

Tenth meeting of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics

Welcome and opening remarks

Structure of the presentation

1. Welcome
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4. Conclusion

1. Welcome

- Welcome in the name of Eurostat
- Good collaboration with the Washington Group secretariat (Mr. Cordell Golden) for preparing/organising the meeting
- Important event: collaboration of Eurostat with international organisations (OECD, WHO, UNECE), including their presence in our different meetings

1. Welcome

- 10th meeting of the Washington Group
- 3rd time in Europe
 - 2004: 3rd meeting in Brussels
 - 2007: 7th meeting in Dublin
- 61 participants (+ Eurostat) from 42 countries
 - 18 European countries
 - 5 American countries
 - 10 Asian countries
 - 8 African countries
 - Australia
 - + UNESCAP, UNECE, Eurostat

2. Importance of the Washington Group for Eurostat

■ Participation:

- In three meetings
- Attendance of at least one member of the European Statistical System in all the others

2. Importance of the Washington Group for Eurostat

■ WG questions

- Set of census questions on disability (core questions on seeing, hearing, walking and cognition + optional questions on self care and communication)
- Extended sets of questions on disability for surveys

■ Taken on board in ESS Census/Surveys with questions on disability

- Housing and population censuses (next round: 2011)
- LFS ad-hoc modules on the employment of disabled persons
- European Health Interview Survey (EHIS) (2008 and 2014 rounds)
- European Survey on Health and Social Integration (ESHSI)

3. Organisational issues

- Lunch/cafeteria
- Cocktail
- Badges
- Internet services

4. Conclusion

- Agenda promissing
- Substantial number of topics discussed during these three days
- With a lot of sharing of experiences
- Jennnifer Madans: Objectives/agenda of the meeting