Extension of the module to “other beneficiaries”

Item 5.2 of the agenda (2nd part)

Eurostat
ESTAT-F5
1st part (OECD)

Presentation from OECD until the BOX 1

"... preliminary feed-back from countries on the main options for the simplification of data collection as presented in the OECD document ..."
2nd part (Eurostat)

December 2013 Workshop:
- OECD could pave the way towards a possible extension of current PB module to "other beneficiaries" ... however
- Resource constraints (countries and Eurostat)

➔ Be realistic, pragmatic (short-term) but have also a long-term strategy (cumulative results)
Workshop discussion: "be realistic, pragmatic but have also a long-term strategy (cumulative results)"

1) **Use ESSPROS framework** as a reference (STRATEGY) for any step-by-step development (PRAGMATIC)

2) **Cumulative coherent partial results** instead of sparse developments without a framework

3) Make a **test**
ESSPROS Extension?

- **OECD work could pave the way for an extension of the ESSPROS module on beneficiaries to cover other benefits.**
  - Eurostat acknowledges resources constraints.
  - Strategy with a step-by-step approach required.
  - Most efficient path is to link new developments to the ESSPROS framework.

- **ISG data collection on beneficiaries:**
  - Limited to most important benefits - good example of prioritisation.
  - Feasibility and relevance already demonstrated.
  - Good starting point for proposed step-by-step approach.
ESSPROS linking

- Eurostat underlines the need to establish clear links between OECD data and ESSPROS.
- Eurostat proposed to identify links between ISG data and ESSPROS detailed benefit classifications:
  - Agreement of ISG and close co-operation between ISG and ESSPROS national delegates essential
  - If clear links established, ISG series could be collected by the ESSPROS network on a voluntary basis
- **ISG meeting 15 Jan 2014:**
  - Welcomed Eurostat proposal
  - Agreed to further explore the suitability of the ESSPROS framework for collecting the ISG statistics
ESSPROS linking

- Eurostat asked ESSPROS and ISG delegates to cooperate to identify links between ISG data and ESSPROS framework:
  - Results of first analysis expected end-April.
Eurostat proposal for discussion (BOX 2)

Countries are asked to discuss and support Eurostat strategy based on the following principles:

a) User needs have to be clearly identified
b) Availability of resources at European and national level in the competent statistical authorities have to be taken into account
c) Priorities have to be established on the different possible developments based on cost-benefit considerations
d) Developments have to be decided by the Working Group step-by-step in a pragmatic way
e) Any successive cumulative development has to be included in a coherent overall conceptual framework based on ESSPROS methodology.
Eurostat proposal for discussion (BOX 3)
Countries are invited to report on the progress made and the first findings of the exercise aiming at establishing links between ISG statistics and ESSPROS framework.

First preliminary results already available: LU, HU, AT, RO, SI.

- All 5 countries: OK detailed identification of expenditure (scheme x detailed benefits), with no or few exceptions;

- LU, RO and SI identified also the BENEFICIARIES (LU small differences: probably due to different treatment of double counting); SI OK for unemployment and social assistance, but problems in disability.

👉 encouraging preliminary findings.
Other comments?
Eurostat proposal for information (BOX 4)

Eurostat welcomes the work by OECD to identify clear links between the ESSPROS Core system database and the OECD database on expenditure and, as a consequence, between ESSPROS and the OECD database on Social Benefits recipients, at the most detailed level.

When available, the results of this work will be submitted by Eurostat to the Working Group for information/comments.
Eurostat welcomes the work by OECD to present the details of their methodology for the elimination of double counting, with the aim of examining its compatibility with the Eurostat methodology on pension beneficiaries.

When available, the results of this work will be submitted by Eurostat to the Working Group for comments.