



## **69<sup>th</sup> ESGAB meeting**

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### **1. Welcome and adoption of the agenda**

The draft agenda (Doc. 2020/39) was adopted.

### **2. Eurostat's peer review**

Ms Kotzeva updated ESGAB members on the timetable of the next round of peer reviews. Eurostat had circulated a survey to Member States to check for their availability for conducting the peer reviews as planned and, according to the options they expressed, the peer review will start in April/May 2021 and end in early 2023.

ESGAB members will finalise the draft Self-assessment questionnaire (SAQ), also taking into account the comments received from the Eurostat internal task force.

### **3. Information from Eurostat on recent and future developments in the ESS**

Ms Kotzeva presented the latest state of play regarding the ESS response to the Covid-19 pandemic. One of challenges now is to measure the social implications of the outbreak. As there is no legal basis for the collection of some data in the social domain, the ESS is working based on partnership agreements that are proving very useful.

In mid-December, Eurostat will publish a 'ESS Recovery Dashboard' of short-term indicators aiming to provide a holistic overview of the economic and social consequences of Covid-19 crisis and of the recovery. The dashboard will include social indicators (labour market, health, education and skills) and information about sectors particularly hit by the pandemic (e.g. tourism, transport, "horeca").

Ms Kotzeva informed ESGAB members that Eurostat is proactively involved in the development of official statistics in order to respond to the information needs of the European Green Deal.



Moreover, Eurostat is currently drafting an Action Plan, which will be discussed in the February meeting of the ESSC.

Ms Kotzeva added that an important point on the agenda of Eurostat is the economic area. All financial instruments and measures adopted by the Member States to support business activity and the economic recovery have statistical implications and Eurostat works closely together with the NSIs to analyse their impact on debt and deficit.

#### **4. 2020 ESGAB Annual Report**

ESGAB members discussed the different chapters of the report and agreed to implement several revisions.

ESGAB members will send their contributions and comments on the current draft of the report to the Secretariat.

#### **5. Next meeting**

The next ESGAB meeting will take place on 12 November.

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#### **List of participants**

##### Members

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