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PUTTING THE THIRD SECTOR ON THE STATISTICAL MAP OF EUROPE: AN EU RESEARCH AND ACTION CONFERENCE

Monday June 1, 2015 – from 11.00 to 17.00

European Commission – DG Research & Innovation

10:45h: Welcome coffee

Venue: European Commission – DG Research & Innovation
ORBAN Building - Room 5.A066 - floor 5 - Square Frere Orban, 8 – Metro Arts/Loi
(reference person for the entrance: Maria Perez Salgado, DG RTD B6)

Background

A central goal of the Third Sector Impact project has been to institutionalize in national statistical agencies the capability to generate reliable, cross-national empirical data on the third sector in European countries. Fortunately, the United Nations Statistical Division has recently issued a *Handbook on Nonprofit Institutions in the System of National Accounts* that offers important guidance for generating at least a portion of such data, and this *Handbook* is now in the process of being revised in light of the 2008 revision of the overall System of National Accounts. In addition, the International Labour Organization recently issued a *Manual on the Measurement of Volunteer Work* and a new Resolution that makes clear that volunteering is a form of work that should be captured in national statistics. To date, however, implementation of these statistical guidance documents in Europe has been slow, limiting the ability to assess the impact of this critical set of institutions or to take full advantage of their contributions. In addition, at the behest of the EC, the TSI Project has formulated a consensus definition of the third sector that embraces additional institutions and behaviors—i.e., some, but not all, cooperatives, mutuals, and social enterprises; and some, but not all, individual activity undertaken for others without pay.

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Purpose

The present conference is designed to achieve two broad purposes:

- first, to discuss with European Commission officials the potential uses of data on the third sector in their policy fields and to define the elements of an EU agenda for statistical data on the third sector;
- second, to seek the active involvement of European statistical agencies in implementing the new procedures now available to begin to make at least some of the key components of the third sector visible in European statistics and to explore the potentials for bringing additional components of the Third Sector into better visibility as well.

Attendees

Invitees to this Conference will include four target groups:

- Officials in a variety of European Commission directorates with potential interest in the role and contributions of the third sector. Included here are officials in directorates dealing with such topics as health, education, social affairs, inclusion, small and medium sized enterprises, environment, humanitarian aid, civic engagement, youth, the elderly, economic development, and others;
- Officials in national accounts, labor force measurement divisions and other divisions producing statistics on the third sector of selected European Union statistical agencies;
- Researchers from the universities and research institutions participating in the TSI Project consortium;
- Eurostat and ILO officials.

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11:00 h:

New Statistical Developments in the Measurement of the Third Sector

Introduction and Welcome--- **Philippe Keraudren**, *European Commission, DG RTD, Head of Unit B6* ✓

The EU TSI Project and its Contribution to the Measurement of the Third Sector in Europe--- **Bernard Enjolras**, *Project Coordinator, Institut for Samfunnsforskning, Norway* ✓

Why We Need Comparative Data on the Third Sector and Volunteering in Europe--- **Ariane Rodert**, *Vice-president European Economic and Social Committee Group III* ✓

Tour de Table: Presentation of the Participants

Statistics on work and forms of work including volunteering: ILO Standards, Upcoming Pilot Studies and the ILO *Manual on Measurement of Volunteer Work*--- **Kieran Walsh**, *Senior Statistician, Department of Statistics, International Labour Organisation* ✓

Capturing the Third Sector in European Statistics: The Challenge and the Opportunity--- **Lester M. Salamon**, *Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies Bologna Center, Italy* ✓

First round of presentations on experiences of implementing the UN *NPI Handbook* and the ILO *Manual on Measurement of Volunteer Work*:

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The Portuguese Experience--- **Ana Cristina Ramos**, *Instituto Nacional de Estatística, National Accounts Department, Head of Unit, Unit for Satellite Accounts and Quality Assessment of the National Accounts* ✓

The Polish Experience--- **Piotr Lysoń**, *GUS – Główny Urząd Statystyczny, Director of Social Surveys and Living Conditions Department* and **Sławomir Nałęcz**, *Institute of Political Studies - Polish Academy of Sciences, former Deputy Director of Social Surveys Department* ✓

12:30 h: **Lunch** (in EC canteen)

13:15 h: **State of the art and prospects for measuring the third sector:
Exchange of experiences and plans of National Statistical Institutes**

Austria--- **Robert Leisch**, *Statistik Austria, National Accounts – NPIs* ✓

Norway--- **Thom Åbyholm**, *Statistisk Sentralbyrå, National Accounts, Satellite Account on Non Profit* ✓

Sweden--- **Mats Wagndal** and **Therese Hedlund**, *Statistiska centralbyrån, Civil society and non-profit institutions serving households statistics* ✓

the Netherlands--- **Judit Arends Tot**, *Centraal Bureau voor de Statistiek and Gidde Van der Ven (Research Intern), National Accounts, CBS* ✓

Italy--- **Stefania Della Queva** and **Chiara Orsini**, *Istat, Non Profit Census Unit* ✓

Belgium--- **Benoit Fontaine**, *King Baudoin Foundation* ✓

Belgium--- National Accounts, Belgian National Bank – *expecting confirmation*

Germany—*Holger Krimmer, ZiviZ - expecting confirmation*

15:45h: **Coffee Break**

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16:00h: Summary and Next Steps

Comments and Discussion: Participants ✓

Summary and Next Steps: *Lester M. Salamon, JHU-SAIS/Bologna, Italy* ✓

TSI Project Consortium Participants to the Conference:

Bernard Enjolras, *Institut for Samfunnsforskning, Norway* ✓

Lester Salamon, *Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies Bologna Center, Italy* ✓

Karl Henrik Sivesind, *Institut for Samfunnsforskning, Norway* ✓

Ksenija Fonović, *SPES, Italy* ✓

Renzo Razzano, *SPES, Italy* ✓

Rafael Chaves, *University of Valencia, Spain* ✓

Gojko Bežovan, *University of Zagreb, Croatia* ✓

Francesca Petrella, *LEST-CNRS Aix-Marseille University, France* ✓

Sławomir Nałęcz, *Institute of Political Studies - Polish Academy of Sciences; coordinated by Warsaw University, Poland* ✓

Els Ten Hulscher, *Radboud Universiteit, the Netherlands* ✓

17:00h: Adjournment of the Conference

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