

ISSN 1977-0375

eurostat
Methodologies and
Working papers

Statistical Requirements Compendium

2009 edition

Statistical Requirements Compendium

2009 edition

How to obtain EU publications

Publications for sale:

- via EU Bookshop (<http://bookshop.europa.eu>);
- from your bookseller by quoting the title, publisher and/or ISBN number;
- by contacting one of our sales agents directly. You can obtain their contact details on the Internet (<http://bookshop.europa.eu>) or by sending a fax to +352 2929-42758.

Free publications:

- via EU Bookshop (<http://bookshop.europa.eu>);
- at the European Commission's representations or delegations. You can obtain their contact details on the Internet (<http://ec.europa.eu>) or by sending a fax to +352 2929-42758.

Europe Direct is a service to help you find answers to your questions about the European Union

Freephone number (*):

00 800 6 7 8 9 10 11

(*). Certain mobile telephone operators do not allow access to 00 800 numbers or these calls may be billed.

More information on the European Union is available on the Internet (<http://europa.eu>).

Luxembourg: Office for Official Publications of the European Communities, 2009

ISBN 978-92-79-12640-6

ISSN 1977-0375

DOI 10.2785/27315

Cat. No. KS-RA-09-009-EN-N

Theme: General and regional statistics

Collection: Methodologies and working papers

© European Communities, 2009

Eurostat is the Statistical Office of the European Communities. Its mission is to provide the European Union with high-quality statistical information. For that purpose, it gathers and analyses figures from the national statistical offices across Europe and provides comparable and harmonised data for the European Union to use in the definition, implementation and analysis of Community policies. Its statistical products and services are also of great value to Europe's business community, professional organisations, academics, librarians, NGOs, the media and citizens.

Eurostat's publications programme consists of several collections:

- **News releases** provide recent information on the Euro-Indicators and on social, economic, regional, agricultural or environmental topics.
- **Statistical books** are larger A4 publications with statistical data and analysis.
- **Pocketbooks** are free of charge publications aiming to give users a set of basic figures on a specific topic.
- **Statistics in focus** provides updated summaries of the main results of surveys, studies and statistical analysis.
- **Data in focus** present the most recent statistics with methodological notes.
- **Methodologies and working papers** are technical publications for statistical experts working in a particular field.

Eurostat publications can be ordered via the EU Bookshop at <http://bookshop.europa.eu>.

All publications are also downloadable free of charge in PDF format from the Eurostat website <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat>. Furthermore, Eurostat's databases are freely available there, as are tables with the most frequently used and demanded short- and long-term indicators.

Eurostat has set up with the members of the 'European statistical system' (ESS) a network of user support centres which exist in nearly all Member States as well as in some EFTA countries. Their mission is to provide help and guidance to Internet users of European statistical data. Contact details for this support network can be found on Eurostat Internet site.

Foreword to the 2009 edition

The Statistical Requirements Compendium is a well-established reference document for the *acquis communautaire* in statistics. The Compendium is a tool for producers of official statistics, which summarises the key reference information for European statistical production.

Eurostat updates this Compendium every year to take into account new legislation and other developments relevant for European official statistics. In April 2009, the new Statistical Law (Regulation no 223/2009 of the European Parliament and the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics) entered into force. The new Regulation highlights different aspects of statistical production, development, dissemination and cooperation in the framework of the European Statistical System (ESS).

The structure of the 2009 edition of the Compendium generally follows the annual Statistical Work Programme of the Commission for 2009 which was adopted on the basis of the multiannual Community Statistical Programme 2008 to 2012 (Decision no 1578/2007 of the European Parliament and the Council of 11 December 2007).

For each theme and module that is relevant for European official statistics producers, the 2009 edition of the Compendium provides:

- a description and the key priorities for 2009 of the statistical theme,
- the relevant legal acts with the Official Journal reference and other documents relevant for compilation of statistics such as agreements between Eurostat and Member States,
- the data requirements – i.e. the data sets to be provided by European statistics producers to Eurostat,
- methodological information,
- information on international cooperation.

The electronic version of this Compendium can be downloaded from the Eurostat website at <http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu>. For obtaining a paper copy or in order to suggest improvements of this publication please write to ESTAT-D1-REQUESTS@ec.europa.eu.

This publication was produced by Eurostat unit D-1 – Statistical cooperation with European and Mediterranean countries, with the assistance of Mr Ilie Dinu, in close cooperation with all subject matter units of Eurostat. The help and support of the subject matter units was indispensable for the compilation of this publication.

Arunas Butkevicius
Head of Unit Eurostat D-1
June 2009

Table of contents

Introduction	.....	6
Basic Legal Acts	.....	8
DOMAIN 1 – Demographic and social statistics 9		
Theme 1.01 Population..... 9		
Module 1.01.01	Demography, census and projections	10
Module 1.01.02	Migration and asylum	12
Theme 1.02 Labour market 18		
Module 1.02.01	Employment and unemployment.....	19
Module 1.02.02	Earnings and labour costs.....	22
Module 1.02.03	Database on labour market policy interventions	24
Module 1.02.04	Time use and reconciliation of work and family life	25
Theme 1.03 Education and lifelong learning 27		
Module 1.03.01	Education statistics.....	28
Module 1.03.02	Vocational training and lifelong learning statistics.....	30
Theme 1.04 Culture 32		
Module 1.04.01	Culture statistics	33
Theme 1.05 Health and safety..... 35		
Module 1.05.01	Public health	36
Module 1.05.02	Health and safety at work	38
Theme 1.06 Distribution of incomes and living conditions 40		
Module 1.06.01	Household budget surveys (HBS)	41
Module 1.06.02	Income, social inclusion and living conditions	42
Theme 1.07 Social protection 45		
Module 1.07.01	Social protection (ESSPROS)	46
Theme 1.08 Consumer protection 48		
Module 1.08.01	Consumer protection	49
Theme 1.09 Food safety 50		
Module 1.09.01	Food safety statistics: cross-cutting issues	51
Module 1.09.02	Statistics on control and monitoring activities	53
Module 1.09.03	Food consumption statistics	55
Module 1.09.04	Statistics on products with distinctive marks (including organic production and farming)	56
Theme 1.10 Crime and criminal justice 58		
Module 1.10.01	Administrative data on crime and criminal justice	59
Module 1.10.02	EU victimisation survey module	60
Theme 1.11 Discrimination..... 61		
Module 1.11.01	Discrimination statistics	62
Theme 1.12 Other work in the field of demographic and social statistics 63		
Module 1.12.01	Social reporting.....	64
Module 1.12.02	Gender statistics.....	66
Module 1.12.04	European Programme of Social Surveys (EPSS)	67
DOMAIN 2 – Macroeconomic statistics 70		
Theme 2.01 Annual economic accounts 70		
Module 2.01.01	European system of accounts	71
Module 2.01.02	National accounts: aggregates	73
Module 2.01.03	Annual sector accounts	75
Module 2.01.04	Supply, use and input-output tables	76
Module 2.01.06	Regional accounts	78
Theme 2.02 Quarterly accounts..... 80		
Module 2.02.01	Quarterly national accounts	81
Module 2.02.02	Quarterly sector accounts	83
Theme 2.03 Monetary and financial statistics..... 84		
Module 2.03.01	Financial accounts – methodology	85
Module 2.03.02	Financial accounts – data production.....	86

Module 2.03.03	Money and finance	87
Theme 2.04 Government finance statistics	.....	89
Module 2.04.01	Government finance statistics - Methodology	90
Module 2.04.02	Government finance statistics – Data production.....	92
Module 2.04.03	Statistics on public deficit and debt	94
Theme 2.05 Monitoring own resources	.....	96
Module 2.05.01	Monitoring own resources GNI.....	97
Module 2.05.02	Monitoring own resources value added tax (VAT)	99
Theme 2.06 Prices	.....	101
Module 2.06.01	Harmonised consumer price indices	102
Module 2.06.02	Spatial price comparisons	105
Module 2.06.03	Remuneration and pensions of EU Staff.....	107
Theme 2.07 Trade in goods	.....	108
Module 2.07.04	Data production	109
Theme 2.08 Trade in services and balance of payments	.....	112
Module 2.08.01	Balance of payments: Methodology, Meetings	113
Module 2.08.02	Quarterly balance of payments	115
Module 2.08.03	Foreign direct investment	117
Module 2.08.04	International trade in services	119
Module 2.08.05	Balance of payments of the Community institutions	121
Module 2.08.06	Foreign affiliates statistics (outward)	122
DOMAIN 3 – Business statistics	.....	124
Theme 3.01 Annual business statistics	.....	124
Module 3.01.01	Production of structural business statistics	125
Module 3.01.02	Development of structural business statistics	132
Module 3.01.03	Prodcom	138
Theme 3.02 Short-term business statistics	.....	139
Module 3.02.01	Short-term business statistics	140
Theme 3.03 Energy	.....	144
Module 3.03.01	Structural statistics of energy	145
Module 3.03.02	Short-term statistics of energy.....	147
Module 3.03.03	Energy prices.....	148
Module 3.03.04	Special actions to support the new Community energy policies	150
Theme 3.04 Transport	.....	151
Module 3.04.01	Information system on transport statistics, indicators and voluntary data collections	152
Module 3.04.02	Passenger mobility and road traffic data.....	154
Module 3.04.03	Road freight transport statistics.....	156
Module 3.04.04	Rail transport statistics	158
Module 3.04.05	Maritime and inland waterways transport statistics.....	160
Module 3.04.06	Air transport statistics	163
Module 3.04.08	Transport safety statistics.....	165
Theme 3.05 Tourism	.....	166
Module 3.05.01	Tourism statistics.....	167
Theme 3.06 Business registers	.....	168
Module 3.06.01	Business registers and statistical units.....	169
DOMAIN 4 – Statistics on agriculture, forestry and fisheries	.....	171
Theme 4.01 Agricultural statistics	.....	171
Module 4.01.01	Crop products statistics	172
Module 4.01.02	Livestock, meat and eggs statistics.....	178
Module 4.01.03	Milk and dairy products statistics.....	181
Theme 4.02 Agricultural structures	.....	183
Module 4.02.01	Agricultural structures.....	184
Theme 4.03 Land use and land cover	.....	186
Module 4.03.01	Land use and land cover	187
Theme 4.04 Agricultural accounts and prices	.....	188

Module 4.04.01	Agricultural accounts and prices	189
Theme 4.05 Forestry statistics		191
Module 4.05.01	Forestry statistics.....	192
Theme 4.06 Fisheries statistics		194
Module 4.06.01	Fisheries statistics	195
Theme 4.07 Agri-environmental statistics		197
Module 4.07.01	Agri-environmental statistics	198
Theme 4.08 Rural development and maritime policy statistics		199
Module 4.08.01	Rural development statistics	200
DOMAIN 5 – Multi-domain statistics		201
Theme 5.01 Statistics for business cycle analysis		201
Module 5.01.01	Euroindicators/PEEIs	202
Module 5.01.02	Eurotrend.....	203
Theme 5.02 Lisbon strategy and sustainable development		204
Module 5.02.01	Structural indicators: production and dissemination.....	205
Module 5.02.02	Sustainable development indicators: production and dissemination	206
Theme 5.03 Environment statistics and accounts		207
Module 5.03.02	Statistics on waste and hazardous substances – Data Centre 'Waste'	208
Module 5.03.03	Statistics on water, air and climate change (Kyoto protocol)	210
Module 5.03.04	Environmental accounts and environmental expenditure	212
	statistics – Data centres: 'Natural Resources' and 'Products'	212
Theme 5.04 Regional and urban statistics		214
Module 5.04.01	Regional indicators	215
Module 5.04.02	Development of regional indicators	230
Module 5.04.03	Urban statistics	231
Module 5.04.04	SIRE	233
Module 5.04.05	Management of the NUTS classification	235
Theme 5.05 Geographical and local information.....		237
Module 5.05.01	GISCO	238
Module 5.05.02	INSPIRE	239
Theme 5.06 Science, technology and innovation		240
Module 5.06.01	Statistics on science and technology	241
Module 5.06.02	Statistics on innovation.....	243
Theme 5.07 Information society		244
Module 5.07.01	Statistics on information and communication technologies	245
Module 5.07.02	Postal statistics.....	247
DOMAIN 6 – Support for statistical outputs.....		248
Theme 6.01 Statistical coordination and classifications		248
Module 6.01.02	Classifications.....	249
Module 6.01.03	Classifications for trade in goods statistics	251
Theme 6.11 Data security and statistical confidentiality		253
Module 6.11.01	Data security and data protection.....	254
Module 6.11.02	Coordination for statistical confidentiality	256
Module 6.11.03	Legal aspects of confidentiality	259
Annex I - How to find statistics legal acts in the Directory of Community legislation (EUR-Lex).....		261
Annex II - List of abbreviations.....		267

Introduction

The Statistical Requirements Compendium is a tool for producers of official statistics. The Compendium summarises the key reference information for European statistical production.

The presentations of the statistical themes and modules in the Compendium are made from the perspective of a statistics provider in a country. This means that in general only those modules are included where there is a legal basis that influences the way statistics are produced in countries implementing the European Statistical System or where there are obligations to provide data to Eurostat.

The presentation is organised according to domains divided into themes and modules. The structure generally follows the Statistical Work Programme of the Commission for 2009. Each theme and module, that is relevant for European official statistics providers, is presented as follows.

Theme N.NN XXXX

(Number and title of the theme)

Description

This section describes the content of the theme.

Key priorities

This section outlines the key priorities for the theme.

Module N.NN.NN XXXX

(Number and title of the module, for each module coming under a given theme)

1. Module description

This section describes the content of the module.

