



**56<sup>th</sup> ESGAB meeting**  
**Teleconference**  
**Thursday 5 July 2018**

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## Minutes

56<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the European Statistical Governance Advisory Board (ESGAB)

Expert Group *X02147*

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### **1. Introduction and approval of the agenda**

The draft agenda (Doc. 2018/70) was presented by the Chair and agreed.

### **2. Nature of the meeting**

The meeting was a non-public meeting via teleconference of seven members of ESGAB, two observers from Eurostat and the Secretariat.

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

#### Informal ESSC workshop in Sofia (22-23 May) on the next round of peer reviews: main conclusions and next steps

Eurostat briefed ESGAB on the main outcome from the informal ESSC workshop which took place in Sofia on 22-23 May 2018 and allowed for very productive discussions on the next, third round of peer reviews. Eurostat will integrate the key elements discussed at the workshop in a concept paper proposing different scenarios for the next round of peer reviews, to be discussed at the PG meeting on 7 September 2018. Eurostat will share the paper with ESGAB and will subsequently present it to the ESSC on 12 October 2018, to which the Chair has also been invited.

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

Eurostat had sent to ESGAB a letter informing that the Commission has adopted its proposal regarding the Single Market Programme and European statistics framework 2021-2027 on 7 June 2018. The proposal will be discussed by the Council Working Party on Statistics on 3 September 2018, subject to confirmation by the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) of the European Parliament.



ESGAB expressed its satisfaction with the draft programme proposed by the Commission and will follow closely the development of the procedure.

#### Commission report to the European Parliament and the Council on the Member States' Commitments on Confidence in Statistics

Eurostat informed the Board that the Commission report on member states has been adopted on 5 July 2018 and asked the Secretariat to forward the report on to the ESGAB members.

#### ESGAB Opinion on the implementation of the Commission's Commitment on Confidence

Eurostat thanked the Board for its very professional and positive Opinion, which gives Eurostat the opportunity to continue putting emphasis on quality. The Opinion has been sent to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) of the European Parliament and to the Council. The Chair will check with the ECON Chair, Mr Gualtieri, possible next steps.

#### European Conference on Quality in Official Statistics, Q2018 (Krakow, 26-29 June 2018)

A short summary of the conference was circulated to members prior to the meeting. Eurostat will publish more information on the conference at a later stage. ESGAB was invited to signal to Eurostat which information from the conference report, relevant to its areas of interest (e.g. concerning the European Statistics Code of Practice), it could use for further purposes.

The Chair referred to the session on the revised Code of Practice (where he was one of panellists) during which some interesting proposals were made. The Chair will draft a short note on this topic and send it to the Secretariat for further circulation to the Board members and possible use in the forthcoming Annual Report.

## **4. ESGAB Annual Report 2018**

The structure and content of the Annual Report for 2018 as outlined in Document 2018/72 was discussed. As agreed at the previous meeting (ESGAB Doc. 2018/58) the report will focus on the following key themes: ESP beyond 2020; the new round of peer reviews; national Commitments on Confidence; and stakeholder engagement.

### **4.1. Timing**

The Chair will participate in a videoconference on 17 October 2018 with the EFC-SCS to present the main messages of the Annual Report 2018 and possibly collect also some feedback. In addition, The Chair will be invited to attend the ESSC meeting in Bucharest on 12 October to present the main messages from the Report to the committee.

The Chair proposed to the Board to stick to the roadmap indicated in the ESGAB Doc. 2018/71. The Board agreed on the proposed roadmap.



Members were reminded that their first contributions to the Annual Report should be sent to the Secretariat by the end of July.

#### **4.2. ESGAB members' contributions to the report**

The Board discussed the contents of the Report under the lead of the discussion leaders.

The Secretariat will circulate to the members the minutes of the May 2018 ESSC meeting – in particular the section on preparedness for the UK's withdrawal from the EU.

It was agreed that the members will draft their contributions following the style of the previous ESGAB Annual Reports.

#### **4.3. Eurostat contributions**

Eurostat will investigate the issues related to stakeholder engagement at national level based on peer review reports and liaise with Ms Elbaum and Mr Carstensen to discuss their needs for supplementary information. Eurostat will send the documentation available to ESGAB via the Secretariat.

Eurostat will investigate whether the impact of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) on statistical matters has been evaluated and whether a session dedicated to the issue was included in the Q2018 Conference programme. Eurostat will share the existing documentation, if any, with members.

#### **5. Other business**

A meeting with the French Statistical Authority will take place on 13 September. The Secretariat will inform the Authority that a 45-minute meeting will be organised before the lunch break. The agenda will be agreed at a later stage.



## List of participants

### Members

Mr Enrico Giovannini (Chair)

Mr Kai Carstensen

Mr Bart de Moor

Ms Mireille Elbaum

Mr Jaume García

Ms Frances Ruane

Mr Algirdas Šemeta

### Observers

Ms Mariana Kotzeva (Eurostat)

Mr Eduardo Barredo Capelot (Eurostat)

### Secretariat

Ms Beatriz Fernández Nebreda

Ms Kirsi Mankki (Secretary)