

Recent work of the Conference of European Statisticians

Joint UN/ECE-Eurostat-OECD Meeting on National Accounts (Paris, 9–12 May 1995)

The meeting considered the future work in the area of national accounts and agreed that priorities should be given to the consideration of issues important for the implementation of the 1993 SNA as well as topics included in the 1993 SNA “research agenda”. Among a number of topics pointed out as of interest for possible inclusion in the agenda of the proposed next joint meeting were: subsidies, FISIM, COFOG, institutional sectoring, valuables and intangible assets, valuation of natural resources in balance sheets, new SNA questionnaires, satellite accounts for R&D, etc. (Report: CES/AC.68/23).

Joint UN/ECE-Eurostat Work Session on Waste and Recycling Statistics (Geneva, 29–31 May 1995)

The Work Session developed a revised draft classification of wastes on the basis of its consideration of the relevant documentation. In addition to the work under way on the development of the draft classification, the Work Session encouraged the following joint activities to be integrated into the framework of the EU waste legislation: (i) the establishment of a common strategy regarding the future joint development of the EWC on one hand and the statistical classification on the other; (ii) the incorporation of reporting requirements attached to the Basel Convention into the scope of the statistical classification; (iii) the clarification of the application of the classification to statistics on imports, exports and stocks of waste; and (iv) the developments of proposals for the envisaged classification of pretreatment and treatment processes, the set of definitions to be used in conjunction with the statistical classification, and the development of a revised classification of available statistics on recycling by product for incorporation into international data collection (Report: CES/1995/R.23).

Joint UN/ECE–Eurostat Work Session on Population Censuses (Geneva, 17–19 May 1995)

This meeting was convened jointly by the Conference of European Statisticians and Eurostat. The participants reviewed the ECE recommendations for the 1990 round of population censuses, and identified the parts of them which should be modified for purposes of preparing a new set of recommendations for the 2000 round of censuses in the ECE region (Report: CES/1995/R.20).

1995 plenary session of the Conference of European Statisticians (Geneva, 12–15 June 1995)

The 43rd plenary session of the Conference of European Statisticians was held in Geneva from 12–15 June. Particular attention was paid at the session to further developments to the integrated presentation of international statistical work in the ECE region, and the use by the Conference as a pool for coordinating international statistical work in the region carried out by ECE, Eurostat, OECD, IMF, the World bank, ILO, UNESCO, etc. The Conference approved the proposals made by the Bureau on the basis of its in-depth review of the Conference's work programme in the field of economic statistics and social and demographic statistics. The topic of substantive discussion at this year's plenary session was "Possibilities to describe statistically the effects of ongoing integration process in the ECE region".

The Conference agreed to hold its 1996 plenary session in Paris, at the invitation of the OECD. It also selected the topic "Labour market dynamics: new statistical and analytical approaches" as the subject of substantive discussions at the 1996 plenary session (Report: ECE/CES48 and CES/1995/R.25 and addenda 1–6).