Steering committee- welfare forum – held on the 18/3/14

Main topics discussed in the steering committee

The SNA recommends a wide satellite account on welfare protection.

The definitions were discussed: What should be included in welfare? Is it just the social security or should it also include education, immigrant absorption etc.
Presentation page 4- social protection- pension is included

It seems like welfare is the most appropriate definition for the satellite account, the question is what should be included in this definition.

SOCX- (OECD)- handles with the expenditure(Financing) side
ESSPROSS - (EUROSTAT) – handles both the Financing and the operating sides.

The forum has decided that it is better to use the SOCX basis (9 fields) and add information about performing sectors, as in ESSPROS. The idea is to build some parts in a modular way, so that everyone can use the parts of the data that would be useful for them (for example: with or without Health).

It was mentioned that the experts from Denmark said it would be possible to transfer from the ESSPROS to SOCX but otherwise it will be more difficult. Therefore we will complement the missing parts, especially on the performing sectors.

We want to ask about the number of employees in companies. Plan to ask in Denmark – about skilled and unskilled employees, from their questionnaire.

Quality services indexes- it will be difficult to ask questions about the quality of services and it is not certain how much information it will add.

The members of the Steering Committee were deeply impressed by the data presented on the rise of Welfare services in the private sector from 2004 to 2010, shown in every aspect – no. of businesses, wages, no. of employees, output etc.

Business survey- there is data on total expenditure and wages but there is no data about investments (about 7% in the Non-Profit-Institutions sector).

In the new survey we will ask about employees (if we don't get data from the labor surveys), on clients, by sub-category, and on the distribution of income.