

# Conference of European Statisticians (CES)

Objective, achievements, main directions and challenges

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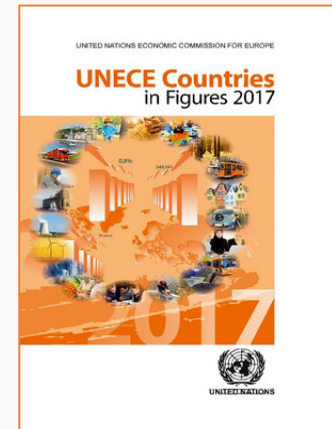


# Objective of UNECE statistics

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- **Objective:**
  - To develop official statistics for evidence-based policymaking and assessing progress towards SDGs
- **Four major strands of work:**
  - Streamline international statistical work
  - Develop guidelines to enhance data quality
  - Support countries' capacity in particular on SDGs and gender
  - Provide a Statistical Database with key statistics
- **Official statisticians build trust in the "post-truth" society**



# Statistics on UNECE statistics

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- **85 events in 2016-2017 (with EU, OECD, regional commissions...)**

- 42 Expert Meetings
- 17 Task Force meetings (mainly back-to-back with expert meetings)
- 26 Training Workshops for EECCA (mainly back-to-back)

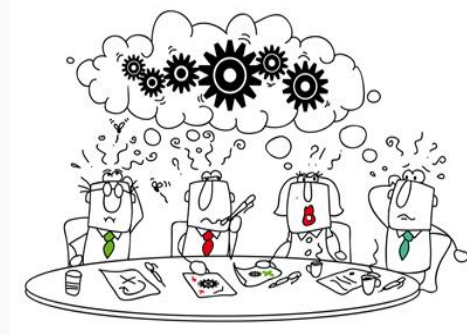
- **Task Forces and Steering Groups**

- 6 groups finished their work and reported to the 2017 CES
- New groups now recommended to EXCOM for approval

- **Online wikis with over 2000 registered users**

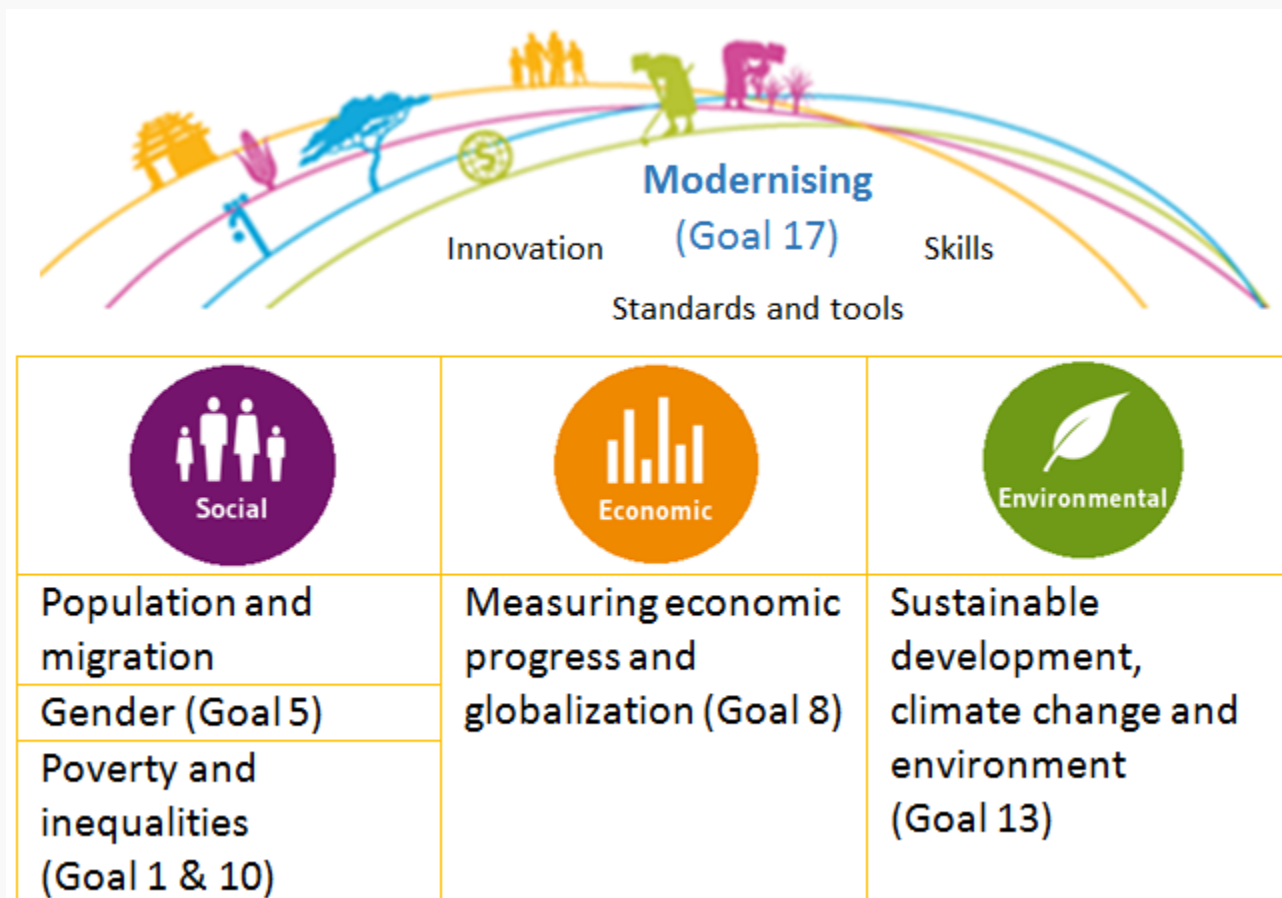
- **10 statistical guidelines in 2016-2017**

