



22nd Meeting
Thursday, 26 April 2012 at 15:30

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Minutes

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The Secretariat

Minutes from the 22nd ESGAB meeting held on 26 April 2012

Participants:

Mr Wieser (Chair)

Mr Charpin, Ms Epler, Mr Kopsch, Ms Martín-Guzman, Ms O'Hara, Mr Outrata (members)

Mr Radermacher, Ms Bohatá, (observers)

Ms Pereira de Sá, Ms Lehtimäki (secretary)

1. Welcome and adoption of the agenda

The draft agenda Doc. ESGAB/2012/103 was adopted.

2. Dialogues 9:00-15:30

Confidential.

3. European statistics – making the system work (Doc. ESGAB/2012/105)

ESGAB discussed the implementation of Communication "The production method of EU statistics: a vision for the next decade" and ways to concretely demonstrate the efficiency gains through sharing and collaboration in the ESS.

4. Greece

The investigation by the Hellenic Parliament on an alleged artificial inflation of the 2009 deficit figures is closed, concluding that the calculation of the statistical data was correct

The Greek statistical law was amended on 10 April, including the provision for ESGAB, Eurostat and ESS Committee to appoint members to the Advisory Committee which reports annually on implementation of the Code of Practice principles 1-6. According to the Commitment on Confidence signed by the Greek authorities, the Committee should be operational by the end of May. ESGAB's candidate:

- does not need to be a Greek national but this is not excluded;
- should preferably be knowledgeable in Greek language;
- should have a thorough knowledge of ESS and governance, having worked in statistical institution is an advantage but not a must;
- gets expenses reimbursed by ELSTAT.

5. Any other business

Mr Kopsch will represent ESGAB in the workshop devoted to Commitment on Confidence in May 2012.

6. Next meeting

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