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Final draft Agenda

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9:00 – 17:30

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Renaissance Brussels Hotel

9:00 – 9:30 Registration

9:30 – 10:00 Welcome and Introduction

Christine Coin, Eurostat, Head of Unit, Education, Health and Social Protection (F5).

Radek Maly, DG EMPL, Head of Unit, Social Analysis (A2).

10:00 – 10:45 ESSPROS current status and results from the questionnaire (session 1)

Mr. Giuliano Amerini, Eurostat.

Presentation of the current data and metadata collections and of the main results of the ESSPROS user questionnaire on the current use of ESSPROS.

Discussion.

10:45-11:00 Coffee break

11:00– 12:30 The specific view of the main users of ESSPROS at EU level - current status and additional needs (session 2)

The main ESSPROS users will recall the main policy areas and specific initiatives and associated outputs (Reports, Communications, etc.) where ESSPROS data have been recently used and will continue to be used in the future. The benefits of possible

future additional statistical developments will be illustrated following the same framework (both general policies and specific expected outputs). Presentations and discussions.

Terezie Lokajickova, DG EMPL.

(ESDE report, ...)

Santiago Alvaro Calvo Ramos, DG ECFIN.

(Ageing Report, ...)

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 14:45 Session 2 – continued

Mr. Rudi Van Dam, Vice-Chair Indicators Subgroup (ISG) of the Social Protection Committee (SPC) / **Mr Marc Vothknecht**, DG EMPL

14:45 – 15:45 Round table and discussion on priorities for future ESSPROS developments

Christine Coin, Eurostat, Head of Unit, Education, Health and Social Protection (F5).

Presentation of a preliminary list of priorities for future developments, on the basis of previous discussions in different fora (such as the Eurostat Working Group on Social Protection statistics, ISG meetings), completed with information collected from the replies to the ESSPROS user questionnaire and during the previous sessions of the Conference.

Discussants : **Olivier Bontout** (DG EMPL), **Dirk Moens** (Ministry of Social Affairs, Belgium), **Herwig Immervoll** (OECD), **Julie Solard** (Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, France)

First part: Priorities and reasons for new developments. Discussants will help the chair to stimulate the discussions on priorities.

15:45-16:15 Coffee break

16:15 – 16:45 Round table - continued

Second part: Priorities for new developments (continuation) and possibly preliminary discussion on costs for new developments.

16:45-17:15 Concluding session

Georg Fischer, DG EMPL, Director for Analysis, Evaluation and External Relations.

Gallo Gueye, Eurostat, Director for Social statistics.

17:15 - 17:30 Assessment of the conference by participants

Short discussion and fill in a short questionnaire.

Background

In 1963 the Statistical Office of the European Communities (SOEC) was committed to produce statistics at the "European Community" level in the area of social protection. In 1967 the SOEC started publishing regularly the data compiled by the Member States. After these pioneering activities, a more consistent system was developed in the late '70s: the European System of integrated Social PROtection Statistics (ESSPROS). The first ESSPROS methodology was published in 1981. In 1993, Eurostat undertook a general revision of the ESSPROS, in close co-operation with the Members States. The ESSPROS Manual 1996 was the outcome of this revision process.

After many years of data collection based on gentlemen's agreement, in 2007 the Regulation 458/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council was published in the Official Journal of the EU. The Regulation was completed by four Commission Regulations in 2007, 2008 and 2011. As a consequence the ESSPROS Manual was revised in 2008 (including the methodology of the Pension Beneficiaries module) and in 2011 (including the methodology of the Net Benefits module).

ESSPROS results are regularly published on Eurostat web site. Nowadays statistics are more and more used for evidence-based decision making processes, both in the public and the private sectors. Statistics wider in scope, of better quality and suitable for more and more specific purposes are required. The Great Recession has also brought an additional focus on social protection statistics. As a result, further developments of ESSPROS are required by users.

In 2013-2014 the dialogue between ESSPROS users and producers intensified. This growing inter-action has been very useful for producers to better understand the ever evolving user needs and for users to enhance a correct use of the available statistics. During the Working Group on Social Protection statistics held on 9-10 April 2014, possible further developments of ESSPROS were discussed: some would require a major investment (like the development of a new module), others could be obtained by a better use or via a limited modification of the existing statistical framework.

Supporting documentation

The participants will receive:

Doc A) Results of the ESSPROS user questionnaire

Doc B) List of the possible future ESSPROS developments already identified.

Doc C) Evaluation questionnaire for the Conference.

The presentations prepared by the various speakers will be also distributed in advance (if available).