Meeting of the jrc/estat – eclac collaboration on FIGARO ACT II

30 – 31 March 2023

The meeting will be organised in the building "Edificio Expo",
Joint Research Centre, Calle Inca Garcilaso, 3, 41092 Seville, Spain

Thursday, 30 March 2023 from 11:00 to 17:30
Friday, 31 March 2023 from 10:00 to 13:30

Chair: José Manuel Rueda Cantuche, JRC, B7

Draft Agenda

30 March: Methodological details

Items		Time[*]
1.	**Opening of the meeting and introduction of the agenda** *JRC will introduce the agenda and purpose of the meeting.* • ***Santacruz Banacloche, JRC B7 Unit, Chair***	**11:00**
2.	**FIGARO framework and ECLAC IOTs** *First introduction of each product, presenting the databases: years, countries, industries* • ***Fabienne Montaigne, Eurostat C5 (10 min)*** • ***José Durán, ECLAC (10 min)***	**11:10**
3.	**Data collection and transformation process** *Present data sources used and estimations of missing data* • ***Martin Weiss, Ricardo Lobato, Eurostat C5 (20 min)*** • ***Sebastián Castresana, ECLAC (20 min)*** • ***Round table for discussion (20 min)***	**11:30**
Lunch break		**12:30 – 13:45**
4.	**Main challenges and problems of assembling the MRIOT** *Present challenges (i.e., non-allocated trade, trade in services, smuggling, national currencies, merchanting, etc) and actions undertaken* • ***José Manuel Rueda Cantuche, JRC Unit B7 (30 min)*** • ***Sebastián Castresana, ECLAC (30 min)*** • ***Round table for discussion (30 min)***	**13:45**
5.	**State of the art** *Present the approaches developed to create the final SUT and IOTs, discrepancies and limitations, current work on improving the databases and future plans* ***Round table for discussion***	**15:15**
6.	**Future work and conclusions** *Eurostat-JRC and ECLAC will define the work planned for the last three months of FIGARO Act II, as well as on the contents of the next administrative agreement FIGARO Act III regarding JRC-ESTAT-ECLAC collaboration for 2023. Topics to cover include:* • ***Inputs convergence (i.e., Global NAMA)*** • ***Agenda for 2023 (i.e., next meetings, exchange of officials)*** • ***People involved in the collaboration***	**16:15**

31 March: Comparative analysis and technical details

Items		Time*
1.	**Methodology wrap up** *Discuss all the possible technical details not covered in the previous day that need to be addressed*	**10:00**
2.	**Next steps proposal: comparative analysis of selected IOT for discrepancies** *JRC and ECLAC will discuss and specify how to compare both databases in order to look for discrepancies, inconsistencies and similarities, including the macro-magnitudes and bilateral trade analysis, and TiVA indicators for countries included in both initiatives.*	**11:00**
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3.	**IT infrastructure and RG-TiVA Expert Group** *Present the advances and suggestions regarding data exchange, the common repository, and the cochair (European Commission's JRC and ECLAC) of the next RG-TiVA Expert Group meetings.*	**12:15**

* Timings are only indicative. The running order of the items may be different from the sequence in this agenda to accommodate eventual timing constraints.