

# VG Bureau Update and Progress on the Strategic Plan

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#### Overview

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## VG Bureau tasks assigned in Zagreb

Establish plan to keep documentation up to date

Presented by John Murphy on Monday

Determine struture and frequency of meetings

One of the strengths of the Group is the collaborative work done between meetings. Annual face-to-face meetings will continue to maintain synergy.

Establish criteria for cross-cutting issues

Presented on Monday by Jakob Kalko



# Tasks assigned in Zagreb (2 of 2)

Finalize and implement strategic plan. Measure progress

The Strategic Plan was completed and posted on the website. The rest of this presentation will measure progress.

Provide the VG report to the UNSD

One of the strengths of the Group is the collaborative work done between meetings. Annual face-to-face meetings are needed to maintain effort.

Prepare future agenda items before next meeting

Thank you to those who responded to our request for input on the plan or posted on Slack. We started the meeting with a good list of topics and appreciate your input throughout the week.



# Objectives in Strategic Plan



## Respond to changes

Update our best practices to account for the rapidly changing economy



#### **Guidance**

Produce guidance papers based on cross cutting methodological issues



#### **Exchange** ideas

Provide a forum for information exchange on best practices and emerging issues



### Accessible material

Make our documentation more accessible and up-to-date



#### Increase knowledge

Enhance our understanding of the concepts and requirements of National Accounts



## Progress on Tasks in Strategic Plan

1

Share practices on use of alternative data

New Content Development Framework (CDF) includes alternative data sources. Country status reports include question on alternative data sources.

2

Finalize and implement new CDF

Feedback from 2016 used to update CDF for 2017 meeting and Telecommunications Sector Paper. Feedback from VG2017 will be used to finalize CDF.

3

Establish plan for keeping documentation upto-date

Bureau Task Force established criteria for revisiting an industry previously covered.



## Progress on Tasks (2 of 3)

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Redesign website to establish VG as a premier source of information Task Force established to lead redesign. Stage one of redesign has occurred to update to newer technology and to eliminate a security risk with old site.

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Establish criteria for cross-cutting issues

Bureau Task Force established criteria for crosscutting issues.

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Implement
mechanisms for VG
collaboration
methods

Slack implemented in 2016.

Explored Webex, Skype, video- and teleconferencing in 2017

UNSD has agreed to let us use their collaborative space.



# Progress on Tasks (3 of 3)

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Collaborate with other international groups

- WPMADE (Working Party on the Measurement and Analysis of the Digital Economy)
- IMF
- OECD

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Provide input to changes in classification and manuals

Relevant classification problems and concepts are passed on to the Expert Group on Statistical Classifications on a regular basis.

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SNA review of sector and industry papers

CDF reflects SNA concepts

To formalize this in instructions to session leaders and authors

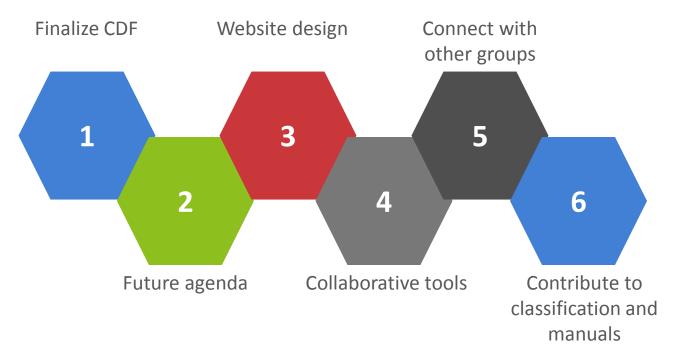
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SNA participation at meetings

Bureau member from SNA

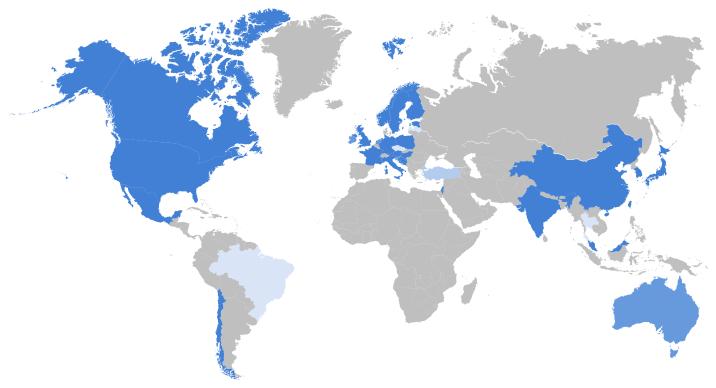


# Next Steps





# VG participation





VG 2017 includes participants from 23 countries and the OECD

Since 2012, participation from 34 countries, OECD and Eurostat

#### Your feedback

What did you like about the meeting this year?

**STRENGTHS** 

#### WEAKNESSES

What areas of the meeting can be improved?

What suggestions do you have for future meetings of the Group?

#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **THREATS**

 What concerns do you have regarding future meetings of VG

