

Progress Reports and Expectations

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Progress Reports Available from the Following Countries and International Organizations

Austria

Canada

China (mainland and Hong Kong)

Denmark

Finland

Germany

Hungary

Israel

Japan (Statistics Bureau and Bank
of Japan)

Korea

Mexico

Netherlands

New Zealand

Sweden

United Kingdom

United States

Vietnam

Eurostat

IMF

OECD

The 2002-2004 Voorburg Group Work Plan

1. Producer Price Index (PPI) for Services
2. Classification of Service Activities and Products
3. Information Society Statistics
4. Ad Hoc Issues
 - a. Non-profit Institutions
 - b. Sales by Services Products (Measurement of Turnover of Detailed Products)
 - c. Short Term Indicators

Country and Organization Progress Report Overviews With Respect to the 2002-2004 Voorburg Group Work Plan

1. Main Achievements for the Recent Period 2003-2004
2. Main Issues and Challenges
- 3. Future Topics (Suggested for Inclusion in the Next Voorburg Group Work Plan Covering 2005-2007)**

Main Achievements for 2003-2004

- Producer Price Index for Services
 - Major progress by several countries
 - Increased services industry coverage via introduction of pilot surveys
- Classification of Services Activities and Products
 - Much work accomplished in preparation for the 2007 revision to many of the industry and product classification systems (ANZSIC, NAICS, ISIC, CPA, CPC, NAPCS, NACE, JSIC)

Main Achievements for 2003-2004

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- Information Society Statistics
 - Many countries and organizations have taken significant steps to measure ICT usage and penetration, including ICT investment and expenditures, and the measurement of e-commerce

Main Challenges and Issues for 2003-2004

- **Producer Price Index for Services**
 - Expanding the PPI program to cover more business services and performing quality adjustments and developing price concepts for service industries
- **Information Society Statistics**
 - Measurement of ICT investments/expenditures
- **Ad Hoc Issues**
 - Development and expansion of short-term service indicators
- **General**
 - Lack of budgetary support greatly impedes this work

Future Topics Suggested for Inclusion in the Next Voorburg Group Work Plan Covering 2005-2007

- To be covered in detail in Friday's session on the Future Agenda
- Largely Retain Voorburg Group Work Plan for 2002-2004
- Addition of Ad Hoc Issues
 - Outsourcing Activities
 - International Trade of Services and Links Between Services and Manufacturing

*Future Topics Suggested for Inclusion in the
Next Voorburg Group Work Plan Covering
2005-2007 (continued)*

- Addition of Ad Hoc Issues (continued)
 - Employment Characteristics and Structural Business Data for Services