

## **21st ESSC meeting, May 2014**

### **Agenda item ESSC 2014/21/7**

#### **ESS Vision 2020**

##### **Presentation**

1. The Task Force Vision 2.0 presented the report on the ESS Vision 2020 to the ESSC.

The ESSC was asked to come to an agreement on the ESS Vision 2020 as the guiding frame for the ESS development during the years up to 2020.

2. The Chair of the Partnership Group presented the proposal for a roadmap leading to the DGINS Conference in Riga towards the implementation of the ESS Vision 2020.

The ESSC was invited to comment and endorse the proposal for the working arrangements and roadmap leading up to the 2014 September DGINS meeting.

3. Eurostat presented the progress report on the ESS.VIP Programme activities in response to the decision of the ESSC, as owner of the Programme and main decision making body, to regularly monitor the Programme itself.

The ESSC was invited to take note of the progress report on the ESS.VIP Programme.

4. Eurostat informed the ESSC on the preparation of the follow-up to the European Statistical Programme (ESP) 2013-2017.

The ESSC was invited to provide opinion and endorse the proposed approach and roadmap for the preparation of the European Statistical Programme extension 2018-2020.

##### **B. Discussion**

1. The ESSC welcomed and praised the work of the Task Force Vision 2.0 and the collaborative approach that resulted in the elaboration of the ESS Vision 2020.
2. The ESSC considered the ESS Vision 2020 as the compromise between a shared statement of intents and a fully-fledged vision and came to an agreement that it will represent the guiding frame for the ESS developments during the years up to 2020.
3. The ESSC considered that the success of the ESS Vision 2020 will depend on the ability of the ESS to translate it into a concrete implementation strategy. This strategy should be highly interrelated with modernisation initiatives at national and international level and make use of possible instruments such as dedicated projects, ESSnets and centres of excellence.
4. The ESSC welcomed the proposal of the Chair of the Partnership Group for the working arrangements towards the preparation of the ESS Vision 2020 implementation strategy and the DGINS discussion in September 2014; namely the creation of a high level temporary mandated task force and the three groups of issues to be discussed in the DGINS meeting in September 2014 – evaluation of the on-going and frozen ESS.VIP projects, identification of new areas of Vision relevant work, definition of the criteria for the evaluation of new projects. On demand of the ESSC members, the task force was also asked to give thoughts to the future associated governance.
5. The ESSC highlighted the relevance of having a regular report on the ESS.VIP Programme activities and stressed the importance of ensuring a coordinated development and monitoring of projects avoiding overlaps and relying on the involvement of the dedicated steering and directors' groups.

6. The ESSC welcomed the proposal regarding the preparation of the European Statistical Programme extension 2018-2020 to achieve synchronisation with the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020.

### **C. Opinion**

1. The ESSC came to an agreement on the ESS Vision 2020 as the guiding frame for the ESS development during the years up to 2020.
2. The ESSC endorsed the PG chair proposal for the working arrangements and roadmap leading up to the 2014 September DGINS meeting.
3. The ESSC took note of the progress report on the ESS.VIP Programme and agreed to align its development with the ESS Vision 2020.
4. The ESSC welcomed the roadmap for the extension of the European Statistical Programme for the period 2018-2020, in order to align it with the Multiannual Financial Framework.