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Eighth Meeting of the
ESS Task Force on Methodological Issues
for Sustainable Development Indicators
Meeting of 21-22 June 2004
Luxembourg, Jean Monnet Building Room M5

AGENDA
21-22 June 2004

Monday 21 June 2004 Chair: Rainer Muthmann	Jean Monnet building –Room M5 Begin: 10:00
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10:00 – 11:00 Opening session		
1	Welcome by Chairman	
2	Adoption of the agenda	SDI/TF/49/2 (2004)
3	<p>Minutes of the previous meetings</p> <p>The Task Force members have received the minutes of the respective meetings of January and February 2004 and should approve them.</p> <p><i>For adoption</i></p>	<p>SDI/TF/46/3 (2003) SDI/TF/47/3 (2003)</p>
4	<p>Purpose of this meeting (P. Wolff, Eurostat)</p> <p>Eurostat will introduce the recent developments concerning the process of review of the EU Sustainable Development Strategy and its implications for the Task Force work. The Task Force should still meet two times in December 2004 and beginning of 2005. The three last meetings of the Task Force should serve both to refine the list of indicators and to draft recommendations to the SPC.</p>	
5	<p>Inter-linking the dimensions of SD : a matrix of indicators and themes (M. Puolamaa, DG ESTAT contractor)</p> <p>The document prepared by Eurostat contractor is a first attempt to describe the inter-linkages between the themes and indicators retained in the framework for EU SDI. Discussions in Stockholm showed that it was necessary to take some distance from the static approach in terms of themes and to provide final users with some description of practical links.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p>	SDI/TF/48/7 (2004)
11:00 - 13:00 Parallel sessions		
6	<p>Parallel sessions</p> <p>Data and charts have been posted on CIRCA for most SD indicators. The total number of indicators (3 levels together, including current proposals of breakdowns) is superior to 350. As some additional breakdowns have been requested, this total number of indicators is considered as too high. TF members are requested to validate the work already achieved in considering the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyse data quality for available indicators; validate the choice of charts; • Validate the choice of indicators (selection criteria, ‘best available’, ‘best needed’); • Draft main recommendations for further improvement in view of the final report of the Task Force, i.e. what would be needed to improve the current set of indicators and implement the set of ‘best needed’ indicators? <p>Each subgroup will report to the Plenary session on 22 June.</p>	

Sub-Group 7 (Room: JMO M5) Good Governance and Global Partnership <i>Co-ordinator: M. Puolamaa (DG ESTAT contractor)</i>		Sub-Group 2 (Room: JMO B2/36) Poverty/Social Exclusion and Ageing Society <i>Co-ordinator: I. Dennis (DG ESTAT, D2)</i> <i>and</i>	
Sub-Group 6 (Room: JMO A1/102) Natural Resources <i>Co-ordinator: C. Dormoy (IFEN, France)</i>		Sub-Group 1 (Room: JMO M9) Economic Development <i>Co-ordinator: M. Bergmann (DG ECFIN, E4)</i>	
13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break			
14:00 – 17:00 Parallel sessions			
6	Parallel sessions		
Sub-Group 6 (Room: JMO A1/102) Transport and Land use management <i>Co-ordinator: C. Dormoy (IFEN, France)</i>		Sub-Group 5 (Room: JMO M9) Production and Consumption Patterns <i>Co-ordinator: N. Zuinen (Federal Plan Bureau, Belgium)</i>	
Sub-Group 3 (Room: JMO B1/07) Public Health <i>Co-ordinator : J. Hass (Statistics Norway)</i>		Sub-Group 4 (Room: JMO M5) Climate Change <i>Co-ordinator : R. Montgomery (Eurostat)</i>	

Tuesday 22 June 2004		Jean Monnet building –Room M5	
Chair: Rainer Muthmann		Begin: 9:00	
9:00 – 15:00 Restitution of outcomes of parallel sessions			
7	Restitution of outcomes of parallel sessions (Co-ordinators) The presenters should introduce the main outcomes of discussions during the previous session. Summaries should focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • final set of indicators and their allocation to levels 1 to 3 • remaining problems with the current list of indicators; • initial recommendations for further development <i>For discussion and adoption</i>		
13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break			
15:00 – 16:30 Closing session			
8	Overview of the overall set of indicators General discussion of the set of SDIs at level 1, 2 and 3 and of priority areas for further development.		
9	Chairman's conclusions		