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Harmonisation of gross national income at market prices (GNI Regulation)

Proposal for a regulation

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Amendment 21
Bernard Monot

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) The increasing share of the Union's own resources based on the gross national income at market prices ('GNI') of the Member States **makes** it **necessary** to further reinforce the comparability, reliability and exhaustiveness of this aggregate.

Amendment

(1) **Among other reasons**, the increasing share of the Union's own resources based on the gross national income at market prices ('GNI') of the Member States **implies that it might be advisable** to further reinforce the comparability, reliability and exhaustiveness of this aggregate.

Or. fr

Amendment 22
Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) Statistical integrity through respect of the principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice, as reviewed and updated by the European Statistical System Committee on 28 September 2011, and of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁷, is of particular importance where statistics are being used directly for administrative purposes.

Amendment

(2) Statistical integrity through respect of the principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice, as reviewed and updated by the European Statistical System Committee on 28 September 2011, and of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁷, is of particular importance where statistics are being used directly for administrative purposes **and for policy-making at Union, regional and national level.**

¹⁷ Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics and repealing Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1101/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the transmission of data

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subject to statistical confidentiality to the Statistical Office of the European Communities, Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, and Council Decision 89/382/EEC, Euratom establishing a Committee on the Statistical Programmes of the European Communities (OJ L 87, 31.3.2009, p. 164).

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Or. en

Amendment 23

Roberts Zile

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) Statistical integrity through respect of the principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice, as reviewed and updated by the European Statistical System Committee on 28 September 2011, and of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁷, is of particular importance where statistics are being used directly for administrative purposes.

¹⁷ Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics and repealing Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1101/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the transmission of data subject to statistical confidentiality to the Statistical Office of the European Communities, Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, and Council Decision 89/382/EEC, Euratom establishing a Committee on the Statistical Programmes of the European Communities (OJ L 87, 31.3.2009, p. 164).

Amendment

(2) Statistical integrity through respect of the principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice, as reviewed and updated by the European Statistical System Committee on 28 September 2011, and of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁷, is of particular importance where statistics are being used directly for administrative **and policy-making** purposes.

¹⁷ Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics and repealing Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1101/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the transmission of data subject to statistical confidentiality to the Statistical Office of the European Communities, Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, and Council Decision 89/382/EEC, Euratom establishing a Committee on the Statistical Programmes of the European Communities (OJ L 87, 31.3.2009, p. 164).

Amendment 24
Bernard Monot

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) Statistical integrity through respect *of* the principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice, as reviewed and updated by the European Statistical System Committee on 28 September 2011, and *of* Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁷, is *of particular importance* where statistics are being used directly for administrative purposes.

¹⁷ Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics and repealing Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1101/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the transmission of data subject to statistical confidentiality to the Statistical Office of the European Communities, Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, and Council Decision 89/382/EEC, Euratom establishing a Committee on the Statistical Programmes of the European Communities (OJ L 87, 31.3.2009, p. 164).

Amendment

(2) Statistical integrity through respect *for* the principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice, as reviewed and updated by the European Statistical System Committee on 28 September 2011, and *for* Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁷, is *important, in particular* where statistics are being used directly for administrative purposes.

¹⁷ Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics and repealing Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1101/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the transmission of data subject to statistical confidentiality to the Statistical Office of the European Communities, Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, and Council Decision 89/382/EEC, Euratom establishing a Committee on the Statistical Programmes of the European Communities (OJ L 87, 31.3.2009, p. 164).

Amendment 25
Jonás Fernández

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) ***This*** data ***is*** also an important analytical tool for the coordination of national economic policies and for various Union policies.

Amendment

(3) ***These*** data ***are*** also an important analytical tool for the coordination of national economic policies and for various Union policies, ***as well as for research activities***.

Or. es

Amendment 26
Roberts Zile

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) In accordance with Article 2 (7) of Council Decision 2014/335/EU, Euratom, for own resources purposes, GNI shall mean an annual GNI at market price, as provided by Annex A of Regulation (EU) No 549/2013 ('ESA 2010'). ***Besides***, In accordance with Article 10(1) of Council Decision 2014/335/EU, Euratom¹⁸, and subject to Article 10(2) thereof, Council Decision 2007/436/EC, Euratom¹⁹ was repealed.

