

DRAFT AGENDA

Fourth Joint EU-OECD Workshop on Business and Consumer Opinion Surveys

Brussels 12-13 October 2009

Day 1

MONDAY, 12 October

9.50 – 10.10 Welcome and introduction EC and OECD

10.10 – 11.10 Session 1. Economic and social aspects of the current crisis

Background and introduction to topic
Marco Mira d'Ercole, OECD

Results from the survey among institutes on consumers and crisis
Roberta Friz, EC

Households' financial situation and the crisis: macro and micro evidence from the EU and ISAE surveys
Marco Malgarini, ISAE

What do the surveys reveal about the impact of the crisis on the South African economy?
George Kershoff, BER

11.10 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30– 13.00 Session 1 continued. Economic and social aspects of the current crisis

Assessing the increase of Italian families perceived vulnerability
S. Gabriele, ISAE; C. Pollastri, Cer; Michele Raitano, Sapienza Università di Roma

The impact of financial crisis on consumers, results from ad-hoc questions
Elif Pars, GfK Turkiye

Study on the crises from a historical perspective using surveys
Reuben Borg, EC

Is there a credit crunch in Italy? Evidence on new ISAE survey data
Stefano Costa and Patrizia Margani, ISAE

Discussion

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 16.00 Session 2. Response rates, data quality and availability issues

Introduction and background to topic
Kristine Vlagsma, EC

The financial services survey in the EU
Rosario Spadaro, IPSOS, Belgium

What impact does the response rate and weighting have on the reliability of South Africa's retail survey?
George Kershoff, BER

Effect of the changeover to the mandatory reply on the response rate for the French surveys
Olivier Biau, EC

Bank Indonesia - consumer survey
Nurchahyo Heru Prasetyo, Bank of Indonesia

Discussion

16.00 – 16.20 Coffee break

16.20 – 17.50 Session 3. Issues related to survey harmonisation.

Introduction and background to topic
David Brackfield, OECD

Current status of the business tendency survey harmonisation in non-EU countries, OECD enhanced engagement economies and OECD accession countries
Elena Tosetto, OECD

Experience with introducing NACE rev 2 into the short-term business statistics in Eurostat and EU Member States
Brian Newson, EUROSTAT

Experiences with the Visual Analog Scale in the German Internet Business Survey
Anna Stangl, Ifo

US - Experimental implementation of Web based consumer surveys, as well as comparisons between several modes: telephone (landline and cell), web, and mail
R. Curtin, University of Michigan

Discussion

20.00 Dinner at restaurant (at participant expense)

Day 2

TUESDAY, 13 October

9.30 – 10.40 Session 4. Modelling seasonality and handling qualitative survey data:

Background and introduction to topic
Kristine Vlagsma, EC

Is seasonal adjustment necessary for business confidence series?
Emmanuelle Guidetti, OECD; Gyorgy Gyomai, OECD, Francesca Spinelli, OECD

The effects on seasonality while migrating surveys from quarterly to monthly frequency: the case of Brazil
Aloisio Campelo, Fundação Getulio Vargas, Brazil

Benchmarking seasonal adjustment softwares using Frankenstein's series
Dominique Ladiray, INSEE

Discussion

10.40 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 13.00 Session 5. Use of surveys for forecasting key economic variables

Background and introduction to topic
Dominique Ladiray, INSEE

Survey of expectations as a leading forecasting tool
Daphna Aviram-Nitzan, Manufacturers' Association of Israel

Can we forecast quarterly national data revisions with tendency surveys
Pierre-Alain Pionnier, INSEE

A new survey-based indicator to track industrial production
Olivier Biau and Angela D'Elia, EC

A user perspective on use of surveys with a special focus on inventories
Philippe de Rougemont, ECB

Use of Chilean business surveys in conjunctural assessment and short-term forecasting
Michael Pedersen, Central Bank of Chile

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 16.10 Session 6. New survey areas and alternative survey types

Introduction and background to topic

Kristine Vlagsma, EC

The CBI's recent answering practices survey of the retail survey

Jonathan Wood, CBI

Survey of professional forecasters (SPF)

Luca Onorante, ECB

New survey on the Italian residential housing market

Roberto Sabbatini, Banca d'Italia

TANKAN as a tool for forecasting economic condition in Japan

Satoshi Kudoh, Bank of Japan

Discussion

16.10 – 16.30 Coffee break

16.30 – 17.30 Session 7. Presentations on the development of data visualization tools

Introduction

Gyorgy Gyomai, OECD

Presentations of the OECD eXplorer visualisation tool

D. Brackfield, OECD

Presentations on the development of data visualization tools

Rosa Ruggeri Cannata, EUROSTAT

The Dutch business cycle factsheet

Statistics Netherlands

Discussion

17.30 – 17.50 Information session on the CIRET workshop (Budapest, November 2009) and CIRET conference (New York, October 2010)

Richard Etter, Executive Officer, CIRET