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Presidency Flash

Informal videoconference of the Working Party on Statistics

Dear colleagues,

We will have the first meeting of the Council Working Party on Statistics (CWPS) of our Presidency on January 19th. This meeting will be held remotely, through the VC platform of the Council, in the same manner the CWPS meetings were held in 2021 by the Portuguese and Slovenian Presidencies. We hope to resume face-to-face meetings starting from the 2nd meeting of the CWPS, which will be held on February 16th.

By way of introduction, Mr Jean-Luc Tavernier, Director General of INSEE and chair of the CWPS, will present to the delegations a state-of-play of the oncoming negotiations on the SAIO file. In particular, information will be given on the outcomes of the kick-off meeting between the Presidency, the European Parliament and the Commission which took place on January 11th and during which a provisional calendar of negotiations was discussed.

Afterwards, the meeting will be mainly dedicated to the revision of regulation 549/2013 on ESA2010. The Commission will give a presentation of the outlines of this revision, and then delegations will be invited to share their views on this proposal. This initial exchange of views will help us to better identify and understand the amendments that the CWPS delegates would like to suggest. In parallel, a written consultation on this file has been launched on January 11th. It is due on January 28th. Your comments and suggestions will help delving into precise provisions of this revision as soon as from the meeting of February, and adopt a Council mandate on this file swiftly.

Looking eagerly forward to our meetings,

The French Presidency Team of the CWPS