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METAC Webinar on CPI Business Continuity

June 22, 2020

METAC delivered a follow-up regional webinar on CPI Business Continuity to METAC-member countries. The event was a follow-up to the one held on the same topic on May 20, and was organized in response to positive feedback received after the first webinar and demand for a second. The webinar included a presentation offering guidelines on dealing with issues affecting the routine compilation and dissemination of national statistics as a result of measures put in place to limit the spread of COVID-19. The webinar also included a question and answer session to address issues raised by participants. The consumer price index (CPI) is a key statistic compiled by most national statistics offices and is usually published on a monthly basis within four weeks of the reference period. Continuous compilation and dissemination of a reliable CPI is of key importance for economic policymaking.