Summary of the Consultation on
the Recommendations on
Ageing-related Statistics

Conference of European Statisticians
29 April 2016
Timing of work and prior consultations

• Nov 2012: Bureau conducts in-depth review

• Feb 2013: Bureau establishes task force. Participation from policymakers and academia

• 2013-2015: Task force working (chair: United Kingdom)

• Oct 2015: Bureau reviews result, provides comments, requests CES consultation

• Feb-Mar 2016: CES electronic consultation

• Apr 2016: Guide and consultation results presented to CES
CES Consultation 2016: General Comments

• 36 replies

• General support, including to the areas for further work

• Suggestions on areas requiring greater emphasis:
  – Metadata
  – Economic data
  – Financial sustainability of pension systems
  – Labour market imbalances
  – Intergenerational justice
CES Consultation 2016: Areas for More Detail

• Prospective age, duration of working life
• Small sample sizes of older respondents
• Definitions
• Conceptual and practical guidance on indicators
CES Consultation 2016: Main Concerns

• Practical difficulty
  – 5-year age-groups at older ages
  – Sampling challenges specific to older persons
  – Household registers as sample frame
  – Costly to increase sample size
  – Difficulty to revise EU instruments
  – Difficult to avoid the use of proxies
  – Coordination between NSOs and other organizations

• Request to soften formulations
CES Consultation 2016: Further Work

• Develop a road map for NSOs for their next steps

• Methodological work on measuring institutional population

• Use of administrative sources and “big data”

• Intergenerational solidarity

• Enabling environments, ‘ageing in place’
The Conference is invited to

• express its **views** on the Recommendations;

• ask the Task Force to review in detail the comments and suggestions made, and reflect them in a **revised version** of the Recommendations;

• ask the Task Force to review the proposals made for **further work** and report on these to the Bureau;

• agree that the revised Recommendations will be submitted to the 2016 October CES **Bureau meeting for final approval**.