

# JOINT EU/OECD WORKSHOP ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN BUSINESS AND CONSUMER SURVEYS

Methodological session I: Task Force & UN Handbook on conduct of surveys – sampling frames, methods and design

## UN Handbook: State of affairs

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**UN Statistical Division decided in February 2012 to produce a Handbook on Economic Tendency Surveys**

**Completing the work on Economic Statistics**

**with UN Handbooks on short term economic statistics**

**At the beginning of 2013 the task force was built**

**2 During TF 2013 was reinforced**

# **Countries or experts members of the Task Force are**

**ECFIN (reviser)**

**France (reviser)**

**Italy (contributor/reviser)**

**OECD (contributor/reviser)**

**Philippines (contributor/reviser)**

**Switzerland (contributor/reviser)**

**The Netherlands (contributor/reviser)**

# Structure of the handbook

1. Introduction
2. Main definitions and classifications
3. Questionnaire design
4. Survey frame and sample design
5. Estimation procedure and accuracy
6. Data collection
7. Managing sources of non sampling errors
8. Processing tendency survey data
9. Data dissemination and publication
10. Use of tendency survey results
11. Annexes, Glossary

**The first draft is almost finished**

**Main difficulties:**

**Distance, absence of meetings**

**Different experience of the TF members**

**Different methodological approaches**

**Need of harmonization**

**Other responsibilities (differences with other Handbooks drafting e.g.**

**Residential property prices - OOH, or Non Residential)**

**Actually there will be a phase of revision  
in order to:**

**Harmonize the contents and the style**

**Avoid the duplications**

**Fulfill the gaps**

**Improve the informative content**

**Make an Handbook “for an Universal  
purpose”**

**Improve the language**

The next targets are

**To present a semi-final draft for the next meeting of the United Nations Statistical Division in February 2014**

**To illustrate the main topics of the Handbook at the 32nd CIRET Conference (October 9–11, 2014, Hangzhou, China) on Economic Tendency Surveys and Economic Policy**

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# Thank you for the attention

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