¹⁸ Council Decision 2014/335/EU, Euratom of 26 May 2014 on the system of own resources of the European Union (OJ L 168, 7.6.2014, p. 105).

¹⁹ Council Decision 2007/436/EC, Euratom of 7 June 2007 on the system of the European Communities' own resources (OJ L 163, 23.6.2007, p. 17).

Amendment

(4) In accordance with Article 2 (7) of Council Decision 2014/335/EU, Euratom, for own resources purposes, GNI shall mean an annual GNI at market price, as provided by Annex A of Regulation (EU) No 549/2013 ('ESA 2010'). In accordance with Article 10(1) of Council Decision 2014/335/EU, Euratom¹⁸, and subject to Article 10(2) thereof, Council Decision 2007/436/EC, Euratom¹⁹ was repealed.

¹⁸ Council Decision 2014/335/EU, Euratom of 26 May 2014 on the system of own resources of the European Union (OJ L 168, 7.6.2014, p. 105).

¹⁹ Council Decision 2007/436/EC, Euratom of 7 June 2007 on the system of the European Communities' own resources (OJ L 163, 23.6.2007, p. 17).

Or. en

Amendment 27
Roberts Zile

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) It is essential that GNI data is comparable and therefore the relevant definitions and accounting rules of ESA 2010 should be complied with. For that purpose, the assessment procedures and the basic data actually used should permit the correct application of the definitions and accounting rules of ESA 2010.

Amendment

(5) It is essential that GNI data is comparable and therefore the relevant definitions and accounting rules of ESA 2010 should be complied with. For that purpose, the assessment procedures and the basic data actually used should permit the correct application of the definitions and accounting rules of ESA 2010. ***However, due to national specificities, perfect comparability of GNI data is not always possible.***

Or. en

Amendment 28
Roberts Zile

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) It is essential that GNI data is exhaustive ***and*** therefore should ***take*** account ***also of*** the activities that are not reported in statistical surveys or to fiscal, social and other administrative authorities. Improved GNI coverage ***presupposes*** developing suitable statistical bases and assessment procedures ***and*** making ***suitable*** adjustments.

Amendment

(7) It is essential that GNI data is exhaustive. Therefore ***it*** should ***also take into*** account the activities that are not reported in statistical surveys or to fiscal, social and other administrative authorities. Improved GNI coverage ***requires consultation of relevant national experts,*** developing suitable statistical bases and assessment procedures, ***and, where applicable,*** making ***necessary*** adjustments.

Or. en

Amendment 29
Miguel Viegas

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) It is essential that GNI data *is* exhaustive and therefore should take account also of the activities that are not reported in statistical surveys or to fiscal, social and other administrative authorities. Improved GNI coverage presupposes developing suitable statistical bases and assessment procedures *and* making suitable adjustments.

Amendment

(7) It is essential that GNI data *are* exhaustive and therefore should take account also of the activities that are not reported in statistical surveys or to fiscal, social and other administrative authorities. Improved GNI coverage presupposes developing suitable statistical bases and assessment procedures, making suitable adjustments, *and adopting a system of reliable measures with which to estimate both the scale of the informal economy (unpaid work, self-consumption, etc.), which is not recorded by official statistics, and, secondly, unregistered economic activity.*

Or. pt

Amendment 30
Bernard Monot

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) In order to *ensure* uniform conditions for the implementation of this Regulation by providing GNI data for own resources purposes, *implementing* powers should be conferred on the Commission *to take* measures concerning the inventory of the sources and methods used to calculate GNI and its components according to ESA 2010 and measures aimed at improving the comparability, reliability and exhaustiveness of Member States' GNI. *Those powers should be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council²⁰.*

Amendment

(8) In order to *make for* uniform conditions for the implementation of this Regulation by providing GNI data for own resources purposes, *advisory* powers *in relation to national statistical offices* should be conferred on the Commission *for the purposes of taking* measures concerning the inventory of the sources and methods used to calculate GNI and its components according to ESA 2010 and measures aimed at improving the comparability, reliability and exhaustiveness of Member States' GNI.

