

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA – OECD SHORT-TERM ECONOMIC STATISTICS EXPERT GROUP
(STESEG) MEETING, PARIS, 28-30 JUNE 2004**

Monday, 28 June (Room C)

Item 1 *Introduction*

- 09.30 – 09.40 Welcome address (Enrico Giovannini, OECD Chief Statistician)
- 09.40 – 10.00 Summary of issues emerging since the 2003 STESEG meeting: (Denis Ward, OECD)
- work of the STESEG task forces;
 - enlargement of the OECD database on business tendency and consumer opinion surveys;
 - co-ordination of OECD/European Commission's Eurostat collection of short-term indicators from EU countries;
 - implications of the creation of the OECD Committee on Statistics .

Item 2 *Task force on services*

Session Chair: Eun-Pyo Hong, OECD

- 10.00 – 10.20 Presentation on Task Force activity to date; outline of a prototype draft Index of Service Production (ISP) manual forwarded on 30 April 2004 (Presenter: Benoit Arnaud, OECD)
- Papers:
Summary information on STESEG task force work on services since the beginning of 2003 (STD/STESEG(2004)2)
A compilation manual for a monthly index of service production (ISP) (STD/STESEG(2004)3)
- 10.20 – 10.40 Presentation of main comments received from national agencies and international organizations on the prototype draft ISP manual (Presenter: Eun-Pyo Hong, OECD).
- Paper:
Comments received from countries on the work of the task force on services
- 10.40 – 10.55 Discussion of main issues
- 10.55 – 11.15 Break
- Task force on services (continued)*
- 11.15 – 11.35 Presentation of key terminology for ISP [Sections B & C of the prototype] – (Presenter: Statistics Canada)
- 11.35 – 12.10 Discussion of main terminology issues and conclusions
- 12.10 - 12.30 Presentation of issues regarding suitable variables to measure different service production activities [Section D of the prototype] (Presenter: Rob Pike, ONS, UK)
- 12.30 – 14.00 Lunch break
- Task force on services (continued)*
- 14.00 – 15.00 Discussion of main issues and conclusions regarding suitable variables
- 15.00 – 15.20 Presentation of the project on demand indicators for services (Presenter: Maja Fromseier Mortensen, Statistics Denmark)
- 15.20 – 15.40 Discussion
- 15.40 – 16.00 Break
- 16.00 – 16.20 Future work on ISP manual, processes for obtaining wider country input (Presenter: Eun-Pyo Hong, OECD)

Item 3 *Task force on data presentation and seasonal adjustment*

Session Chair: Gian Paolo Oneto, ISTAT

16.20 – 16.40 Presentation on context: review of work to date by Task Force; outline of draft manual forwarded on 30 April 2004; relationship to other development initiatives (e.g. the comprehensive manual discussed at UNSC) (Presenter: Gian Paolo Oneto, ISTAT)

Paper:

Summary information on STESEG task force work on data presentation and seasonal adjustment since the beginning of 2003 (STD/STESEG(2004)4)

16.40 – 17.00 Presentation of main comments received from national agencies and international organizations on draft presentation manual forwarded on 30 April 2004 (Presenter: Denis Ward, OECD)

Papers:

Draft data and metadata and reporting manual (STD/STESEG(2004)8)

Comments received from countries on the work of the task force on data presentation and seasonal adjustment

17.00 – 17.30 Discussion on comments received .

17.45 Cocktail at OECD – Salle Marshall

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Task force on data presentation and seasonal adjustment (continued)

09.30 – 09.50 Presentation on data and metadata presentation terminology (Presenter: Statistics Canada)

Paper:

Task force proposals for standard terminologies relating to data presentation (STD/STESEG(2004)5)

09.50 – 10.20 Discussion and conclusions on terminology

10.20 – 10.40 Presentation of growth rates (Presenter: Robert Kirchner, Bundesbank, Germany)

Paper:

Task force recommendations on the presentation of growth rates (STD/STESEG(2004)6)

10.40 – 11.00 Break

11.00 – 11.35 Discussion and conclusions on the presentation of growth rates

11.35 – 11.55 Presentation of issues on the presentation of seasonally adjusted data (Presenter: Statistics Canada)

Paper:

Presentation of seasonally adjusted series (STD/STESEG(2004)7)

11.55 – 12.30 Discussion

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 – 14.15 Presentation of plans for future development of manual on the presentation of data and metadata and processes for further consultation (Presenter: Denis Ward, OECD)

14.15 – 14.40 Discussion and main conclusions

Item 4 *Task force on timeliness and benchmarking*

Session Chair: Richard McKenzie, OECD

14.40 – 15.30 Demonstration of the *STES timeliness framework* developed over the past year by the taskforce, and summary of countries comments on this (Presenter: Richard McKenzie, OECD)

Papers:

The short-term economic statistics timeliness framework (STD/STESEG(2004)9)
Comments received from countries on the work of the task force on timeliness and benchmarking

15.30 – 16.10 Discussion on best methods to promote the use of the framework by national agencies, and any further work required

16.10 – 16.30 Break

16.30 – 17.00 Presentation on the use of benchmarking techniques for short-term economic statistics, and Eurostat's benchmarking software ECOTRIM
(Presenters: Richard McKenzie & David Brackfield, OECD)

Paper:

Promoting the use of benchmarking techniques for short-term economic statistics
(STD/STESEG(2004)10)

17.00 – 17.30 Summary of participant responses and discussion of the possible future role of STESEG in promoting the use of benchmarking techniques and the ECOTRIM software

Wednesday, 30 June (Room 6)

Item 5 *Presentations and discussion on future work for the STESEG*

Session Chair: David Brackfield, OECD

09.30 – 10:00 Presentation on achieving data quality and timeliness in the use of Administrative data for key short-term economic statistics
Presenter: Bente Dyrberg, Statistics Denmark
Presenter: Rochelle Barrow, Statistics New Zealand

Papers:

Using administrative data in short-term statistics: sub annual industry surveys at Statistics New Zealand (STD/STESEG(2004)11)
Administrative data used for short term business statistics at Statistics Denmark (STD/STESEG(2004)12)

10:00 – 10.30 Discussion and possible future work on the direct use of Administrative data for STES

10.30 – 10.50 Presentation of other possibilities for future STESEG work, based on comments from country papers and recent OECD work on key issues. (Presenter: David Brackfield, OECD)

10.50 – 11.10 Discussion on possible areas of future work

11.10 – 11.30 Break

Item 6 *STESEG mandate for future work in context of the OECD Committee on Statistics*

Session Chair: Denis Ward , OECD

11.30 – 12.00 Finalisation of future work and task force topics over the next twelve months

12.00 – 12.30 Discussion on implications of the OECD Committee on Statistics