

**UN STATISTICAL COMMISSION and  
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**STATISTICAL OFFICE OF THE  
EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (EUROSTAT)**

## **CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS**

Joint UNECE/Eurostat Work Session on Migration Statistics  
(Edinburgh, 20-22 November 2006)

### **INFORMATION NOTICE FOR PARTICIPANTS**

The meeting will be held at Roxburghe Hotel, Edinburgh, Scotland

The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, 20 November 2006 and will finish on Wednesday, 22 November at 5:30 p.m.

#### **I. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING**

The meeting will discuss the following topics:

- Challenges of measuring emigration and remittances
- Challenges to implement the Migration section of the CES Recommendations for the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses
- Presentation of the new EC Regulation on Migration Statistics
- The CES Work plan to improve migration statistics

Expected outcomes of the meeting are draft guidelines on the measurement of emigration data through immigration data of host countries and the identification of main challenges to implement the Migration section of the CES Recommendations for the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses.

In addition, the CES Work plan to improve migration statistics will be discussed, with the identification of good practices to measure difficult-to-count groups of migrants.

#### **II. AGENDA OF THE MEETING**

The work programme of the meeting will consist of the following substantive topics:

##### **(i) The challenges of measuring emigration and remittances**

Counting individuals leaving the country and measuring the stock of nationals living abroad are very complex issues for National Statistical Offices. Estimating the financial flows from emigrants towards the home country represents an additional challenge, particularly from an operational point of view. This session will present country experiences in dealing with these issues and will present the work of the Task Force on the measurement of emigration using immigration data collected by the receiving country. This Task force was set up at the last UNECE-Eurostat Seminar on Migration Statistics (21-23 March 2005) and worked through the exchange of data on migration flows and stocks among four clusters of countries. The results of the analyses will be presented and the draft guidelines for the measurement of emigration through immigration data will be presented and discussed.

(ii) **Challenges to implement the Migration section of the CES Recommendations for the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses**

The CES Recommendations for the 2010 Census Round have deeply reviewed the migration section from two points of view:

- ◆ new core topics have been included
- ◆ new framework to identify and measure the most important population groups relevant for international migration

Following the adoption of the CES Recommendations, National Statistical Offices need to address some important challenges in order to implement the section on migration, such as including new/revised questions in the next Census form or reconsidering which population groups should be included in the total population count. In addition to Population Census, these Recommendations could be applied also to other sources used by NSO's, such as registers or sample surveys.

(iii) **Presentation of the new EC Regulation on Migration Statistics**

(iv) **The CES Work plan to improve migration statistics**

The Conference of European Statisticians has adopted a Work Plan to improve migration statistics, which deals with the main challenges of data quality and comparability on international migration (different definitions of stocks, measurement of emigration, different duration thresholds used to determine usual residence, difficult-to-measure groups of migrants, remittances). This session will focus on some of the most important methodological issues included in this Work Plan, particularly in relation with difficult-to-measure groups: temporary migrants, circular migrants and irregular migrants, with the objective to identify and discuss practices of countries.

The annotated agenda will be posted on the meeting website as soon as available, on the web page of the meeting at the following address <http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2006.11.migration.htm>

### III. PARTICIPATION AND ACCREDITATION

Representatives of all Member States of the United Nations and of interested intergovernmental organizations are welcome to participate in the meeting. Participants representing non-governmental organizations in a consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council may also attend. All participants must be accredited by the competent authorities of their country or international organization.

All participants attending the meeting are requested to have a valid passport and, if required, a visa. Applications for visas should be made as soon as possible to the Embassy of United Kingdom in the country in which the participants reside, with a reference to the Joint UNECE/Eurostat Work Session on Migration Statistics. Please send all requests for a letter to facilitate obtaining a visa to Mrs. Patricia Doogan (Fax: +44131 314 4531 or e-mail: [pat.doogan@gro-scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:pat.doogan@gro-scotland.gsi.gov.uk)) and copy the UNECE Secretariat (fax: ++41 22 917 0040 or e-mail: [mijidgombo.oyunjargal@unece.org](mailto:mijidgombo.oyunjargal@unece.org))

Participants are requested to fill in the attached **registration form** and send it to both the UNECE secretariat (fax: ++41 22 917 0040 or e-mail: [mijidgombo.oyunjargal@unece.org](mailto:mijidgombo.oyunjargal@unece.org)) and the General Register Office for Scotland (by fax: + 44131 314 4531 or e-mail: [pat.doogan@gro-scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:pat.doogan@gro-scotland.gsi.gov.uk)) **by 29 September 2006** at the latest. The information will be used to register participants and to obtain ID badges as well as for the list of participants.

In order to enter meeting venue please present yourself with your passport at the [conference] reception desk of the hotel. For identification and security reasons, delegates are requested to wear their security badges at all times while inside the meeting room.

The plan of the location of the venue of the meeting is attached to this Information Notice.

#### IV. DOCUMENTATION, METHODS OF WORK AND OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

The working languages of the work session are English and Russian, but documents for the meeting will be only available in English.

The following deadlines and requirements apply:

- Interested national statistical offices and other government bodies should inform the UNECE secretariat of their intention to attend the meeting and to contribute a paper (indicating the topic) by sending an e-mail message to [enrico.bisogno@unece.org](mailto:enrico.bisogno@unece.org) **by 4 September 2006**. The message should include a short abstract (approximately half a page) of the paper.
- The full versions of papers, *not exceeding 10 pages in length (including tables, references, annexes, etc.)*, should be sent to the UNECE secretariat **by 16 October 2006** at the latest.
- Papers should be submitted in MS Word format electronically to Mr. Enrico Bisogno ([enrico.bisogno@unece.org](mailto:enrico.bisogno@unece.org)).

