May 2017 Project Update

A. Data Integration Project

Invitation letters have been sent for the face to face meeting 27-30 June 2017

Additional members and observers have joined the project from the ONS UK, Statistics Canada and Statistics South Africa and are providing input.

The project has decided to conduct a survey about Data Integration practices and collect case studies (directly to the public web page) to ensure that all official statistics organisations and groups are given an opportunity to highlight related work, approaches and learnings. The survey will be finalised at the face to face workshop and released shortly afterwards.

Topics raised by HLG and the Executive board not yet covered in guide have been documented and will be covered in the face to face meeting (and survey).

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<td>Survey may generate ‘too much information’ to be incorporated easily in the guide</td>
<td>Provide proforma for structured case studies and careful design of survey</td>
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Outlook

Preparation of detailed agenda for face to face meeting underway.

Continued work on individual experiments and work packages in preparation for face to face meeting.

B. Data Architecture Project
Rome Sprint meeting 8-10 May
- Defined the structure and synthetic contents of the document describing "Reference Architecture" (WP1 deliverable)
- Defined the first list of Use-cases (WP2)

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Outlook

- Ongoing activities to detail and complete the document on Reference Architecture
- Description of use-cases

C. Other Activities

News from the Groups

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<th>Blue-skies Thinking</th>
<th>Draft proposal for Hackathon is ready for discussion</th>
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<td>Preparing the first meeting for Machine Learning (Netherlands, Canada, Italy)</td>
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<td>A call will go out under this banner for participation on the two future work items from the Statistical Data Editing Work Session (Methods library, updating methodological guidelines)</td>
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a) Risk Management in the context of agile development

- the face to face meeting of the Task Team took place in London on 8-9 May; it was focused on the following 2 areas (the first taking the majority of focus): 1) the development of a risk management training programme to ensure consistent and effective implementation of the UNECE guidelines, and 2) developing an understanding of the highest common and cross-cutting risks facing statistical offices,
- proposal to develop and deliver the training and to train the trainers in the area of RM with needed support from the UNECE,

b) Preparation of the workshop on implementing efficiencies and quality of output

- Invitation letters and Information Notice 1 for the workshop were sent out at the end of March,
- deadline for the submission of abstracts is at the end of May,
- as at that time we don't have so many abstracts submitted for the workshop, it was agreed that reminder about the workshop will be sent to the countries, and that we will encourage countries to submit at least title of their abstract by the deadline and will allow additional 2 weeks for the submission of abstracts.

c) Task Team on capabilities training

- ongoing work on the condensed, 15 level, headings of the training framework based on the GSBPM,
- there is a need to define what is basic/intermediate/advanced for all those headings,
- a short note will be prepared to put training framework in the context, and it might be used to ask for more specialist knowledge to put together levels of training (business registers group, statistical confidentiality, etc.),
- it is planned to finalize work on levels of training in July/August.

d) Task Team on communication

- ongoing work on creating a blog for all groups, to share news and information,
- the blog should be available this month.

The group as the whole is going to prepare one page flyer to promote its work and different products that are being developed by Task Teams, for the CES meeting in June.

Supporting Standards

Quality Indicators team are nearing the completion of the Quality Indicator work for Administrative data. Once complete they will undertake a public consultation

Sharing Tools

- Preparing joint UNECE / Eurostat Workshop on Implementing CSPA, Wiesbaden, Germany, 3-5 July, back-to-back with workshop of ESSNet on Sharing Common Functionalities.
- Architecture Patterns task team face to face meeting produced excellent results, including practical guidance for other assemblers.

First co-ordination meeting of the Modernisation Groups and Projects will take place next week. An overview of all groups and task teams can be found here: HLG Committees and Project Co-ordination