

UNECE Workshop on Seasonal Adjustment

20-23 February 2012, Ankara, Turkey

Information Note

I. INTRODUCTION

1. This fourth Training Workshop which falls under the Capacity Building Programme on New Challenges in Economic Statistics for the East European, Caucasus and Central Asian (EECCA) countries and Mongolia, will focus on Seasonal Adjustment with the utilization of Demetra+ and is a continuation of the first Workshop going into methodological and problematic issues related to seasonal adjustment.

II. DATE AND VENUE

2. The Workshop will take place on 20-23 February 2012 at the Turkish Statistical Institute and will commence at 09:00 on Monday, 20 February and finish on Thursday, 23 February at 13:00.

III. PURPOSE OF THE WORKSHOP

3. This workshop aims to support countries' capacity to provide seasonally adjusted data that are based on international recommendations and standards. Seasonal adjustment enables comparison of economic development between countries and provides a better and faster tool for detecting turning points in the economy. The workshop is tailored to address the needs of countries based on the practical challenges and problems they had with seasonal adjustment during the assignment given after the first workshop in March 2011. The workshop will also discuss methodological and problematic issues related to seasonal adjustment.

4. The purpose of this Workshop is to improve the quality and availability of seasonally adjusted data in the longer run. Seasonal adjustment provides a clearer and more comparable measure of development which is why the methodology should be widely applied. The workshop will also introduce the Guide to Seasonal Adjustment with Demetra+ covering issues from source series to user communication.

IV. AGENDA OF THE WORKSHOP

5. The Workshop includes presentations, practical exercises with Demetra+ and group work. The main topics are:

- Conclusions of country case studies
- Use of calendar and regressors
- Reading quality diagnostics
- Explaining seasonal adjustment with metadata
- Refining seasonal adjustment
- Publishing seasonally adjusted data

V. OFFICIAL LANGUAGES AND DOCUMENTATION

6. There will be simultaneous interpretation into and from English and Russian. To the extent possible presentations will be translated into both languages and will be made available on the website of the meeting at: <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=28196> prior to the workshop.

VI. VISAS

7. All participants are requested to have a valid passport and, if required, a visa. For country specific information, see the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

<http://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa>

8. Applications for visas must be made as soon as possible to the nearest Turkish Embassy or Consulate, with a reference to the UNECE Workshop on Seasonal Adjustment.

VII. CURRENCY AND EXCHANGE

9. You can exchange your currency into the Turkish Lira (TL) either at the exchange office of the airport or any exchange office in town. Please also keep in mind that US dollars or Euro currencies in small denominations are accepted generally by taxis, restaurants, and shopping centres in Istanbul.

VIII. ELECTRICAL CURRENT AND APPLIANCES

10. The electricity supply in Turkey is 220 volts AC 50 cycles. Electrical appliances must have European plugs, (i.e. round-tipped, two-pinned) and an international adapter is very useful.

IX. TRANSPORTATION

How to Reach Turkish Statistical Institute (TURKSTAT):

Address: Necatibey Caddesi, No. 114, Bakanlıklar /ANKARA

11. When you arrive at Esenboğa Airport, the first alternative is to take HAVAS shuttle bus in order to come to the city centre (it costs approximately 8-10 Turkish Liras / 4-5€) or another alternative is to take a taxi from Airport to the TURKSTAT or your hotel, which costs 60-70 Turkish Liras 25-30€-. If you take HAVAS bus, you need to take a taxi from HAVAS center to go to your hotel or Turkish Statistical Institute.

Note: A map on last page shows some important addresses you may need and the location of the Turkish Statistical Institute.

X. ACCOMMODATION

12. Those meeting participants entitled to Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) will receive their DSA on the first day of the workshop at the venue. This DSA is provided to cover all accommodation, meals and other related expenses. Participants are requested to make their own hotel reservations.

Hotels in Ankara:

13. Recommended hotels (which offer special prices to Turkish Statistical Institute) are approximately 15-20 minutes walking distance to the Institute. There are also many other hotels which can be found on the Internet (ie. www.booking.com).

1. DEDEMAN HOTEL ANKARA**** (20 minutes walking distance from Turkstat)
1 person: 155 TL (single room); 2 persons: 185 TL (double room)

