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European Population Forum 2004: Population Challenges and Policy Responses 12–14 January 2004, Conference room XIX

Monday 12 January 2004

Opening Ceremony, 10.00, chaired by Ambassador Walter Fust, Director General, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation. Opening statements by the Director General of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, UNFPA Executive Director, UNECE Executive Secretary and Representatives of the European Commission and Council of Europe.

Keynote addresses: "Population and development in Europe during the last decade" chaired by Ms. Thoraya A. Obaid, Executive Director, UNFPA

Panel discussion: "Global population and development trends: the European view" chaired by Ambassador Walter Fust, Director General, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

Tuesday 13 January 2004

Panel discussions: "Childbearing and parenting in low fertility countries: enabling choices" chaired by Mr. Steven Sinding, Director General, International Planned Parenthood Federation; and "Morbidity, mortality and reproductive health: Facing challenges in transition countries" chaired by Ms. Lynette Lowndes, Head, European Department, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Wednesday 14 January 2004

Panel discussion: "International migration: promoting management and integration" chaired by Mr. Brunson McKinley, Director General, International Organization for Migration

Keynote addresses: "Policy challenges of Europe's demographic changes: cross-cutting issues" chaired by Ms. Janina Jozwiak, President, European Association of Population Studies

Closing Ceremony, 16.30, chaired by Ms. Brigita Schmögnerová, Executive Secretary, UNECE. Statements by the Director General of the Swiss Federal Statistical Office, Executive Director of UNFPA, Director General of IPPF, Representatives of the European Commission and the Council of Europe, and the President of EAPS.

For more information see the UNECE web site: <http://www.unece.org> (click on European Population Forum).

UNECE First Regional Implementation Forum on Sustainable Development 15-16 January, Conference room XIX

The Forum will be opened by Mrs Brigita Schmögnerová, UNECE Executive Secretary.

- ✧ Mrs Margaret Beckett (United Kingdom), Secretary of State for the Environment, will chair the Forum.
- ✧ Mr Børge Brende (Norway), Environment Minister and Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, will deliver the keynote address.

There will be round tables on each of the three subjects. Each round table will be followed by a general discussion:

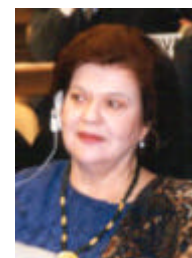
- ✧ Mrs Elena Szolgayova (Slovakia), Senior Adviser at the Ministry of Construction and Regional Development, will chair the round table on human settlements on 15 a.m. January.
- ✧ Mr Philippe Roch (Switzerland), Secretary of State for the Environment, will chair the round table on water on 15 p.m. January.
- ✧ Mr Huseyn Bagirov (Azerbaijan), Environment Minister, will chair the round table on sanitation on 16 a.m. January.

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Dunja Pastizzi Ferencic, former UNECE Deputy Executive Secretary

Dunja Pastizzi Ferencic, former Deputy Executive Secretary of UNECE, passed away on 23 December 2003, in Zagreb, Croatia. She dedicated her professional life to working on advancing the status of women and improving economic and social conditions in developing countries as well as in economies in transition. During her long career with the UN she held several important functions, including with INSTRAW in Santo Domingo, the UN Secretariat in New York and the Economic Commission for Europe in Geneva. She was particularly proud of all her colleagues who worked tirelessly on furthering the causes of sustainable development and equity. After her retirement she continued her active contribution in various fields and started teaching at the Diplomatic Academy in Croatia.



The sad loss of our friend and colleague Yannick Guerrini



It is with great sadness that we report the loss of our dear colleague Yannick Guerrini, who passed away on 1 January 2004 after a long illness. Yannick was the Senior Adviser of the UNECE Gas Centre, where he had worked for eight years and where his hard work, dedication and commitment ensured its success, growth and international renown as a centre of excellence for gas issues. Not only was Yannick our colleague, but his strength of character, integrity and sense of humour ensured he was also our friend. A friend and colleague we will miss very much.

Coming up soon ...

12-14 January	European Population Forum 2004
13-16 January	Working Party on Pollution and Energy
15-16 January	Regional Implementation Forum on Sustainable Development

Facts and figures:

Imports and Exports, share of GDP, current prices selected UNECE economies

	Imports of goods & services						Exports of goods & services					
	2000	2001	2002	2003			2000	2001	2002	2003		
				Q1	Q2	Q3				Q1	Q2	Q3
France	27.3	26.3	25.0	25.0	24.6	24.2	28.5	27.9	27.1	26.3	25.9	25.9
Germany	33.4	33.3	31.6	32.5	31.6	30.6	33.8	35.3	35.9	36.2	35.3	36.1
Italy	27.3	26.9	25.8	25.3	24.9	24.8	28.3	28.4	26.9	25.8	24.9	26.0
Austria	50.9	52.2	50.6	51.3	49.9	49.7	50.3	52.5	52.8	52.6	50.9	51.9
Belgium	82.5	82.6	80.2	79.8	76.1	...	85.6	85.8	83.9	82.6	80.2	...
Finland	33.7	31.6	30.1	31.1	29.6	29.4	43.0	40.0	38.7	37.5	37.2	36.8
Greece	34.1	31.1	27.7	26.4	26.3	27.1	25.6	23.8	20.9	19.4	19.6	20.1
Ireland	84.4	83.4	75.0	67.3	66.8	...	97.4	98.4	93.7	83.7	81.8	...
Netherlands	62.2	60.1	57.5	56.7	55.4	...	67.5	65.3	62.6	62.1	60.2	...
Portugal	42.8	40.7	37.7	37.1	35.2	37.6	31.5	31.0	30.2	30.9	30.1	30.5
Spain	32.4	31.6	29.9	30.1	29.7	29.6	30.1	29.9	28.4	27.9	28.5	27.8
Euro area	36.4	35.8	34.1	34.1	33.3	32.6	37.2	37.5	36.7	36.1	35.4	35.4
United Kingdom	30.1	30.1	29.1	28.5	27.7	27.6	28.1	27.3	26.1	25.5	24.6	24.3
Denmark	38.1	38.2	38.6	38.2	37.3	38.0	44.1	44.6	44.3	44.7	44.4	44.3
Sweden	40.3	39.6	37.4	...	...	...	46.1	45.9	43.6	...	...	...
European Union	35.4	34.9	33.4	33.3	32.5	32.0	36.0	36.0	35.1	34.6	34.0	33.9
Norway	29.4	28.5	27.3	26.9	27.6	27.4	46.7	45.7	41.5	42.2	40.2	39.9
Switzerland	39.9	40.1	36.9	33.5	32.9	33.8	45.6	45.1	44.2	39.1	39.4	40.2
Western Europe	35.2	34.7	33.1	...	...	...	35.7	36.1	34.9	...	...	...
Canada	39.8	37.8	36.7	35.3	34.0	33.0	45.6	43.5	41.1	39.9	37.7	37.3
United States	14.9	13.7	13.8	14.2	14.2	14.0	11.2	10.3	9.7	9.7	9.5	9.6
North America	17.0	15.7	15.7	...	...	...	14.1	13.1	12.4	...	...	...

Source: UNECE secretariat estimates based on Eurostat, *NewCronos database*; OECD, *Main Economic Indicators*; national statistics

Notes: Quarterly data are seasonally adjusted.

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