

## **Task Force on Frames for Social Statistics**

### **Final mandate**

#### **Origin:**

During February 2015 meeting, the ESS Committee approved the launching of the ESS.VIP ADMIN project: Administrative Data Sources (ADMIN). The project aims at supporting Member States to make greater use of administrative data for statistical production without compromising the output quality. The project addresses several key areas of the Vision 2020, namely new data sources, quality, statistical process and relationship with stakeholders.

One of the work areas concerns the sampling frames used for the production of EU social statistics. Already in 2011 the Wiesbaden Memorandum acknowledged the need for high-quality population frames: 'social statistics should be based on reliable and up-to-date frames on individuals and dwellings'. Following the direction set up in the ADMIN Business Case and Member States' opinion expressed during the ADMIN Steering Group meetings a Task Force on Frames for Social Statistics (TF) shall aim at actions to increase the availability and quality of sustainable frames in the Member States. The instrument of a Task Force (TF) was selected to ensure cooperation with the Member States and to bring in the national perspectives.

#### **Context:**

- The importance of using administrative sources in production of official social statistics has been recognised at the highest level. The use of administrative data could be an answer to the need to reduce the cost and to increase the quality. In the same time, the development of information technology allows to use and link more data sources.
- The 2015 review of the regulation (EU) 223/2009 gave National Statistical Institutes more legal powers to use administrative data.
- In the framework of ADMIN the main focal area of the National Statistical Institutes is the population census, the related statistical registers of population and dwellings as well as social statistics.
- In the framework of ADMIN the ESSNET on the Quality of Multisource Statistics is working on the quality measures and indicators for frames and guidelines for indicators' usage.
- In the framework of ADMIN Eurostat working to provide a report on the availability, type and development of base registers of persons and buildings, and on the derivation from these sources of sampling frames used by the National Statistical Institutes (NSIs) for the production of European social statistics.
- The work and recommendations of the TF needs to be compatible with the:
  - ongoing changes at national level in the approaches, methods and data sources used for population and social statistics, in particular the use of administrative data;
  - variety of situations among the Member States;
  - progress made related to the modernisation of European social statistics.

## **Objectives:**

Considering national circumstances to draft methodological recommendations' featuring proposals for frames for social statistics:

- minimum requirements and related quality indicators;
- a desirable, optimal setup;
- a set of harmonized frame related metadata used for EU social statistics;
- further actions supporting the development and construction of frames based on administrative data by suggesting, e.g.:
  - a monitoring system keeping track of the development of frames used in the Member States for the production of European social statistics;
  - a follow-up to the ADMIN work aiming at, e.g.,
    - capacity building;
    - enhancement of existing frames;
    - creation or re-design of frames that shall be sustainable and of high quality;
  - the guidelines and the advantages for implementation of frames on persons and dwellings;

When applicable the recommendations shall feature good (and bad) examples citing good and bad practices.

## **Expected participation:**

The Task Force consists of national social statistics frame experts from BG, DK, DE, FR, AT, RO, SI and UK. The secretariat and coordination is provided by Eurostat. Other persons may be invited to inform about work done in the relevant areas and/or bring in their particular experience.

## **Means of communication:**

- Three to five face to face meetings starting in 2017 and ending in 2018 or 2019.
- Communication by e-mail, CIRCABC interest group, and telephone or web conferences as necessary.
- Publication of outputs on the Collaboration in Research and Methodology for Official Statistics (CROS) portal web pages dedicated for that purpose<sup>†</sup>.

## **Reporting to:**

Directors of Methodology and Directors of Social Statistics

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<sup>†</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/cros/content/wp5-frames-social-statistics\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/cros/content/wp5-frames-social-statistics_en)