

Presidency Flash

Meeting of the Council Working Party on Statistics, 11 May 2023

Dear colleagues,

The Swedish Presidency Team is pleased to invite you to the fifth meeting of the Council Working Party on Statistics. The meeting will take place on Thursday 11 May at 10:00 in Justus Lipsius Building in Brussels and will be chaired by the Director-General of Statistics Sweden, Mr Joakim Stymne. The Presidency Team is expecting to have a whole day meeting which could finish at 18:00.

The meeting will be dedicated to the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on European statistics on population and housing, amending Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 763/2008 and (EU) No 1260/2013. The Swedish Presidency has circulated its proposal for a compromise text on the Regulation and therefore plans to focus on an examination of the Presidency compromise text on Articles 1 to 6 and then move to the Annexes. Following this, the discussion will continue from Article 7 and forward. We will then examine the recitals last.

The Presidency would like to clarify some elements in the proposal regarding Articles 7, 10 and 13, and the Annex. Firstly, the Presidency would like to bring the attention of the Council Working Party on Statistics to Article 7 “Ad hoc statistics requirements”, which has been proposed to be deleted in the Regulation. At the CWPS meeting in April the delegates were unanimously in favour of deleting Article 7. Despite this, the Commission asked for the opportunity to contribute with further clarifications as to why the article should remain in the proposed regulation for the CWPS to take into consideration. We have decided to keep the article open to allow for additional information from the Commission. Hence, the Presidency proposal could be changed in a future compromise text.

Secondly, regarding Articles 10 and 13, in order to fully consider the opinion of the EDPS and the complicated nature of the Articles, the



Presidency cannot yet conclude that the current proposal is final but that it could be changed in a future compromise text.

Thirdly, the Presidency has received the requested clarifying texts regarding detailed topics in Annex 1 from the Commission but has not yet included the descriptions in the Annex. These descriptions have been circulated to delegates and Member States will be given a chance to react to the proposal for clarifying texts on at the meeting on 11 May.

If relevant, the Presidency will also provide some updates on the progress being made on other files of interest.

Please do not hesitate to contact us in case of questions. We look forward to seeing you in Brussels!