



57th ESGAB meeting

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57th Meeting of the European Statistical Governance Advisory Board (ESGAB)

Expert Group X02147

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1 Place Madou, Brussels

1. Welcome and adoption of the agenda

The draft agenda (Doc. 2018/80) was presented by the Chair and agreed.

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

2.1. State of affairs regarding the Single Market Programme and European statistics framework 2021-2027

Eurostat briefed ESGAB on the state of play with regard to the proposal establishing the Single Market Programme and European statistics framework 2021-2027 that was approved by the Commission on 7 June 2018. Discussions took place within the Council Working Party on Statistics on 3 September 2018. They will continue at the meeting of the Council Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth on 1 October 2018 with the participation of delegates of the Council Working Party on Statistics.

2.2. Meeting of NSI Directors General (DGINS) on 11 October and ESS Committee meeting on 12 October 2018 (ESGAB Chair present)

Eurostat informed the Board about the forthcoming meetings of the DGINS and of the ESS Committee (Doc. 2018/81). Special mention was made to the Bucharest Memorandum on ‘The European path towards trusted smart statistics’ that will be endorsed by the ESS Committee.

2.3. Next round of peer reviews: Discussion of concept paper (Doc. 2018/82)

Board members were informed by Eurostat on current reflections for the next round of peer reviews, with proposals put forward to the ESS Committee with regard to the objective, scope, methodology and communication of the exercise. They took note of the intended timetable that will lead to carrying out the reviews over the 2020-2022 period.

It was agreed that, reflecting on the Board’s discussions, the ESGAB Chair would convey the Board’s views when taking part in the discussion on the subject at the ESS Committee meeting on 12 October.



3. Meeting with the French Official Statistical Authority

(Autorité de la statistique publique – ASP)

Mr Dominique Bureau (ASP Chairman) and Ms Claudine Gasnier (ASP Rapporteur) had a dialogue with the Board, to exchange views on the implementation of the European Statistics Code of Practice in France.

4. ESGAB Annual Report 2018 – progress update

The Chair reminded the Members about the roadmap and publication milestones as outlined in document ESGAB/2018/87.

In continuation of the discussions that took place at its meeting of 5 July 2018, the Board discussed the contents of the draft Annual Report 2018 and reviewed the written contributions provided by the Members in the meantime.

The Chair will present the main messages from the Report to the ESS Committee on 12 October 2018.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 8 November 2018 (starting at 9.00).

List of participants

Members

Mr Enrico Giovannini (Chair)
Mr Kai Carstensen
Ms Mireille Elbaum
Mr Jaume Garcia
Ms Frances Ruane
Mr Algirdas Šemeta

Excused: Mr Bart De Moor

Observers

Ms Mariana Kotzeva (Eurostat)
Mr Eduardo Barredo Capelot (Eurostat)

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Mr Pierre Bischoff