2. Legal Basis

This section includes the legal acts, formal agreements and other basic reference documents relevant for the statistical work coming under a given module.

Legal acts:

This sub-section contains all legislation published in the Official Journal that is relevant for the production of the statistics. These are Directives, Regulations, Decisions, Resolutions or Recommendations approved by the European Council and Parliament or by the European Commission.

Agreements:

This sub-section contains all kinds of agreements (i.e. Member States Agreements reached within Eurostat Working Groups etc.) and Gentlemen's agreements.

Other basis:

This sub-section contains all other documents that are considered as relevant for the production of the statistics in the particular area. The sub-section also includes legislation under preparation such as Draft Council Regulations or Proposals for a Regulation / Directive. It can also be Communications from the Commission to the European Parliament and Council, EU Action plans, Programs, Strategies and Memoranda. This sub-section may also include other relevant documents such as documents and minutes of Eurostat Working Groups, Manuals, Reference Guides, Handbooks or Web pages.

3. Data requirements

This section lists all datasets that are to be provided from National Statistics Offices to Eurostat via eDAMIS, the Eurostat single entry point for data. Registered users can access eDAMIS at <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/edamis>

Each data set description includes the code and the name of the data set. 'Timeliness' usually means the number of days between the end of the reference period and the deadline for the transmission of the data to Eurostat. 'Periodicity' expresses the length of the period, for which the data is collected (e.g. 2 – every two years, A – annually, B – biannually, S - semiannually, Q – quarterly, M – monthly).

4. Methodology

This section presents documents or links to interest groups that are useful for the production of the statistics for the particular module. Documents can be minutes of Working Groups, White Papers, statistical methodological manuals, etc. In general, this section contains material that is mainly for information whereas material presented under 'other basis' in the section 2.'Legal Basis' implies a degree of obligation. However, there is not always a clear borderline so that e.g. methodological manuals may be found in either this section or in section 2.

5. International Cooperation

This section lists international organisations that in cooperation with Eurostat produce statistics for the particular module.

Basic Legal Acts

Responsible unit:
Contact person:

A.5: Legal and institutional affairs
Pierre BISCHOFF, Tel: +352 4301 38561

Commission Decision No 97/281/EC of 21 April 1997, on the role of Eurostat as regards the production of Community statistics, OJ L 112, 29.4.1997, p. 56 – 57

Commission Regulation (EC) No 831/2002 of 17 May 2002, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, concerning access to confidential data for scientific purposes, OJ L 133, 18.5.2002, p. 7 – 9

Decision No 1578/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2007 on the Community Statistical Programme 2008 to 2012, OJ L 344, 28.12.2007, p. 15–43

Decision No 234/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2008 establishing the European Statistical Advisory Committee and repealing Council Decision 91/116/EEC, OJ L 73, 15.3.2008, p. 13-16

Decision No 235/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2008 establishing the European Statistical Governance Advisory Board, OJ L 73, 15.3.2008, p. 17-19

Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics and repealing Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1101/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the transmission of data subject to statistical confidentiality to the Statistical Office of the European Communities, Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, and Council Decision 89/382/EEC, Euratom establishing a Committee on the Statistical Programmes of the European Communities, OJ L 87, 31.03.2009, p.164-173

Other basis:

Communication from the Commission of 25 May 2005 to the European Parliament and to the Council on the independence, integrity and accountability of the national and Community statistical authorities, together with the Commission Recommendation on the same subject (COM/2005/0217 final)

DOMAIN 1 – Demographic and social statistics

Theme 1.01 Population

Description

Developments in demographic and migration statistics are driven by an increased policy focus on the long-run socio-economic impacts of demographic change, the development of a common immigration policy and the Common European Asylum System. The underlying priority for this theme is to enhance the policy relevance and the quality of population statistics and analyses.

Key priorities 2009

The important demographic challenges facing the European Union as well as the development of a common immigration policy have resulted in an unprecedented demand for high quality demographic and migration statistics to support policy-making. Consequently, considerable attention will be given to activities for the improvement of all aspects of quality of the existing statistics. Major efforts will be made to ensure the accuracy and comparability of the statistics collected under Regulation 862/2007 and in particular all statistics used to allocate funds to Member States under the EU's Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows programme. Additionally, the demographic projections will provide essential information for the promotion of sustainable economic and social reform in Europe under the renewed Lisbon strategy.

Module 1.01.01 Demography, census and projections

Responsible unit: **F-1: Population**
Contact person: Giampaolo LANZIERI, Tel: +352 4301 35336

1. Module Description

The objective of this module is the development and production of high quality and policy-relevant annual demographic statistics at national level and regional level with a view to monitoring the demographic challenges facing the European Union. This includes the production of independent and high quality population projections on fixed dates (currently every three years). Additionally this module covers the preparation and realisation of the Community Programmes for population and housing censuses every 10 years.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Regulation (EC) No 763/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 on population and housing censuses, OJ L 218, 13.8.2008, p. 14-20

Agreements:

Joint UNECE/Eurostat 'Recommendations for the 2010 Censuses of Population and Housing'.
Comments: the Recommendations should be applied for the censuses conducted about the turn of the decade;
Date of adoption: 2006;
Publication: published on the UNECE website.

The demographic questionnaires are collected on voluntary basis, upon agreement with the Member States, candidate countries and EFTA countries within Eurostat Working Groups and written consultations on the structure of the questionnaires. Eurostat cooperates with United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) for the main demographic data collection – 'Joint'. 'Joint' and 'Rapid' data collections are carried out also on behalf of the Council of Europe.

Comments: Eurostat carries out four demographic data collections per year: 'Rapid' (deadline 15 May), concerning the main demographic data; 'Joint' (deadline 15 September), collection of detailed demographic data; 'Nowcast' (deadline 15 November), gathering the latest available monthly data for the purpose of a timely estimate of the total population at the beginning of the following year; 'Regional' (deadline 15 December), for those countries which have agreed with the EC a regional breakdown (NUTS).

Time of obligation: continuous.

Periodicity: 3 times per year (Rapid, Joint and Nowcasting data collections).

Date of adoption: 1985.

Publication: none.

Participant countries: 50 countries and territories: EU Member States (27 countries, plus Metropolitan France), EFTA countries (4), candidate countries (3), Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Kosovo under UNSCR 1244, Russia, San Marino, Serbia and Ukraine;

Official data providers: NSIs.

3. Data Requirements

CENSUS_CEN_O: Household and Population Census Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: O

DEMONAT_JOINTFX_A: Demographic Statistics at National Level - Joint Questionnaire with UNSD - France Metropolitan only Timeliness: 255 Periodicity: A

DEMONAT_JOINT_A: Demographic Statistics at National Level - Joint Questionnaire with UNSD
Timeliness: 255 Periodicity: A

DEMONAT_NCASTFX_A: Demographic Statistics at National Level - Nowcasting Questionnaire FX - France Metropolitan only Timeliness: 315 Periodicity: A

DEMONAT_NOWCAST_A: Demographic Statistics at National Level - Nowcasting Questionnaire
Timeliness: 315 Periodicity: A

DEMONAT_RAPIDFX_A: Demographic Statistics at National Level - Rapid Questionnaire - France
Metropolitan only Timeliness: 135 Periodicity: A

DEMONAT_RAPID_A: Demographic Statistics at National Level - Rapid Questionnaire
Timeliness: 135 Periodicity: A

DEMREG_GLOBAL_A: Demographic statistics at regional level Timeliness: 345 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

Demographic statistics: Definitions and methods of collection in 31 European countries, available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-CC-03-005

Methodology for the calculation of Eurostat's demographic indicators, available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-CC-04-004

Methodology is being updated for demography (new publication will be available in 2009) and for projections (new publication will be available in 2009).

5. International Cooperation

UNSD, UNECE.

Module 1.01.02 Migration and asylum

Responsible unit: **F-1: Population**
Contact person: David THOROGOOD, Tel: +352 4301 35487

1. Module Description

The objective of this module is the development and production of high quality and policy-relevant statistics on migration and international protection in the light of an increased policy focus on the socio-economic impacts of migration, the development of a common immigration policy and the Common European Asylum System. Regulation 862/2007 – which will be fully implemented during 2009 - defines a range of annual statistics on migration flows and migrant stocks, acquisition of citizenship, residence permits and measures against illegal entry and stay; annual, quarterly and monthly statistics on asylum. With regard to quality monitoring and improvement, there will be a focus on the statistics required for the allocation of Community funds under the 'Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows' programme. To meet growing policy needs, work will begin on improving the availability of statistical information on the socio-economic situation of migrants.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 July 2007 on Community statistics on migration and international protection and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 311/76 on the compilation of statistics on foreign workers, OJ L 199 of 31.07.2007, p. 23-29

Comments:

Collection of statistics on international migration, usually resident population and acquisition of citizenship (Article 3 of the Regulation) – immigrants, emigrants and persons having their usual residence in the Member State disaggregated by age and sex, and by citizenship or by country of birth or by country of previous or by country next residence.

At this time, details on this data collection are still under discussion. For this reason, datasets currently in the data requirements section may be subject to changes.

Time of obligation: continuous starting from 2008 reference year;

Periodicity: annually;

Publication: first statistics under this article will be published on Eurostat's web page as a part of free dissemination database in 2010.

Participant countries: EU Member States, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland. Candidate countries and other countries in UNECE area will participate on voluntary base under Gentlemen's Agreement within the framework of Joint UNSD, UNECE, Eurostat and ILO Questionnaire on International Migration.

Official data providers: National statistical institutions;

Use of the statistics: support the policy development in the area of immigration and residence of citizens of non-member countries, and in the area of employment and social policy; compiling population projections and monitoring of major changes in migration and formation of foreign populations; demographic and social reports of the Commission; research in the field of migration and demography;

Collection of asylum statistics (Article 4 of the Regulation) - asylum applications, decisions on asylum applications, applications of unaccompanied minors, returns of rejected applicants, grants of temporary protection;

Time of obligation: continuous;

Periodicity: asylum applications - monthly, first instance decisions on asylum applications - quarterly, applications of unaccompanied minors and resettled persons, final decision on asylum applications - annually, temporary protection - collected in the case of mass influx;

Publication: statistics is published on Eurostat's web page as a part of free dissemination database; a Data in Focus will be published on a quarterly basis.

Participant countries: EU Member States, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

Official data providers: Ministries of Home Affairs and Justice and related agencies;

Use of the statistics: asylum statistics is used by DG JLS for the allocation of money to Member States from the European Refugee Fund (Council Decision 2000/596/EC available on:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:32000D0596:EN:HTML>). Dublin II statistics (Article 4.4) is used by DG JLS and presented during Dublin II Contact Committee meetings.

Council Regulation 343/2003 (available on:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:32003R0343:EN:HTML>), known as the Dublin II legislation, clarifies which Member State is responsible for assessing an application for asylum; the legislation makes provision for an asylum applicant to be transferred to another Member State if it can be shown that they should have instead sought asylum there.

Collection of statistics on topics related to illegal migration (Article 5 and 7 of the Regulation)- third country nationals refused entry, third country nationals apprehended illegally present, third country nationals subject to an obligation to leave, third country nationals who have actually left having been ordered to leave;

Time of obligation: continuous;

Periodicity: annual, with 2008 as first reference year.

Publication: statistics will be published by September 2009 on Eurostat's web page as a part of free dissemination database;

Participant countries: EU Member States, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland

Official data providers: Ministries of Justice and Home Affairs. Police Authorities;

Use of the statistics: support the policy development in this area, and monitoring of major changes in migration pressure and illegal immigration; EIL statistics are used by DG JLS for the allocation of money to Member States from the External Border Fund (Council Decision 2007/574/EC available on:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2007:144:0022:01:EN:HTML>) and the European Return Fund (Council Decision 2007/575/EC available on:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2007:144:0045:01:EN:HTML>

Collection of statistics on residence permits (Article 6 of the Regulation). Annual collection of data on residence permits granted to third country nationals – first permits granted during the reference year, permits granted during the reference year on the occasion of persons changing immigration status or reason to stay, number of permits valid and number of long term residents at the end of the reference year;

Time of obligation: continuous;

Periodicity: annual, with 2008 as first reference year;

Publication: statistics will be published on Eurostat's web page as a part of free dissemination database;

Participant countries: EU Member States, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland;

Official data providers: Ministries of Justice and Home Affairs and related agencies;

Use of the statistics: support to policy development. Statistics on resident permits will be used by DG JLS for the allocation of money to Member States from the European Integration Fund (Council Decision 2007/435/EC available on:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2007:168:0018:01:EN:HTML>).

Agreements:

Collection of statistics on international migration and usually resident population not covered by the Article 3 of the Regulation and on active population by citizenship — data collection is arranged under Gentlemen's Agreement within the framework of Joint UNSD, UNECE, Eurostat and ILO Questionnaire on International Migration (Joint Questionnaire). Starting from 2008 data, Joint Questionnaire is integrated with the data collection under Article 3 of the Regulation.

At this time, some details of this data collection are still under discussion. For this reason, datasets currently in the data requirements section may be subject to changes.

Time of obligation: continuous;

Periodicity: annually;

Publication: statistics are published on Eurostat's web page as a part of free dissemination database.

Participant countries: EU Member States, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland; candidate countries and other countries in UNECE area.