- Road Map on Statistics for SDGs
- Poverty Measurement
- Unpaid Household Work
- Value of Official Statistics
- Population Projections
- Set of Climate Change Indicators
- Human capital
- Circular migration
- Ageing-related statistics
- Generic Law on Official Statistics for Eastern Europe



# Statistical work aligned with SDGs

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# New work to do

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- **Use of geospatial information (item 7 on EXCOM meeting agenda)**
- **Measuring governance**
- **Building strategic partnerships**
- **Institutional and legal arrangements**
- **Enhance UNECE Statistical Database in view of SDGs**
- **Current challenges:**
  - **Member states need guidance on these strategic issues**
  - **Resources are scarce**



# Population, gender and society



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- **Main priorities:**

- Poverty and inequality
- Population censuses
- Old-aged population
- Gender
- Migration and labour mobility

- **Current challenges:**

- Use of administrative sources
- Need for capacity building





# Economy and globalization

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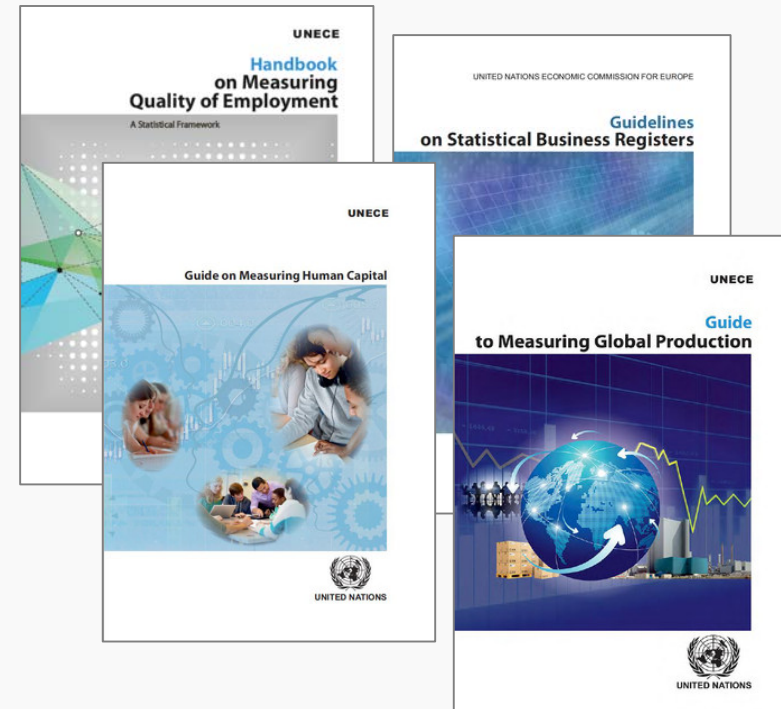


