

Results of the interim consultation on *Draft Guidelines on producing leading, composite and sentiment indicators*

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- 37 countries, 3 international organisations and 3 research institutions replied to the interim consultation
- All replies found the draft Guidelines useful and comprehensive

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■ General comments

- The draft Guidelines give useful guidance on the criteria and processes for compiling and communicating LCS indicators
- Provide good references to quality assurance frameworks and existing methodological handbooks and Manuals
- Offer useful country examples
- Many countries indicated that when finalized, they would use the Guidelines for developing or improving LCS indicators

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- **Suggestions for improvements**
 - Further clarify possible roles of NSOs in relation to LCS indicators
 - Discuss further potential conflicts between subjective weighting & selection of indicators versus impartiality and objectivity of Official Statistics
 - Address issues related to the use of administrative data for LCS indicators
 - Improve description of pros & cons of the different types of indicators
 - Give more guidance on ways of communication
 - Include additional country examples
 - Ensure coherence and consistency across chapters

Plan for further work

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- The Task Force will review and further develop the draft Guidelines in line with the received comments and proposals
- The finalized draft of the Guidelines will be circulated for consultation by the end of 2018 to all CES members
- The Guidelines, incorporating comments from the consultation, to be submitted to the 2019 CES plenary session for endorsement

The Conference is invited to:

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- Express views on the draft Guidelines
- Agree on the proposed plan to have the Guidelines submitted to the 2019 CES plenary session for endorsement