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Statement:

Statistics Poland aligns itself with a **common European Union position**.

We express **support for the recommendations** in the report of the Friends of the Chair Group, including the establishment of a new network of economic statisticians. We especially support the recommendations aimed at better regional and global coordination between countries and agencies at different stages of statistical production – methodologies, classifications, registers, produced data, tools and compilation techniques – as it not only reduces redundancies and overlaps, leads to reduction of burden on NSIs and increasing efficiency and timeliness but also results in better quality of data that are consistent and complementary between domains as well as comparable between countries.

Statistics Poland is **proud to have taken part in** the meetings of the **FoC group**.

Our office has recently achieved international success in the **Open Data Inventory (ODIN)**, in data availability and their openness, in particular in the case of economic statistics.

Please see:

<https://stat.gov.pl/en/news/success-of-polish-statistics-in-the-open-data-inventory-ranking,67,1.html>

In order to further follow this direction especially in the context of the impact of the pandemic Covid-19 on global economy, **we support initiatives and ideas addressed towards economic statistics** such as the one presented by the FoC group. The adequate quality of economic data, their timeliness and punctuality, accessibility and clarity, comparability are nowadays indispensable for policymakers and other users to elaborate recovery program of economy and its exit from recession caused by pandemic. Therefore, we stress the importance of:

- identification of economic branches which are profitable in spite of recession and could contribute for the increase in production of goods and services on domestic market and export;
- indication of economic branches suffering from the pandemic that need government subsidies to maintain their activities and jobs;
- evaluation of inflation on the sides of producers and consumers and identification of factors creating domestic and non-domestic demands;
- monitoring of phenomena with regard to global supply chains and sustainable development of which low-carbon economy is of special interest.

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It is worth to point out also that preventive role of economic statistics in the context of early-warning system against negative phenomena could be further explored and more reflected in the work of UN experts.

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