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Course on national accounts

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The course is based on the second edition (October 2014) of the OECD manual “Understanding National Accounts” by François Lequiller and Derek Blades.¹ The manual is available free on line: <http://www.oecd.org/std/understanding-national-accounts-9789264214637-en.htm> .

The course is voluntarily directed to non-experts. While it covers the theoretical definition of the main national accounts aggregates, it does it in a lively manner based on the concrete experience of the teacher. François Lequiller has been the head of the French national accounts and has a wide international experience (OECD, IMF, Eurostat).

The duration of the course is of 16 hours, in 8 sessions of two hours each.

The OECD quiz on national accounts can be used by attendants to self-measure their understanding of the course: <https://survey.oecd.org/Survey.aspx?s=97ae9a833d22428da1357b3d8d329f2d>

First day (August 19, 2018).

8:00-10:30: Session 1. The essential macroeconomic aggregates: GDP, GNP, the basic accounting identities. (Chapter 1).

11:00-12:30: Session 2. The national accounts machinery, integrated economic accounts and the limitations of national accounts aggregates. (Chapters 10 + 11).

13:30-15:30: Session 3. The volume/price split in spatial and geographical comparisons, and international comparability. (Chapters 2 +3).

16:00-18:30: Session 4. The production frontier and final uses. (Chapters 4 + 5).

Second day (August 20, 2018).

8:00-10:30: Session 5. Household and business accounts (Chapters 6 + 7).

11:00-12:30: Session 6. Financial accounts. (Chapter 8).

13:30-15:30: Session 7. General government accounts. (Chapter 9).

16:00-18:30: Session 8. GDP, well-being and globalisation. (Chapters 15 +16).

The power points of the course will be circulated to the attendants one week before the course. A hand-held calculator would be useful.

¹The chapters referenced in the time-table are those of the manual.