

# Support for censuses of the 2030 round in the ECE region

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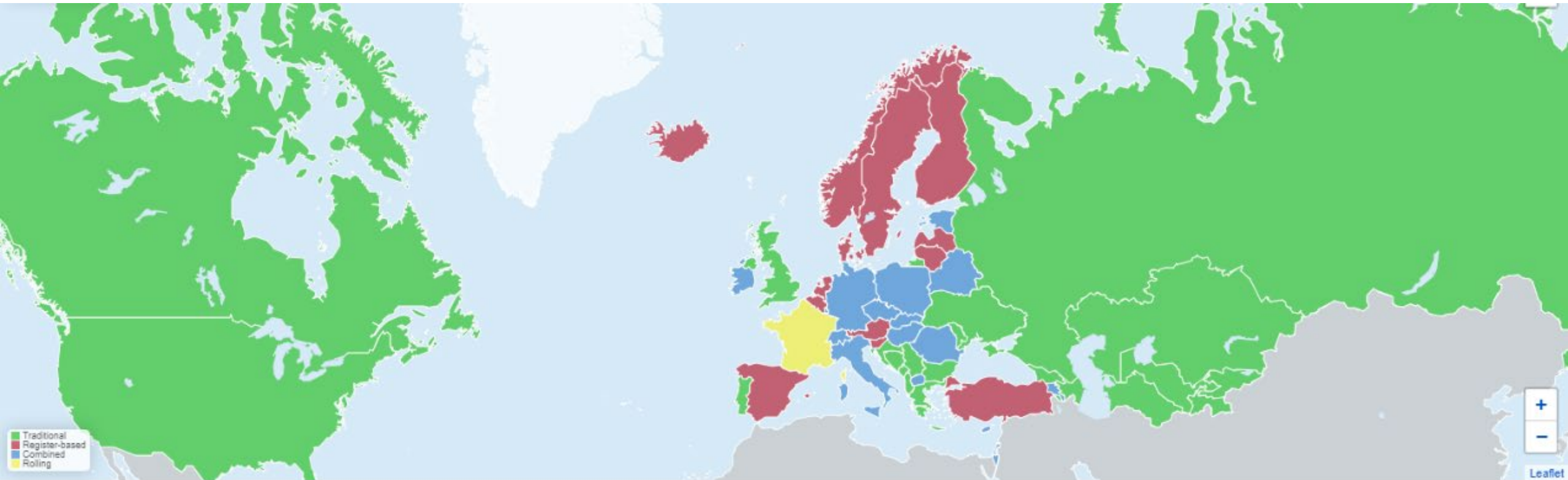


1. Census-taking in the ECE region in the 2020 round
2. ECE support for censuses during the 2020 round
3. Revising and developing CES Recommendations for 2030
4. First findings from CES-wide survey

# Census methodologies across the UNECE region



[bit.ly/UNECECensusWiki2020](https://bit.ly/UNECECensusWiki2020) UNECE Census Wiki



# Trends in census-taking

- In 2010 round

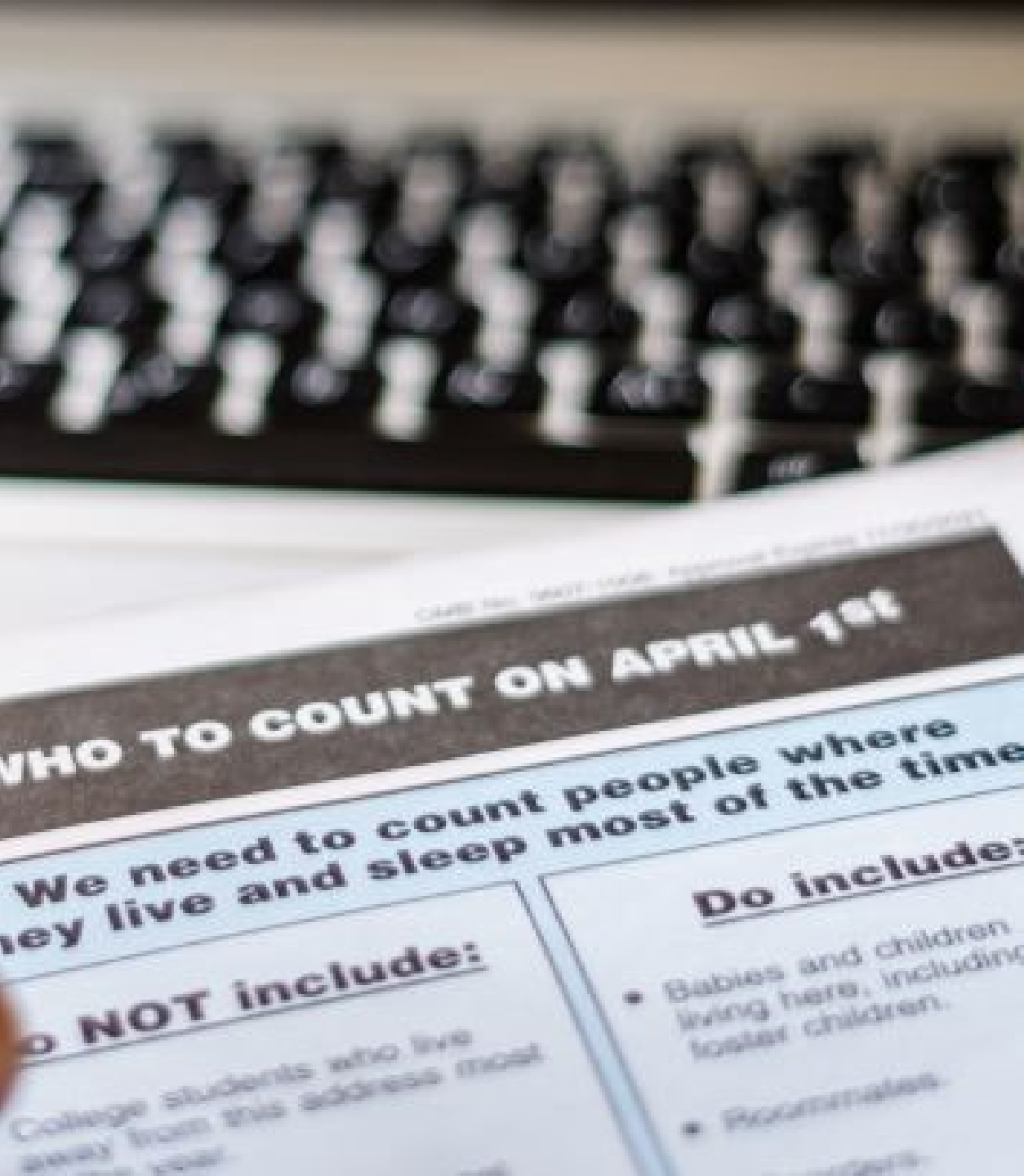
- 32 traditional
- 9 register-based
- 10 combined

