



71st ESGAB meeting

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Expert Group X02147

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1. Welcome and adoption of the agenda

The draft agenda (Doc. 2020/53) was adopted without amendments.

2. Information from Eurostat on recent and future developments in the ESS

Mr Gueye informed the ESGAB members that, as part of the efforts undertaken by the ESS to face the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, a European Statistical Recovery Dashboard was by the ESS and published on the Eurostat website. The Dashboard is accompanied by a visualisation tool that allows comparison between different countries, as well as a press release. To ensure its continuing relevance for the evolving needs, it is planned that the Dashboard will be enriched in the future with new indicators and its timeliness will be improved

Ms Gueye said that a high-level meeting of Directors General of National Statistical Institutes took place at the end of November, under the German presidency of the EU. The meeting was a good opportunity to discuss innovation, which ensures that the ESS can respond adequately to new needs, and to agree on a coordinated ESS response in times of crisis in the form of a Wiesbaden memorandum.

Ms Gueye also informed ESGAB about the Partnership Group (PG) meeting that took place on 10-11 December. One of the topics discussed was the impact of globalisation on statistics, which will also be on the agenda of the ESSC meeting in February 2021.

In its October meeting, the ESSC recommended that the role of statisticians should be reinforced in the context of the European Data Governance Act. This has been reflected in the Commission proposal, which is now being discussed by the European Parliament and Council.



3. Press release for the 2020 ESGAB Annual Report

ESGAB members discussed the draft press release and agreed to implement several revisions. Their contributions and comments on the current draft of the press release will be sent to the Secretariat.

4. Peer review of Eurostat

Mr Gueye informed that ESGAB's proposals to adapt the SAQ to Eurostat's needs were accepted. In addition, the three additional questions proposed by ESGAB will be incorporated in the SAQ.

5. Preparation of the handover meeting

ESGAB members discussed the preparation of the first meeting of 2021, which will be a joint meeting between the current and future members. The meeting could take place on 27 or 28 January; the Secretariat will check the availability and preference of all participants for one of these dates.

6. Next meeting

The next ESGAB meeting will take place in January 2021.

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List of participants

Members

Mr Enrico Giovannini (Chair)
Mr Algirdas Šemeta
Mr Priit Potisepp
Ms Mireille Elbaum
Ms Frances Ruane

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Mr Kai Carstensen
Mr Bart de Moor
Ms Mariana Kotzeva (Eurostat)
Mr Eduardo Barredo Capelot (Eurostat)

Observers

Mr Gallo Gueye (Eurostat)

Secretariat

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