

Change Request Form

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Change Request			
Change Name:	Streamlining of instruments in WP1, WP2, WP5 and WP7	Identification Date:	<25/11/2015>
Requested by:	Dir F and Dir B	Category:	Issue related
Priority:	<input type="checkbox"/> Very High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> Very Low		

Change Description & Details

Current Situation:

With the experience of first year of managing ADMIN project it is felt that for better responsiveness and consequently faster reaction to Member States need, a few areas need streamlining, primarily to have instruments that are more flexible and reactive to Member State needs.

Additionally to assure no overlaps / duplication of work for two tasks:

- Task 1.3 (Preparation of EU long-term actions on access to data) and the work of the Task Force on the implementation of amended Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 on European statistics;
- Task 5.3 (Preparation of EU actions to increase the quality and availability of frames) and the on-going discussions on the IESS framework regulation (Integrated European Social Surveys).

Desired Situation:

Eurostat worked out a proposal for change and presented it to the ADMIN Steering Group (Member States representatives) that supported the proposal. It includes changing of the instruments for executing Tasks 2.2 and WP7 and adjusting the start of Tasks 1.3 and 5.3. The changes will not affect the scope of the packages and the deliverables and their timing.

WP2 Statistical methods, Task 2.2 Combining multiple sources using modelling and estimation methods: replace the ESSnet foreseen for Task 2.2 with specific contracts based on methodological (MFC) framework contract of Eurostat and possibly by a dedicated task force.

For Task 2.2 (Combining multiple sources using modelling and estimation methods) Eurostat proposed to use methodology framework contract (MFC that includes helpdesk services) and possibly envisage the creation of a dedicated task force. This will also allow frontloading the concerns of Member States into the development process and respond quicker to their concerns. Such approach would more effectively use available resources than the foreseen ESSnet. On 26 November 2015, the ADMIN Steering Group discussed and supported the change.

The final new working arrangements for Work Package 2 will be finalised after consultation of the Working Group Methodology. The work related to task 2.2 will start in Q4 2016 (signature of contract in January 2017).

The final outputs of task 2.2 will remain unchanged:

- share knowledge and experiences existing in the Member States;

- Identify and promote good practices concerning the use of some selected administrative sources.
- promote and develop a horizontal approach applicable at individual statistical domain.

WP7 Centre of Excellence on Administrative Data: use ESTP courses and methodological helpdesk based on MFC; change the name of the work package to "Methodological support for Member States".

The relevant objectives of WP7 are:

- provide training, coaching, and consultancy;
- provide methodological help and assistance to Member States on the use of administrative sources;

Eurostat supported by the ADMIN Steering Group (26 November 2015) deems that the use of the ESTP courses and of methodological helpdesk based on MFC should provide the improved flexibility for better answering the Member States needs from the onset of the work. Starting of the helpdesk specific contract under MFC is planned for the end of 2016 (Q4), whereas training needs will have to be defined in 2016 for being integrated to the future ESTP programmes in 2017, 2018 and 2019. The instrument originally foreseen for achieving those objectives originally was a CoE. The Steering Group agreed that such an instrument was most likely not flexible enough.

WP1 Access to and development of administrative sources – Task 1.3 Preparation of EU long-term actions on access to data: postpone setting up of the Task Force envisaged for 2016; re-assess the need in 2017.

The business case foresees, Task 1.3 to start in the third quarter of 2016. A Task Force should produce a report on EU actions needed to improve access to data sources (recommendations for further EU action on the basis of a sound analysis of the current situation). This task was designed before the amendments to the Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 were known and adopted. Meanwhile a parallel Task Force on the implementation of amended Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 on European statistics has been created, whose work covers among others discussions on the access to administrative data sources.

Therefore, it is proposed to postpone the start of Task 1.3 to 2017. The change will avoid duplication with on-going work and allow defining objectives focused on unresolved issues. It is likely that the change will not affect the timing of the deliverable. The delay will also allow the outputs of Tasks 1.1 and 1.2 to become available and used as an input for Task 1.3. On 26 November 2015, the Steering Group discussed and supported the change.

WP5 Frames for social statistics – Task 5.3 Preparation of EU actions to increase the quality and availability of frames: postpone setting up of the Task Force envisaged for 2016; re-assess the need in 2017.

The business case foresees the task to start in the third quarter of 2016. A Task Force should produce a report on further actions needed to increase the quality and availability of frames for social statistics.

Currently the quality requirements for frames are also being discussed in the context of the IESS framework regulation on social statistics (Working Groups, DSS, ESSC). It is also preferable that the outputs of Tasks 5.1 and 5.2 are available and there is clarity regarding consequences of IESS (Integrated European Social Statistics) regulation, all to be used as an input for Task 5.3. Therefore, it is considered judicious to postpone the start of Task 5.3 to 2017. The changes allow using results of on-going work and focus the task force only on issues that would remain. The change will not affect the timelines of the deliverables. On 26 November 2015, the ADMIN Steering Group discussed and supported the change.

Impact or Risks:

The risks of non-implementing change 1 and 2 are the following:

- ADMIN provided suboptimal platform to respond to the needs of Members states: less flexible and with longer response time. Consequently, the use of the resources would be less efficient.

The risks of non-implementing change 3 and 4 are the following:

- potential duplication of work with on-going Eurostat initiatives Task Force Task Force on the implementation of amended Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 on European statistics and the on-going work on the IESS framework regulation (Integrated European Social Surveys) and non-sufficient coordination among various tasks of ADMIN.

Out of Scope:

Changes to WP1 and WP7 concern only the instruments for the execution of the project. The scope, the deliverables and the timing will not be affected.

Changes to WP1 and WP5 concern delaying the start of some tasks. The timelines and scope of the deliverables are not expected to be affected.

References and Related Documents	Location
ESS.VIP ADMIN business case	https://circabc.europa.eu/sd/a/73627652-70ad-4b20-a320-c267490989d6/ESS.VIP%20ADMIN%20-%20business%20case.pdf