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Objective

1. The idea behind the NAWWE project is to use a web based mechanism for reporting an already internationally agreed set of national accounts data. The objective is to allow any user, in particular international organisations, to access directly a set of internationally comparable data. If all the involved international organisations agree to use this mechanism, it would reduce the reporting burden on member countries and improve the quality and timeliness of the data.

Benefits

2. The expected benefits from the country's viewpoint are:

- One key family (format) and one operation for reporting national accounts data (provided international organisations agree)
- Automated generation of data from national source databases, thus saving resources
- Built-in validation

3. Benefits from OECD's and other international organisations' viewpoint:

- Timely reporting
- Complete reporting
- No code misinterpretations

Data contents

4. NAWWE is based on the common questionnaire agreed by the OECD and Eurostat for the collection of national accounts data. The questionnaire comprises a very detailed set of national accounts variables, as specified by the System of National Accounts 1993 (SNA93) and agreed by the two international agencies. These variables have been identified in an extensive set of Excel spreadsheets by means of a common code and specific presentation format.

5. The common Eurostat/OECD questionnaire is presently under revision. When the revised questionnaire is fixed, the NAWWE specifications will be adjusted accordingly.

The technical solution

6. The present pilot project starts from a set of Excel tables which reflect exactly the Eurostat/OECD standard questionnaire. These tables are already produced, in many countries as a GESMES file, by national agencies for transmitting annual national accounts data to international

Autumn 2004	Bring the NAWWE XML formats in line as much as possible with the SDMX-ML standards, creating Key Family ³ for National Accounts
Autumn 2004	Solicit input from NSOs and other regional and international organisations.
Late 2004	Adapt to new Eurostat/OECD National Accounts questionnaire ⁴
Late 2004	Implement all national accounts tables; issue second draft of Key Family for full set of national accounts
Beginning 2005	Move on towards full scale implementation by OECD and, hopefully, other international organisations, proposing that all countries who so wish may use the NAWWE reporting mechanism
Mid 2005	Implement SDMX-ML v/2
End 2005	Full scale implementation of NAWWE

³ The Key Family consists of a structure definition message, including code lists, and a compact data carrying message

⁴ Provided this has been fixed