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Subject: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on
European statistics on safety from crime - Member State comments

Delegations find attached a summary of the discussion on the above topic at the meeting of the Working Party on Statistics on 20 September 2011.

Summary of the discussions - CWPS 20 September 2011			
Safety from crime statistics			
Commission proposal	Presidency proposal	Council position	Remarks
<i>Article 1</i> Subject matter			
This Regulation establishes a framework for the development, production and dissemination of comparable European statistics on safety from crime based on a survey of households or persons.	Unchanged	ACCEPTED - CWPS 20.09.2011	
<i>Article 2</i> Definitions			
For the purpose of this Regulation, the following definitions shall apply:			New article 10a is proposed on manual to answer the needs for definitions concerning victimisation

<p>(a) 'household' means a person living alone or a group of people who live together in the same private dwelling and share expenditure, including the joint provision of the essentials of living; this definition does not cover collective households such as hospitals, care or residential homes, prisons, military barracks, religious institutions, boarding houses or hostels;</p>	<p>Unchanged</p>	<p>ACCEPTED - CWPS 20.09.2011</p>	
<p>(b) 'usual residence' means the place where a person normally spends the daily period of rest, regardless of temporary absences for purposes of recreation, holidays, visits to friends and relatives, business, medical treatment or religious pilgrimage or in default, the place of legal or registered residence,</p>	<p>Unchanged</p>	<p>ACCEPTED - CWPS 20.09.2011</p>	

<p>The following persons alone shall be considered to be usual residents of the geographical area in question:</p> <p>(i) those who have lived in their place of usual residence for a continuous period of at least 12 months before the reference date; or</p> <p>(ii) those who arrived in their place of usual residence in the 12 months before the reference date with the intention of staying there for at least one year.</p> <p>Where the circumstances described in point (i) or (ii) cannot be established, 'usual residence' shall mean the place of legal or registered residence.</p>	<p>Unchanged</p>	<p>ACCEPTED - CWPS 20.09.2011</p>	
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(c) 'safety' means citizens' feelings of security from threats to their person, household or possessions arising from criminal causes;	(c) 'safety from crime ' means citizens' feelings of security from threats to their person, household or possessions arising from criminal causes;	ACCEPTED - CWPS 20.09.2011	Instead of 'safety' – 'safety from crime'
(d) 'proxy answer' means information about a person provided by another member of that person's household;	Unchanged	ACCEPTED - CWPS 20.09.2011	
(e) 'micro-data' means individual statistical records;	Unchanged	ACCEPTED - CWPS 20.09.2011	
(f) 'metadata on quality' means any information provided by data suppliers which is considered useful for the interpretation of those data.	(f) ' metadata ' means any information provided by data suppliers which is considered useful for the interpretation of those data.	ACCEPTED - CWPS 20.09.2011	Instead of 'metadata on quality' - 'metadata'
<i>Article 3</i> Scope			
1. Each Member State shall submit to the Commission (Eurostat) data set out in Annex I.	Unchanged	ACCEPTED - CWPS 20.09.2011	

<p>2. Questions on sexual violence shall be asked separately on an optional basis.</p>	<p>2. <u>Member States shall choose whether to include the questions on sexual violence. Where these questions are included, they shall be asked separately from the questions on physical violence.</u></p>	<p>MS are asked for approval in the attached template</p>	<p>Clarification of the ambiguous paragraph was introduced</p>
<p>3. By the way of exception, France and Ireland shall not be required to collect data on violence between members of the same household.</p>	<p>3. By the way of exception, France, Ireland and Malta shall not be required to collect data on violence between members of the same household.</p>	<p>MT request on CWPS 20.09.2011 – approved</p>	

<p><i>Article 4</i></p> <p>Data characteristics and time reference</p>			
<p>1. Data shall be collected on the basis of a sample of households or persons as set out in Article 5.</p>	<p>1. Data shall be collected on the basis of a sample of households or persons as set out in Article 5. <u>The information on the socio-demographic background of respondents may be taken from administrative sources.</u></p>	<p>MS are asked for approval in attached template</p>	<p>Adding provision allowing the MS to use administrative data</p>
<p>2. Data shall be collected in 2013.</p>	<p>Unchanged</p>	<p>ACCEPTED - CWPS 20.09.2011</p>	
<p>3. The observation period shall cover the twelve months preceding data collection.</p>	<p>Unchanged</p>	<p>ACCEPTED - CWPS 20.09.2011</p>	
<p><i>Article 5</i></p> <p>Sampling and sample size</p>			
<p>1. The data shall be based on nationally representative probability samples.</p>	<p>Unchanged</p>	<p>ACCEPTED - CWPS 20.09.2011</p>	

