JOINT EU/OECD WORKSHOP ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN BUSINESS AND CONSUMER SURVEYS

Methodological session I: Task Force & UN Handbook on conduct of surveys – sampling frames, methods and design

UN Handbook: State of affairs

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UN Statistical Division decided in February 2012 to produce a Handbook on Economic Tendency Surveys

Completing the work on Economic Statistics with UN Handbooks on short term economic statistics

At the beginning of 2013 the task force was built

During TF 2013 was reinforced
Countries or experts members of the Task Force are

ECFIN (reviser)
France (reviser)
Italy (contributor/reviser)
OECD (contributor/reviser)
Philippines (contributor/reviser)
Switzerland (contributor/reviser)
The Netherlands (contributor/reviser)
Structure of the handbook

1. Introduction
2. Main definitions and classifications
3. Questionnaire design
4. Survey frame and sample design
5. Estimation procedure and accuracy
6. Data collection
7. Managing sources of non sampling errors
8. Processing tendency survey data
9. Data dissemination and publication
10. Use of tendency survey results
11. Annexes, Glossary
The first draft is almost finished.

Main difficulties:
Distance, absence of meetings
Different experience of the TF members
Different methodological approaches
Need of harmonization
Other responsibilities (differences with other Handbooks drafting e.g. Residential property prices - OOH, or Non Residential)
Actually there will be a phase of revision in order to:

Harmonize the contents and the style
Avoid the duplications
Fulfill the gaps
Improve the informative content
Make an Handbook “for an Universal purpose”
Improve the language
The next targets are

To present a semi-final draft for the next meeting of the United Nations Statistical Division in February 2014

To illustrate the main topics of the Handbook at the 32nd CIRET Conference (October 9–11, 2014, Hangzhou, China) on Economic Tendency Surveys and Economic Policy
Thank you for the attention

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