

Updating of the SNA-93,
issue 39b: Predominant center of economic interest (as term)

Advisory Expert Group's (AEG) recommendations of 12/2004:

Harmonization of the definition of residence between BPM and SNA is essential; harmonization with other statistical systems (for instance, demographic, immigration and tourism statistics) is desirable but not to the point of compromising the integrity of the system. Where this is not possible, the different definitions need to be documented.

The AEG agreed to adopt "predominant centre of economic interest" as a term.

The AEG favored the one-year criterion rather than discretionary criteria, with the existing exceptions of students and patients and with clarifications of the situation of ships' crews.

The AEG supported the supplementary presentation on non-permanent workers proposed in the BPM Annotated Outline.

German opinion:

We are in favour of the AEG - recommendations.