
Committee for Coordinating Statistical Activities (CCSA) Training Network

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B. STATISTICAL COMPETENCIES (please fill in specific skills under each category that applies to your organization):

LEARNING	STATISTICS	COMMUNICATION	CLIENT RELATIONS	MANAGEMENT	TECHNOLOGY	INTERPERSONAL
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**Monetary,
Banking and
Financial
Statistics
Balance of
Payments
Statistics
Government
Finance and
National
Accounts
General
Economic
Statistics**

C. TRAINING PROGRAMS (brief description):

[Example: Objectives of program; who can access program, e.g., availability to participants from other organizations; who provides courses—internal arrangements, affiliated training institute or joint program with other organization or university, etc. How is the program linked to the statistical competencies listed above?]

In 2005, at the request of some national central banks (NCBs) of the Member States of the European Union (EU) (currently comprising 25 countries), the Directorate General Statistics (DG-S) of the European Central Bank (ECB) launched a statistical training programme. Participation is open to staff members of the European System of Central Banks (ESCB), which comprises the ECB and the EU NCBs. To the extent possible, other participants are also invited (e.g. from non-ESCB central banks or from EU national statistical institutes).

Two types of courses are offered: the type A course is targeted to "statistical compilers" and the type B course to "ESCB users of statistics".

Type A courses aim at training professional staff employed in ESCB statistics departments at the beginning of their career or other (ESCB) staff for which such a course is deemed useful, for instance after internal mobility. The program provides in-depth courses (of maximum 1 week) in each of the following fields: 1) External statistics (including the international reserves template, the (security-by-security) Centralised Securities Database, and effective exchange rates; 2) Monetary, financial institutions and markets statistics (including Other Financial Intermediaries, yield curves and the ECB's Financial Markets Database); 3) Institutional sector accounts (including government finance statistics); 4) Information Systems Infrastructure.

Type B courses aim at raising awareness for ESCB statistics and at enabling users to extract the maximum benefit from statistics for policy analysis. A 5-day course is provided covering both already available statistics and statistics under development. During this course, users will also be encouraged to spell out their requirements. Participants are expected to have a basic awareness of ESCB statistics.

So far, the courses have been lectured by expert ECB staff members.

Training Courses/Seminars (please list course title, duration and date/s offered, target audience, and language of instruction):^{1/}

Course Title	Begin and End Date	Course No.	Target Audience	Language	Competencies Addressed
Courses for Statistics Staff in Agency (including contracted courses)					
Not applicable					
Courses for Agency Staff More Generally: Type B course					
Open seminar on statistics for European System of Central Bank users (2 nd edition)	11-15 December 2006	ECB/2006/03	P2	English	Overview of macroeconomic statistics
Courses for Country Officials					
Seminar on external statistics	4-8 September 2006	ECB/2006/01	P2	English	Macroeconomic statistics: BoP
Seminar on monetary, financial institutions and markets statistics	13-17 November 2006	ECB/2006/02	P2	English	Macroeconomic statistics: MFS
Historical/Non recurrent Courses					
Seminar on monetary, financial institutions and markets statistics	10-14 October 2005	ECB/2005/01	P2	English	Macroeconomic statistics: MFS
Open seminar on statistics for European System of Central Bank users (1 st edition)	5-9 December 2005	ECB/2005/02	P2	English	Overview of macroeconomic statistics
Seminar on external statistics	20 – 24 February 2006	ECB/2006/03	P2	English	Macroeconomic statistics: BoP

^{1/} Courses include those that can be accessed by statistical staff in the organization, even if they may have been targeted at a broader audience, e.g., other staff in the organization or member country officials.

Training Materials (please specify):

Training Materials	Field	Course No. ^{1/}	Format ^{2/}
PowerPoint presentations and handouts	Monetary, Banking and Financial Statistics; Balance of Payments Statistics; Government Finance and National Accounts; General Economic Statistics	All courses	BB + CC

^{1/} Please provide number/I.D. for course and make sure it corresponds to the number/I.D. for the relevant training materials.

^{2/} Use double letters to indicate format, e.g., AA: video, BB: hard copy, CC: e-version, etc.