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**United Nations Economic Commission for Europe  
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**Does COICOP need to be revised?**

**Presentation by UNECE**





# Overview

1. Eurostat has worked to revise & harmonise COICOP between HICP, HBS and PPP at 5 digit level
2. Consistent with the UN COICOP at 4-digits level
3. The UN COICOP is 13 years old and needs update
4. Inputs to the Expert Group on International Economic and Social Classifications for review of COICOP are welcome

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# Suggestions

## 01. Food and non-alcoholic beverages

- Ready made meals: new 4-digit class?
- Should ready made meals be recorded under 01.1 Food or 11.1 Catering Services?
- 01.1.4 Milk, cheese and eggs looks heterogeneous; create separate class for eggs?
- Is there a need for separate class for potatoes, now under 01.1.7 Vegetables?

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### **04.5.1 or 07.2.2 - Electricity for transport**

- Should electricity for cars – and other vehicles - be recorded under 04.5.1 Household electricity, or 07.2.2 Fuels for transport?

### **06. Health – and 12.1.1 Beauty shops**

- The borderlines between 06.2 Outpatient services, 06.3 Hospital Services and 12.1.1 Beauty shops are unclear
- Where to record plastic surgery/Botox not for medical purposes?

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### **08.2-08.3 Telephone and telefax equipment and services**

### **09.1 Audio visual, photographic and information processing equipment**

- The distinction between communication (08.2-08.3) and 09.1 becomes still less clear: e.g. mobile phones with photographic and information processing functions
- The delineation of the classes of 09.1 does not reflect properly the latest development – e.g. touch-pads, computers used as televisions, video on demand
- Downloads of videos, music or electronic books. Is there a difference between streaming and permanent downloads?
- When should download be considered goods or services, respectively (09.1.4, 09.4.2, 09.5.1)?

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- Paid access to news sites and electronic newspapers, should be included in 09.4.2/09.5.2
- Applications for smart phones – guidance on where to record these should be provided
- 08 and 09 should be updated; not too tight specifications to accommodate technological development

## 10. Education

- Should be updated to reflect the 2011 International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED)

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### **Bundled goods and/or services**

Common in telecommunication, computers and software, cars, vacation, fast food restaurants. Separation or creation of new classes?

### **Separation of goods and services**

A revision should take the need to separate goods and services into account

### **Explanatory notes should be updated**

- to better reflect the current situation



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Thanks!