



WORKSHOP ON LABOUR FORCE SURVEY METHODOLOGY

Dear colleagues,

we would like to invite you to participate to the **9th Workshop on Labour Force Survey Methodology** which will be organized by Istat, the Italian National Institute of Statistics, on **15th and 16th of May 2014 in Rome**.

This workshop is the first of the third cycle of workshops, covering the years 2014-2017. This cycle represents a perfect opportunity to discuss the impact of the ongoing review of the LFS, beyond the official venue of LAMAS meetings.

The 2014 workshop is dedicated to **Survey design and weighting**. Please find enclosed a list of possible topics, prepared by the workshop's advisory board, which can be addressed in the workshop. We added a short description to each topic; please consider that these descriptions are tentative, the purpose is just to try to clarify the expected target for each session.

We encourage you and your colleagues to provide presentations related to the listed topics, reflecting your own experience. It is desirable that experts directly involved in the national LFS and in the discussion on its ongoing renewal participate to the workshop.

As in previous years, it is envisaged that the workshop will have only plenary sessions. Each session consists of presentations and discussion, the meeting language will be English. A discussant will be identified for each session. A short paper is required, accompanying the presentation.

The advisory board noticed that the workshops on LFS methodology had sometimes a tendency to overload participants with information. In order to ensure an optimal exchange of information and a fruitful discussion, we would like the presentations to focus on lessons learned and recommendations for others. Statistical content of the presentations should be limited only to the information needed to highlight the main points. Details can be presented in the paper (the size of which should not exceed 5 pages).

We would appreciate if you could send us your proposals for contributions, by 14th of March 2014 at the latest, to -lfs2014@istat.it. At this stage, please provide title of the presentation, names of the authors, contact e-mail address and an abstract of the work, specifying also the subject. To send your proposals for contribution, please use the attached form.

Once we have received all the proposals for contributions, it could be necessary to select them, in order to assure a proper number of contributions and homogeneous sessions. In this selection process the Advisory Board will take into account the expected target for each session that is specified in the descriptions of the subjects and priority will be given to presentations focused on concrete national experiences, which could be relevant also to other countries. Cooperation among colleagues from different countries is also welcomed.

The main deadlines are:

14th March: proposals for contributions

28th March: acceptance of the proposals and arrangement of the provisional agenda

11th April: end of registration of the participants

2nd May: delivery of the papers and arrangement of the final agenda

9th May: delivery of the presentations

We're working at a dedicated website which will contain all the useful information about the workshop. We'll inform you as soon as it will be available.

As usual travel expenses and accommodation costs have to be covered by your own office, and you're kindly asked to make the hotel reservation on your own. Logistic information will be given hereafter, by e-mail and in the dedicated website.

Please be informed that no formal invitations will follow other than this e-mail.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at: ifs2014@istat.it.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Rome.

Best regards,

The Advisory Board
of the 9th Workshop on Labour Force Survey Methodology