

The first Conference on Statistics in

Geneva under the League of Nations

- 40 countries participated

1928

1931

The Committee of Statistical Experts –

the former CES Bureau met in 1931-1939, including *Canada, US, UK, Italy, France, Norway, Switzerland, Poland and Germany* 





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Genève, le 31 décembre 1928.

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#### CONFÉRENCE INTERNATIONALE CONCERNANT LES STATISTIQUES ÉCONOMIQUES

(26 novembre au 14 décembre 1928)

- CONVENTION INTERNATIONALE CONCERNANT LES STATISTIQUES ÉCONOMIQUES.
- 2. PROTOCOLE DE LA CONVENTION INTERNATIONALE.
- 3. ACTE FINAL DE LA CONFÉRENCE.

#### LEAGUE OF NATIONS

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE RELATING TO ECONOMIC STATISTICS

(November 26th to December 14th, 1928)

- INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION RELATING TO ECONOMIC STATISTICS.
- 2. PROTOCOL TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.
- 3. FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE.

The first
Conference in 1928
under the League
of Nations
held in Geneva





The League of Nations published for 26 countries the first more or less harmonized national income estimates

1939

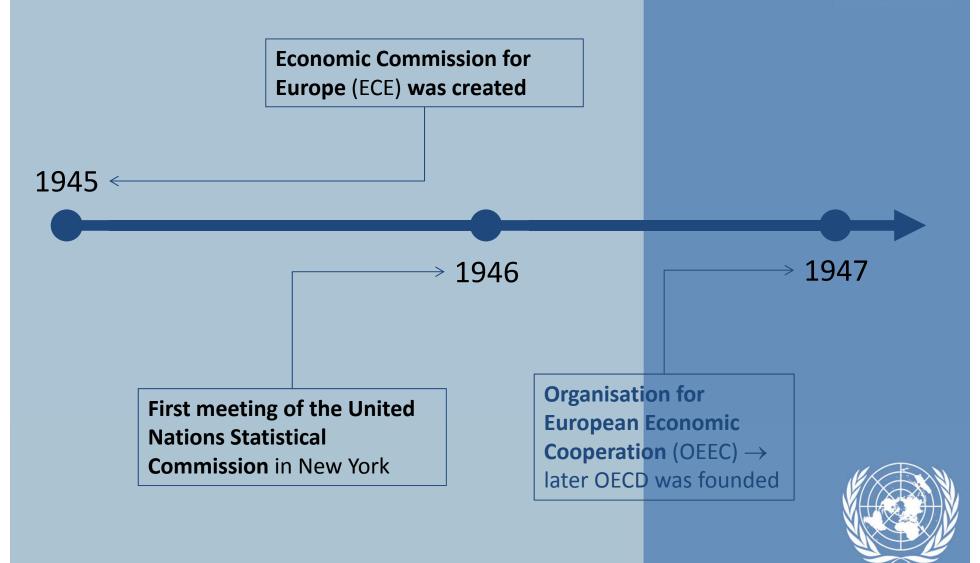
1931 <

First sub-committees were established – on traded commodities, classification of commodities and on statistics on prices, industry, timber, tourism, finance and housing





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1951

1949 <

1953

# First Regional Meeting of European Statisticians (RMES) in Geneva jointly with the UN Statistical Commission

Third Meeting of European Statisticians was named the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) – Mr. Idenburg of the Netherlands the first Chair







### The Conference in early 1950s

Mr. Barrie Davies, Director of the ECE Statistical Division and the Chairman of the meeting from the Netherlands





Idenburg, 21 May 1949, in the Netherlands explained -

'As to the Dutch contributions to all these bodies... the efforts required are considerable... However, we cannot stand aside, because it cannot be ignored that a new world-order is being built.'





The birth of the **Statistical Office of the European Communities** (SOEC) – a great impact with the first Labour Force Survey (1960), energy balance sheets (1962) and input-output tables (1965), European (SEC) System of National Accounts (1970) and the commodity classification (1972) etc.

→ 1959

1957 <

The US Census Bureau presented data processing with 'electronic machines' – some called for a cautious attitude towards 'such large-scale centralized computers'

The first **Census**recommendations
adopted by the
CES

The Conference provided a non-political bridge across the divide of the Iron Curtain

> 1961

A permanent CES programme on Electronic Data Processing was initiated





**First CES seminar on coordination problems** in official statistics in Washington D.C.

1977

Second CES seminar on the use of information technology in Moscow

→ 1981

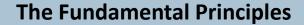
1970 <

1979

Programme on
environment was launched
– towards a GNP that takes
into account changes in the
environment

Conference launched a project with Eurostat and OECD on the "International Comparison Project for the European region"







Gorbachev is elected Chairman of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet

38<sup>th</sup> Conference, with Carlo Malaguerra as the Chairman, requested Poland to **begin work on a draft European Statistical Convention** on the Fundamental Principles

Fall of the Berlin Wall

→ 1989

1985 <

> 1990

CES consultation seminar "to initiate reconsidering of the role of the Conference"

CES transition workshop pointed out the need for "Fundamental Principles for Official Statistics, applicable to all countries" vorking group in Paris –
Poland as lead country
and participation of
Bulgaria, France, Romania,
Spain, Switzerland, Turkey,
Eurostat and the
International Statistical
Institute (ISI)



**The Fundamental Principles** 

2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the working group in Warsaw on Convention on Fundamental Principles Common declaration of Russia-Belarus-Ukraine about USSR no longer existing – rebuilding of statistical systems started and became one of the priorities for ECE The 47th session of the ECE adopted the Resolution on Fundamental Principles as Decision C (47)

1992 <

1991 <

1994

The Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS-STAT) was established

3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the working group in Budapest and a CES seminar discussed the draft document on Fundamental Principles

39<sup>th</sup> Conference adopted the "Draft Resolution on the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics in the ECE region" The Fundamental
Principles of Official
Statistics were
adopted by the UN
Statistical
Commission in New
York





**ECE-Eurostat-OECD "Joint Programme Review" meetings** were initiated to resolve issues of coordination of the statistical work in the region

1994

The Conference started convening at **OECD in Paris every second year** at the invitation of OECD.

1992



First seminar was on **globalization** – *led in 2005 to a* review of globalization statistics and in 2007 to a group working on the impact of globalization

Second seminar on statistical confidentiality and microdata

in 2009 resulted in the"Principles and Guidelines on Confidentiality Aspects"

the efficiency and productivity of statistical offices — later led to the "High-Level Group for Strategic Development of Business Architecture in Statistics"

> 2003 <

> 2006

2002 <

Conference

celebrated 50
years of history
and restructured:
– 2 seminars and
half a day for a
formal session

> 2005

Seminar on
sustainable
development –
in 2009 resulted
in a publication
on "Measuring
Sustainable
Development"
and to further
work

→ 2007

Seminar on population and housing censuses – adopted the CES recommendations for the 2010 round of Censuses and in 2008 resulted in a publication on "Measuring Population and Housing - Practices of UNECE Countries in the 2000 Round of Censuses"





Seminar on measuring population movement and integration in a globalized world – resulted in several guidelines published between 2010 - 2012

→ 2010

2008 <

2012

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Seminar on measurement of international transactions – in 2011 resulted in the guidelines on "The Impact of Globalization on National Accounts"

Seminar on the Impact of global crises on statistical systems The Conference holds its
60<sup>th</sup> plenary session and
marks 20 years from the
adoption of the Fundamental
Principles