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## PPP Program - OECD & Eurostat

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## **Presentation of Eurostat/OECD PPP program for ICP EB February 2010**

### **1. Organizational aspects: nominating the ICP Regional Coordinator and establishing the regional coordinating office; nominating program coordinator and contact persons in the case of Eurostat/OECD**

The Eurostat/OECD program is jointly managed by Eurostat and OECD (see point b for country responsibilities). Eurostat runs the PPP exercise on an annual basis while OECD uses a three-year benchmark approach.

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### **2. Country participation: invitations to countries, information on new participating countries**

Eurostat co-ordinates the PPP work for the following 37 countries:

- All 27 EU Member States
- Three EU Candidate Countries (Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey)
- Three countries from the European Free Trade Association (EFTA: Iceland, Norway and Switzerland)
- Four countries from the Western Balkan (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia)

OECD co-ordinates the work for the following 11 countries:

- Non-European OECD members (Australia, Canada, Japan, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, United States)
- Candidate Countries to OECD (Chile, Israel, Russia)

Compared to the 2005 ICP round, only Chile is new.

### **3. MOUs: with the World Bank and with participating countries**

An MOU between Eurostat, OECD and World Bank is in preparation and should be signed shortly.

Eurostat's PPP program is governed by a European Regulation (since 2007), which described the basic information to be provided by the countries and the way that the EU PPPs are to be calculated.

OECD's program is governed by its bi-annual program of work and budget as approved by the OECD Committee on Statistics. For those OECD countries that do not participate in the Eurostat PPP program, methodology and data transmission are under the auspices of an expert group with delegates from these countries.

#### **4. Funding: budget, available funding, funding gap, and fund-raising efforts**

The Eurostat PPP program is funded from the EU budget. All Member States receive a subsidy to support the price collection.

All countries participating in the OECD PPP program cover their costs of participation and price collection. Costs at the OECD Secretariat are covered by the OECD's budget.

#### **5. Regional activities: meetings, workshops, technical assistance to countries, etc.**

Eurostat PPP countries meet annually (in November) for a Working Group meeting in Luxembourg, which decides on methodological issues, time-tables and publication of results.

The OECD holds a bi-annual meeting with its countries to discuss the progress of the on-going benchmark comparison.

#### **6. Any specific issues regarding country participation, capacity, etc.**

None.