

## **The European Statistical System** **- active participation in ESS meetings** **Bosnia-Herzegovina December 2013**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

**09.00-...**

### **I. Introduction**

1. Welcome
2. Presentation of the ESS course

### **II. How the EU works**

1. The institutional set-up of the EU and decision-making in the EU
2. Background to Eurostat and the ESS – the history of the ESS

**12.00–13.00**

### **Lunch**

### **III. Decision-making in Luxembourg – “Commission phase”**

#### **- the preparation phase and the European Statistical System:**

1. The institutional set-up of the ESS
  - Eurostat and related work structure (Committees (ESSC, PG, etc.), Working Groups, Task Forces etc.)
2. Legal basis of the ESS - the Treaty, the basic legal framework, the multiannual programme and the planning process of the ESS
3. Internal co-ordination of national positions – involvement, challenge and obligations for the NSIs (preparation of meetings, etc.).

**...-16.00**

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4. How to improve internal co-ordination?
  - practical exercises humming in small groups
  - outcome of practical exercise in plenum

### **IV. Decision-making in Brussels – “Council phase”**

#### **- the decision-making phase and the European Statistical System:**

1. Decision-making in Brussels: Co-decision, Council Working Groups, etc.

### **V. Implementation in Luxembourg and Member States**

#### **- the implementation phase and the European Statistical System**

1. Delegated acts and implementing acts

**12.00–13.00**

### **Lunch**

### **VI. Working within the ESS**

1. European Statistics Code of Practice
2. The external relations of the ESS – relations with ESCB, EFTA, UN, OECD, etc.
3. The future of the ESS
4. Access to relevant EU information - information at your fingertips

**...-16.00**

### **VII. Summarizing on the ESS decision-making system**

#### **- EU-SILC as an example**

## Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2013

### **...-09.00 VIII.a Active participation in ESS meetings – “Council phase” - the decision-making phase**

1. Negotiation in practice – exercise
2. Negotiation skills in theory and practice

### **12.00–13.00 Lunch**

### **VIII.b Decision-making – a practical example**

3. Convening the Council WG – Introduction to next day’s meeting
4. Convening the Council WG – preparation of next day’s meeting

### **...-16:00 - revision of European Statistics as a practical example**

## Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2013

### **09.15– ... VIII.b Decision-making in Brussels – practical example (continued)**

4. Meeting in the Council WG  
- revision of European Statistics as a practical example
5. Debriefing

### **... –13.00 IX. Conclusion and evaluation**