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**Ms. Heli Jeskanen-Sundstrom, independent expert.** She received her degree in Economics (M. Soc. Sc.) from the University of Helsinki. Prior to her retirement in 2012 Heli Jeskanen-Sundstrom was the Director General of Statistics Finland. In her career Heli Jeskanen-Sundstrom successfully worked in various statistical organizations in Finland and abroad. She has taken part, for example, in the meetings of the EU's Statistical Programme Committee and in the statistical director level meetings of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN/ECE), the OECD and the Nordic statistical agencies. During her career she contributed to development of national accounts and international recommendations, dealing both with national accounts and their application in economic analysis.

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