Official data providers: National statistical institutions;

Use of the statistics: compiling population projections and monitoring of major changes in migration and formation of foreign populations; research in the field of migration and demography;

3. Data Requirements

ASYLUM_A01_M: Applicants for international protection by age, sex and citizenship
Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: M

ASYLUM_A02_M: Applicants with pending asylum applications by age, sex and citizenship
Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: M

ASYLUM_A03_M: Applications for international protection withdrawn by age, sex and citizenship
Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: M

ASYLUM_A04_Q: Rejected applicants for international protection by age, sex and citizenship
Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: Q

ASYLUM_A05_Q: Persons granted refugee status at first instance by age, sex and citizenship
Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: Q

ASYLUM_A06_Q: Persons granted subsidiary protection status at first instance by age, sex and citizenship Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: Q

ASYLUM_A07_N: Persons granted temporary protection at first instance by age, sex and citizenship Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: N

ASYLUM_A08_Q: Persons granted authorisation to stay for humanitarian reasons at first instance by age, sex and citizenship Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: Q

ASYLUM_A09_Q: Withdrawals at first instance by type of status withdrawn and by citizenship
Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: Q

ASYLUM_A10_A: Applicants for international protection considered to be unaccompanied minors by age, sex and citizenship Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: A

ASYLUM_A11_A: Rejected applicants for international protection, final decisions by age, sex and citizenship Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: A

ASYLUM_A12_A: Persons granted refugee status, final decisions by age, sex and citizenship
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: A

ASYLUM_A13_A: Persons granted subsidiary protection status, final decisions by age, sex and citizenship Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: A

ASYLUM_A14_N: Persons granted temporary protection, final decisions by age, sex and citizenship
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: N

ASYLUM_A15_A: Persons granted authorisation to stay for humanitarian reasons, final decisions by age, sex and citizenship Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: A

ASYLUM_A16_A: Resettled persons by age, sex and citizenship Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: A

ASYLUM_A17_A: Withdrawals, final decisions by type of status withdrawn and by citizenship
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: A

ASYLUM_A18_M: New asylum applicants by age, sex and citizenship Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: M
(Voluntary dataset)

DUBLINII_DUBINC_A: Incoming requests Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: A

DUBLINII_DUBOUT_A: Outgoing requests Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: A

EIL_Y11LAND_A: Third-country nationals refused at the external land border, by citizenship and by grounds for refusal. Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

EIL_Y12SEA_A: Third-country nationals refused at the external sea border, by citizenship and by grounds for refusal. Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

EIL_Y13AIR_A: Third-country nationals refused at the external air border, by citizenship and by grounds for refusal. Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

EIL_Y2ILPRE_A: Third country nationals, found to be illegally present by citizenship and disaggregated by age and sex. Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

EIL_Y3RETUR_A: Third country nationals who are subject to an obligation to leave and those who actually left by citizenship. Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

MIGR_IMM1CTZ_A: International immigrants by citizenship, sex and age group
Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A (compulsory and non-compulsory dataset combined)

MIGR_IMM2CTZ_A: International immigrants by sex and single year age: nationals and foreigners
Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

MIGR_IMM3CTB_A: International immigrants by country of birth, sex and age group
Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A (compulsory and non-compulsory dataset combined)

MIGR_IMM4CTB_A: International immigrants by sex and single year age: native-born and foreign-born
Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

MIGR_IMM5PRV_A: International immigrants by country of previous residence, sex and age group
Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A (compulsory and non-compulsory dataset combined)

MIGR_IMM6CTZ_A: International immigrants by citizenship: native-born and foreign-born
Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A (non-compulsory)

MIGR_IMM7CTB_A: International immigrants by country of birth: nationals and foreigners
Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A (non-compulsory)

MIGR_EMI8CTZ_A: International emigrants by citizenship, sex and age group
Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A (compulsory and non-compulsory dataset combined)

MIGR_EMI9_A: International emigrants by single year age Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

MIGR_EMI10NXT_A: International emigrants by country of next residence, sex and age group
Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A (compulsory and non-compulsory dataset combined)

MIGR_EMI11CTB_A: International immigrants by country of birth, sex and age group
Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A (non-compulsory)

MIGR_POP12CTZ_A: Usually resident population by citizenship, sex and age group, 31 December
Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A (compulsory and non-compulsory dataset combined)

MIGR_POP13CTZ_A: Usually resident population by sex and single year age: nationals and foreigners, 31 December Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

MIGR_POP14CTB_A: Usually resident population by country of birth, sex and age group, 31 December Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A (compulsory and non-compulsory dataset combined)

MIGR_POP15CTB_A: Usually resident population by sex and single year age: native-born and foreign-born, 31 December Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

MIGR_POP16CTZ_A: Usually resident population by citizenship: native-born and foreign-born, 31 December Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A (non-compulsory)

MIGR_POP17CTB_A: Population by country of birth: nationals and foreigners, 31 December Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A (non-compulsory)

MIGR_ACQ18_A: Acquisition of citizenship by former citizenship, sex and age group Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

MIGR_9WPCTAG_A: Table 9 (Annual) Workers by citizenship and age-group on 1st January Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A (non-compulsory)

MIGR_10WCTEA_A: Table 10 (Annual) Workers by economic activity and citizenship on 1st January Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A (non-compulsory)

MIGR_11WCTRE_A: Table 11 (Annual) Workers by citizenship and region on 1st January Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A (non-compulsory)

MIGR_12WEACR_A: Table 12 (Annual) Workers by economic activity, citizenship and region on 1st January Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A (non-compulsory)

MIGR_13APCTA_A: Table 13 (Annual) Main characteristics of the labour force by citizenship and age group on 1st January Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A (non-compulsory)

MIGR_1MAJORC_A: Table 1 (Annual) Major categories of inflows and outflows Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A (non-compulsory)

RESPER_RP1_A: Grants of permission to stay issued for reasons related to family formation and reunification Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

RESPER_RP2_A: Grants of permission to stay issued for reasons related to education and study Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

RESPER_RP3_A: Grants of permission to stay issued for reasons related to remunerated activities Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

RESPER_RP4_A: Grants of permission to stay issued for other reasons Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

RESPER_RP5_A: Grants of permission to stay issued for changing immigration status or reason to stay Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

RESPER_RP6_A: Valid permissions to stay at the end of the reference period Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

RESPER_RP7_A: Third-country nationals with long-term resident status at the end of the reference period Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

Note: Datasets marked 'NEW' will be introduced in eDAMIS within next 6 months.

4. Methodology

Statistical definitions based on EU legislation on immigration and asylum matters, and on the United Nations - Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration, Revision 1 (<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/pubs/gesgrid.asp?ID=116>), the United Nations Recommendations for the Censuses of Population and Housing in the ECE Region (Conference of European Statisticians

Recommendations for the 2010 Censuses of Population and Housing:
<http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/ece/ces/ge.41/2006/zip.1.e.pdf>) are implemented through Regulation 862/2007.

Member States remain free to make use of any appropriate data sources according to availability and national practice, but must apply the statistical definitions in Regulation 862/2007.

The above mentioned United Nations Recommendations are also implemented for data collections on migration statistics under Gentlemen's agreement.

5. International Cooperation

UNSD, UNECE, ILO, UNHCR, IOM.

Theme 1.02 Labour market

Description

Labour market statistics provide short-term and structural descriptions of the labour market in monetary and nonmonetary terms as well as in a time-use context. The focus is on both the supply (actual participation in its various dimensions, labour reserve, inactive persons) and demand side (job vacancies). The statistics cover the European Union, the euro area, Member States, candidate countries and EEA/EFTA countries. They support the conduct and coordination of policies in the fields of employment and economic and monetary policy. They also help the Commission to define, implement and monitor labour market policies within the revised Lisbon strategy and the European employment strategy. For the medium term, the focus is on improving labour statistics in terms of coverage and quality by adapting and strengthening the Labour Force Survey (LFS) process so that it can better meet user demands for pertinent and timely data; improving the coherence and integration of employment statistics; further developing the structural indicators and the principal European economic indicators (PEEI) for the labour market; fully implementing job vacancy statistics; and fine-tuning the integrated system of earnings and labour cost statistics.

Key priorities 2009

The findings and recommendations of the comprehensive task force work on the quality of the LFS will be submitted and form the basis of targeted improvement actions. The results of the 2008 LFS ad hoc module on the labour market situation of migrants and their immediate descendants will be disseminated. Among the PEEI, the methodologies for the comparable monthly unemployment rates and the Labour Cost Index (LCI) are continuously improved and quality-assured. 2009 will bring the implementation of NACE rev.2 for the LCI. Following the entry into force of the regulations on job vacancy statistics all preparatory work must be completed to start data production within the new legal framework. Work on a limited set of indicators to supplement the ILO unemployment is launched. Data for the 2008 Labour Cost Survey (LCS) are collected. The results of the 2006 Structure of Earnings Survey (SES) are widely disseminated. A special effort will be made to give the research community appropriate access to the SES micro-data via anonymised data sets or Eurostat's safe centre.

Module 1.02.01 Employment and unemployment

Responsible unit: **F-2: Labour market**
Contact person: Ingo KUHNERT, Tel: +352 4301 35234

1. Module Description

The module covers the EU Labour Force Survey (LFS), job vacancy statistics and statistics on industrial disputes (strikes). The LFS, for which Regulation 577/98 is the basic legal act, provides quarterly and annual information on a wide range of labour market characteristics and socio-demographic variables of individuals and households. Based on quarterly/annual micro-datasets detailed tables, aggregate information, targeted indicators and time series are produced, analysed and disseminated. Tailor-made extractions using the micro-datasets are made and provided to users. Annual-ad hoc modules are developed, the results are processed and published. Based on the LFS monthly unemployment rates are estimated and released as headline indicators. Conceptual work and quality-related projects are undertaken across the entire domain is undertaken.

Job vacancy statistics are collected, processed and published under gentlemen's agreement. Preparatory work covering conceptual and data collection issues is ongoing with a view to launching data transmission under regulation 453/2008 as from beginning of 2010.

Data on strikes are published annually on the basis of a voluntary data collection together with ILO.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 of 9 March 1998, on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community, OJ L 77, 14.3.1998

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1571/98 of 20 July 1998, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 on the organisation of labour force sample survey in the Community, OJ L 205, 22.7.1998

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1897/2000 of 7 September 2000, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 on the organization of labour force sample survey in the Community concerning the operational definition of unemployment, OJ L 228, 8.9.2000

Regulation (EC) No 1991/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 October 2002, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 on the organisation of labour force sample survey in the Community, OJ L 308, 9.11.2002

Commission Regulation (EC) No 2104/2002 of 28 November 2002, adapting Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community and Commission Regulation (EC) 1575/2000 implementing Council Regulation (EC) 577/98 as far as the list of education and training variables and their codification to be used for data transmission from 2003 onwards are concerned, OJ L 324, 29.11.2002

Regulation (EC) No 2257/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2003, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community to adapt the list of survey characteristics, OJ L 336, 23.12.2003

Commission Regulation (EC) No 384/2005 of 7 March 2005, adopting the programme of ad hoc modules, covering the years 2007 to 2009, for the labour force sample survey provided for by Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98, OJ L 61, 8.3.2005

Commission Regulation (EC) No 430/2005 of 15 March 2005, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community concerning the

codification to be used for data transmission from 2006 onwards and the use of a sub-sample for the collection of data on structural variables, OJ L 71, 17.3.2005

Commission Regulation (EC) No 341/2006 of 24 February 2006, adopting the specifications of the 2007 ad hoc module on accidents at work and work-related health problems provided for by Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 and amending Regulation (EC) No 384/2005, OJ L 55, 25.2.2006, p. 9-13

Regulation (EC) No 1893/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006, establishing the statistical classification of economic activities NACE Revision 2 and amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3037/90 as well as certain EC Regulations on specific statistical domains, OJ L 393, 30.12.2006

Commission Regulation (EC) No 102/2007 of 2 February 2007, adopting the specifications of the 2008 ad hoc module on the labour market situation of migrants and their immediate descendants, as provided for by Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 and amending Regulation (EC) No 430/2005, OJ L 28, 3.2.2007, p. 3-7

Commission Regulation (EC) No 973/2007 of 20 August 2007, amending certain EC Regulations on specific statistical domains implementing the statistical classification of economic activities NACE Revision 2, OJ L 216, 21.8.2007, p. 10-16

Regulation (EC) No 1372/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2007, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community, OJ L 315, 3.12.2007, p. 42-43

Commission Regulation (EC) No 207/2008 of 5 March 2008, adopting the specifications of the 2009 ad hoc module on the entry of young people into the labour market provided for by Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98, OJ L 62, 6.3.2008, p. 4-8

Commission Regulation (EC) No 365/2008 of 23 April 2008 adopting the programme of ad hoc modules, covering the years 2010, 2011 and 2012, for the labour force sample survey provided for by Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98, OJ L 112, 24.4.2008, p. 22-24

Commission Regulation (EC) No 377/2008 of 25 April 2008 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community as regards the codification to be used for data transmission from 2009 onwards, the use of a sub-sample for the collection of data on structural variables and the definition of the reference quarters, OJ L 114, 26.4.2008, p. 57-84

Regulation (EC) No 453/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2008 on quarterly statistics on Community job vacancies, OJ L 145, 4.6.2008, p. 234-237

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1062/2008 of 28 October 2008 implementing Regulation (EC) No 453/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on quarterly statistics on Community job vacancies, as regards seasonal adjustment procedures and quality reports, OJ L 285, 29.10.2008, p. 3-8

Commission Regulation (EC) No 19/2009 of 13 January 2009 implementing Regulation (EC) No 453/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on quarterly statistics on Community job vacancies, as regards the definition of a job vacancy, the reference dates for data collection, data transmission specifications and feasibility studies, OJ L 9, 14.01.2009, p. 3-6

Commission Regulation (EC) No 20/2009 of 13 January 2009 adopting the specifications of the 2010 ad hoc module on reconciliation between work and family life provided for by Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98, OJ L 9, 14.01.2009, p. 7-11

Other basis:

EU LFS regulations available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/irc/dsis/employment/info/data/eu_lfs/LFS_MAIN/LFS/lfs_regulations.htm

3. Data Requirements

EMPLOY_M_M: Employment data (LFS) Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: M

JVC_01_A: Annual Vacancy Data with Economic Activity, Regional and Occupational Breakdown
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: A

JVC_01_Q: Quarterly vacancy data broken down by economic activity (NACE Rev. 1.1)
Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: Q

JVC_02_Q: Quarterly vacancy data broken down by economic activity (NACE Rev. 2)
Timeliness: 45 Periodicity: Q

LFS_ADHOC_N: Labour Force Survey. Ad-hoc transmissions Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: N

LFS_A_A: Annual Labour Force Survey Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: A

LFS_Q_Q: Quarterly Labour Force Survey Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

STRIKES_A_A: Statistics on Industrial Disputes Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

UNEMPLOY_M_M: Unemployment data (LFS) Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: M

UNEMPLOY_Q_Q: Unemployment data (LFS) Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: Q

4. Methodology

Methodology on the LFS available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/irc/dsis/employment/info/data/eu_lfs/index.htm

Monthly Unemployment news release contains methodology for calculation of monthly unemployment rates

Methodology on Job vacancy statistics available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/irc/dsis/jobvacancy/info/data/home_page.htm.htm

Methods and definitions on industrial disputes is available at the ILO website, Sources & Methods/volume 7 – strikes and lockouts: <http://laborsta.ilo.org>

5. International Cooperation

OECD, ILO, UN.

