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Notes of the SS Sub-Committee Conference Call

Held from 15.00 – 16:00 CEST on Monday 15 July 2019

Participants:

Maria Economou (Chair) – Greece
Bernd Mümken - Germany
Costas Stavrakis (chair TF Methodology and Projections) – Cyprus
Daniela Martini - Italy
David Bogataj (chair TF Mortality) – Slovenia
Falco Valkenburg (AAE Vice chair person) – The Netherlands
Jeroen van den Bosch – The Netherlands
John Woodall – UK
Maitane Mancebo (chair Pensions Committee) – Spain
Richard Deville - France
Severine Arnold – Switzerland
Tibor Parniczky (chair TF Adequacy) – Hungary
Thilo Volz - Germany

Apologies:

Chris Daykin – UK
Iñaki de la Peña – Spain
Ismo Risku – Finland
Marianna Papamichail – Greece
Raffaello Marcelloni – Italy

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Maria opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. The agenda was adopted.

2. Brief Information about the SSSC steps after the Sofia meeting

Maria summarized the committee's progress since the spring meetings in Sofia; in specific:

1. The SSSC participated in the ECA in Lisbon with 3 presentations; the following papers were presented:
 - a) Meeting the Challenge of Ageing in the EU.
 - b) Italian Disabled Workers' Survival: The variables That Affect the Phenomenon, by Laura Baradel (INAIL) and Daniela Martini (INAIL).
 - c) Measuring Adequacy and Facing Longevity Risk in Social Security, by Raffaello Marcelloni (INAIL) and Daniela Martini (INAIL).
2. A meeting with DG Employment held on June 14 between Ana Carla Pereira head of the Modernisation of Social Protection Systems unit, Valdis Zagorskis, Pensions team leader of the Modernisation of Social Protection Systems unit, Falco Valkenburg, AAE, Vice-Chairperson, Maitane Mancebo, chairperson of the Pensions Committee and Maria Economou chairperson of the SSSC. The meeting was arranged on the occasion of the SSSC discussion paper "Meeting the challenge of ageing in the EU".
3. A successful webinar under the title "Meeting the challenge of ageing in the EU" took place on June 25 in Cologne with the participation of the chair of the Pension Committee the chair of the SSSC and the chairpersons of the SSSC TFs. The webinar was organized by the AAE; 110 people were registered to attend it.
4. An article under the title "Meeting the challenge of ageing in the EU" was published on the July issue of the European Actuary magazine.

3. Contact with the IAA and other organizations

Maria informed the participants about the discussion she had with the TFs chairpersons during their Conference Call in May. As they agreed, as SSSC we need to focus on the subjects that refer to Europe; i.e. to try to approach either relative topic from the European perspective. Since a number of the SSSC members are also members in IAA committees, we will check each time who of our colleagues will participate in the IAA meetings so that to present to IAA our work (and vice versa). Maria mentioned as an example that in the Washington meetings David and Raffaello participated and they took the opportunity to promote the SSSC discussion paper and the webinar. She also informed the participants that Raffaello has been nominated as a member of the ISSA Technical Commission on Statistical and

Actuarial Studies. This development she said could be another opportunity to get in contact with our IAA colleagues and other international organizations.

Maria informed the participants that she has been invited:

- To present the SSSC discussion paper in a webinar for the PBSS members in October. Maitane the chair of the Pensions committee will be the moderator of this webinar.
- To participate as chair of the SSSC of AAE at the annual Social Security Forum; this primarily involves representatives of the IAA, the ILO and the ISSA.

Tibor confirmed that he is member of the IAA – SSC; thus he can also contribute to the further development of our committee's contact with the IAA and other organizations.

Due to connection difficulties the item 5 discussed before the 4th item.

4. Task Force Methodology and Projections / chairperson Mr Stavrakis

Costas said that as TF we need to contribute on the preparation of the Technical guidelines of Eurostat. This follows from the meeting that held last April in Luxemburg. From an actuarial perspective a number of issues have been identified on the T29 reporting among member states. In September It is expected to have a general framework on this. The TF team will work on the conclusions and a relevant report will be published.

Maria asked if in Vienna meetings we'll have a clear view regarding the timeline.

