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Poland welcomes the highlights of the CES's work, presented in the Report of the Economic Commission for Europe on regional statistical development.

The ECE region consists of countries with a very diverse economic, social and statistical development; that is why coordinating statistical activities in the ECE region under the Conference of European Statisticians is such a crucially important goal.

In developing guidance on emerging statistical issues that can be applied in countries with different levels of statistical capacities, it is not only the commitment of experts from Member States that is important but also joint activities with international partners such as Eurostat, OECD, the IMF, EFTA or the World Bank.

The multitude of issues dealt with by the Conference of European Statisticians indicates how important it is to coordinate work and develop shared solutions, applicable not only in national statistical systems but also at the level of the international statistical community. The areas which should be mentioned here are, among others: data stewardship, new forms of employment, poverty, social exclusion, statistics on children and youth, circular economy, and statistical modernization.

It cannot be denied that the COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on the organization of statistical work, not only in the ECE region. By using innovation, building the resilience of the statistical systems, and sharing knowledge and good practices over the last two years, the work could continue without damage and interruptions.

We are proud that Statistics Poland was able to contribute to the organization of the exchange of experiences during the Plenary Session of the CES in 2021 by co-organizing the event "Post-Covid: sustaining organizational and product innovation in NSOs – discussed in a joint informal session of CES and OECD Committee on Statistics and Statistical Policy in June 2021".

Statistics Poland is pleased to be a part of the international statistical community and share our knowledge and experience. Our involvement in statistical work in the ECE region is a significant issue for Statistics Poland, bringing valuable experience and development opportunities for our statistics and our experts' skills.

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Examples of our involvement in the development of statistics in the ECE region are the works on the second edition of the Road Map for Statistics on SDGs, participation in works in the area core values, and Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics or data stewardship. Statistics Poland's experts are also involved in the High-level Group for the Modernisation of Official Statistics (HLG-MOS): Modernization Groups, annual projects, workshops, and sprints.

With the help and involvement of UNECE, other countries, and international organizations, Statistics Poland conducted two in-depth reviews in the areas of 'Collaboration with private data providers' (2022) and 'Subjective poverty measures' (2021). Achieving this goal would be difficult without the support and involvement of the international statistical community. We are pleased and optimistic that the reviews mentioned above will be continued in future work in the ECE region, in which Poland also intends to be actively involved.

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