Statistical Working Party

A TOURISM SATELLITE ACCOUNT FOR OECD COUNTRIES
MAIN ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

This note complements the document DAFFE/TOU/STAT(97)9 and is distributed for discussion by the Group of Experts on Tourism Satellite Accounts under point 3 of the agenda at their meeting on 19 November 1997.
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This note complements the document DAFFE/TOU/STAT(97)9 “A tourism satellite account for OECD countries”. It points out some important technical issues for discussion at the forthcoming session of the experts group on Tourism Satellite Accounts (OECD, 19 November 1997). The list of issues is not necessarily an exhaustive one. There may be other issues that will need to be added in due course.

Delegates are invited to examine the document DAFFE/TOU/STAT(97)9, keeping in mind that they will be requested to take decisions, especially on the way these issues should be treated in the Tourism Satellite Account.

General issues

1. Do you agree with the objectives of the Tourism Satellite Account? See paragraph 10 of DAFFE/TOU/STAT(97)9.

2. The notion of "tourism-related" and “characteristic” industries is used in the OECD’s TSA. What criteria, if any, should be applied? In addition to the document DAFFE/TOU/STAT(97)9, delegates are invited to consult the note DAFFE/TOU/STAT/RD(97)7.

3. In order to prioritise the request for information, the notions of an inner "core" and an "outer" periphery set of tables is used. Should we use this notion given the risk of confusion which it can bring with it? If yes, what criteria should be applied?

4. In what order should the tables be submitted?

Technical issues

5. What should be the treatment of second homes? In addition to the document DAFFE/TOU/STAT(97)9, paragraphs 39 to 44, delegates are invited to consult the note DAFFE/TOU/STAT/RD(97)8.

6. What should be the treatment of some (one-off trip) consumer durables? See paragraphs 34 to 38 and the note DAFFE/TOU/STAT/RD(97)6.


8. What should be the treatment of tourism promotion bureaux? See paragraphs 48 and 51.

9. What should be the treatment of non-market tourism production (including information bureaux) See paragraphs 48 to 51.

10. What should be the treatment of airport/cruise dock Gross Fixed Capital Formation? See paragraphs 45 to 47.
11. What should be the treatment of tourism employment? Is use of tourism net ratio appropriate? Should “tourism-related” be included?

12. What should be the treatment of airport taxes?

13. Should Table 7 (and 13) be retained as a future goal?

14. Should “tourism-related” be included in Table 6?