Module 1.02.02 Earnings and labour costs

Responsible unit: **F-2: Labour market**
Contact person: Simone CASALI, Tel: +352 35572

1. Module Description

The module includes multiannual, annual and short term statistics on earnings and labour costs and indicators on labour taxation. Structural statistics consist of the four-yearly Labour Cost Surveys and the Structure of Earnings Surveys, which both are based on legal acts. Annual statistics on labour costs, gross and net earnings, minimum wages and tax variables are provided by Member States under gentlemen's agreements. At the centre of the (monetary) short term statistics is the Labour Cost Index (LCI). The LCI-related work covers the production of quarterly releases, detailed quality assurance and, every two years, the preparation of a Report on implementation to the Council and the European Parliament.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Regulation (EC) No 530/1999 of 9 March 1999, concerning structural statistics on earnings and on labour costs, OJ L 63, 12.3.1999

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1726/1999 of 27 July 1999, implementing Council Regulation (EC) 530/1999 concerning structural statistics on earnings and labour costs as regards the definition and transmission of information on labour costs, OJ L 203, 3.8.1999

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1916/2000 of 8 September 2000, on implementing Council Regulation (EC) 530/1999 concerning structural statistics on earnings and on labour costs as regards the definition and transmission of information on structure of earnings, OJ L 229, 9.9.2000

Regulation (EC) No 450/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 February 2003, concerning the labour cost index, OJ L 69, 13.3.2002

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1216/2003 of 7 July 2003, implementing Regulation (EC) No 450/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the labour cost index, OJ L 169, 8.7.2003

Corrigendum to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1216/2003 of 7 July 2003 implementing Regulation (EC) No 450/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the labour cost index (OJ L 169, 8.7.2003) OJ L 186, 25.7.2003

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1738/2005 of 21 October 2005, amending Regulation (EC) No 1916/2000 as regards the definition and transmission of information on the structure of earnings, OJ L 279, 22.10.2005

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1737/2005 of 21 October 2005, amending Regulation (EC) No 1726/1999 as regards the definition and transmission of information on labour costs, OJ L 279, 22.10.2005

Commission Regulation (EC) No 698/2006 of 5 May 2006, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 530/1999 as regards quality evaluation of structural statistics on labour costs and earnings, OJ L 121, 6.5.2006, p. 30-35

Commission Regulation (EC) No 224/2007 of 1 March 2007, amending Regulation (EC) No 1216/2003 as regards the economic activities covered by the labour cost index, OJ L 64, 2.3.2007, p. 23-24

Agreements:

Agreement of 01/01/1995, several data transmission agreements done in the relevant Working Group meetings.

SPC Agreement of 29/05/1998, Gentlemen's agreement.

Comments: CEIS on the basis of SPC 98/29/5: Transmission to Eurostat of priority short-term economic indicators for the ECB: commitment of the NSIs Prices and cost statistics 7 and 8.

Other basis:

Integrated system of earnings and labour cost statistics (SPC/2003/49/7)

3. Data Requirements

LACOST_A_4: Labour costs survey table A national data Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: 4

LACOST_B_4: Labour costs survey table B size classes data Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: 4

LACOST_C_4: Labour costs survey table C regional data Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: 4

LACOST_LCUPD_A: Annual updates of labour costs Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

LCI_INDEX_Q: Labour Cost Indices-Quarterly. Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: Q

LCI_WEIGHT_A: Labour Cost Index - Weight. Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

SES_EARA_A4: Structure of Earnings Survey - Table A - Reporting Units
Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

SES_EARB_A4: Structure of Earnings Survey - Table B - Employees Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

SES_GEARN_A: Annual estimates of average gross earnings Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

SES_GPG_A: Annual Gender Pay Gap Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

SES_MINWAG_S: Minimal wages Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: S

SES_SAFECTR_N: Structure of Earnings Survey - SAFE Centre Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: N

4. Methodology

See legal acts.

5. International Cooperation

OECD, ILO, ECB.

Module 1.02.03 Database on labour market policy interventions

Responsible unit: **F-2: Labour market**
Contact person: Sabine GAGEL, Tel. +352/4301-36734

1. Module Description

The module covers the annual collection, dissemination and analysis of statistics on labour market interventions with a focus on public expenditure associated with labour market policy measures and on participants in these interventions. Targeted indicators for the Employment Guidelines are developed and produced. Conceptual harmonisation is pursued.

2. Legal Basis

Agreements:

Member States Agreement of 01/01/2000 and reiterated each year in the Labour Market Statistics Working Group

Labour Market Policy database

Comments: Methodological Manual available in English-German-French;

Time of obligation: continuous;

Periodicity: yearly;

Date of adoption: 2000; revised methodology of June 2006

Publication: Labour Market Policy - Expenditure and participants (annual publication; last edition: data 2006);

Participant countries: EU Member States and Norway;

Official data providers: Ministries of Labour or Employment, National Statistical Institutes.

LMP - Labour Market Policies, available on: <http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/labour/home>

3. Data Requirements

LMP_A_A: Labour Market Policy Statistics Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

Labour market policy database - Methodology - Revision of June 2006, available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-BF-06-003 or

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KS-BF-06-003/EN/KS-BF-06-003-EN.PDF

5. International Cooperation

Since 2005 the data collection is coordinated with the OECD (i.e. starting with reference year 2004). Eurostat collects LMP data for EU Member States and Norway and shares the results with OECD; OECD collects data for OECD countries which are not EU countries according to the Eurostat methodology. There are some deviations in the coverage of category 1 – Labour market services.

Module 1.02.04 Time use and reconciliation of work and family life

Responsible unit:
Contact person:

F-2: Labour market
Luis DEL BARRIO, Tel: +352 4301 35065

1. Module Description

The aim of the Time Use survey (TUS) is to provide detailed information on how individuals spend their time. It allows shedding light on unpaid work, activities outside the work place and issues related to reconciliation of work and family life. The module covers the development and drafting of methodological guidelines for countries that conduct a TUS (about every 10 years on a voluntary basis) and general guidance as well as analysis and support to publications. The module also covers the preparation of the 2010 LFS ad hoc module on reconciliation between work and family life (this ad hoc module is attached to the EU Labour Force Survey).

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Commission Regulation (EC) No 365/2008 of 23 April 2008 adopting the programme of ad hoc modules, covering the years 2010, 2011 and 2012, for the labour force sample survey provided for by Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98, OJ L 112, 24.4.2008, p. 22–24

Commission Regulation (EC) No 20/2009 of 13 January 2009 adopting the specifications of the 2010 ad hoc module on reconciliation between work and family life provided for by Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98, OJ L 9, 14.1.2009, p. 7–11

Agreements:

Time Use Surveys, Gentlemen's agreement.

Member States, EFTA countries and candidate countries have continuously discussed and commented on draft proposals for the Time Use Survey methodology. All countries carrying out Time Use Surveys seem to be interested in adapting their surveys to the Guidelines released in September 2000 in order to get internationally comparable data. These guidelines were revised and a new version was published in January 2009.

Reference: CIRCA site: Time Use Surveys Group.

3. Data Requirements

Countries participating in the 2010 ad hoc module should send the data file according to the specifications detailed in annex to the Commission Regulation (EC) No 20/2009 of 13 January 2009 adopting the specifications of the 2010 ad hoc module on reconciliation between work and family life.

4. Methodology

Guidelines on harmonised European time use survey, available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-RA-08-014

Tabulation and related metadata information of the Harmonised European Time Use Survey database are available at: <https://www.testh2.scb.se/tus/tus/>

Explanatory notes for the 2010 ad hoc module on reconciliation between work and family life, available on the CIRCA Employment expert Interest group:

http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/employ/library?l=/ad_hoc_modules/2010/explanatory_2010pdf/EN_1.0 &a=d

5. International Cooperation

ILO, OECD, UNSD.

Theme 1.03 Education and lifelong learning

Description

These statistics include the production of statistical information on education and lifelong learning via specific data sources on education and training systems, vocational training in enterprises and adult learning. This information is complemented with relevant information coming from other ESS sources which are not specific for education covering areas like human capital, education and social inclusion or transition from school to working life.

Indicators produced are used in benchmarking exercises like the structural indicators, the follow-up of the report on the concrete future objectives of the education and training systems (Education and Training 2010), the European Employment Strategy, benchmarking the European Research Area, the social agenda and sustainable development.

Cooperation within the Commission is established with DG EAC, DG EMPL, DG RTD and JRC (CRELL - Centre for Research on Education and Lifelong Learning). Cooperation with other international organisations (UNESCO Institute for Statistics, OECD, ILO), with specialised EU agencies – European Training Foundation (ETF), CEDEFOP – as well as with the Eurydice information network established by DG EAC is developed and established.

Key priorities 2009

The main priorities are the improvement of the production processes and the quality of data – including relevance, comparability, coherence, cost-effectiveness and timeliness of statistics and indicators – disseminated on education, training and lifelong learning. The EP and Council Regulation on education and lifelong learning statistics contribute to this objective and its implementing follow-up should be ensured. Data from the surveys on education and training from enterprises (Continuing Vocational Training Survey, CVTS, 3rd wave) as well as the Adult Education Survey (pilot) will be finalised and the detailed analysis and publication should be finalised during 2009. Work on CVTS4 as well as the next Adult Education Survey (AES under study for inclusion in new EHS project, CVTS4 to be implemented in 2011) will start in 2009, based on an evaluation of their last implementation. A Commission Regulation on the AES is foreseen. The improvement of data and metadata disseminated through the New Cronos database remains a permanent objective. A special report will be produced in order to answer the demand from the ministerial conference on the follow up of the Bologna process, on its social dimension. The Commission Communication (COM(2007) 61 final) on a coherent framework of indicators and benchmarks for monitoring progress towards the Lisbon objectives in education and training is an input for consolidating Eurostat sources on education statistics (Council conclusion of May 2007). For that, a major task will be the continued improvement of the statistical infrastructure needed for providing comparable education and training data used in benchmarking processes. Cooperation with international organisations and with EU specialised agencies will be rationalised and improved in areas of common interest.

Module 1.03.01 Education statistics

Responsible unit: **F-4: Education, science and culture**
Contact person: Lene MEJER, Tel: +352 4301 35423

1. Module Description

The objective of this domain is to provide comparable data, statistics and indicators on education for the EU-27, the candidate countries, EEA countries, Switzerland, Albania, Japan as well as other countries available.

The main data source is the set of joint UOE (UNESCO Institute of Statistics , OECD, Eurostat) questionnaires on education systems including some Eurostat-specific tables. The statistics refer to public and private, full-time and part-time education in school and university systems as defined in the UOE manuals.

The international standard classification of education (ISCED), 1997 version, is used for defining education levels and fields. The statistics cover enrolments, entrants, graduates, personnel, language learning and expenditure. Regional data are also available. Data are produced annually and covered by the Regulation (EC) No 452/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2008 concerning the production and development of statistics on education and lifelong learning (domain 1).

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Resolution No 94/C 374/01 of 5 December 1994, on the quality and attractiveness of vocational education and training, OJ C 374, 30.12.1994

Council Decision No 253/2000/EC of 24 January 2000, establishing the second phase of the Community action programme in the field of education 'Socrates', OJ L 28, 3.2.2000

Council Conclusions No: 05/C 141/01 of 24 May 2005, on new indicators in education and training, OJ C 141, 10.6.2005

Regulation No 452/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2008 concerning the production and development of statistics on education and lifelong learning, OJ L 145, 4.6.2008

Other basis:

Communication from the Commission of 21 February 2007 on a coherent framework of indicators and benchmarks for monitoring progress towards the Lisbon objectives in education and training (COM/2007/0061 final)

See at: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2007:0061:FIN:EN:PDF>

Documents related to Education statistics available on:

<http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/edtcs/library?l=/public&vm=detailed&sb=Title>

This site includes methodological documentation on the UOE data collection (the shared UNESCO/OECD/Eurostat data collection on education and training statistics), information on CVTS (Continuous Vocational Training Survey), - on education data coming from the Labour Force Survey, - on culture statistics, - on publications as well as a number of other issues related to education statistics.

