Module on Net benefits: enlarged approach

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- way forward proposed by Eurostat – four – step strategy

- results of the EEV (early exchange of views)
Further steps – proposal from Eurostat - four-step strategy

**Step 1: History of Net benefits project**

Eurostat will prepare:

- a short summary of the main activities carried out in the past (for example in Working Groups and Task Forces)

- related milestones of the project (major issues, major decisions taken and the reasoning behind, various editions of the manual, pieces of legislation, etc.) in a chronological order.
Further steps – proposal from Eurostat - four-step strategy

Step 2: Stocktaking of information already collected from countries on the enlarged approach

Eurostat will prepare:

- a document summarising the methodological and practical difficulties/issues highlighted by countries on a number of aspects related to the implementation of the proposed methodology for the enlarged approach.
Further steps – proposal from Eurostat - four-step strategy

**Step 3: Questionnaire to complete the information available from countries on the enlarged approach**

- A questionnaire will be addressed to the countries in order to complete the document mentioned above (step 2).
- Countries having already replied to past questionnaires will be required to update information and to complete it where necessary.
- Countries not having replied to past questionnaires will be required to complete all information available.
Further steps – proposal from Eurostat - four-step strategy

**Step 4: Task Force “ESSPROS Net benefits: enlarged approach” (scheduled 2015)**

- possible Task Force to verify the practical application of the proposed methodology, taking into account the comprehensive information already collected (step 2 and 3)

- the Task Force will also evaluate the implications of any methodological change on the whole ESSPROS system
Early exchange of views

- Eurostat launched an early exchange of views related to:
  - the four – steps strategy
  - possible comments to the main document and methodological annex containing an overview of proposed net benefits enlarged approach
Early exchange of views

- **Box 1: enlarged approach: Do the countries agree with the four-step approach?**

  - 11 countries (DE, ES, IT, LV, LT, NL, AT, RO, SE and UK) agreed with the four-step approach.
  - DE - explicitly acknowledged that their participation to the Task Force would be impossible.
  - NO does not agree with the approach
  - for HU: situation not very clear as the project on enlarged net benefits is being transferred to the National Accounts Department.
Early exchange of views

- Other comments to the main document and its annex:
  - 7 countries (DE, ES, IT, HU, NL, UK and CH) provided more detailed views related to the methodology on enlarged net benefits
  - 6 countries (LV, LT, RO, SI, SE and NO) had no additional comments
Thank you!