

**8th MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN STATISTICAL SYSTEM COMMITTEE
66th EEA CONFERENCE**

**LUXEMBOURG
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SUMMARY REPORT

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Agenda item ESSC 2011/08/1

Draft COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No .../... of [...] implementing Regulation (EC) No. 1185/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning statistics on pesticides, as regards definitions and list of active substances

C. Opinion

1. All Member States voted in favour. In favour: 345.
2. The EEA/EFTA countries abstained. Switzerland abstained.

Agenda item ESSC 2011/08/2

Draft COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No .../... of [...] implementing Regulation (EC) No. 1185/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning statistics on pesticides, as regards transmission format

C. Opinion

1. All Member States voted in favour. In favour: 345.
2. The EEA/EFTA countries abstained. Switzerland abstained.

Agenda item ESSC 2011/08/3

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning statistics on safety from crime

C. Opinion

1. A majority of Member States in principle welcomed the proposal as a new source of information for statistics on safety from crime.
2. Delegations expressed some concerns with regard to administrative burden, costs and the financial support to be provided. Furthermore, they called for additional work on methodology and the content of the questionnaire, in particular in order to improve comparability of results.
3. Some Member States also questioned the need to include reference to a delegated act in the proposal and requested that all issues be covered in the basic act. In any case, the standard clause on delegated acts as discussed in the December 2010 PG meeting should be reflected in the final draft Regulation.
4. Eurostat confirmed that the points made would be taken into account in the further work.

Agenda item ESSC 2011/08/4

Revision of Commission Regulation (EC) No 831/2002 on access to confidential data for scientific purposes (first round of discussion in the ESSC)

C. Opinion

1. The ESSC members in general supported the proposed revision of Commission Regulation (EC) No 831/2002 on access to confidential data for scientific purposes, recognising the need of access for the research community.
2. Eurostat informed the delegates that as of 1 April 2011 it will extend its zero charge policy to the release of anonymised microdata sets for researchers.
3. Key concerns of the Member States included the assurance of data protection, confidentiality impact levels, the question of ownership of data and access control, the importance of the delegation policy, "lead researchers", the link between European and national legislation, sanctions and the free of charge policy.
4. Eurostat confirmed that all concerns would be taken into account at Task Force and Working Group level to the maximum extent possible. The general strategic discussion would also be continued in the autumn ESSC meeting.

Agenda item ESSC 2011/08/5

Sponsorship Group Communication: strategic options paper and priorities

C. Opinion

1. Delegations welcomed the three proposals to improve the visibility of the ESS; common information about the ESS on all the NSI's websites, including a common set of tables; an ESS website with relevant information on the organisation and activities of the ESS and the recommendation to develop an ESS logo.
2. Some Member States considered the proposals somewhat ambitious and specifically pointed out the risk of duplication induced by a new ESS website.
3. Current proposals to communicate ESS projects jointly in a resource efficient way were appreciated and increasing the effort for ESS joint communication in the future was encouraged. However, it was emphasized to avoid diversifying efforts on the communication on the outcomes on the Sponsorship Measuring Wellbeing, Sustainability and Quality of Life.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Member States

BE	Institut National de Statistique
BG	National Statistical Office
CZ	Czech Statistical Office
DK	Statistics Denmark
DE	Statistisches Bundesamt + Stat. Landesamt Hessen
EE	Statistical Office of Estonia
IE	Central Statistics Office
EL	National Statistical Service Greece
ES	Instituto Nacional de Estadística
FR	Institut National de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques
IT	Istituto Nazionale di Statistica
CY	Statistical Service of Cyprus
LT	Statistics Lithuania
LV	Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia
HU	Hungarian Central Statistical Office
LU	STATEC
MT	National Statistics Office
NL	Centraal Bureau voor de Statistiek
AT	Statistik Österreich
PL	Central Statistical Office
PT	Instituto Nacional de Estatística
RO	National Institute of Statistics
SI	Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia
SK	Slovak Statistical Office
FI	Statistics Finland
SE	Statistics Sweden
UK	Office for National Statistics

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