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**CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS**

**Joint UNECE/Eurostat Seminar on Business Registers**  
**(Luxembourg, 21-22 June 2005)**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SEMINAR**

to be held in the Bech Building, Meeting Room Quetelet, Luxembourg,  
starting on Tuesday 21 June 2005 at 14:15 p.m.

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of officers
3. Information items:
  - Information by Eurostat. Presentation of the Eurostat 2005 Survey on business registers and comparison business registers-SBS-business demography
  - Information by UNECE. Presentation of the UNECE 2004 Survey on business registers
  - Information by the United Kingdom on the 19<sup>th</sup> Roundtable Meeting on Business Frames
4. Development of a quality framework (maintenance of registers, births/cessations of units, change of activity, completeness of coverage, small area statistics, thresholds for registration, identification/treatment of dormant business)  
Session organizer: Mr. Harrie Van Der Ven, Statistics Netherlands
5. Experiences in the implementation of ISIC rev.4 (NACE rev.2)  
Session organizer: Mr. Sven Egmoose, Statistics Denmark

6. Multinational enterprise groups – implications for national statistical offices and international organizations (MNE project, matching issues in an international context, how to combine private and public sources to get consolidated data, exchange of data between national administrations to validate the data)  
Session organizer: Mr. Paul Johanis, Statistics Canada
7. Use of business registers to support demand for statistics on small and medium sized enterprises.  
Session organizer: Mr. Norbert Rainer, Statistics Austria
8. Future work
9. Other business
10. Adoption of the report

Provisional timetable and notes on the items of the agenda

The Seminar on Business Registers is convened jointly by UNECE and Eurostat pursuant to the decision of the Conference of European Statisticians taken at its fifty-second plenary session, in June 2004 (see report of the session ECE/CES/66 and CES/2004/4).

**TUESDAY, 21 JUNE**

**14:15-14:25** Items 1 & 2: **Opening of meeting  
Adoption of agenda and election of officers**

**14:25-15:30** Item 3: **Points for information by Eurostat, UNECE and OECD**

A short oral summary of the preceding Eurostat Working Group (20-21 June) will be presented for those countries, which did not attend the working group.

Eurostat will make a presentation of its 2005 survey on business registers and on comparison of data in business registers-SBS-business demography.

UNECE will make a presentation of its 2004 survey on business registers (Working paper 2).

The United Kingdom will provide information on the 19<sup>th</sup> Roundtable Meeting of Business Frames

**Item 6:           Multinational enterprise groups – implications for national statistical offices and international organizations (MNE project, matching issues in an international context, how to combine private and public sources to get consolidated data, exchange of data between national administrations to validate the data)**

Session organizer: Mr. Paul Johanis, Canada

**15:30-15:40** Introduction by the session organizer and discussant: Mr. Paul Johanis, Canada

**15:40-16:00** Working paper 9: Multinational enterprise (MNE) project. Final report – Phase 1, May 2005  
Author: Mr. Paul Johanis, Canada

**16:00-16:20** Working paper 12: Enterprise groups and data exchange  
Author: Mr. Rainer Feuerstack, Germany

**16:20-16:40** Working paper 11: Delineation of MNE: some implications in national statistical office  
Author: Mr. Giuseppe Garofalo, Italy

**16:40-17:30** Discussions and comments on the invited papers and on supporting paper on the Business Register in Albania (Working paper 1) and conclusion to item 6

### **WEDNESDAY, 22 JUNE**

**Item 5:           Experiences in the implementation of ISIC rev.4 (NACE rev.2)**

Session organizer: Mr. Sven Egmos, Denmark

**09:00-09:10** Introduction by the session organizer and discussant: Mr. Sven Egmos, Denmark

**09:10-09:30** Working paper 5: Implementation of NACE rev. 2 in the French business register  
Author: Michel Euriat, France

**09:30-09:50** Working paper 4: Implementation of NACE rev. 2 in the Czech Statistical Office – the first idea  
Author: Mr. Stanislav Palas, Czech Republic

**09:50-10:10** Working paper 6: EU state of art on planned NACE rev.2 implementation (BR-relevant part)  
Presenter: Ms. Leila Anupold, Eurostat

**10:10-10:50** Discussions and comments on the invited papers and on supporting paper on the Maintenance of Business Registers in the Azerbaijan Republic (paper CES/SEM.53/4) and conclusion to item 5

Item 4:           **Development of a quality framework (maintenance of registers, births/cessations of units, change of activity, completeness of coverage, small area statistics, thresholds for registration, identification/treatment of dormant business)**

Session organizer: Mr. Harrie van der Ven, Netherlands

**10:50-11:00** Introduction by the session organizer and discussant: Mr. Harrie van der Ven, Netherlands

**11:00-11:20** Working paper 7: The development of small area business statistics in the UK  
Author: Mr. Steve Vale, United Kingdom. Paper presented by Mr Bruce Oelman, United Kingdom

**11:20-11:40** Paper CES/SEM.53/7: Quality improvement of the Slovenian business register  
Author: Ms. Aleksayndra Lešnjek

**11:40-12:00** Working paper 3: Coverage of the Hungarian business registers  
Author: Mr. Zsolt Völfinger, Hungary

**12:00-12:30** Discussions and comments on invited papers and on supporting papers on Managing a Register with a View to Improving its Quality, by the Kyrgyz Republic (paper CES/SEM.53/6) and on Usage of Various Information Sources to Improve Quality of Statistical Register of the Federal State Statistics Service of the Russian Federation (Working Paper 13) and conclusion to item 4

Item 7:           **Use of business registers to support demand for statistics on small and medium sized enterprises**

Session organizer: Mr. Norbert Rainer, Austria

**14:00-14:10** Introduction by the discussant: Mr. John Perry, United Kingdom

**14:10-14:30** Working paper 10: Job creation and destruction in small and medium-sized enterprises in the United States  
Author: Mr. David Talan, United States

**14:30-14:50** Working paper 8: Identifying sources on entrepreneurship  
Author: Hedra Plc. and ONS. Presented by: Mr. Bruce Oelman, United Kingdom

**14:50-15:30** Discussions and comments on the invited papers and on supporting paper on the Use of the Business register for Small Business Monitoring in Kazakhstan (paper CES/SEM.53/3) and conclusion to item 7

**15:30-15:50** Coffee break

**15:50-16:30** Item 10:        **Future work**

Participants will be asked for proposals on future joint UNECE/Eurostat work in business registers. The secretariat will submit proposals on the basis of country suggestions and of the discussions as the meeting proceeds for the approval of the Conference of European Statisticians.

**16:30-16:40** Item 11:        **Other business**

**16:40-17:00** Item 12:        **Adoption of the report**

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