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Delegations will find attached the Presidency Flash note, in view of the upcoming Working Party on Statistics scheduled on 4 October 2023.

Presidency Flash

Meeting of the Council Working Party on Statistics, 4 October 2023

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to the third meeting of the Council Working Party on Statistics (CWPS) under the Spanish Presidency, that will take place on Wednesday 4 October from 9:30 to 17:00 in Brussels (Justus Lipsius Building). The meeting will be chaired by the President of INE Spain, Ms. Elena Manzanera Díaz.

The CWPS will be devoted to the Proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation (EC) 223/2009 on European statistics – 2023/0237 (COD) /ST 11723/23, adopted by the Commission on 10 July 2023 and presented to the Council Working Party on Statistics on 19 July.

During the meeting of the CWPS on 6 September, Member States had the opportunity to express their views and concerns about the proposal, more specifically articles 16a, 17a to 17g, 18, 25, 26a and 27a. The possibility to include a provision establishing a derogation to the GDPR was also raised.

For this meeting, the Presidency will share a document containing, for the reviewed articles, a summary of the main issues identified as well as some drafting suggestions, based on the comments received during the meeting and in the written consultation that was launched in July.

The Presidency aims to continue the discussion of the proposal starting with article 3 “Definitions”. In this respect, through the written consultation many comments were received with rewording proposals and there were several proposals for the inclusion of new definitions. Considering this, the debate will be organized in four blocks:

- First, definitions related to the data: data, metadata, data source, privately held data and administrative data or administrative record and non-personal data.
- Second, definitions related to the data holders: data holder, private data holder, public data holder or holder of administrative records.
- Third, definitions regarding access and use of data: access to data, reuse of data, use for statistical purposes, use for scientific purposes, data sharing and interoperability systems and privacy enhancing technologies (PETs).
- Fourth, definitions related to outputs and other horizontal concepts: European statistics or official statistics, multi-source statistics, statistics under development, national authorities, and crises.

The discussion will continue with the examination of the rest of the articles, focusing on the drafting suggestions presented in a working document to be distributed by the Presidency. Recitals will be reviewed after the articles, if time allows.

Finally, under AOB, the Presidency will update on the progress made on other files of interest.

Please do not hesitate to contact us in case of questions.



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We look forward to seeing you in Brussels!

The Spanish Presidency Team on Statistics