For each substantive item on the agenda, the Organizers will invite 2-3 speakers to write and present an **invited paper**. All other participants are welcome to submit a **supporting paper** for any topic on the agenda. The supporting papers will be distributed to the delegates via the Meeting's website, and they will not be presented but only summarized by discussants.

Invited and supporting papers will be made available on the website of the UNECE secretariat at the following location: <http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2006.11.migration.htm>

Delegates are encouraged to download the papers from the website and bring their own copies to the meeting. Documents posted on the website before the meeting will not be distributed in the conference room.

#### VI. ACCOMMODATION IN EDINBURGH

Participants are requested to make their own hotel reservations. Participants are advised to book hotel accommodation well in advance of the meeting. In order to assist them in organizing their accommodation, the host country reserved several rooms at Roxburghe Hotel, where the meeting is being held. If you are interested, please fill up attached hotel reservation form and send it directly to the Roxburghe Hotel by email [roxburghe@macdonald-hotels.co.uk](mailto:roxburghe@macdonald-hotels.co.uk) or fax: +44 (0) 131 240 5555.

Other useful links:

<http://www.cheap-uk-hotels.co.uk/edinburgh.php>

<http://www.quick-airport-parking.co.uk/united-kingdom/edinburgh/transport-guide.php>

#### VII. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDANCE

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### How to find the Roxburghe Hotel in Edinburgh:

<http://www.macdonaldhotels.co.uk/roxburghe/location/index.htm>

## Macdonald Roxburghe Hotel

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### By Road

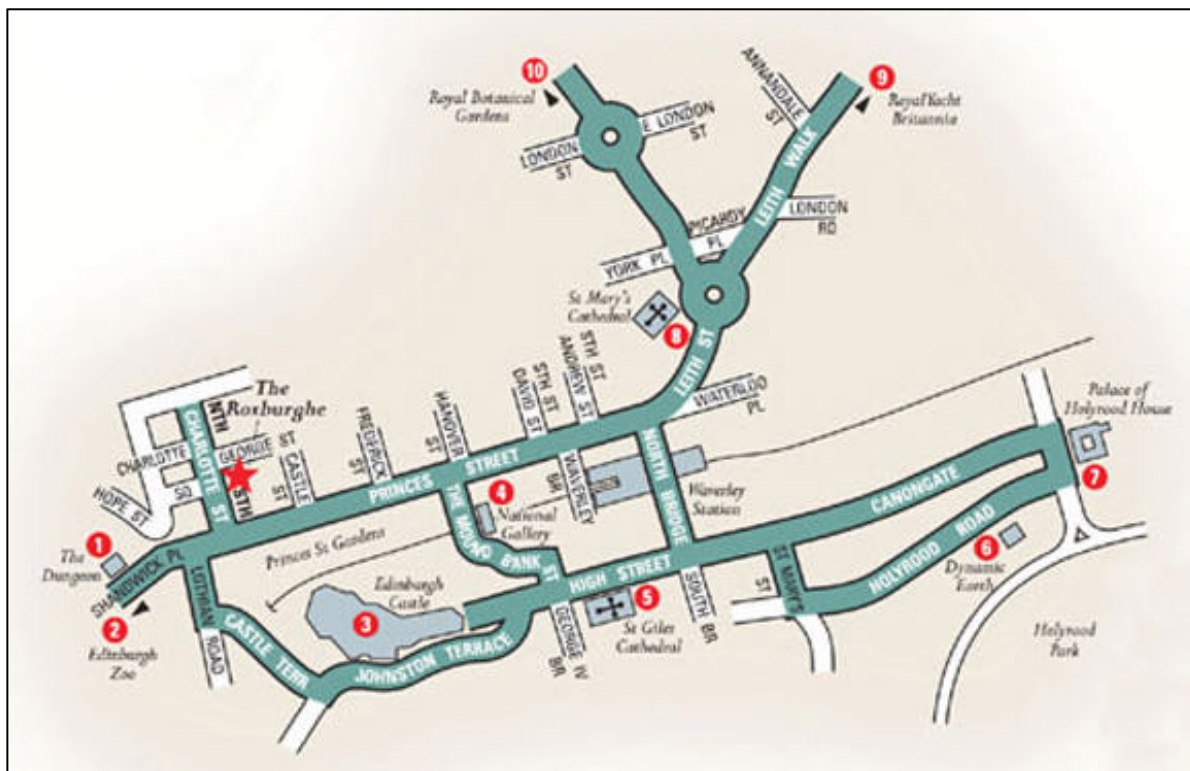
1 min. from Princes Street

### By Rail

Edinburgh Waverley Station 5 min

### By Air

Edinburgh Airport 20 min - bus run every 10 minutes direct from airport to Princess Street - cost (5.50 GB sterling) return.



Link to other hotels in Edinburgh

<http://www.cheap-uk-hotels.co.uk/edinburgh.php>

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

This form should be completed in duplicate by each participant and returned by **29 September 2006**

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9. Please indicate topic and title, if you intend to present a paper:			
10. Date and time of arrival in Edinburgh:		11. Date and time of departure from Edinburgh:	

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

### Macdonald Roxburghe Hotel

38 Charlotte Square  
Edinburgh  
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(This form must be completed only by participants of **Joint UNECE/ Eurostat Work Session on Migration Statistics** who intend to reserve their accommodation at the Macdonald Roxburghe Hotel)

**Send the reservation form by 29 September 2006**

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9. Date and time of arrival in Edinburgh:	10. Date and time of departure from Edinburgh:		
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Room type	nights	<sup>1</sup> B&B	<sup>1</sup> B&B evening meal
single (single occupancy)	_____	£102.13	£141.75
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