**Comments form on
the Handbook on Rapid Estimates**

This comments form has been designed to facilitate the global review of the draft *Handbook on Rapid Estimates* (referred to as ‘the Handbook’). The Handbook was drafted by Eurostat in cooperation with UNSD. The Handbook is intended to provide international statistical guidance based on best practices and harmonized principles for the compilation and reporting of rapid estimates. In particular, it provides an overview of the different types of rapid estimates based on the glossary of rapid estimates, and the statistical and econometric methods for construction of rapid estimates as well as guidance on quality assessment. This draft has undergone an expert review process.

Please note that Chapter 1 (Introduction) and Chapter 4 (The trade-off between timeliness and reliability: the perspective of a statistical agency) will be added after the global consultation.

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