



## Register of Commission expert groups and other similar entities

### Commission Expert Group

**Name:** Business Consumer Surveys (former Cyclical surveys and analyses) (E00267)  
(Active - Group which operates on a permanent basis)

**Abbreviation:** BCS

**Policy Area:** Economic and Monetary Affairs

**Lead DG:** ECFIN - DG Economic and Financial Affairs

**Type:** Informal, Permanent

**Scope:** Limited

**Mission:** To foster close cooperation between the Commission and its partner institutes in the "Joint Harmonized European Union Programme of Business and Consumer Surveys" on issues relating to the harmonisation, coordination, analysis and dissemination of business and consumer surveys in the Member states.

**Task:** Coordinate with Member States, exchange of views

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**Publication in RegExp:** 27 Sep 2005

**Link to Website:** [http://ec.europa.eu/economy\\_finance/db\\_indicators/surveys/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/db_indicators/surveys/index_en.htm)

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## Additional Information

### Activity Report

EU Workshop on recent developments in Business and Consumer Surveys Brussels, 14-15 November 2016 - Agenda and Minutes

[http://ec.europa.eu/economy\\_finance/db\\_indicators/surveys/workshops\\_doc/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/db_indicators/surveys/workshops_doc/index_en.htm)

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### Activity Report

EU Workshop on recent developments in Business and Consumer Surveys Brussels, 13-14 November 2015 Agenda and Minutes

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### Activity Report

Joint EC/OECD Workshop on recent developments in Business and Consumer Surveys, Brussels, 14-15 November 2013 - Agenda and Minutes

[http://ec.europa.eu/economy\\_finance/db\\_indicators/surveys/workshops\\_doc/index\\_en.htm#](http://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/db_indicators/surveys/workshops_doc/index_en.htm#)

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### Activity Report

EC Workshop on Business and Consumer Surveys Brussels, 15-16 November 2012

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### Activity Report

EC Workshop on Business and Consumer Surveys Brussels, 17-18 November 2011 The purpose of the annual BCS workshop between the Commission services and the BCS partner institutes is to discuss harmonisation issues in order to continuously align practices in the collection and compilation of survey data, facilitate information exchange and knowledge sharing between partner institutes and explore specific methodological or operational issues. Reflecting the BCS programme's wide geographical scope, experts from all EU Member States and Candidate Countries are represented at the workshop. The workshop also comprises experts from the OECD as the leading international organisation in survey harmonisation issues, as well as the ECB as the main institutional user of the harmonised economic survey data. Every other year the workshop is organised jointly with the OECD, featuring a first session with partner institutes chaired by the EC and a second wider session chaired jointly by the EC and the OECD.

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### Activity Report

Business Consumer Survey activity report 2011. Background. Meetings of this experts' group take place once a year. They gather experts in business and consumer surveys from Member States, candidate countries and from international organisations (ECB, OECD). Every second year, the meeting is organised jointly by the European Commission and the OECD. Experts from the Member States and candidate countries are representatives from the 48 partner institutes of the Joint Harmonized European Union Programme of Business and Consumer Surveys (BCS). These meetings are of a technical nature and non-legislative in character. Their aim is to establish closer technical cooperation with the partners of the BCS programme and key users of the surveys (ECB, OECD). They provide an opportunity to exchange views on a range of statistical issues related to the collection, processing and analysis of the surveys. For the coordinator of the programme (the European Commission) they are also a key forum to exchange views with partner institutes and major users on the functioning of the programme and on possible improvements. The meetings always include "harmonisation sessions" during which a consensus can be fostered on major methodological changes. Activity in 2011. The next meeting of the group will take place on 17-18 November 2011. It will be organised jointly by the European Commission and the OECD.

### Selection Procedure (members)

Regarding its composition, the members of this experts group are the representatives from partner institutes of the BCS programme as well as a few key international institutions/stakeholders in the field of business and consumer surveys. It is up to the management of these entities to decide on who will represent them.

### Internal Rules of Procedure

Expert groups usually operate in an informal setting without any formal rules of procedure. This is the case for this group.

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<http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regexpert/index.cfm?do=groupDetail.groupDetail&groupID=267>

## Members

### Type D - Member State Authority

Country		Membership Status
Austria	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Belgium	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Bulgaria	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Croatia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Cyprus	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Czech Republic	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Denmark	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Estonia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Finland	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
France	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Germany	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Greece	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Hungary	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Ireland	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Italy	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Latvia	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Lithuania	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Luxembourg	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Malta	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Netherlands	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Poland	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Portugal	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Romania	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Slovakia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Slovenia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Spain	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Sweden	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
United Kingdom	3 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member

### Type E - Other public entity

#### Subgroups

No Subgroups assigned to this group.

## Statistics

### Number of Members: 35

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type C - Organisation:	0		
Type D - Member State Authority:	28		

### Number of Alternate Members: 0

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type C - Organisation:	0		
Type D - Member State Authority:	0		

### Number of Observers: 0

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type C - Organisation:	0		
Type D - Member State Authority:	0		