

European Statistical Governance Advisory Board

3rd Meeting
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**REPORT FROM THE 3RD MEETING OF
THE EUROPEAN STATISTICAL GOVERNANCE ADVISORY BOARD
HELD ON 29 JUNE 2009**

Participants:

Mr J. Åkerholm (Chair)
Mr J.-M. Charpin
Ms M. Epler
Mr J. Hahlen
Ms K. Mossler
Mr E. Outrata
Mr W. Radermacher (Observer)
Ms M. Bohatá (Observer)
Ms A. Näslund (Secretary)
Ms S. Eidukynaitė (Secretary)

1. Welcome and adoption of the agenda

The Chair welcomed the participants to the meeting. Agenda was adopted without comments.

2. Adoption of draft minutes from 2nd meeting on 27 April 2009

The minutes were adopted as amended.

3. Hearings

With an aim to prepare the ESGAB report 2009, hearings with the following persons were organised:

- Mr Peter van de Ven, Chairman of the Committee for Monetary, Financial and Balance of Payments Statistics (CFMB);
- Mr Gerry O'Hanlon, Chairman of the Partnership Group (PG);
- Mr Steven Keuning, Director General Statistics, European Central Bank (ECB);
- Mr Walter Radermacher, Chairman of the European Statistical System Committee (ESSC).

The topics which were discussed during the hearings include the coordination of statistical production in the European Statistical System (ESS), the roles of different bodies and institutions in the ESS and beyond (CFMB, PG, ECB, ESSC) and cooperation among them; strengths and weaknesses of the ESS in relation to the implementation of the European Statistics Code of Practice and necessary further steps in this regard as well as the expectations vis-à-vis the work of the ESGAB.

4. Outline of the first annual report

The members of the ESGAB discussed what issues should be included in the report, namely: areas where further improvements are needed with regard to implementation of the European Statistics Code of Practice in the ESS, the coordination of statistical production in the ESS, the

involvement of the users in the implementation of the Code as well as topics which will be explored by the ESGAB in the future.

With regard to the timetable for the adoption of the report, it is planned to finalise the report during the ESGAB meeting on 12 October. The report will be submitted to the Commission, the Parliament and the Council in November and published in December.

5. Time and place of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 17 September in Brussels.