3. Data Requirements

EDUCAT_CLASS_A: Class Size (UOE Questionnaire) Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

EDUCAT_DEM_A: Demography (WEI Questionnaire) Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

EDUCAT_ENRL_A: Enrolments (UOE Questionnaire) Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

EDUCAT_ENTR_A: Entrants (UOE Questionnaire) Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

EDUCAT_FINANCE_A: Educational Expenditure (UOE Questionnaire)
Timeliness: 630 Periodicity: A

EDUCAT_GRAD_A: Graduates (UOE Questionnaire) Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

EDUCAT_GRDBAMA_A: ISCED 5A Graduations according to the Bachelor-Master structure (Eurostat Questionnaire) Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

EDUCAT_ISCMAP_A: ISCED Mapping (UOE Questionnaire) Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

EDUCAT_LANG_A: Foreign Language Learning (Eurostat Questionnaire)
Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

EDUCAT_PERS_A: Educational Personnel (UOE Questionnaire) Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

EDUCAT_REGIO_A: Regional Enrolment (Eurostat Questionnaire) Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

ISCED available on: http://www.uis.unesco.org/ev_en.php?ID=3813_201&ID2=DO_TOPIC

UOE data collection instruments (see link above)

5. International Cooperation

UNESCO, OECD.

Module 1.03.02 Vocational training and lifelong learning statistics

Responsible unit: **F-4:** Education, science and culture
Contact person: Sylvain JOUHETTE, Tel: +352 4301 34290

1. Module Description

This module covers vocational training and outcomes of education statistics.

The EU Labour Force Survey (EU-LFS) provides results on the levels of participation in lifelong learning activities (age group 15+). The production of education variables in the EU-LFS is covered by the Regulation (EC) No 1372/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2007 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community.

The Adult Education Survey (AES) provides data on the structure of participation of adults in lifelong learning activities (age group 25-64 years old). Statistics are gradually being made available for EU countries as well as Croatia, Turkey and Norway (18 country data sets were published in November 2008). The Adult Education Survey is a pilot exercise at EU level and data includes patterns of participation in formal and non-formal education and training, reasons for participation, obstacles to participation, costs of participation as well as types and intensity of participation. Data production is covered by the Regulation (EC) No 452/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2008 concerning the production and development of statistics on education and lifelong learning (domain 2).

The objective of the continuing vocational training survey (CVTS) is to provide comparable statistical results on training and non-training enterprises, the supply of and the demand for vocational skills, the need for CVT and the forms, content and volume of CVT, the use of enterprises' own training resources and of external providers, cost of CVT courses as well as initial vocational training from 2005 (e.g. apprenticeships). The survey covers enterprises with 10 and more employees in Sections C to K and O of the statistical classification of economic activities in the European Community (NACE Rev. 1). 3 rounds of surveys have been carried out with reference years 1993, 1999 and 2005. The production of CVTS data is covered by the Regulation (EC) No 1552/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council on statistics relating to vocational training in enterprises.

Educational outcomes (educational attainment) is provided by household surveys carried out in Member States, notably by the EU Labour Force Survey but also by the EU Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC). The objective is to provide comparable statistical results on the educational attainment of populations combined with other socio-economic variables. Ad hoc modules are attached to the EU-LFS on a yearly basis since 1999. Three modules concern education matters: Transition from school to working life (2000), Lifelong learning (2003) and Entry of young people into the labour market (2009).

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Resolution No 94/C 374/01 of 5 December 1994, on the quality and attractiveness of vocational education and training, OJ C 374, 30.12.1994

Council Decision No 1999/382/EC of 26 April 1999, establishing the second phase of the Community vocational training action programme 'Leonardo da Vinci', OJ L 146, 11.6.1999

Regulation (EC) No 1552/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 September 2005, on statistics relating to vocational training in enterprises, OJ L 255, 30.9.2005

Commission Regulation No 198/2006/EC of 3 February 2006, implementing Regulation (EC) No 1552/2005 of the European Parliament and the Council on statistics relating to vocational training in enterprises, OJ L 32, 4.2.2006

Regulation No 452/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2008 concerning the production and development of statistics on education and lifelong learning, OJ L 145, 4.6.2008

The legal acts concerning the EU Labour Force Survey and the EU Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC) are referenced in the modules 1.02.01 and 1.06.02 respectively.

Agreements:

SPC Agreement of 01/12/1998, Education and Training Statistics Working Group decision and Work Programmes adopted by the SPC, Directors of Social Statistics approval for implementation plan of the AES.

Other basis:

Documents related to Education statistics available on Circa:

<http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/edtcs/library?l=/public&vm=detailed&sb=Title>

This site includes methodological documentation on the UOE data collection (the shared UNESCO/OECD/Eurostat data collection on education and training statistics), information on CVTS (Continuing Vocational Training Survey), - on education data coming from the Labour Force Survey, - on culture statistics, - on publications as well as a number of other issues related to education statistics.

3. Data Requirements

AES_QUEST_A5: Micro data set of the AES survey Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: A

AES_VALTBL_A5: Control data set of the AES survey Timeliness: 600 Periodicity: A

CVTS_CONTBL_A5: Control table of CVTS3 with aggregated values of key variables
Timeliness: 210 Periodicity: A

CVTS_CVTSOUT_N: CVTS - Return of data to Member States Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: N

CVTS_IMPMD_A5: Imputed micro-data of CVTS3 Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

CVTS_NIMPMD_A5: Non-imputed micro-data of CVTS3 Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

Relevant methodological information on the AES and CVTS can be found on the Circa webpage at:
http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/edtcs/library?l=/working_groups&vm=detailed&sb=Title

5. International Cooperation

UNESCO, OECD.

Theme 1.04 Culture

Description

This theme covers all statistics related to culture and cultural industries. A definition of cultural domain has been prepared by the EC LEG-Culture and adopted by the SPC in 1999. A methodology identifying cultural employment by crossing economic sectors (NACE) and occupations (ISCO) has been developed and data are now available annually from the EU-Labour Force Survey. The methodological work concerning cultural participation has also been carried out and its recommendations could be implemented through vehicle surveys to obtain comparative results at EU level. A completed study concerning statistics on private expenditure on culture will help in the future exploitation of the Household Budget Surveys. Finally the basic elements of a methodology to cover public expenditure and financing of culture have been produced, but further development is necessary before this can be used for the collection of data through a specific administrative data collection. Economic statistics on cultural industries are available from the EU-Structural Business Statistics database but the coverage of this sector is still very limited.

Cooperation with the UNESCO Institute for Statistics is essential in this area, whilst the Council of Europe is informed and involved when necessary. OECD activity should also be looked at.

Key priorities 2009

With the renewed concern for statistics on culture at Council level in the context of the Lisbon strategy, it is planned to re-launch the work already initiated by the Leadership Group (LEG), Working Group (WG) and Task Force (TF) on culture statistics. Both methodological work and data production, mainly based on existing data will be proposed. Methodological work should also include progresses on the concepts of cultural and creative industries. Proposals for better harmonisation of different fields of cultural statistics will be elaborated. Close collaboration with all Member States as well as with international organisations is necessary in this development work, considering for instance the new UNESCO framework for cultural statistics. The main part of this project will be carried on by the ESSnet regrouping countries particularly interested in the specific areas of cultural statistics.

Module 1.04.01 Culture statistics

Responsible unit:
Contact person:

F-4: Education, science and culture
Marta BECK-DOMZALSKA, Tel: +352 4301 33123

1. Module Description

The objective of culture statistics is to provide harmonised data on culture and creativity, in the context of its contribution to employment, growth and intercultural dialogue in Europe. With the renewed concern for statistics on culture at the Council level in the context of the Lisbon strategy (Council Resolution from 16.11.2007), the work in this domain was re-launched in Eurostat in mid-2008. Methodological work on updating the framework of cultural statistics includes the concepts of cultural and creative industries. Future work will be based on better use of existing data sources and will provide proposals for new data collections in the fields of: cultural employment, cultural industries, cultural expenditure, trade in cultural goods and services, cultural participation.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Resolution No 95/C 327/01 of 07 December 1995, on the promotion of statistics on culture and economic growth, OJ C 327, 7.12.1995

Council Resolution No 97/C 36/04 of 20 January 1997, on the integration of cultural aspects into Community actions, OJ C 36, 5.2.1997

Council Resolution No 2007/C 287/01 of 16 November 2007 on a European Agenda for Culture, OJ C 287, 29.11.2007

Agreements:

Eurostat LEG-culture Agreement.

Comments: during 1999 the Eurostat Leadership Group (LEG) on cultural statistics came to a successful end. Main outcomes were:

Common core of cultural domains, unanimously considered as such, was identified and adopted;
National and international classifications were analysed in detail and specific proposals were developed with respect to the use of NACE and ISCO;

The identification and selection of key variables together with the development of a set of indicators relating to cultural employment, financing and participation.

Working Group Agreement on cultural statistics agreement of 31/03/2000.

Comments: as a follow-up of the LEG, the Working Group (WG) on Cultural Statistics consisting of representatives of all EU Member States was set up within Eurostat. The WG has supported and monitored developments in cultural statistics and encouraged Member States to get involved in the production of comparable data at European level. Task Forces on cultural employment, cultural participation and expenditure and finance were created and prepared their reports. First meeting of the WG was on March 2000 and the last one in March 2004;

Time of obligation: not applicable;

Periodicity: not applicable.

Additional information available on:

<http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/edtcs/library?l=/public/culture&vm=detailed&sb=Title>

Other basis:

Conclusions of the Council of June 2008 (2008/C 143/06)

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

The LEG final report provides the methodological foundations and indicates the necessary tools needed for a coherent system of EU cultural statistics, available on:

<http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/edtcs/library?l=/public/culture&vm=detailed&sb=Title>

Further methodological development is foreseen within the framework of the ESSnet-culture (network of countries to be set up in 2009)

5. International Cooperation

UIS/UNESCO, OECD.

Theme 1.05 Health and safety

Description

In the context of the revised partnership on public health statistics, including a new strand on morbidity statistics, activities will be continued to develop, collect, analyse and disseminate a consistent set of statistics on public health as the statistical element of health information required by the second programme of Community action in the field of health 2008-2013 and the further Health Strategy, and on health and safety at work in order to answer the needs of the Community strategy on health and safety at work 2007-2012. Work in 2009 will focus on improving the quality of meta-information and on providing data for health and safety indicators as part of the structural, sustainable development, social inclusion, and European Community Health Indicators (ECHI). This refers in particular to the core set (ECHI short list) and progressively their regional elements, to the streamlined indicators portfolios of the Open Method of Coordination (OMC) for the area of health care and long-term care, as well as to other indicator sets such as the contextual indicators on disability and social integration.

Key priorities 2009

Emphasis will be on the further implementation of the European Health Interview Survey (EHIS), evaluation of results on testing the European Disability Social Integration Module (EDSIM), on the revision of the System of Health Accounts (SHA) methodology (jointly with OECD and WHO), and on the analysis and dissemination of the results of the 2007 Labour Force Survey ad hoc module on accidents at work and work-related health problems, as well as the related first data dissemination. A major task in 2009 will be the preparation of implementing measures following the adoption by the EP and Council of the proposal for a Regulation on Community statistics on public health and health and safety at work. An ESSnet on Public Health statistics will consolidate and improve the set of comparable public health statistics at Community level, in particular to support implementing the new framework regulation on Community statistics on public health and health to respond to the needs for statistics as may arise from the Community action programmes. The monitoring of the harmonized SILC part on health at routine level, further improvement of quality of data and meta-data, analysis and dissemination of statistics on health care resources, hospital activities, causes of deaths and on accidents at work (ESAW) and occupational diseases (EODS), including causes/exposures, will also be of high priority. Under coordination of the joint DG SANCO-Eurostat steering committee, additional developments of the European Health Survey System (the health part for the European Household Survey and the disability survey module) will be also carried out.

Module 1.05.01 Public health

Responsible unit: **F-5: Health and food safety; Crime**
Contact person: Hartmut BUCHOW, Tel: +352 4301 34990

1. Module Description

The objective of this module is to provide a harmonised and common data set in the field of public health, covering all elements related to health, namely health status, including morbidity and disability, the determinants having an effect on health status, health care needs, resources allocated to health care as well as health care expenditure and financing, and the causes of mortality. Further improvement of the methodology and assistance for quality improvement is provided through the Partnership Health, now continued as an ESSnet, and the development of measures implementing the new framework regulation on Community statistics on public health and health and safety at work. Data are inter alia used for different sets of indicators, such as the European Community Health Indicators (ECHI) and the Open Method of Coordination (OMC).

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Decision No 1786/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2002, adopting a programme of Community action in the field of public health (2003-2008), OJ L 271, 9.10.2002

Decision No 1350/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2007 establishing a second programme of Community action in the field of health (2008-13), OJ L 301, 20.11.2007

Regulation (EC) No 1338/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on Community statistics on public health and health and safety at work, OJ L 354, 31.12.2008, p. 70-81

Agreements:

Eurostat Working Group on Public health, Agreement of 01/01/1998 on Public Health statistics.
Comments: compilation of statistics on public health is done on a gentlemen's agreement, basis mainly through decisions taken at the Eurostat Working Group on Public health.

At regular intervals the SPC and the DSS (Directors of Social Statistics) are informed on the work on public health statistics achieved through the Partnership on Health statistics and are asked for advice/approval;

General information (description): causes of death statistics (CoD), Health care statistics (CARE), Health Interview survey data (HIS), Morbidity statistics (MORB);

Time of obligation and periodicity: for CoD and Care (expenditure health care data: System of Health Accounts (SHA) and non-expenditure health care data): 1x/year, for HIS; once in 1999, 2002 and 2004, every 5 years for the EHIS from 2008 onwards;

Publication: in TG and/or WG documents, detailed tables (e.g., 'Health in Europe: results from surveys 1997-2000') and Panoramas (e.g., Key figures on Health and Atlas on Mortality), as well as Pocket books (e.g., 'Health in Europe – data 1998-2003' – 2005 edition);

Participant countries: EU Member States, candidate countries (Croatia, Turkey), Switzerland, Norway and Iceland, and whenever possible potential candidate countries;

Official data providers: NSIs and/or Ministries of Health and/or Institutes of Public Health.