<p>2. The sample size to be achieved, calculated on the assumption of simple random sampling shall be a minimum of:</p> <p>(a) 8 000 persons in Member States with a population aged 16 and over which is higher than 10 million;</p> <p>(b) 7 000 persons in Member States with a population aged 16 and over which is higher than 5 million and lower than 10 million;</p> <p>(c) 6 000 persons in Member States with a population aged 16 and over which is higher than 1.5 million and lower than 5 million;</p> <p>(d) 5 000 persons in Member States with a population aged 16 and over which is higher than 0.5 million and lower than 1.5 million;</p> <p>(e) 3 000 persons in Member States with a population aged 16 and over which is lower than 0.5 million.</p>	<p>The discussion postponed</p>	<p>should be clarified</p>	<p>To be discussed later after presenting results of the Task Force</p>
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<i>Article 6</i>			
Collection unit			
1. The reference population shall be all persons living in households with their usual residence in the territory of the Member State at the time of data collection.	The discussion postponed	Number of people to be interviewed should be defined	The issue of number of persons interviewed within the household is to be discussed later after receiving conclusions from Task Force meeting
2. Small parts of the national territory in which no more than 2 % of the national population has its usual residence, as well as the national territories listed in Annex II, may be excluded from the survey.	Unchanged	ACCEPTED - CWPS 20.09.2011	
3. The data shall pertain to persons aged 16 and over.	Unchanged	ACCEPTED - CWPS 20.09.2011	
4. Proxy answers shall not be permitted.	Unchanged	ACCEPTED - CWPS 20.09.2011	

<p><i>Article 7</i></p> <p>Transmission and handling of data</p>			
<p>1. Member States shall transmit confidential micro-data to the Commission (Eurostat) in accordance with the provisions on the transmission of data subject to confidentiality set out in Regulation (EC) No 223/2009. Member States shall ensure that the transmitted data do not permit the direct identification of households or persons.</p>	<p>1. Member States shall transmit the confidential micro-data to the Commission (Eurostat) in accordance with the provisions on the transmission of data subject to confidentiality set out in Regulation (EC) No 223/2009. Member States shall ensure that the transmitted data do not permit the direct identification of households or persons <u>and that personal data are protected in compliance with principles laid down in Directive 95/46/EC</u></p>	<p>MS are asked for approval in attached template</p>	<p>Recital justifying the need for confidential micro-data transmission should be added:</p> <p>'Whereas the availability of full and detailed statistics on crime and safety issues constitutes a substantial public interest at European level, and the timely production of such statistics to satisfy specific information requirements which cannot be predicted in advance depends upon the availability of micro-data to allow the necessary aggregates to be calculated'</p>

<p>2. Member States shall transmit the micro-data by 31 July 2014 at the latest. The micro-data shall be accompanied by a set of defined tables consisting of indicators on prevalence rates in the last 12 months, by types of crime and the safety feelings.</p>	<p>2. Member States shall transmit the micro-data by 15 September 2014 at the latest. The micro-data shall be accompanied by a set of defined tables consisting of indicators on prevalence rates in the last 12 months, by types of crime and the safety feelings.</p>	<p>MS are asked for approval in the attached template</p>	<p>MS proposal to postpone the date (connected with the necessity of change of Art. 9 concerning data dissemination)</p>
	<p><i>Article 10a</i></p> <p>Methodological Manual</p>		<p>New article</p>
	<p><u>The Commission (Eurostat) shall, in close cooperation with Member States, draw up a methodological manual which contains guidelines on the statistics produced pursuant to this Regulation, including definitions to be applied to the characteristics of the required information and common standards designed to ensure the quality of the data.</u></p>	<p>MS are asked for approval (jointly with acceptance of art. 2 on definitions) in attached template</p>	<p>Article added on request of the Ms in order to clarify the definitions used in the Regulation</p>