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Liaison report for OECD and Eurostat:

Eurostat is building a multilingual thesaurus, Theseus, for statistical terms for the EU member countries. The main language is English, but terms and definitions are also expressed in French and German. It is based on the multilingual thesaurus standard, ISO 5964. Other languages will be added, with Russian having the highest priority. Currently, Theseus is only available within the firewall at Eurostat. Eurostat is also heavily involved with data quality indicators (measures of data quality), which they claim can be used to measure metadata quality, too.

OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development) is using the same approach to data and metadata quality as Eurostat. They too claim the quality indicators can be applied to both data and metadata. They have built a system in English for statistical data and metadata terminology, at <http://cs3-hq.oecd.org/scripts/stats/glossary/index.htm>. This terminology contains many terms from ISO/IEC 11179.

Both OECD and Eurostat are working with the International Monetary Fund and other central banks to build an XML schema for transferring economic data and metadata. The project is called Statistical Data and Metadata exchange (SDMX). SDMX will be based the GESMES-CB (Generic Statistical Messages for Central Banks) standard, developed in Europe and based on the UN/EDIFACT standards. A first draft of the schema has not been produced yet.