²⁰ Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by the Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers (OJ L 55, 28.2.2011, p. 13).

Or. fr

Amendment 31 **Bernard Monot**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 9**

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 608/2014²¹ provides for ***inspections*** visits in Member States for the purpose of verifying own resources. In addition to those inspections, the Commission should be entitled to carry out GNI information visits in order to ensure that GNI data *is* comparable, reliable and exhaustive. The participation of representatives of national statistical authorities in GNI information visits to other Member States ***should contribute to the transparency of*** the process of GNI ***verification***.

²¹ Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 608/2014 of 26 May 2014 laying down implementing measures for the system of own resources of the European Union (OJ L 168, 7.6.2014, p. 29).

Amendment

(9) Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 608/2014²¹ provides for ***inspection*** visits in Member States for the purpose of verifying own resources. In addition to those inspections, the Commission should be entitled to carry out GNI information visits ***to national statistical authorities*** in order to ***help*** ensure that GNI data ***are*** comparable, reliable and exhaustive. The participation of representatives of national statistical authorities in GNI information visits to other Member States ***might provide an interesting adjunct to*** the process of GNI ***observation***.

²¹ Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 608/2014 of 26 May 2014 laying down implementing measures for the system of own resources of the European Union (OJ L 168, 7.6.2014, p. 29).

Or. fr

Amendment 32

Roberts Zile

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 608/2014²¹ provides for inspections visits in Member States for the purpose of verifying own resources. In addition to those inspections, the Commission should be entitled to carry out GNI information visits in order to ensure that GNI data is comparable, reliable and exhaustive. The participation of representatives of national statistical authorities in GNI information visits to other Member States ***should contribute to*** the transparency of the ***process*** of GNI verification.

²¹ Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 608/2014 of 26 May 2014 laying down implementing measures for the system of own resources of the European Union (OJ L 168, 7.6.2014, p. 29).

Amendment

(9) Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 608/2014²¹ provides for inspections visits in Member States for the purpose of verifying own resources. In addition to those inspections, the Commission should be entitled to carry out GNI information visits in order to ensure that GNI data is comparable, reliable and exhaustive. The participation of representatives of national statistical authorities in GNI information visits to other Member States ***is essential in order to increase*** the transparency ***and accuracy*** of the GNI verification ***process***.

²¹ Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 608/2014 of 26 May 2014 laying down implementing measures for the system of own resources of the European Union (OJ L 168, 7.6.2014, p. 29).

Or. en

Amendment 33
Bernard Monot

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) The GNI Committee referred to in Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1287/2003²² has issued opinions, provided advice to, and assisted the Commission in the exercise of its ***implementing*** powers. Under the strategy for a new European Statistical System structure to improve coordination and

Amendment

(11) The GNI Committee referred to in Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1287/2003²² has issued opinions, provided advice to, and assisted the Commission in the exercise of its powers. Under the strategy for a new European Statistical System structure to improve coordination and partnership in a

partnership in a clear pyramid structure within the System, the European Statistical System Committee, established by Regulation (EC) No 223/2009, should have an advisory role and assist the Commission in *exercising its implementing powers*. To that effect, the GNI Committee should be replaced by the ESSC for the purpose of assisting the Commission in the exercise of its *implementing powers* under the current Regulation. Nevertheless, for the purposes of other functions previously undertaken by the GNI Committee under Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1287/2003, and not relating to assistance *in the exercise of the implementing powers of the Commission*, the Commission should establish a formal expert group to assist it for such other purposes.

²² Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1287/2003 of 15 July 2003 on the harmonisation of gross national income at market prices (GNI Regulation) (OJ L 181, 19.7.2003, p. 1).

clear pyramid structure within the System, the European Statistical System Committee, established by Regulation (EC) No 223/2009, should have an advisory role and assist the Commission in *carrying out its activity of advising national statistical offices*. To that effect, the GNI Committee should be replaced by the ESSC for the purpose of assisting the Commission in the exercise of its *activity of advising the statistical authorities of the Member States* under the current Regulation. Nevertheless, for the purposes of other functions previously undertaken by the GNI Committee under Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1287/2003, and not relating to assistance *to the Commission in the exercise of its powers*, the Commission should establish a formal expert group to assist it for such other purposes.

²² Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1287/2003 of 15 July 2003 on the harmonisation of gross national income at market prices (GNI Regulation) (OJ L 181, 19.7.2003, p. 1).

Or. fr

Amendment 34

Bernard Monot

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. In accordance with point 8.89 of Annex A to Regulation (EU) No 549/2013, GDP means the final result of the production activity of resident producer units. It can be defined in three ways:

Amendment

2. In accordance with point 8.89 of Annex A to Regulation (EU) No 549/2013, GDP means the final result of the production activity of resident producer units. It can be defined *primarily* in three ways:

Or. fr

Amendment 35
Roberts Zile

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall **establish** GNI in accordance with Article 1 **in the context** of regular national accounts compilation.

Amendment

1. Member States shall **calculate** GNI in accordance with Article 1 **as part** of regular national accounts compilation.

Or. en

Amendment 36
Theodor Dumitru Stolojan

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Before the end of September of each year, Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat), in the context of national accounting procedures, with figures for aggregate GNI and its components, in accordance with the definitions referred to in Article 1. Totals for GDP and its components **may** be presented in accordance with the three approaches referred to in Article 1(2). **The figures** provided shall **cover** the preceding year and any changes made to the **figures for previous years**.

Amendment

2. Before the end of September of each year, Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat), in the context of national accounting procedures, with figures for aggregate GNI and its components, in accordance with the definitions referred to in Article 1. Totals for GDP and its components **shall** be presented in accordance with the three approaches referred to in Article 1(2). **Data** provided shall **be transmitted for** the preceding year and any changes made to the **data for the previous year shall be communicated at the same time**.

Or. en

Amendment 37
Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Before the end of September of each year, Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat), in the context of national accounting procedures, with figures for aggregate GNI and its components, in accordance with the definitions referred to in Article 1. Totals for GDP and its components may be presented in accordance with the three approaches referred to in Article 1(2). ***The figures*** provided shall cover the preceding year and any changes made to the ***figures*** for previous years.

Amendment

2. Before the end of September of each year, Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat), in the context of national accounting procedures, with figures for aggregate GNI and its components, in accordance with the definitions referred to in Article 1. Totals for GDP and its components may be presented in accordance with the three approaches referred to in Article 1(2). ***Data*** provided shall cover the preceding year and any ***additional*** changes made to the ***data*** for previous years.

Or. en

Amendment 38
Jonás Fernández

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Before the end of September of each year, Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat), in the context of national accounting procedures, with figures for aggregate GNI and its components, in accordance with the definitions referred to in Article 1. Totals for GDP and its components ***may*** be presented in accordance with the three approaches referred to in Article 1(2). The figures provided shall cover the preceding year and any changes made to the figures for previous years.

Amendment

2. Before the end of September of each year, Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat), in the context of national accounting procedures, with figures for aggregate GNI and its components, in accordance with the definitions referred to in Article 1. Totals for GDP and its components ***shall*** be presented in accordance with the three approaches referred to in Article 1(2). The figures provided shall cover the preceding year and any changes made to the figures for previous years.

Or. es

Amendment 39
Bernard Monot

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Before the end of September of each year, Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat), in the context of national accounting procedures, with figures for aggregate GNI and its components, in accordance with ***the definitions referred to in*** Article 1. Totals for GDP and its components may be presented in accordance with the three approaches referred to in Article 1(2). The figures provided shall cover the preceding year and any changes made to the figures for previous years.

