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Preparation

- CES Bureau in-depth review on poverty statistics, 2012
- Task Force 2014-2017
  - Georgia, Germany, Italy, Poland, Russian Federation, Turkey, United Kingdom
  - CIS-STAT, Eurostat, OECD, World Bank, UNDP Regional Bureau for Europe and CIS, UNICEF, UNECE, Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative
- Objective:
  Guidance in applying various measurement approaches at national level and to improve the international comparability
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Content

- Monetary poverty:
  - **specific recommendations** on units of observation and analysis; data disaggregation; welfare measures; poverty line; indicators; regional poverty measures; metadata

- Multidimensional poverty:
  - dashboards; case studies
  - step by step guidelines on how to design and use a multidimensional poverty index for policy

- Challenges for the future:
  - hard-to-reach populations; social transfers in kind; household wealth; housing costs; individual-level poverty; subjective perceptions of poverty; within-country differences

Outcome of the CES consultation

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- Replies from 40 countries and 2 international organizations
- 40 respondents: ready for endorsement, subject to the incorporation of comments
- Comments reviewed by Task Force, to result in many changes
- Many countries expressed support, for example:
  - Canada: "Great job – lots of good information, complete and practical."
  - Republic of Moldova: “We appreciate very much the work done by a Task Force regarding the Guide on poverty measurement.
  - Sweden: “It’s a perfect manual for measuring poverty. Good theory and practical examples. Well done everyone!”
  - United Kingdom: “The guide provides a strong mix of consolidation of existing practice into a single reference; new, more explicit recommendations to improve international comparability; and exploration of concepts and methods at the forefront of statistical development in this area.”
The Conference is invited to:

- Ask the Task Force to revise the Guide as described in the summary
- Agree that the revised Guide be submitted to the 2017 October CES Bureau meeting for final approval, including the proposals for further work.