



European Statistical  
Advisory Committee

## **Programme**

### **Workshop**

Indicators: user requirements, methodological issues  
and communication challenges

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9:00 – **Opening** - Ineke Stoop, ESAC Chair  
9:20

## Plenaries – general sessions

9:20 – **Plenary 1: Setting the scene – working on/with indicators**  
10:30 Chair: Ineke Stoop (ESAC)  
Rapporteur to ESAC: Andrea Scheller (ESAC)

### 1.1 Using indicators in a decision-making process – challenges and opportunities

20 min presentation

By Markku Lehtonen (Centre CONNECT at the ESSEC Business School and GSPR at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales)

- How can indicators contribute to decision-making?
- Where and how do users come in?
- How could academia contribute further?

Background documents:

- Lisbon [memorandum](#)

15 min discussion

### 1.2 The rationale for working with and establishing indicators

20 min presentation

By Jeroen Boelhouwer (Sociaal en Cultureel Planbureau)

- What are indicators? Which types of indicators currently exist? What are composite indicators?
- What is the relationship between indicators and statistics?
- What is a good indicator/indicator set and what is the process for establishing it?
- Where can academia best contribute?

Background documents:

- [Towards a harmonised methodology for statistical indicators - Part 1: Indicator typologies and terminologies - 2014 edition](#)
- <http://www.nusap.net/sections.php?op=viewarticle&artid=14>
- [http://www.scp.nl/english/Publications/Publications\\_by\\_year/Publications\\_2010/Wellbeing\\_in\\_the\\_Netherlands](http://www.scp.nl/english/Publications/Publications_by_year/Publications_2010/Wellbeing_in_the_Netherlands)

15 min discussion

10:30 - Coffee break  
11:00

11:00-  
12:30

## **Plenary 2: High quality evidence for policy making**

Chair: Mariana Kotzeva (EC-Eurostat)

Rapporteur to ESAC: Irena Kotowska (ESAC)

### **2.1. Indicator sets at EU level**

25 min presentation

By Walter Radermacher (EC-Eurostat)

- What is the Eurostat approach to (a framework for) setting EU indicators in different domains?
- Which actors and stakeholders are involved and what are their roles?
- How are governance and quality assured?
- How are the indicators communicated and how is progress (towards stated EU targets) shown?

Background documents:

- Towards a harmonised methodology for statistical indicators
- [Getting messages across using indicators - A handbook based on experiences from assessing Sustainable Development Indicators - 2014 edition](#)

20 min discussion

### **2.2. Development, use and communication of indicators at national level**

25 min presentation

By Seraina Pedrini (Swiss federal statistical institute)

- Example of developing Sustainable Development Indicators and Legislature Indicators in a national context
- Who are the stakeholders? Why and how are they involved?
- What are rules and responsibilities of NSIs and stakeholders?
- How are the indicators used and referred to in policy making?
- How is the experience of using indicators in other countries and/or at sub-national level?

Background documents:

- [http://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/portal/en/index/infothek/erhebungen\\_quellen/blank/blank/monet/00.html](http://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/portal/en/index/infothek/erhebungen_quellen/blank/blank/monet/00.html)
- <https://issuu.com/sfso/docs/627-1200-05?e=2969314/8227609>

20 min discussion

12:30 – Lunch  
13:30

## Break-out sessions – construction, use and communication for different indicator sets in the EU

13:30 – **Break-out A: Europe 2020 and Key employment and social indicators**  
14.45 **scoreboard**

**Room  
A**

10 min introduction: Marleen De Smedt (EC-Eurostat)  
Chair: Thomas Wobben (ESAC)  
Rapporteur to the Workshop: Agnieszka Piasna (ESAC)

Background documents:

- [Europe2020](#)
- [Key employment and social indicators scoreboard](#)

13:30 – **Break-out B: Macro-economic indicators**  
14.45

**Room  
B**

10 min introduction: John Verrinder (EC-Eurostat)  
Chair: Maurizio Vichi (ESAC)  
Rapporteur to the Workshop: Claudiu Herteliu (ESAC)

Background documents:

- Macro-economic Imbalances Procedure - [MIP scoreboard](#)
- Principle European Economic Indicators - [PEEIs](#)
- [Principal Global Indicators](#)

13:30 – **Break out-C: Sustainable Development Indicators (SDI)**  
14.45

**Room  
C**

10 min introduction: Nicola Massarelli (EC-Eurostat)  
Chair: Asta Manninen (ESAC)  
Rapporteur to the Workshop: Ariane König (ESAC)

Background documents:

- [Inter Agency Expert Group \(IAEG\) - SDG report](#)
- [Sustainable development in the European Union — 2015 monitoring report of the EU Sustainable Development Strategy](#)

14.45-  
15.15 Coffee break

## Plenaries – general sessions

15.15-15.30 **Feedback from break-out sessions** – 5 min for the each rapporteur (A,B and C)

15.30 – 16:30 **Plenary 3 – Other ways of developing indicators**  
**Development of indicators by other producers, collaboration with academia, "bottom-up" developments, composite indicators**

Chair: Ineke Stoop (ESAC)

Rapporteur to ESAC: Andrea Scheller (ESAC)

### 3.1. Composite indicators

15 min presentation

By Michaela Saisana (EC-Joint Research Centre (JRC))

### 3.2. Gender Quality Index

15 min presentation

By Jolanta Reingarde (European Institute for Gender Equality EIGE)

### 3.3 Monitoring and reporting on wellbeing of young people. Case Study: Helsinki

15 min presentation

By Stina Högnabba (City of Helsinki Urban Facts)

Questions covering the three presentations:

- What are the advantages/disadvantages of these approaches?
- How can ESAC members contribute to a bottom-up approach?
- What initiatives are/can be given by academia?

Background documents

- <http://eige.europa.eu/gender-statistics/gender-equality-index>

- <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/research-topic/composite-indicators?search>

- <http://www.hel.fi/www/tieke/en>

15 min discussion

## Plenary 4 - Concluding session

16:30 – **Panel discussion and concluding remarks / recommendations**

17:30 W.Radermacher (EC-Eurostat) + Marco Babic (Bloomberg) + Enrico Giovannini (ESGAB)

Chair: Ineke Stoop (ESAC)

Rapporteur to ESAC: Andrea Scheller (ESAC)

Questions.

- What has not been said during the day
- Lessons learnt, recommendations from the panel

17:30 Closing - by Ineke Stoop (ESAC chair)

19:00 Workshop dinner