Amendment

2. Before the end of September of each year, Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat), in the context of national accounting procedures, with figures for aggregate GNI and its components, in accordance with Article 1. Totals for GDP and its components may be presented in accordance with the three approaches referred to in Article 1(2). The figures provided shall cover the preceding year and any changes made to the figures for previous years.

Or. fr

Amendment 40
Bernard Monot

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Commission shall ***establish, by means of implementing acts***, the detailed structure and content of the inventory referred to in paragraph 1, as well as the timetable for its updating. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 7(2).

Amendment

2. The Commission, ***in coordination with the statistical authorities of the Member States***, shall ***propose*** the detailed structure and content of the inventory referred to in paragraph 1, as well as the timetable for its updating. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 7(2).

Or. fr

Amendment 41
Roberts Zile

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission shall establish a formal expert group, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by a representative of the Commission, to advise the Commission on and to express its views on the comparability, reliability and exhaustiveness of GNI calculations, to examine **questions of** implementation of this Regulation and to issue annual opinions on the appropriateness of the GNI data submitted by the Member States for own resources purposes.

Amendment

The Commission shall establish a formal expert group, composed of **qualified** representatives of the Member States and chaired by a representative of the Commission, to advise the Commission on and to express its views on the comparability, reliability and exhaustiveness of GNI calculations, to **monitor and** examine implementation of this Regulation and to issue annual opinions on the appropriateness of the GNI data submitted by the Member States for own resources purposes.

Or. en

Amendment 42
Jonás Fernández

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission shall establish a formal expert group, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by a representative of the Commission, to advise the Commission on and to express its views on the comparability, reliability and exhaustiveness of GNI calculations, to examine questions of implementation of this Regulation and to issue annual opinions on the appropriateness of the GNI data submitted by the Member States for own resources purposes.

Amendment

The Commission shall establish a formal expert group, composed of representatives of the Member States **and other professionals**, and chaired by a representative of the Commission, to advise the Commission on and to express its views on the comparability, reliability and exhaustiveness of GNI calculations, to examine questions of implementation of this Regulation and to issue annual opinions on the appropriateness of the GNI data submitted by the Member States for own resources purposes.

Amendment 43
Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission shall establish a formal expert group, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by a representative of the Commission, to advise the Commission on and to ***express its views on*** the comparability, reliability and exhaustiveness of GNI calculations, to examine questions of implementation of this Regulation and to issue annual opinions on the appropriateness of the GNI data submitted by the Member States for own resources purposes.

Amendment

The Commission shall establish a formal expert group, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by a representative of the Commission, to advise the Commission on and to ***issue an opinion regarding*** the comparability, reliability and exhaustiveness of GNI calculations, to examine questions of implementation of this Regulation and to issue annual opinions on the appropriateness of the GNI data submitted by the Member States for own resources purposes.

Or. en

Amendment 44
Roberts Zīle

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission shall verify the sources and methods in the inventory referred to in Article 3(1). A verification model, drawn up by the Commission in close cooperation with the expert group referred to in Article 4, shall be used in this context. The model shall ***be based on*** the principles of peer review ***and cost-effectiveness***.

Amendment

1. The Commission shall verify the ***use of*** sources and methods in the inventory referred to in Article 3(1). A verification model, drawn up by the Commission in close cooperation with the expert group referred to in Article 4, shall be used in this context. The model shall ***respect*** the principles of ***subsidiarity and*** peer review, ***and be cost-effective***.

Or. en

Amendment 45
Bernard Monot

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Commission shall ***establish, by means of implementing acts***, measures to make GNI data more comparable, reliable and exhaustive. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 7(2).

Amendment

2. The Commission shall ***propose*** measures to make GNI data more comparable, reliable and exhaustive. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 7(2).

Or. fr

Amendment 46
Roberts Zile

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

When carrying out information visits in Member States, the Commission (Eurostat) may request the assistance of national accounts experts representing national statistical authorities.

Amendment

When carrying out information visits in Member States, the Commission (Eurostat) may ***and is encouraged to*** request the assistance of national accounts experts representing national statistical authorities.

Or. en