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Outline of key components of the programme of work of UNECE Statistics subprogramme for 2025

Note by the Secretariat

Introduction

1.   This document presents an outline of key components (objective, strategy and deliverables) of the programme of work of the Statistics subprogramme ("the subprogramme") for 2025. These components are based on the subprogramme-related section of the ECE proposed programme budget for 2024. The Conference of European Statisticians ("the Conference") is invited to consider this information and provide recommendations on these components, as necessary. Those modifications and/or member States' recommendations agreed by the Conference and included in its decisions will be reflected in the proposed programme plan of the subprogramme for 2025. It will be prepared by the secretariat at the end of 2023 and included in the ECE proposed programme budget for 2025.

Outline of key components of the programme of work

I. Objective

2.   The objective, to which the subprogramme contributes, is to advance official statistics at the national and international levels for evidence-based policymaking and assessing progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to ensure the coordination of statistical activities in the ECE region under the Conference of European Statisticians.

II. Strategy

3.   The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Statistical Division.

4.   The strategy of the subprogramme is guided by the priorities and needs of member States and is based on the core interlinked functions: the streamlining of international statistical work in the ECE region through policy dialogue; methodological work to develop and promote guidelines and recommendations to enhance the quality of statistics; and statistical capacity development of ECE member States with less developed statistical systems.

5.   To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:

        (a)   Promote in-depth statistical dialogue at the Conference of European Statisticians and expert meetings;

        (b)   Launch regional and country-specific initiatives related to methodological work to develop and disseminate statistical models, guidelines and recommendations to enhance the quality of statistics, to support modernization of national statistical offices and their changing role to become data stewards, and to promote the use of official statistics;

        (c)   Maintain and develop the ECE statistical database;

        (d)   Establish and strengthen partnerships between geospatial experts and statisticians to support the integration of statistical and geospatial information, in cooperation with statistical departments of other regional entities, as well as international specialized agencies active in the region;

        (e)   Facilitate the exchange of experiences and good practices in the field of population and housing censuses, price statistics and environment statistics, including adaptations that occurred during COVID-19 restrictions allowing to improve timeliness and granularity of official statistics; and

        (f)   Provide support to countries in planning and conducting their census and developing their statistical capacity, including cross-cutting topics such as statistics for SDGs, statistical legislation, data collection, data integration, dissemination and human resource management.

> **Commented [TL1]:** The Bureau requested for this update of the text at its February 2023 meeting.

6.   The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:

        (a)   Improved statistical methodology and capacity of member States to measure and monitor the SDGs;

        (b)   Conduct of censuses by member States using innovative and efficient approaches that result in improved cost-efficiency, coverage, accuracy, comparability and timeliness of dissemination of the census results;

        (c)   Improved capacity by member States to provide the statistics necessary to develop evidence-based policies to manage their post-pandemic recovery.

III. Deliverables to be implemented in 2025

7.   The below table provides an outline of deliverables that are expected to contribute to the attainment of the objective stated above.

Category and subcategory	2024 planned	2025 planned
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies		
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)	**69**	**69**
1. Documentation for the Conference of European Statisticians	43	43
2. Documentation for groups of experts on statistical issues	26	26

Category and subcategory	2024 planned	2025 planned
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	**85**	**85**
3. Meetings of the Conference of European Statisticians and its Bureau	13	13
4. Meetings of groups of experts on statistical issues	72	72
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge		
Field and technical cooperation projects (number of projects)	**1**	**1**
5. On social and economic statistics	1	1
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)	**6**	**6**
6. Workshops on social and economic statistics	3	3
7. Workshops on innovating statistical production	3	3
Publications (number of publications)	**7**	**7**
8. On topics covering multiple statistical areas, including social, environmental and economic statistics	7	7

C. Substantive deliverables

Consultation, advice and advocacy: advisory services for more than 100 government officials (staff of national statistical systems) and other stakeholders of up to 4 countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe on economic, social, demographic and environment statistics, statistics for the SDGs, geospatial statistics and institutional issues and modernization of official statistics.

Databases and substantive digital materials: ECE statistical databases (Goals, population and gender statistics database; economic statistics database); hosting of the transport and the forestry databases.

D. Communication deliverables

External and media relations: articles for the "UNECE Weekly" and "EnvStats" newsletters for regional access.

Digital platforms and multimedia content: interactive digital workspaces (wikis, including the ECE census wiki); website of the subprogramme.