Costas confirmed and he added that the results of the next exercise should be ready on 2020 at start. Between October and December he said the TF will prepare the output.

5. Task Force on Adequacy of Pensions / chairperson Mr Parniczky

Tibor said that till Vienna meeting the TF will pay attention on:

- a) Min pensions social assistance; a short questionnaire will be circulated in order to get information on what currently is in force in the different Member states. Tibor said that he will work on this questionnaire in August.
- b) Intergenerational fairness: Because we didn't inform on time we couldn't, as TF, react as expected. However the TF is interested to contribute on this topic.

Maria mentioned that our TF Adequacy colleague John Woodall who is very much interested in this topic managed to attend the CC on the Intergenerational fairness.

Maitane clarified that the initiative to work on intergenerational fairness belongs to the Cash Flow TF of the Pensions Committee. As she explained when the TF started working on this topic the question "is someone else wishes to contribute on this subject" was raised. No decisions have been taken up to now. This is a wide subject and there are many areas of being involved.

Tibor thanked Maitane for clarifying and he referred to a discussion in the Netherlands regarding the occupational schemes.

Tibor confirmed the interest of the TF to contribute on the Intergenerational fairness topic and invited all TF members who are interested to participate.

Maria invited David, the chairperson of TF Mortality to give a summary about the TF next steps till Vienna.

TF Mortality

David informed the participants that EuroPop 2018 was published the last week of June.

He also mentioned that he had a question regarding how mortality is influenced by the different income groups. He proposed to discuss this item during our Vienna meeting.

He also proposed the TF to have a Conference Call in September.

David said that he is busy with the collection regarding the mortality literature review. Referring to the Washington meeting he pointed out that Europe is far behind USA and we need to make steps to bridge the gap. He also said that a lot of presentations took place in Washington and he is thinking to make a presentation in Vienna.

Maria asked if till Vienna meeting the TF will be ready with the literature review.

David confirmed that they will be ready and after October meetings a report on this will be published.

Daniela said that there is an update of her work presented in Lisbon (during ECA conference) about the relation between mortality rates and profession.

Maria proposed to present it during Vienna meetings.

Daniela said that in any case she will refer to it during the TF Conference Call in September.

6. Additional items you may wish to discuss

Maria asked if someone wishes to raise a subject / question for further discussion.

David mentioned that as reported by EUROSTAT, Life expectancy at age 65 decreased in 2017 in EU. I think, he said, that this is important data. The question though is if this is just the anomaly or the watershed in centennial trend. Similar trend can be also observed for US.

The relative link and David's comments are quoted below:

https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=Mortality_and_life_expectancy_statistics#Life_expectancy_at_age_65_decreased_in_2017

Life expectancy at age 65 decreased in 2017:

Looking at the older generations in the EU-28, Table 2 shows that also life expectancy at 65 showed a small decrease in 2017. It was estimated at 19.9 years (0.1 years lower than 2016), reaching 21.4 years for women (0.2 years lower than 2016) and 18.1 years for men (0.1 years lower than 2016).

Table 2 reveals a pattern similar to the one showed in Table 1. Compared with 2016, life expectancy at age 65 decreased in 16 Member States from a maximum of 0.7 years in Luxembourg (from 20.9 to 20.2 years) to a minimum of 0.1 years in Bulgaria (from 16.2 to 16.1 years), Germany (from 19.8 to 19.7 years), Spain (from 21.6 to 21.5 years), France (from 21.8 to 21.7 years), Austria (from 20.2 to 20.1 years), and Slovakia (from 17.5 to 17.4 years). In these countries the life expectancy for women decreased by 1 year in Luxembourg, by 0.2 years in Austria and Spain and by 0.1 years in Bulgaria, Germany, France and Slovakia, while the reduction for men was 0.3 years in Luxembourg, 0.1 years in Bulgaria and Spain, with no reduction for Austria, Germany, France and Slovakia.

Table 2 shows that only six Member States showed an increase in life expectancy at age 65. This was from a maximum 0.3 years in both Ireland and Portugal to a minimum of 0.1 years in Denmark, the Netherlands and Lithuania; six Member States were stable.

7. Close of the meeting

Maria thanked the participants for their attendance and their contribution to the discussion items.