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## **CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS**

Joint Eurostat/UNECE Work Session on Demographic Projections  
(Vienna, 21-23 September 2005)

### **INFORMATION NOTICE**

Eurostat and UNECE (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe) are co-organisers, with the support of Statistics Austria, of a Work Session on Demographic Projections. The meeting will be held in Vienna on 21-23 September 2005, and will be hosted by Statistics Austria.

The meeting is organised under the Work Programme of the Conference of European Statisticians with the additional support of the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), the Vienna Institute of Demography (VID) and the Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI).

#### **I. OBJECTIVE OF THE MEETING**

The objective of the Work Session is to bring together policy makers, demographic researchers, academics, producers and users of population projections in order to:

- evaluate the current practices and experiences with respect to demographic projections at the national and international level
- discuss new approaches and research strategies in the field
- improve the communication between policy makers and the community of demographers and producers of population projections

The Work Session will include two key-note lectures by David Coleman, Professor at the University of Oxford, and by Jerome Vignon, Director at the European Commission.

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

The contributions to the Work Session will be grouped in eight sections according to the following preliminary program:

1. General issues: projection methods including assessment of forecast uncertainty
2. Fertility
3. Mortality
4. International migration
5. Convergence or divergence of demographic trends and structures in Europe
6. Household and family projections
7. Sub-national population and other specific projections
8. Ageing of European populations and its socioeconomic consequences

The annotated agenda will be posted as soon as available on the meeting websites at:  
<http://forum.europa.eu.int/irc/dsis/jointestatunece/info/data/>  
<http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2005.09.projections.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. It is expected that the meeting will be attended mainly by participants from Member States of the UNECE (including Europe, North America and CIS countries). 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 Austria in the country in which the participants reside, with a reference to the Joint Eurostat/UNECE Work Session on Demographic Projections (Vienna, 21-23 September 2005). If necessary, the UNECE secretariat can provide a letter to facilitate obtaining a visa. This can be requested from the UNECE secretariat (fax: ++41 22 917 0040 or e-mail: [paolo.valente@unece.org](mailto:paolo.valente@unece.org))

Registration to the meeting can be done by filling before 31 August 2005 the online form on the meeting's website at: <http://forum.europa.eu.int/irc/dsis/jointestatunece/info/data/>

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

The working language of the work session is English. No interpretation will be available at the work session, and documents for the meeting will not be translated. Papers can be submitted in English, French and Russian, but will be reproduced in the original language only. Authors of papers in French or Russian are encouraged to provide a 1-2 pages abstract in English.

Authors willing to contribute to the Work Session should send a draft paper or abstract before **30 July 2005** to the email address: [ESTAT-WORKSESSION-DEMPROJ@cec.eu.int](mailto:ESTAT-WORKSESSION-DEMPROJ@cec.eu.int)

The draft paper/abstract should include:

- each author's name and e-mail address (please, specify a contact author)
- institutional affiliation, including academic department
- paper title
- preferred subject area (see list of sections)

Notification of the acceptance of papers will be sent by **e-mail** by **15 August 2005**. Final version of the papers must be received by **31 August 2005**.

The Scientific Committee will select **invited papers**, which will be presented at the meeting, and **supporting papers**, which will not be presented but will be posted on the meeting website. Depending upon the number of contributions to be received, the organisers will consider the possibility of a **poster session**.

The selection of the contributions will be made by the **Scientific Committee** of the Work Session, which is composed by:

- Nico Keilman, University of Oslo
- Giampaolo Lanzieri, Eurostat
- Wolfgang Lutz, IIASA – VID
- Michel Poulain, G  DAP – UCL
- Frans Willekens, NIDI

Invited and supporting papers will be made available on the websites maintained by Eurostat and UNECE at :  
<http://forum.europa.eu.int/irc/dsis/jointestatunece/info/data/>  
<http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2005.09.projections.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.

## **V. REGISTRATION AND ACCESS TO THE VENUE**

Registration to the meeting can be done by filling before 31 August 2005 the online form on the meeting's website at: <http://forum.europa.eu.int/irc/dsis/jointestatunece/info/data/>

The address of the conference center is the following:

Statistics Austria  
Guglgasse 13  
A-1110 Vienna

The meeting rooms are situated on the ground floor.

The conference center can be reached easily by underground U3, station GASOMETER. From the U3 GASOMETER station, walk through the Gasometer (four gas-holders from the 19th century, which nowadays host apartments, offices and a shopping mall) and reach the conference center in 10 minutes. Or you walk along the Guglgasse (7 minutes).

Coming from the Airport: take the CAT (City-Airport-Train) to WIEN MITTE and then the U3. The railway station WIEN WEST has a direct connection to the underground U3, whereas coming from WIEN SÜD the S-Bahn can be taken to reach WIEN MITTE and the U3.

Maps of the conference center can be found on the meeting's website at:  
<http://forum.europa.eu.int/irc/dsis/jointestatunece/info/data/travel.htm>

## **VI. ACCOMMODATION IN VIENNA**

Participants are responsible for covering costs connected to travel and lodging, and for their own hotel reservations. Persons interested to participate to the Work Session should register before August 31, 2005 by completing the apposite registration form.

Persons willing to participate to the Work Session are kindly invited to book their hotel in Vienna as soon as possible, at least before 20 August 2005. The organisers have made pre-reservations for about 100 rooms in six hotels with special prices for single and double rooms under the code "Work Session Demographic Projections", which can be found at the following Internet address:

[http://vienna.nethotels.com/Search\\_ViewResult.asp?IDProvType=1000&vm=2&sort=&amount=0&nights=1&xml=0](http://vienna.nethotels.com/Search_ViewResult.asp?IDProvType=1000&vm=2&sort=&amount=0&nights=1&xml=0)

(A link is also available on the meeting's website at:

<http://forum.europa.eu.int/irc/dsis/jointestatunece/info/data/accomodation.htm> )

Participants can use the link above to select their hotel and to make their online reservation. All these hotels are located close to the U-Bahn (Metro, line U3 or U4). Statistics Austria is located next to the U3 station Gasometer. Another useful link for hotel reservations is the following: <http://www.nethotels.com> which is also helpful for last-minute bookings.

## VII. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDANCE

All information on the work session will be posted on the meeting websites maintained by Eurostat and UNECE at :

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<http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2005.09.projections.htm>

All queries concerning the meeting should be addressed to:  
[ESTAT-WORKSESSION-DEMPROJ@cec.eu.int](mailto:ESTAT-WORKSESSION-DEMPROJ@cec.eu.int)

Only queries concerning the accreditation and preparation of letters to obtain the visa should be addressed to:  
[Paolo.Valente@unece.org](mailto:Paolo.Valente@unece.org)

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