

Presidency Flash

Meeting of the Council Working Party on Statistics, 15 March 2023

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to the third meeting of the Council Working Party on Statistics under the Swedish Presidency, which will take place on Wednesday 15 March at 10:00 in Brussels (Justus Lipsius Building). The meeting will be chaired by the Director-General of Statistics Sweden, Mr Joakim Stymne.

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, which was adopted by the European Commission on 20 January 2023.

The first presentation of the proposal was made by the Commission at the Council Working Party on Statistics meeting on 15 February and the Member States had an opportunity to share their initial views on the proposal. In parallel to this, a written consultation was sent out by the Presidency to the Member States on 27 January 2023 with the deadline for comments of 23 February 2023. Comments from 26 countries were received and compiled. The Presidency would like to thank all the delegates for their timely responses to the consultation.

Based on the comments from the written consultation and general discussions during the meeting in February, we are of the view that Member States support the proposal in principle. However, concerns and reservations regarding several articles and paragraphs were identified. The Presidency therefore proposes to focus on a line-by-line examination of the Articles 1-4 and Articles 9-12 at the upcoming meeting. The progress through these articles will depend on the discussion. If time allows, we will continue with Articles 5, 6 and 7.

Delegations will be invited to share their views on the Commission Proposal. Any additional comments to those shared during the written consultation will also be welcomed. The Presidency will request further

clarifications from the Commission on some of the issues raised in the written consultation.

We 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 seeing you in Brussels!