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Draft Guidelines on
Integrated Economic
Statistics**

Comment Form

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To submit responses please save the completed form and send it as an attachment to the following e-mail address: sna@un.org by Monday, 10 January 2011. You are encouraged to submit a short response to the questions (yes/no/no comment) even if you have no further comments to offer in the comment boxes. Please focus your comments on substantive issues since a final edit of the Guidelines will be conducted after the February 2011 Statistical Commission meeting.

Relevant documents

The draft publication is available on the global consultation website:
<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/nationalaccount/ies/>

Questions

1. Do you agree that the *Guidelines* covers well the practical aspects and experiences of the integration of economic statistics?

Yes ☒ No ☐ No comment ☐

Comment:

The countries may have much more examples of practical experiences to integrate economic statistics. In Finland we have introduced programme management approach which collects development projects of economic statistics within the same umbrella. The target is to promote coherence between economic statistics. We have had programmes for globalisation of enterprises, development of integrated price and volume system, and the programme for business data collection (which is more a process type programme). The programmes have been the very good way to share information and knowledge between different economic statistics and agree on integration actions.

2. Do you consider that the *Guidelines* takes due note of the difficulties faced by countries in the integrated collection, compilation and dissemination of economic statistics?

Yes ☒ No ☐ No comment ☐

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3. Were there any aspects of integration which you feel have not been sufficiently well-covered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ No comment ☐

Comment:

In our opinion, somewhat more attention should have been devoted to the use of administrative data in economic statistics, since it is currently the main way of improving cost efficiency and even quality. There could also be some case studies from that kind of approach.

4. Do you find the case studies useful and practical?

Yes ☒ No ☐ No comment ☐

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5. Would you like to make or seek any specific elaborations in Chapter 1 to Chapter 7 or in the Annexes?

Yes ☒ No ☐ No comment ☐

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Chapter 1: Click here and start typing

Chapter 2: Click here and start typing

Chapter 3: In principle, a common business register can be used in decentralised statistical system as well as in centralised system.

Chapter 4: [Click here and start typing](#)

Chapter 5: Work for large, often multinational enterprises was shortly mentioned in the case study 2 of Statistics Netherlands in chapter 5. Perhaps this kind of work could be worthy of mentioning in a specific case study (besides the Netherlands, this work is done at least in Ireland, Sweden and Finland).

Chapter 6: [Click here and start typing](#)

Chapter 7: [Click here and start typing](#)

Annexes: Should the heading of Annex 4 “The organisation of the National Accounts Department in the Netherlands” be different? The text tells about organisation only in the beginning, the rest is more about processes or contents.