

Minutes - Coordination meeting Rome June 13th

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Meeting at Eurostat

The question about the Eurostat meeting was raised. Hans-Eduard has asked the heads of divisions if they could meet us after the BSDG meeting June 25th. He has got positive response from some of them so it is decided to meet them at the 25th and then have the expert meeting at the 26th as earlier decided.

Presentation of work on definitions and how to proceed

At the meeting in Neuchatel we decided to look more on the definitions of turnover and production value in National Accounts (NA), Balance of Payments (BoP) and the Essnet on admin data. In the inventory report tables one and two the constituents of Turnover and production value are listed and the aim is to add columns for NA, BoP and admin data. Barbara has been in contact with Alison Pritchard from the admin data project to get some help to complete the table for turnover and production value.

Sofia and Fredrik have looked at the constituents of turnover and production value for the National Accounts (NA) and Balance of Payments (BoP). However some experts in the field from NA and BoP need to be involved to be able to fill the table which was not possible before the meeting but will be taken care of as soon as possible.

Completion of evaluation criteria

Since Germany has made tables a bit different from the evaluation criteria presented by Italy we need to revise the paper on the criteria a bit. Roberto will make a new version and send it to Germany by the end of June and Germany will

complement it with what they have done. Germany will have the new version ready in the beginning of August.

Again the use of weights were discussed and we decided not to use weights as for now. Anna argues that they are only important for the EU aggregate and not for individual countries.

Approval of report on inventory (including results of the questionnaire)

The report on inventory was discussed and some final adjustments were suggested. A final draft will be sent to the group by Brendan during the week of June 17th to 23rd. The goal is to have it approved by June 28th.

How to proceed with the evaluation and assessment phase, including expert groups and possible study visits. How to treat the area of statistics – Group A?

Rick argue that we must take some time to think about what we want to do and what Eurostat expects us to do. Therefore the meeting at Eurostat on the 25th - 26th of June is very important. The experts at Eurostat also may have ideas of where to go on study visits or which experts we can meet. We also need to study the data more closely to see if there are any information in the data that can help us decide where to go on potential study visits. Rick will continue to structure and classify the results to see what we should focus on. Björn has started the next step and will focus on horizontal inconsistencies and direct causes. Another option that we talked about was to look for variables with many vertical inconsistencies and look at the different definitions to see if you can say which one is the easiest to follow for respondents.

After more studying of the data Switzerland and Germany will come up with a proposal for the future work including expert meetings and study visits. Birgitta pointed out that not all of us needs to participate in the study visits/expert meetings and also other experts not in this group can be invited. Birgitta in cooperation with Germany and Switzerland will make a project plan for the rest of the work during summer and fall.

The Business Register (BR) is important for our statistics. But we see the BR as a tool, not a domain, that does not publish any data and therefore we are not treating the BR in the same way as we treat the domains. However Birgitta thinks that some surveys actually use some variables from the BR instead of collecting them themselves.

Anna argues for comparing different inclusion/exclusion in the surveys or in relation to National Accounts and it seems like comparisons to NA should already be available in the quality reports.

Discuss initial ideas on content of the report on identified and analyzed inconsistencies with assessments of their importance regarding core economic and employment variables

Greece is responsible for the report and will make a draft list of contents by the end of June. Along with what we talked about during the section above “How to proceed...” Anna is thinking about including some of the comments countries wrote in the questionnaire. She has some doubts about how to tackle the Labour force survey since it is a house-hold survey with a social focus instead of the

economical focus in the other domains we are studying. A first draft of the report will be done by the end of July. Germany and Switzerland will send their tables/database to all participating WP3 countries. Based on the data Greece will continue with the report. Deadline for the report is September.

Administrative and technical matters

Minutes from the work shop will be put together by Germany. However Italy is responsible for minutes from the first day, they send their part to Germany.

The next coordination meeting will be held in Ireland, Cork or Dublin depending on flights. Note: new date is 24th of September.

Time sheets for the period January to June should be sent to Birgitta by July 31st.

The final work shop in Stockholm will be either November 25th and 26th or November 18th and 19th. The work shop will be one and a half day and then we will have coordination meeting half a day. Birgitta will check the Eurostat calendar to avoid collision with a working group meeting within our areas.

A final coordination meeting will probably be in Athens in December.