Documents and information available on: <http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/health/home>

3. Data Requirements

COD_A_A: Causes of Death Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

EHIS_HISNAT_5: European Health Interview Survey Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: 5

HCNEXP_BP1_A: Beds and Procedures Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

HCNEXP_HMDS_A: Hospital Minimum Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

HCNEXP_ISHMT_A: Hospital discharges according to ISHMT Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

HCNEXP_PATHT_A: Patients and High Technology Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

HCNEXP_STAFF_A: Healthcare Staff Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

HCSHA_SHANAT_A: Healthcare Expenditure according to SHA Timeliness: 450 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

For CoD: data collection according to list of 65 causes

For HIS data collection on 4 survey modules (on health status, health care utilisation and health determinants, as well as background demographic and socio-economic information) constituting the EHIS

For CARE non expenditure: data collection on health care resources and on hospital activity (according to the ISHMT classification), using common definitions together with OECD and WHO

For CARE expenditure: 3 core tables according to the SHA methodology and ICHA classifications and 2 additional tables relating to financing sources and resources cost according to Guide to produce health accounts of WHO were introduced under joint data collection with OECD and WHO

All methodologies available on Circa Health Statistics, folder Methodology

5. International Cooperation

WHO (parallel data collection for CoD in candidate and potential candidate countries, same classification ISHMT for the hospital discharges data collection);

WHO and OECD (CARE expenditure: SHA inter alia; CARE non-expenditure: Trilateral cooperation with OECD and WHO towards a set of common definitions in the joint questionnaire).

Module 1.05.02 Health and safety at work

Responsible unit: **F-5: Health and food safety; Crime**
Contact person: Hartmut BUCHOW, Tel: +352 4301 34990

1. Module Description

The objective of this module is to provide a harmonised and common data set in the field of health and safety at work, covering all elements related to the prevention and protection of the health and safety of workers at work, in particular accidents at work, occupational diseases and other work-related health problems and illnesses.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Resolution No 88/C 28/01 of 21 February 1987, on safety, hygiene and health at work, OJ C 28, 3.2.1988

Council Directive No 89/391/EEC of 12 June 1989, introduction of measures to encourage improvements in the safety and health of workers at work, OJ L 183, 29.6.1989

Council Resolution No 95/C of 27 March 1995, on the transposition and application of Community social legislation, OJ C 168, 4.7.1995

Council Resolution No 2002/C of 3 June 2002, on a new Community strategy on health and safety at work (2002-2006), OJ C 161, 5.7.2002

Commission Recommendation No 2003/670/EC of 19 September 2003, concerning the European schedule of occupational diseases, OJ L 238, 25.9.2003

Council Resolution No 2007/C of 25 June 2007 on a new Community strategy on health and safety at work (2007-2012), OJ C 145, 30.6.2007

Decision No 1578/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2007, on the Community Statistical Programme 2008 to 2012, OJ L 344, 28.12.2007

Regulation (EC) No 1338/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on Community statistics on public health and health and safety at work, OJ L 354, 31.12.2008, p. 70-81

Agreements:

Member States Agreement of 01/01/1993, European Statistics on Accidents at Work (ESAW).
Comments: data on accidents at work: case by case data on cases of recognised accidents at work reported during the reference year, 13 variables until 2000 reference year on the victim, his/her enterprise and the injury, from 2001 onwards 23 variables including 9 new variables on the causes and circumstances of the accidents and a weighting variable. A sub-project provides similar data on commuting accidents (accidents that occur on the journey between home and the place of work) from 1996 reference year;

Time of obligation: continuous;

Periodicity: annual;

Date of adoption: ESAW Phase 1 1993; ESAW Phase 2 1996; ESAW Phase 3 16/10/2000;

Publication: no legal act published. The methodology agreed is published, see point 4 below;

Participant countries: ESAW: EU27 + NO + CH;

Official data providers: Social Security or Insurance Federation Institutions and/or Labour Ministries in Finland and Austria the data from these Institutions is officially submitted to Eurostat by the NSI.

Member States Agreement of 01/01/1995, European Occupational Diseases Statistics (EODS).
Comments: Data on occupational diseases: case by case data on cases of recognised occupational diseases during the reference year, from 2001 onwards 12 variables on the victim, his/her enterprise, the medical diagnosis, the exposure and the severity;
Time of obligation: continuous;
Periodicity: annual;
Date of adoption: EODS Pilot project: 1995, EODS Phase 1 14/09/2000;
Publication: no legal act published. The methodology agreed is published, see point 4 below;
Participant countries: EODS: EU Member States (except Germany), Switzerland (in near future);
Official data providers: Social Security or Insurance Federation Institutions and/or Labour Ministries in Finland and Austria the data from these Institutions is officially submitted to Eurostat by the NSI.

3. Data Requirements

EODS_A_A: European Occupation Diseases Statistics Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

ESAW_A_A: European Statistics on Accidents at Work Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

ESAW_COM_A: Commuting Accidents Statistics Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

European Statistics on Accidents at Work - Specifications for case-by-case data - ESAW Phase 2 on Work Accidents in Europe - Reference year 1998 - Eurostat E3 - October 2000 - (last version available in DE/EN/ES/FR/IT)

European Statistics on Accidents at Work - Appendix - Specifications for table data - ESAW Phase 2 on Work Accidents in Europe - Reference year 1998 - Eurostat E3 - October 2000 - (last version available in DE/EN/ES/FR/IT)

European Statistics on Accidents at Work - ESAW Commuting Accidents - Reference year 1998 - Eurostat E3 - October 2000 - (last version available in DE/EN/ES/FR/IT)

Classification of the causal agents of the occupational diseases (in all official European languages) – EODS, Eurostat Working Paper series, Population and social conditions - 3/2000/E/n°18 (includes all 11 languages)

European Occupational Diseases Statistics (EODS), Phase 1 methodology, Eurostat Working Paper series, Population and social conditions - 3/2000/E/no 19, (available in EN/DE/ ES/FR/IT)

European statistics on accidents at work - Methodology - 2001 Edition, DG Employment and social affairs - Health and safety at work series - in co-publication with Eurostat - KE-42-02-569-XX-C (XX=language, all 11 languages available)

ESAW Phase 3 and EODS Phase 1 methodology are described in publications mentioned above

All methodologies (including publications describing ESAW Phase 3 and EODS Phase 1 methodologies) available on: <http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/hasaw/library>

5. International Cooperation

ILO.

Theme 1.06 Distribution of incomes and living conditions

Description

Statistics on the distribution of incomes and on living conditions are based on two data sources: HBS and EU-SILC.

EU-SILC, the new reference data source for EU statistics on income and social exclusion in all EU countries and in Norway and Iceland, will be used to compute the indicators included in the report to the spring Council (structural indicators) and the overarching Laeken and pensions indicators used in the streamlined Open Method of Coordination (OMC) on social protection and social inclusion.

Focus in the medium term is on extending the geographical coverage to new Member States and on consolidation.

Key priorities 2009

A new data collection on food quantities based on the 2005 data of Household Budget Surveys for all Member States will be carried out.

The EU-SILC data collection will take place in 2009 in 31 countries (EU Member States, Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Turkey). The cross-sectional data of the 2008 round will become available on Eurostat website and the cross-sectional 2007 micro-data will be released to researchers. Longitudinal SILC micro-data for 25 Member States plus Norway and Iceland will be available for research purposes. A Commission Regulation on the 2011 list of target secondary variables will be prepared and adopted. EU quality reports covering both cross-sectional and longitudinal components (intermediate 2007 and final 2006) will be produced.

Priority will be put on developing a repository database with metadata information as well as a monograph publication based on SILC data. Further work on new indicators in the fields of material deprivation, housing and labour transitions will also be carried out.

Module 1.06.01 Household budget surveys (HBS)

Responsible unit: **F-3: Living conditions and social protection**
Contact person: Peter Paul BORG, Tel: +352 4301 37848

1. Module Description

The objective of this module is to provide harmonised data on consumption expenditure at EU level. The data are based on national Household Budget Surveys, which are sample surveys covering 270,000 households. Data are collected on the basis of a gentlemen's agreement approximately every five years. Data are available in New Cronos. The most recent information is relating to the 2005 wave.

2. Legal Basis

Other basis:

HBS/151-B/2003/EN - Update for methodological recommendations for harmonisation for the HBS round of 2005 available on:

<http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/hbs/library?l=/rounds2005&vm=detailed&sb=Title>

Data transmission for the HBSs round 2005, HBS-153-03-EN_2005

The participation in the HBS round of 2005 and the main methodological guidelines of this data collection were agreed by Eurostat, the Member States and the candidate countries in the HBS Working Group meeting of 05-06 May 2003 and later updated in.

Household Budget Surveys in the EU - Methodology and Recommendations for Harmonisation – 2003, available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/hbs/library?l=/documentation/methodology_1999&vm=detailed&sb=Title

3. Data Requirements

HBS_PAC_A5: Household Budget Survey Timeliness: 1080 Periodicity: 5

4. Methodology

Household Budget Surveys in the EU - Methodology and Recommendations for Harmonisation – 2003, available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/hbs/library?l=/documentation/methodology_1999&vm=detailed&sb=Title

5. International Cooperation

None

Module 1.06.02 Income, social inclusion and living conditions

Responsible unit:

F-3: Living conditions and social protection

Contact person:

Pascal WOLFF, Tel: +352 4301 33660

Jean THILL (Data transmission), Tel: +352 4301 33867

1. Module Description

The objective of this module is to produce harmonised data on income, social exclusion, pensions and living conditions at EU level. The data is used for the structural indicators exercise and in the context of the Open Method of coordination on social protection and social inclusion.

The data are based on EU-SILC, an annual survey, covering about 200,000 households, collecting cross-sectional and longitudinal data on income, level of education, labour market, family situation and other living conditions. SILC was launched in 2003/2004/2005 depending on the country. The EU-SILC data collection will take place in 2009 in 31 countries (EU Member States, Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Turkey). It is based on Regulation No. 1177/2003 of the Council and European Parliament and on implementing Commission regulations. One new Commission regulation on the annual module is developed each year.

Data are available in New Cronos and anonymised micro-data is released to the research community.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 June 2003, concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC), OJ L 165, 3.7.2003

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1980/2003 of 21 October 2003, implementing Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC) as regards definitions and updated definitions, OJ L 298 of 17.11.2003

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1981/2003 of 21 October 2003, implementing Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC) as regards the fieldwork aspects and the imputation procedures, OJ L 298, of 17.11.2003

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1982/2003 of 21 October 2003, implementing Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC) as regards the sampling and tracing rules, OJ L 298, 17.11.2003

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1983/2003 of 7 November 2003, implementing Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC) as regards the list of target primary variables, OJ L 298, 17.11.2003

Commission Regulation (EC) No 28/2004 of 5 January 2004, implementing Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC) as regards the detailed content of intermediate and final quality reports, OJ L 5, 9.1.2004

Commission Regulation (EC) No 16/2004 of 6 January 2004, implementing Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC) as regards the list of target secondary variables relating to the 'intergenerational transmission of poverty', OJ L 4, 8.1.2004

Commission Regulation (EC) No 13/2005 of 6 January 2005, implementing Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on income

and living conditions (EU-SILC) as regards the list of target secondary variables relating to 'social participation', OJ L 5, 7.1.2005

Regulation (EC) No 1553/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 September 2005, amending Regulation No 1177/2003 concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC), OJ L 255, 30.9.2005

Commission Regulation (EC) No 315/2006 of 22 February 2006, implementing Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC) as regards the list of target secondary variables relating to housing conditions, OJ L 52, 23.2.2006

Commission Regulation (EC) No 676/2006 of 2 May 2006, amending Regulation (EC) No 1980/2003 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC) as regards definitions and updated definitions, OJ L 118, 3.5.2006, p.3-3

Commission Regulation (EC) No 215/2007 of 28 February 2007, on implementing Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC) as regards the list of target secondary variables relating to over-indebtedness and financial exclusion, OJ L 62, 1.3.2007, p. 8–15

Council Regulation (EC) No 362/2008 of 14 April 2008 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC) as regards the 2009 list of target secondary variables on material deprivation, OJ L 112, 24.4.2008, p. 1-11

Agreements:

Statistical Programming Committee Agreement of 2000, recommendations on statistics on poverty and social exclusion.

Time of obligation: continuous;

Participant countries: EU Member States;

Official data providers: NSIs.

Statistical Programming Committee Agreement of 2000.

Statistical Programming Committee Agreement of 1998, recommendations on statistics on poverty and social exclusion.

Time of obligation: continuous;

Participant countries: EU Member States;

Official data providers: NSIs.

Statistical Programming Committee Agreement of 1998.

