

CMFB Opinion on the "Manual on compilation of taxes and social payments on a quarterly basis".

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Eurostat consulted the CMFB on Monday 8 April 2002 on the above-mentioned subject. The deadline for returning the questionnaire was Friday 3 May 2002. Both the procedure and the content of the consultation were agreed by the CMFB Executive Body. Fifteen (15) national statistical institutes and fourteen (14) national central banks from the Member States returned the questionnaire. A total of twenty-nine (29) national institutions, from all (15) Member States, thus participated in the consultation.

The result of the consultation was as follows:

- Twenty-one (21) national institutions endorsed the content of the Manual and its dissemination on the web site of the European Commission. Seven (7) national institutions also endorsed the Manual, but expressed some reservations. One (1) national institution abstained. Most of the comments referred to the need to conduct a regular updating of the Manual in the future.

Accordingly, the CMFB endorses the content of the Manual on compilation of taxes and social payments on a quarterly basis, and also the suggestion to disseminate this Manual on the web site of the European Commission. The CMFB also recommends that the Manual is regularly updated in the future.

In addition to this opinion, the following has been transmitted to Eurostat and will be kept in the records of the secretariat of the CMFB: a document putting together the answers of all the institutions; a summary of the vote; and the replies to the questionnaires submitted by the Member States.

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