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Invitation to the Summer School, Albania, 27th September – 1st October 2021

Dear colleagues,

The thirteenth Balkan Summer School will be organized by the Statistical Office of Albania (INSTAT) in cooperation with Statistics Sweden and will be held in Albania (venue to be confirmed) from 27 September to 1 October 2021. This plan might be subject to change depending on the pandemic situation in the region. Should it be impossible to organize the School in the conventional way, the organizers reserve the right to run the School as an online event, in which case the participants would be notified in due course. Organizers have the pleasure to invite three (3) staff members from each of the offices in BiH to participate in this year's School.

Usually, but not necessarily, the Summer School targets methodology staff at the national statistical offices with thorough knowledge of survey practice. In addition, depending on the Regional Statistics Committee decision on the school topic, it is open for university teachers and researchers in statistics and to statistical institutes in the Balkan countries and Sweden.

This year, which was supposed to be the census year in the region, the Summer School will have one main theme: **“Censuses in Statistics: Methodology and Processing Data for the Production of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030 Monitoring Indicators”**. The theme will cover various elements that are related to indicators of the SDGs and what information obtained from the censuses (both population and agricultural) could be used as inputs for SDGs' progress monitoring. The topic is broad enough and should encourage staff of different profiles (not only methodologists) to apply and write papers. Notable experts will be invited by Statistics Sweden to give lectures during the Summer School and to facilitate group work and discussion about the papers.

The participants are required to have a relevant university degree – preferably in statistics, economics, mathematics or the social sciences. As the



Summer School's working language will be English, all participants need to have a very good knowledge of the English language.

Each participant must submit a paper (6 – 8 pages) related to the Summer School main subject mentioned above. The submitted paper has to be presented during the School. The final paper, which may be theoretically or practically oriented, is preceded by an abstract that gives a brief summary of the paper.

Please find all important deadlines for your submission below:

Task	Deadline	Comment
Deadline for submitting abstracts to the organisers from INSTAT and Statistics Sweden	15 May 2021	Authors of accepted abstracts will be asked to submit full papers.
The final paper is also preceded by a draft version that should be sent to the organisers from INSTAT and Statistics Sweden	19 June 2021	Please note that the authors of approved abstracts will be invited to a separate meeting where they will be assisted in writing of the draft papers. Authors of accepted papers will be asked to revise the draft version and submit final papers.
The deadline for submission of the final paper	27 July 2021	

In addition to presenting a paper, each participant will be responsible to comment on someone else's paper and take active part in discussions. Each person will also be part of a group of three, to be constituted during the meeting (aimed at assisting in paper writing) and expected to comment on two additional papers. Discussants should have the obligation to send comments and questions to the author in advance so that the comments could be addressed during the School presentations.

Instructions on the preparation of papers are attached to this invitation letter (see attachment). Participants are asked to strictly follow the template for writing the paper and also for the presentation.

Please note that hotel accommodation (on a half-board basis) will be provided and paid for by Sida's Regional Statistics Fund. Daily allowances according to the Swedish Government regulations will be disbursed on the first School day, should the School take place in person. Deductions will be made for meals received free of charge.

This year the transport costs between the participants' home of residence to/from the venue will also be covered by the project, provided the School takes place in person. Therefore, we will appreciate to receive in advance the

information on participants' arrival and departure time to/from the venue once it is decided on.

We are looking forward to receiving the completed registration forms (please, see the attachment) from your delegates, no later than 5th May, 2021.

For further information, do not hesitate to contact Ms Jasmina Protic, Mr Dragan Ignjatovic or myself.

Yours faithfully,



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