- In 2020 round

- 24 traditional
- 12 register-based
- 19 combined

- Expected for 2030 round

- 6 traditional
- 18 register-based
- 14 combined
- 7 don't know



# ECE support for censuses in the 2020 round



- Available on UNECE website in ENG, RUS, FRE
- Recommendations produced every 10 years
- On content, methodology, dissemination
- Complements global P&R and accounts for regional specificities and priorities
- Developed with countries, for countries.





# Guidelines



Use of registers and administrative data for population and housing censuses (2018)

Available [on UNECE website](#) in ENG & RUS

Assessing the quality of administrative sources for use in censuses (2021)

Assessing quality at all stages and for range of possible uses & census methodologies

Available [on UNECE website](#) in ENG & RUS



# Gauging trends that will shape future needs



- [New frontiers for censuses beyond 2020](#)
- Revisiting (relinquishing?) the idea of simultaneity?
- Increasing challenges with usual residence: multiple apportionment?
- Quality assessment
- Geospatial information
- More attention to public relations



# Assessing the impacts of the pandemic



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## Keeping Count

Conducting the 2020 round of population and housing censuses during the Covid pandemic



- 17 UNECE countries delayed
- Impacts on data collection, supply chains, data processing, admin data quality, communication...
- [Keeping Count](#): conducting the 2020 round of population and housing censuses during the Covid-19 pandemic
- Led to establishment of new Task Force for 2030 Recommendations: emergency preparedness & contingency planning



# Capacity development



- Annual workshops primarily for countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus & Central Asia
- Technical assistance & advisory services to individual countries

# Developing the CES Recommendations



- Programme of work under Conference of European Statisticians Steering Group on PHC
- Work plan approved in January 2021
- New Recommendations to be published in 2025
- 13 thematic task forces, chosen by international expert community



# Developing the CES Recommendations



- **Collective effort** of the community of census experts in the region
- 159 members
- 34 countries, 10 international organizations, plus academics & independent experts

# Task Forces



- (1) Emergency preparedness and contingency planning **Geoff Bowlby, Canada**
- (2) Quality assessment and quality management **Donatella Zindato, Italy**
- (3) Enumeration methods **Jon Wroth-Smith, UK**
- (4) Technology **Andres Vikat, UNECE**
- (5) Population concepts and related definitions **David Thorogood, Eurostat**
- (6) Economic characteristics **Ann Lisbet Brathaug, Norway**
- (7) Migration & mobility (national & international) **Ahmad Hleihel, Israel**

# Task Forces



- (8) Household & family characteristics **Nora Galbraith, Canada**
- (9) Sex & gender **Amy Smith, USA**
- (10) Housing topics **Sixten Thestrup, Eurostat**
- (11) Geospatial information and small area statistics for censuses **Janusz Dygaszewicz, Poland**
- (12) Dissemination of disaggregated census data **Fabian Bach, Eurostat**
- (13) Communication and outreach **Christine Léger, Canada**



# Comprehensive survey

On census experiences & practices in the 2020 round



- Developed by task forces & steering group
- Fielded Sept-Nov 2023
- Results being analyzed Dec 23-Feb 24

# Plans for 2024-5



Analyze survey findings



Revise & develop 2030  
CES Recommendations



Make online tool of  
country experiences



Provide country-specific  
or regional capacity  
development

# First glance at survey responses



- Relationship management
- Legislative support
- Communication



# the future?



- Increasing complexity in census models; integration of multiple sources
- Moves towards continuous systems of population & migration statistics
- Shifts in thinking about censuses and statistical collections in general: moving away from collection-based products
- Increased focus on relationship-building: public, data providers, users...
- Heightened need for legislative support.



**Thank you!**

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