Bilbao, 24-27 September 2019

Call for participation

ENBES is pleased to invite you to the sixth European Establishment Statistics Workshop (EESW19). The workshop will be held in Bilbao, the Basque Country, Spain, on 24-27 September 2019. It will be hosted by **EUSTAT**, the statistical office of the Basque Country. The traditional **two-and-a-half day workshop** (Wednesday to Friday) will this time be preceded by a **day dedicated to short courses** (Tuesday).

Under a broad heading of **Using modern technology for improving establishment statistics**, EESW19 welcomes contributions from methodologists, academic researchers and private sector professionals on all topics related to statistics about and for businesses and other organisational entities: sample design, data collection, response process, editing and imputation, estimation, modelling, quality assessment, data presentation and dissemination, metadata and process data for establishment statistics, cross-national statistics, and similar. However, we especially invite contributions and considerations on new developments in these overarching areas, which can contribute to addressing some emerging research questions:

- **Development and implementation of electronic communication**
  How to reach respondents in businesses electronically?
  How to communicate with respondents in electronic questionnaires?
  How is electronic data exchange changing data collection from businesses?
  How to best communicate with users of establishment statistics?
  How to communicate quality of establishment statistics?

- **Making best use of administrative and alternative data**
  What are the main developments in methodology related to administrative data?
  How to tackle unit errors, coverage errors and measurement errors in administrative data?
  How to improve data collection (including data forms) underlying administrative data?
  How to combine administrative data with other sources?
  How to integrate several administrative sources for production of establishment statistics?
  What machine learning techniques have been successfully applied for establishment statistics purposes?

- **Speeding up production**

  How to achieve timely response and/or reduce costly nonresponse follow-up?
  How do you streamline validation and imputation?
  How can nowcasting best be used in establishment statistics, and what sources and methods are available?
  How to communicate trade-offs between timeliness and other quality measures?

To organise a session on one of these topics, or to contribute a paper for such a session, we advise you to early on - by **January 15, 2019** at the latest - get in touch with Mojca Bavdaž (mojca.bavdaz[at]ef.uni-lj.si), Paul Smith (p.a.smith[at]soton.ac.uk) or Arnout van Delden (a.vandelden[at]cbs.nl) to discuss its suitability for the programme. You can also contact them with other proposals for session topics and papers, or if you would like to hear about and get connected with other colleagues possibly working on a research topic that you are interested in.

The workshop will offer paper and poster sessions as well time for discussion and networking. To submit a formal application for presentation, please use the on-line **registration form** on the EESW19 website (https://statswiki.unece.org/display/ENBES/EESW19), with a deadline of **March 31, 2019**. At the time of registering, please also send an **abstract** of max. 300 words - as an attachment in pdf or doc format - to eesw[at]enbes.org, with the subject line the same as the abstract title. All abstract submitters will be notified of their status by **mid-April 2019**.

All accepted authors will be requested to **submit a draft paper** (3-5-page long), to be circulated to the participants by **September 1, 2019**, to aid their preparations. Pdfs of final papers will be made publicly available after the workshop, by publishing them in the ENBES scientific repository (http://www1.unece.org/stat/platform/display/ENBES/Scientific+Repository).