

# 90<sup>th</sup> DGINS CONFERENCE

## “Short-term indicators: priority assessment, quality, revisions and timeliness”

13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2004  
MENDÈS-FRANCE CENTER, PARIS, FRANCE

### Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2004

- 9.00 – 9.30**      **Welcoming of participants**
- 9.30 – 9.45**      **Opening session**  
French Minister of Finance
- 9.45 – 10.15**    **Keynote address**  
Michel VANDEN ABEELE, Director-General, *Eurostat, European Commission*
- 10.15 – 10.45**    **Coffee break**
- 10.45 – 12.30**    **Session 1 – MACRO-ECONOMICS**  
*Chair:* Péter PUKLI, President, *HCSO, Hungary*
- 1.1**    Svante ÖBERG, Director-General, *Statistics Sweden, Sweden*  
”European short-term indicators – progress and challenges”
- 1.2**    Grégoire BROUHNS, Chairman of the Alternates of the Economic and Financial Committee, Secretary-General – *High Representative of the Belgian Ministry of Finances*  
”Short-term macro-economic statistics: The current priority needs of policy makers”
- 1.3**    Eric CHANEY, Managing Director, *Morgan Stanley*  
”Business cycle analysis needs robust national statistics”
- Discussant:* Steven KEUNING, Chief Statistician, *ECB*
- 12.30 – 14.00**    **Lunch break**

**14.00 – 15.30**      **Session 2 – GOODS AND SERVICES MARKET**

*Chair:* Heli JESKANEN-SUNDSTRÖM, Director-General, *Statistics Finland*

**2.1**    Walter RADERMACHER, Vice-President, *Statistisches Bundesamt, Germany*

”Demand, quality, burden: optimisation to balance interests”

**2.2**    Daniel DEWAVRIN, President, *French Industrial Federations Association*

”Some divergence between the information needs of enterprises and Professional Federations and the development of official statistics”

*Discussant:* Jan FISCHER, President, *Czech Statistical Office, Czech Republic*

**15.30 – 16.00**      **Coffee break**

**16.00 – 17.30**      **Session 3 – LABOUR MARKET**

*Chair:* Carmen ALCÁIDE GUINDO, President, *INE, Spain*

**3.1**    Janusz WITKOWSKI, Vice-President, *Central Statistical Office, Poland*

”Polish experience in labour market statistics with regard to the quality of information”

**3.2**    Philippe BOUYOUX, Advisor to the French Minister of Finance

”How to capture the dynamics on the labour market?”

*Discussant:* Antonis KASTRISSIANAKIS, Director, *DG Employment, European Commission*

**19.30**              **Social activities (Dinner Cruise on the River Seine)**

*Guest speaker:* Jacques DELORS

**9.00 - 9.45**

**BUSINESS TENDENCY SURVEYS IN FRANCE**

**9.45 - 11.15**

**Session 4 – GOOD TRADE-OFF BETWEEN TIMELINESS AND QUALITY**

*Chair:* Enrico GIOVANNINI, *OECD Chief Statistician*

**4.1** Len COOK, Director, *ONS, United Kingdom*

”The balance between quality and timeliness in short-term indicators in the UK”

**4.2** Jean CORDIER, Chairman, *Committee on Monetary, Financial and Balance of Payments Statistics*

”EU short-term indicators: How best invest in timeliness and quality?”

*Discussant:* Nicolas SOBCZAK, Senior Economist, *Goldman Sachs*

**11.15 – 11.45**

**Coffee break**

**11.45 – 12.45**

**ROUND TABLE – THE “ FIRST FOR EUROPE ” PRINCIPLE**

*Chair:* Michel VANDEN ABEELE, Director-General, *Eurostat, European Commission*

*Participants:* Donal GARVEY, Director-General, *CSO, Ireland*

Gosse VAN DER VEEN, Director-General, *CBS, Netherlands*

Luigi BIGGERI, President, *ISTAT, Italy*

Jean-Michel CHARPIN, Director-General, *INSEE, France*

**12.45 – 13.00**

**CLOSING SPEECH**

Jean-Michel CHARPIN, Director-General, *INSEE, France*