- **Main priorities:**

- Economic growth
- Globalization
- Entrepreneurship
- Measuring human capital
- Quality of employment
- Leading indicators

- **Current challenges:**

- Measurement of economy under globalization is complex
  - Exchange of data on large multinationals
  - Digital economy
- Need to work with multiple international partners





# Sustainable development, climate change and environment

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- **Main priorities:**

- **Statistics for SDGs**
- **Climate change indicators**
- **Environment statistics**
- **Extreme events and disasters**

- **Current challenges:**

- **Large share of SDGs deal with environment, but data are scarce**
- **Basic statistics need improvement to derive SDG indicators**
- **Need to work together with a growing number of partners**
  - **Coordination is an issue (national, regional and global level)**





# Statistical management and modernisation

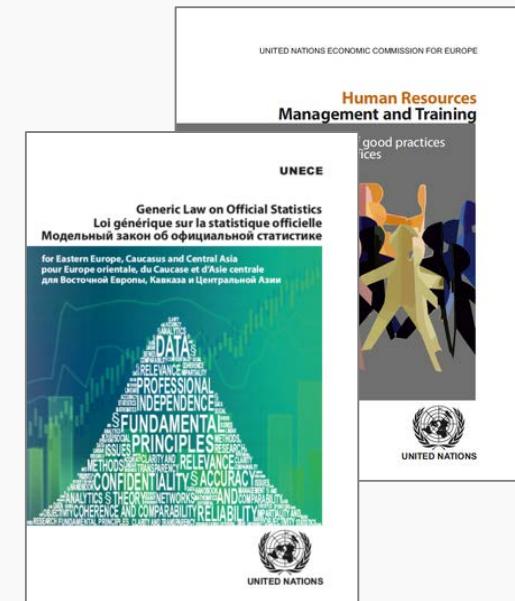
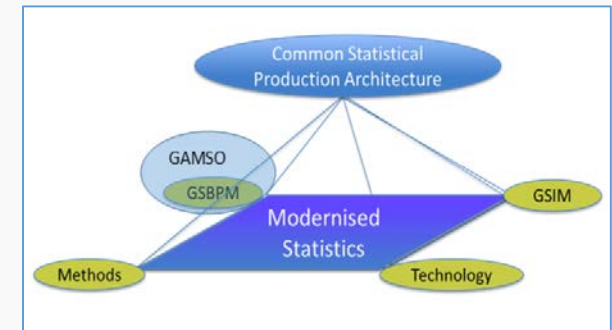


- **Main priorities:**

- Innovate to modernise statistical production
- Develop new standards and tools
- Develop new skills, capabilities and communication
- Share tools for statistical production

- **Current challenges:**

- How to communicate statistics better?
- How to integrate data?
  - Surveys, geospatial, administrative data



# Issues for EXCOM decision



- **EXCOM is invited to:**
  - **Approve the programme of work of the Statistics subprogramme for 2018–2019 (ECE/EX/2017/L.13)**
  - **Approve the mandates and terms of references of the Teams of Specialists (ECE/EX/2017/L.14)**
  - **Comment on the achievements and future priorities of the Conference of the European Statisticians (Chair report)**



Thank you!

## Conference of European Statisticians

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