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## **Introduction to the IMTS Compilers Manual**

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# The revised IMTS Compilers Manual (IMTS 2010-CM)

- **Goal:** To provide further and more detailed explanation of certain recommendations and practical guidance by describing good practices applicable under different circumstances.
- **A two year effort:**
  - September 2010: Agreement on initial **draft outline** (EG-IMTS)
  - Mid January 2011: **1<sup>st</sup> virtual meeting** of the EG-IMTS on Draft annotated outline
  - March 2011: **Worldwide consultation** begins on the Draft annotated outline
  - May 2011: **2<sup>nd</sup> virtual meeting** of the EG-IMTS on 1<sup>st</sup> set of draft chapters
  - September 2011: **3<sup>rd</sup> virtual meeting** of the EG-IMTS on 2<sup>nd</sup> set of draft chapters
  - December 2011: Meeting of the EG-IMTS on the **full draft**
  - February 2012: Submission of draft text to **Statistical Commission**

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