Other basis:

Lisbon European Council, March 2000, implementing an open method of coordination in the field of social inclusion

Laeken European Council, December 2001, implementing an open method of coordination in the field of pensions adequacy, sustainability and modernity

EU Sustainable Development Strategy

3. Data Requirements

SILC_CD_A: Cross-sectional Household Register Timeliness: 330 Periodicity: A

SILC_CH_A: Cross-sectional Household Data Timeliness: 330 Periodicity: A

SILC_CP_A: Cross-sectional Personal Data Timeliness: 330 Periodicity: A

SILC_CR_A: Cross-sectional Personal Register Timeliness: 330 Periodicity: A

SILC_LD_A: Longitudinal household register Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

SILC_LH_A: Longitudinal household data Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

SILC_LP_A: Longitudinal personal data Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

SILC_LR_A: Longitudinal personal register Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

Description of EU-SILC methodology and target variables (document SILC065) available on:
http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/eusilc/library?l=/guidelines_questionnaire/operation_guidelines&vm=compact&sb=Title

Poverty statistics in the late 1980's - research based on micro-data - CA-83-94-636-EN-C (also available in French)

European social statistics - Income, poverty and social exclusion: 2nd report - Data 1994-1997 available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-BP-02-008

Continuity of Indicators during the transition between ECHP and EU-SILC available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-CC-05-006

Algorithms to compute Overarching Indicators based on EU-SILC and adopted under the Open Method of Coordination (OMC) available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/eusilc/library?l=/data_dissemination/42_indicators/methodology_040209_EN_1.0 &a=d

Algorithms to compute indicators in the streamlined Social Inclusion Portfolio based on EU-SILC and adopted under the Open Method of Coordination (OMC) available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/eusilc/library?l=/data_dissemination/42_indicators/inclusion_040209_EN_1.0 &a=d

Algorithms to compute Pensions Indicators based on EU-SILC and adopted under the Open Method of Coordination (OMC) available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/eusilc/library?l=/data_dissemination/42_indicators/pensions_portfolio_EN_1.0 &a=d

Material deprivation in the EU - Issue number 21/2005 available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-NK-05-021

Income poverty measurements:

Total household disposable income is equivalised using 'modified-OECD' scale and attributed to each individual member.

60% of national equivalised median income per person is used as main reference point.

5. International Cooperation

UNSD.

Theme 1.07 Social protection

Description

The ongoing work on the European system of integrated social protection statistics (ESSPROS) project includes collecting quantitative and qualitative data on the core system and on the numbers of beneficiaries of pensions. Implementation of ESSPROS data collection in the new Member States is a priority objective in future years. Another important challenge in terms of medium term strategy is the launching and evaluation of the pilot data collection on net social benefits. If results are positive, the module on net social benefits will be implemented from 2010. The analytic uses of social protection data is to be strengthened by producing user-oriented analyses and improving online dissemination. This medium term strategy can only be achieved through reinforced cooperation with policy users, Member States and other international organizations (OECD and ILO in particular).

Key priorities 2009

For the ESSPROS project 2009 will be the second year of implementation of the EP and Council regulation adopted on 15 April 2007 for the annual data collections on the core system (both quantitative and qualitative data) and on pension beneficiaries. In addition, the pilot data collection on net social benefits, launched in 2008, will have to be evaluated in 2009 and the decision for implementing a regular data collection on net social benefits from 2010 will be taken.

Module 1.07.01 Social protection (ESSPROS)

Responsible unit: **F-3: Living conditions and social protection**
Contact person: Teresa BENTO, Tel: +352 4301 32056

1. Module Description

The objective of this module is to produce data on social protection expenditure, receipts and social benefits classified by functions: sickness/health care, disability, old age, survivors, family/children, unemployment, housing and social exclusion, others.

Data are available on New Cronos. Data from the module on the number of pensions beneficiaries are also annually collected. A pilot data collection on net expenditures is currently taking place.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Regulation (EC) No 458/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 April 2007, on the European system of integrated social protection statistics (ESSPROS), OJ L 113, 30.4.2007, p. 3–8

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1322/2007 of 12 November 2007 implementing Regulation (EC) No 458/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European system of integrated social protection statistics (ESSPROS) as regards the appropriate formats for transmission, results to be transmitted and criteria for measuring quality for the ESSPROS core system and the module on pension beneficiaries, OJ L 294; 13.11.2007, p.5-10

Commission Regulation (EC) No 10/2008 of 8 January 2008 implementing Regulation (EC) No 458/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European system of integrated social protection statistics (ESSPROS) as regards the definitions, detailed classifications and updating of the rules for dissemination for the ESSPROS core system and the module on pension beneficiaries, OJ L 5; 9.1.2008, p.3-13

Other basis:

ESSPROS Manual.

Time of obligation: continuous;

Periodicity: yearly;

Participant countries: EU Member states, Iceland, Norway and Switzerland;

Official data providers: National Statistical Institutes and Ministries of Labour or other bodies - depending on countries.

ESSPROS group available on: <http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/esspros/home>

3. Data Requirements

ESSPROS_BENEF_A: ESSPROS pension beneficiaries Timeliness: 510 Periodicity: A

ESSPROS_QRPENB_A: ESSPROS quality report - pension beneficiaries
Timeliness: 600 Periodicity: A

ESSPROS_QUALI_A: ESSPROS qualitative data Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

ESSPROS_QUALREP_A: ESSPROS quality report - general Timeliness: 630 Periodicity: A

ESSPROS_QUANTI_A: ESSPROS quantitative data Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

ESSPROS Manual.

5. International Cooperation

OECD, ILO, NOSOSCO.

Theme 1.08 Consumer protection

Description

Following efforts in recent years to regularly produce together with DG SANCO a panorama publication 'Consumers in Europe: Facts and Figures', higher priority will be given to consumer policy by Eurostat in line with the needs expressed in the Single Market Review. Eurostat will therefore step up its efforts to support DG SANCO to monitor markets from the consumers' perspective by contributing to data collection for the 'Consumer Markets Scoreboard'. Eurostat will continue giving support and advice on statistical methodology. Priority is given to the development of information on detailed price levels.

Key priorities 2009

In the course of 2009 Eurostat will explore possibilities for broadening the collection of detailed price data on a step-by-step basis, taking into consideration that the final aim of the regular collection and publication of price levels for 400 to 500 comparable products, aimed at monitoring the functioning of different markets in the EU. In addition, Eurostat will ensure consistency between the different existing classifications (COICOP/HICP, COICOP/PPP and COICOP/HBS). Eurostat will also develop an experimental conversion table NACE/COICOP (identified as necessary by several DGs in the context of the cross-Commission work on market monitoring). Finally, a module on consumer empowerment policy issues to be included in the new European System of Social Statistical Survey Modules (EHS) project will be prepared.

Module 1.08.01 Consumer protection

Responsible unit: **F-3: Living conditions and social protection**
Contact person: Peter Paul BORG, Tel: +352 4301 37848

1. Module Description

The objective of this module is to give statistical assistance in the Consumer Protection field. It also aims at facilitating interactions between DGs and units in Eurostat like the preparation of the Consumer empowerment module in the European Programme of Social Surveys and the collection of detailed average prices.

2. Legal Basis

None

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

Guidelines for data collection established under a Community action programme on injury prevention (Decision No 372/1999/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 February 1999)

Methodology for EHLASS (European Home and Leisure Accidents)

5. International Cooperation

None

Theme 1.09 Food safety

Description

Work on food safety statistics will continue in order to obtain statistical indicators for monitoring food safety within the EU. Cooperation will be continued with DG AGRI, reinforced with DG SANCO and developed with other Commission services where relevant, such as DG FISH, DG ENV and DG TRADE, and with the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), the European Centre for Disease Control (ECDC) and the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Key priorities 2009

The work will focus on the areas already started in previous years in line with the priorities identified by the Working Group on food safety statistics. More precisely, work will continue on further development of the database on control and monitoring activities, in particular pursuing the harmonisation of the agreed indicators by the development of harmonised data dictionaries and definitions. The first food consumption data sets obtained from national household budget surveys will be analysed regarding the possibility to calculate a set of indicators to monitor health and nutrition policy. A proposal for a survey module will be developed to collect food consumption data in a sustainable way. Quality and availability of data of products issued from organic farming will be improved and possibilities to collect statistics on genetically modified products will continue to be explored. The database created in 2004 grouping all data already available at Eurostat and relevant to food safety issues will be permanently updated and enriched where possible. Cooperation with ECDC and EFSA will continue.

Module 1.09.01 Food safety statistics: cross-cutting issues

Responsible unit:
Contact person:

F-5: Health and food safety; Crime
Ana Maria MARTINEZ PALOU, Tel: +352 4301 35730

1. Module Description

On the basis of article 153 of the Treaties and the EC Regulation 178/2002 (the 'Food Law'), the Commission has put in place a series of rules, norms and guidelines on food safety. The statistical work on this field consists of defining a set of relevant indicators on food safety, putting in place a data base with existing data i.e. on results of food control and monitoring activities, and on products with distinctive marks as well as establishing a methodology for the collection of comparable data i.e. on food consumption. The data base 'Food: From farm to fork' will be further developed and the potential impact of changes in related classifications (NACE, CPA, PRODCOM, CN) will be addressed.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002, laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety, OJ L 31, 1.2.2002

Other basis:

Eurostat Working Group on Food safety statistics, related Task Forces and the Technical Group 'Food and feed control and monitoring activities': Work developments are discussed at the regular meetings of the Working group (at least once a year).

At regular intervals the Standing Committee for Agricultural Statistics (SCAS) is informed on work carried out on food safety statistics and its development;

General information (description): The scope of the project covers the whole food chain (from farm to fork). Several priority areas were identified at the first meeting of the working group (April 2003). These are: products with distinctive marks (organic products, PDO/PGI/TSG products, and GM-based products), statistics on control and monitoring activities, food consumption statistics. A reflection group set up in June 2005 identified future development areas like the 'impact of food safety in human health'. Development of statistical work on these areas is made with the help of relevant Task forces and Technical Groups;

Publication: in TF and/or WG documents in CIRCA Interest Group Food safety statistics, available on <http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/Home/main>, domain FOOD containing main indicators of the food production-consumption chain, pocketbook Food: From farm to fork statistics, several Statistics in Focus, etc. All available on Eurostat website under Agriculture and fisheries: <http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu>;

Participant countries: EU Member States, EFTA countries and the candidate countries;
Official data providers: NSIs and/or Ministries of Agriculture and/or Ministries of Health and/or responsible national Food authorities.

3. Data Requirements

See Modules 1.09.02, 1.09.03 and 1.09.04

4. Methodology

See Modules 1.09.02, 1.09.03 and 1.09.04

5. International Cooperation

None

Module 1.09.02 Statistics on control and monitoring activities

Responsible unit:
Contact person:

F-5: Health and food safety; Crime
Ana Maria MARTINEZ PALOU, Tel: +352 4301 35730

1. Module Description

The statistics on control and monitoring activities have been identified as a priority area within food safety statistics. They include the following domains: food and feed controls, controls for the presence of pesticide residues, veterinary medicines, contaminants, zoonoses as well as controls on Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSE) and animal welfare.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Directive No 76/895/EEC of 23 November 1976 relating to the fixing of maximum levels for pesticide residues in and on fruit and vegetables, OJ L 340, 9.12.1976

Council Directive No 86/362/EEC of 24 July 1986 on the fixing of maximum levels for pesticide residues in and on cereals, OJ L 221, 7.8.1986

Council Directive No 90/642/EEC of 27 November 1990 on the fixing of maximum levels for pesticide residues in and on certain products of plant origin, including fruit and vegetables, OJ L 350, 14.12.1990

Council Directive No 96/23/EC of 29 April 1996 on measures to monitor certain substances and residues thereof in live animals and animal products and repealing Directives 85/358/EEC and 86/469/EEC and Decisions 89/187/EEC and 91/664/EEC, OJ L 125, 23.5.1996

Directive No 2003/99/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 November 2003 on the monitoring of zoonoses and zoonotic agents, amending Council Decision 90/424/EEC and repealing Council Directive 92/117/EEC, OJ L 325, 12.12.2003

Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004, on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules, OJ L 165, 30.4.2004, p. 1–141

Corrigendum to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules (OJ L 165, 30.4.2004), OJ L 191, 28.5.2004

Other basis:

Data on control and monitoring activities: extracted from annual reports provided by the countries to DG SANCO or to the European Food Safety Authority.

3. Data Requirements

Data collected by DG SANCO and the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) (annual reports) and transmitted to Eurostat in order to avoid double reporting. Data on food and feed controls transmitted directly to Eurostat on a voluntary basis.

4. Methodology

Common glossary of control and monitoring activities

Typology of sampling strategies

Classification of control and monitoring activities

Practical definitions of variables

Data dictionary of product groupings

Data dictionary of activities of the establishments involved in food and feed chains

5. International Cooperation

EFSA.

Module 1.09.03 Food consumption statistics

Responsible unit:
Contact person:

F-5: Health and food safety; Crime
Ana Maria MARTINEZ PALOU, Tel: +352 4301 35730

1. Module Description

Food consumption statistics will serve two main purposes: to use it in the context of risk assessments for 'food safety' and to monitor policies, actions and programmes on 'health and nutrition'. The overall aim is to develop a methodology for statistical data on food consumption in order to assist in the evaluation, monitoring and orientation of health and food safety policies of the EU.

2. Legal Basis

Community Statistical Programme 2008-2012.

3. Data Requirements

First list of indicators for priority substances and priority foods and nutrients has been established. First transmission of data on food quantities collected by Member States from their national Household Budget Surveys has started.

4. Methodology

The methodology is being developed.

5. International Cooperation

None

Module 1.09.04**Statistics on products with distinctive marks (including organic production and farming)**

Responsible unit:

F-5: Health and food safety; Crime

Contact person:

Ana Maria MARTINEZ PALOU, Tel: +352 4301 35730

1. Module Description

The Statistics on products with distinctive marks include three domains: Organic production and farming, PDO/PGI products (PDO: Protected Denomination of Origin; PGI: Protected Geographical Indication) and GM (genetically modified) based products.

A regular data collection is established for 'organic production and farming', which will be further consolidated in the context of the Council Regulation 834/2007.