Tel: +90(312)4176200, **Fax:** +90(312)4176214

E-mail : ankara@dedeman.com.tr

Web Page: <http://www.dedemanhotels.com>

Address: Akay Caddesi Büklüm Sok.106660 Kavaklıdere/ANKARA

2. BARCELÓ ANKARA ALTINEL HOTEL ****
1 person 75€(single room); 2 persons: 90€(double room)
- Tel:** +90(312)2317760 **Fax:** +90(312)2302330
E-mail: info@altinelhotels.com.tr
Web Page: <http://www.altinelhotels.com.tr>
Address: Gazi Mustafa Kemal Bulvarı No: 151 Tandoğan/ ANKARA
3. BUSINESS PARK HOTEL**** (10 minutes walking distance from Turkstat)
1 person 120 TL (single room); 2 persons: 160 TL (double room)
- Tel:** +90(312)2324800 **Fax:** +90(312)2316838
E-mail: info@businessparkhotel.com
Web Page: <http://www.businessparkhotel.com>
Address: Necatibey Caddesi No: 35 06450 Kızılay / ANKARA
4. HOTEL ETAP MOLA (10 minutes walking distance from Turkstat)
1 person 75 TL (single room); 2 persons 110 TL (double room)
- Tel:** +90(312) 424 18 18 **Fax:** +90(312) 424 18 19
E-mail: info@hoteletapmola.com.tr
Web Page: <http://www.hoteletapmola.com.tr>
Address: İzmir cad. No: 27 Kızılay / ANKARA
5. HOTEL EYÜBOĞLU**** (10 minutes walking distance from our office)
1 person 50€(single room); 2 persons 79€(double room)
- Tel:** +90(312) 417 64 00 **Fax:** +90(312) 417 81 25
E-mail: mail@eyubogluhotel.com
Web Page: <http://www.eyubogluhotel.com>
Address: Karanfil Sokak No: 73 Bakanlıklar / ANKARA

XI. CONTACT DETAILS

14. For further information on the meeting, please contact Ms. Anu Peltola or Ms. Caroline Jeunet. In case of urgency before or during the workshop, Ms. Peltola may be reached on mobile phone: + 358 45 630 6003.

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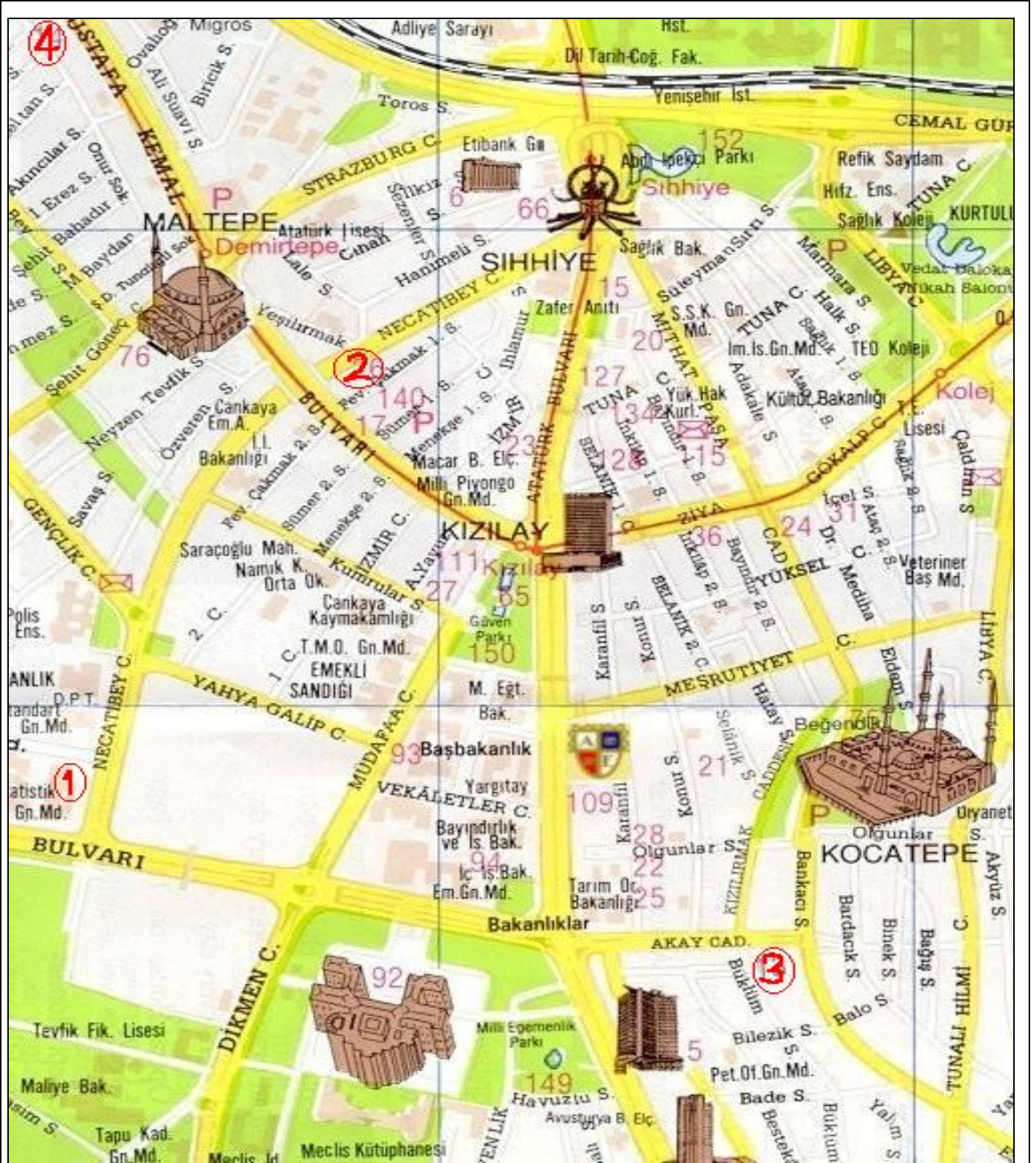
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ANKARA CITY CENTRE



Note: The numbers below written are in a circle on the map

1. Turkish Statistical Institute (Türkiye İstatistik Kurumu)
2. Business Park Hotel
3. Dedeman Hotel
4. Hotel Merit Altınel

