited to send their experts.

The working languages of the meeting will be English, French, and the possibility of providing interpretation in Russian is being investigated. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

III. ACCOMMODATION, PASSPORT AND VISA REGULATIONS

All participants attending the meeting and persons accompanying them are requested to have a valid passport and, if required, a visa. Invitation letters for visa support should be requested directly from the OECD secretariat, which may be obtained from Mrs. Marie Viriat at e-mail: marie.viriat@oecd.org.

Participants are expected to pay for their own travel and per diem. Furthermore, they are requested to make their own hotel reservations. Note that the meeting will take place in the new headquarters of the OECD, in the La Défence quarter of Paris. A list of hotels adapted to this venue is available on the OECD website indicated above.

IV. REGISTRATION, SECURITY MEASURES

Participants must register in advance by completing the UN registration form, which is available on the ECE website at: <http://www.unece.org/stats/Geneva.e.htm> and is attached to this note. Complete forms should be sent to the UNECE secretariat by fax or e-mail to Mrs. Josephine Rauss at fax: +4122 917 0040; or e-mail: josephine.rauss@unece.org.

Registration forms must reach the ECE secretariat by 30 September 2004 **at the latest**.

VII. INFORMATION, MAIL, CORRESPONDENCE

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**Please send this form to the UN/ECE Statistical Division, either by fax: +41 22 917 00 40
or by e-mail: josephine.rauss@unece.org**



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Meeting Registration Form

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Title of the meeting

Joint UNECE/OECD Meeting on National Accounts, Paris, 12-15 October 2004

Delegation of (country) or Organization

Participant

Mr. Family Name _____ First Name(s) _____
Ms. _____
Miss.

Participation Category

Head of Delegation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Observer (organization)	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Address in Paris

Accompanied by Spouse Yes No

Family Name (Spouse) _____ First Name (Spouse) _____

On Issue of ID Card
Participant Signature

Spouse Signature

Date

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How to get to La Défense and Tour Europe

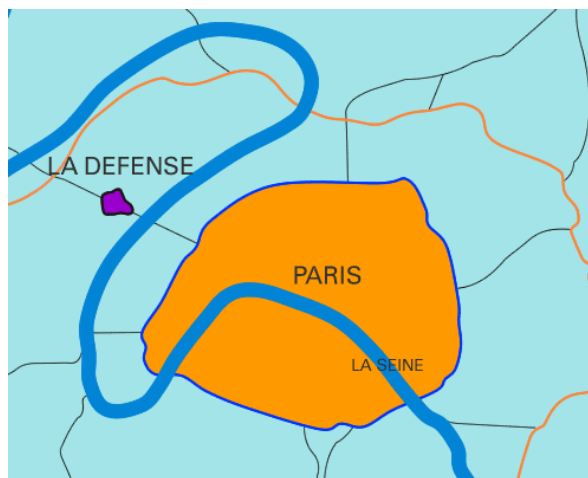
Address

The new headquarters of the OECD is located at:

Tour Europe
33 Place des Corolles
92049 Paris La Défense 2

How to get there

La Défense is a modern business district located to the west of Paris.



It is very well served by Parisian public transport networks:

- RER – line A (station: Grande Arche)
- Metro – line 1 (stations: Esplanade de la Défense and Grande Arche)
- SNCF (three lines : St Lazare-St Nom la Bretèche, St Lazare-Versailles droite, La Défense-St Quentin en Yvelines)
- Tramway line T2 : Issy Plaine-La Défense
- Bus : from Paris – 73 (Musée D’Orsay) ; from west of Paris – 141, 144, 159, 258, 262, 272, 275, 278, 360, 378; from the north: 161, 174, 178.

For more information consult the RATP website : <http://www.ratp.fr/>

Directions to Tour Europe from Grande Arche de la Défense station

The station Grande Arche de La Défense is the terminus for most forms of public transport. Take the pedestrian exit marked “F” and once outside on the Esplanade du Général de Gaulle, walk with your back to the Grande Arche itself, keeping to the left hand-side of the Esplanade. After 5 to 10 minutes you should pass the “Coeur Défense” tower block on your left

and then just afterwards a restaurant called “Mond”. Turn left along the opening between the Coeur Defense and Mond, past the shops until you reach some steps on the right hand side - the entrance to Tour Europe is at the top of these steps.



If in doubt remember that the OECD is located in **La Défense 2**, and look out for signposts or maps to help you.

Below is a link to a map of the La Défense area with Tour Europe, and the Grande Arche station highlighted. Also highlighted is the Esplanade metro station to the south of Tour Europe.

<http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/59/17/21777095.PDF>

From either station it is about ten minutes’ walk to the OECD. To give an idea of travel times from Paris, below is a rough indication of the length of the journey from selected stations. Metro trains leave approximately every 5 to 8 minutes and RER trains every 7 to 15 minutes. Please note that if traveling by RER the ticket will be more expensive as La Défense is classed as outside the standard Paris zone.

By metro:

From Châtelet – 20 mins.
Franklin D Roosevelt – 12 mins.
Charles de Gaulle Etoile – 10 mins.

By RER:

From Châtelet – 10 mins.
Auber – 8 mins.
Charles de Gaulle Etoile – 5 mins.