2. Legal Basis**Legal acts:**

Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 on genetically modified food and feed, OJ L 268, 18.10.2003, p. 1–23

Regulation (EC) No 1830/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 concerning the traceability and labelling of genetically modified organisms and the traceability of food and feed products produced from genetically modified organisms and amending Directive 2001/18/EC, OJ L 268, 18.10.2003, p. 24–28

Commission Regulation (EC) No 65/2004 of 14 January 2004 establishing a system for the development and assignment of unique identifiers for genetically modified organisms, OJ L 10, 16.1.2004, p. 5–10

Council Regulation (EC) No 509/2006 of 20 March 2006 on agricultural products and foodstuffs as traditional specialities guaranteed, OJ L 93, 31.3.2006, p. 1–11

Council Regulation (EC) No 510/2006 of 20 March 2006 on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs, OJ L 93, 31.3.2006, p. 12–25

Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 of 28 June 2007, on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91, OJ L 189, 20.7.2007

Commission Regulation (EC) No 628/2008 of 2 July 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1898/2006 laying down detailed rules of implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 510/2006 on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs, OJ L 173, 3.7.2008, p. 3–5

Commission Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 of 5 September 2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control, OJ L 250, 18.9.2008, p. 1–84

Other basis:

Data on organic production and farming: transmitted directly to Eurostat.

Comments: Data on PDO/PGI/TSG products: voluntary data collection agreed at the meeting held 3-4 December 2004.

3. Data Requirements

a) The data on 'Organic production and farming' are available for the following variables:

Number of registered organic operators (producers, processors and importers) at the end of the reference year and new during the year)
Timeliness: 1 July year n+1 Periodicity: A

Organic crop area (fully converted and under conversion) and organic crop production
Timeliness: 1 July year n+1 Periodicity: A

Organic livestock
Timeliness: 1 July year n+1 Periodicity: A

Production of organic products from animal origin
Timeliness: 1 July year n+1 Periodicity: A

Number of organic processors and production value by economic activity
Timeliness: 1 July year n+1 Periodicity: A

b) The data on 'PDO/PGI products' are collected by DG AGRI and ESTAT:

Number of certified products

Number of producers

Volume and value of the sold production

4. Methodology

The methodology is still being further developed: a harmonised questionnaire has been elaborated for the data provision.

5. International Cooperation

None

Theme 1.10 Crime and criminal justice

Description

Work on a system of European statistics on crime and criminal justice follows the strategy set out in the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee on developing a comprehensive and coherent EU strategy to measure crime and criminal justice, an EU Action Plan 2006-2010 (COM(2006) 437).

Key priorities 2009

Work will continue on developing a system of comparable EU statistics on crime, in accordance with the Commission's Action Plan 2006-2010 on measuring crime and criminal justice. A new classification of crime types designed to improve the comparability of information between Member States will be discussed with the Member States; this new classification will be implemented gradually (in close cooperation with the Member States) as part of the regular collection of data and metadata. This collection will be updated to the reference year 2007. Further improvements in efficiency will be sought by seeking synergies with other data collections (such as UNODC, EMCDDA, European Sourcebook) to reduce the respondent burden. Account will be taken of the ongoing activities of the DG JLS Expert Group on data needs, and the indicators proposed by that group (specifically on 'new' types of crime) will be examined and implemented as far as possible. The piloting of a specifically-developed common survey module on victimisation in Member States will be monitored. A special study taking into consideration the circumstances, practices as well as ongoing activities in the Member States will be undertaken in close collaboration with the Member States, taking account of the results of this experience, together with other recent European developments in the area of victimisation surveys, with a view to developing a general European approach to collecting data on victimisation.

Module 1.10.01 Administrative data on crime and criminal justice

Responsible unit: **F-5: Health and food safety; Crime**
Contact person: Marleen DE SMEDT, Tel: +352 4301 33673

1. Module Description

In the context of the EU Action Plan 2006-2010 to measure crime and criminal justice, an annual data collection is established on administrative data in the field of crime and criminal justice i.e. on police – recorded crime, police numbers and prison populations; further actions include quality improvement, extension of the data collections and working towards a joint data collection with the United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

2. Legal Basis

Other basis:

Guidelines under a Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee - Developing a comprehensive and coherent EU strategy to measure crime and criminal justice : an EU Action Plan 2006-2010 (COM/2006/0437 final) available on:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:52006DC0437:EN:NOT>

3. Data Requirements

CRIME_NEWSTAT_A: Crime Statistics Dataset Timeliness: 367 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

A classification of crime types for statistical purposes (EU-LOCS) has been commissioned by DG JLS and is currently under discussion by relevant actors

5. International Cooperation

Close collaboration on methodology and data collection in the framework of the project on the European Sourcebook of Crime and Criminal Justice Statistics and with UNODC, HEUNI, EMCDDA.

Module 1.10.02 EU victimisation survey module

Responsible unit: **F-5: Health and food safety; Crime**
Contact person: Marleen DE SMEDT, Tel: +352 4301 33673

1. Module Description

In the context of the EU Action Plan 2006-2010 to measure crime and criminal justice, an EU victimisation survey module is prepared. Translation and testing is ongoing with a view to a possible common implementation such as in the context of the EPSS.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Commission Decision No 2008/679/JHA of 31 July 2008 on the attribution of action grants for translating and testing a victimisation survey module under the specific programme 'Prevention of and fight against crime' as part of the general programme on security and safeguarding liberties, OJ L 221, 19.8.2008, p. 34-35

Other basis:

The political requirement is defined in a Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee - Developing a comprehensive and coherent EU strategy to measure crime and criminal justice : an EU Action Plan 2006-2010 (COM/2006/0437 final) available on:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:52006DC0437:EN:NOT>

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

A manual on victimisation surveys has been produced on the basis of input from a task force and edited by UNODC, UNECE and Eurostat. It will be published following approval by the Conference of European Statisticians (June 2009).

5. International Cooperation

UNODC, UNECE, HEUNI, FRA.

Theme 1.11 Discrimination

Description

Using as far as possible available data, a framework will be developed for the collection of statistics on the extent and impact of discrimination with the aim of establishing a basis for monitoring the implementation of Community anti-discrimination legislation and action programmes.

Key priorities 2009

Work on equality statistics will continue, examining available data and studies with a view to gradually establish a common methodology for a regular data collection.

Module 1.11.01 Discrimination statistics

Responsible unit: **F-5: Health and food safety; Crime**
Contact person: Marleen DE SMEDT, Tel: +352 4301 33673

1. Module Description

Using available data as far as possible, a framework is being developed for the collection of statistics on the extent and impact of discrimination (Article 13 of the Treaties forbids discrimination on the basis of five grounds: religion, race or ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation and age).

2. Legal Basis

Community Statistical Programme 2008-2012.

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

The Task Force on equality statistics will develop a framework for methodological work to be undertaken and will start work on some priority actions such as on establishing classifications or examining the possibility for an EU survey module on perceived/experienced discrimination.

5. International Cooperation

FRA, Council of Europe.

Theme 1.12 Other work in the field of demographic and social statistics

Description

This theme includes four distinct social statistically cross-cutting modules: social reporting, gender statistics, youth statistics and the new European System of Social Statistical Survey Modules (EHS).

In the field of social reporting, Eurostat is and will remain an active co-author together with DG EMPL of the report 'The social situation in the European Union'. In addition to a holistic view, this report has a special focus from one edition to another. Eurostat also produces the statistical pocketbook 'Living conditions in Europe'.

The aim of gender statistics is to describe women's and men's different roles in society. A gender perspective should be integrated in all statistics on individuals. The strategy is to increase data collection by sex, to develop gender statistics, and to increase the effort to have a more extensive presentation of gender statistics.

The political interest in the youth is growing and the need to base the policy on the solid statistical and sociological analysis becomes obvious. At EU level harmonized statistical data sources are numerous but should be better exploited. These harmonized data will be gathered and presented in user-friendly publication.

The EHS project aims at rationalizing the existing household surveys and at reinforcing the general social statistical infrastructure for Eurostat to be in a position to better answer to new Commission demands.

Key priorities 2009

For the module 'Social reporting' the main priority is the production of the 2009 edition of the report 'The social situation in the European Union' together with DG EMPL. In addition a new edition of the pocketbook 'Living conditions in Europe' is produced. It is ensured that the social indicators presented in these publications are fully consistent with the structural indicators and the indicators developed by the employment and social protection committees' indicator sub-groups.

Gender statistics remain geared towards the collection of data by gender from all relevant domains. A dedicated publication on the reconciliation of work and family life in the European Union will highlight the labour market participation of men and women against the background of their household situation. The new methodology for the gender pay gap will be implemented and extended to cover breakdowns also at an annual frequency. An overview of available data on care for other dependants will be provided.

In youth statistics the priority is to ensure proper publication on young people.

All technical and methodological elements of the EHS project (sampling and fieldwork aspects, recommended EU schema) will be developed. The decision on the implementation (or not) of the project in 2010 will be taken in 2009.

Module 1.12.01 Social reporting

Responsible unit: **F-4: Education, science and culture**
Contact person: Agnieszka LITWINSKA, Tel: +352 4301 31861

1. Module Description

Domain aiming at presenting an overview of social statistics disseminated in two publications 'The social situation in the European Union' and the statistical pocketbook 'Living Conditions in Europe'.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Treaty establishing the European Community, Part three 'Community policies', Title XI 'Social policy, education, vocational training and youth', Chapter 1 'Social provisions':

Objectives for social policy: The first paragraph of the first article (Article 136) in this chapter prescribes objectives for social policy:

'The Community and the Member States, having in mind fundamental social rights such as those set out in the European Social Charter signed at Turin on 18 October 1961 and in the 1989 Community Charter of the Fundamental Social Rights of Workers, shall have as their objectives the promotion of employment, improved living and working conditions, so as to make possible their harmonisation while the improvement is being maintained, proper social protection, dialogue between management and labour, the development of human resources with a view to lasting high employment and the combating of exclusion'.

Reporting on progress in achieving the objectives for social policy: Later in this chapter, the first paragraph of the Article 143 prescribes:

'The Commission shall draw up a report each year on progress in achieving the objectives of Article 136, including the demographic situation in the Community. It shall forward the report to the European Parliament, the Council and the Economic and Social Committee'.

Together with other yearly reports of the Commission the report 'The social situation in the European Union' responds to Article 143.

The document 'European Union - Consolidated versions of the Treaty on European Union and of the Treaty establishing the European Community' (Official Journal C 321E of 29 December 2006) is available from:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/treaties/index.htm>

The two paragraphs quoted above can be found in the pages 106 and 110.

Treaty of Lisbon amending the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Community, signed at Lisbon, 13 December 2007. This treaty is undergoing ratification. The two paragraphs quoted above remain as such in the Treaty of Lisbon.

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

The balanced overview of the social statistics is given using the commonly agreed EU indicators (e.g. the structural indicators).

Elsewhere in this document the modules of the themes Population, Labour market, Education, Health and safety, Distribution of incomes and living conditions and Social protection (and some macro-

economic statistics modules) describe their specific methodologies. The social reporting module implicitly uses the methodologies which are used in these demographic and social statistics (and some macro-economic statistics) modules.

5. International Cooperation

None

Module 1.12.02 Gender statistics

Responsible unit:

F-2: Labour market

Contact person:

Didier DUPRÉ, Tel, +352 4301 35034

Simone CASALI (Gender Pay Gap), Tel: +352 35572

1. Module Description

Gender is a key dimension of all statistics on individuals. The module covers the work done on gender mainstreaming in statistics as well as the promotion of the gender perspective in statistics. This includes data production, analysis and publication. Specific indicators like the gender pay gap are developed and regularly produced.

2. Legal Basis

Agreements:

The new methodology for the gender pay gap, based on the structure of earnings survey, was adopted at the 18-19 September 2006 meeting of the Directors of Social Statistics:
http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/ssd/library?l=/dss_meetings/meeting_2006_18-19&vm=detailed&sb=Title.

Other basis:

The promotion of gender perspective in statistics is based on the annual activity programme of the Roadmap for Equality between Women and Men 2006-2010 (DG EMPL):
<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=418>.

An overview of the breakdown by gender of all the European Statistical System / Eurostat data collections has been carried out and will be regularly updated by Eurostat.

3. Data Requirements

SES_GPG_A: Structural Indicator - Annual Gender Pay Gap Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

See also Module 1.02.02

All data collections in all domains where gender or gender related aspects are included as a variable/dimension.

4. Methodology

See agreements

5. International Cooperation

UNECE.

Module 1.12.04 European Programme of Social Surveys (EPSS)

Responsible unit: **F-3: Living conditions and social protection**
Contact person: Elodie CARMONA, Tel: +352 4301 38317

1. Module Description

The objective of this module is to develop a rolling European Programme of Social Surveys (EPSS) over a three-year period. This comprehensive coordinated programme aims at anticipation, responsiveness and integration in the field of social statistics.

2. Legal Basis

a) For the SILC modules:

Legal acts:

Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 June 2003 concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC), OJ L 165, 3.7.2003, p. 1–9

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1980/2003 of 21 October 2003 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC) as regards definitions and updated definitions, OJ L 298, 17.11.2003, p. 1–22

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1981/2003 of 21 October 2003 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC) as regards the fieldwork aspects and the imputation procedures, OJ L 298, 17.11.2003 , p. 23–28

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1982/2003 of 21 October 2003 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC) as regards the sampling and tracing rules, OJ L 298, 17.11.2003, p. 29–33

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1983/2003 of 7 November 2003 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC) as regards the list of target primary variables, OJ L 298, 17.11.2003

Regulation (EC) No 1553/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 September 2005 amending Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC), OJ L 255, 30.9.2005, p. 6–8

Council Regulation (EC) No 1791/2006 of 20 November 2006 adapting certain Regulations and Decisions in the fields of free movement of goods, freedom of movement of persons, company law, competition policy, agriculture (including veterinary and phytosanitary legislation), transport policy, taxation, statistics, energy, environment, cooperation in the fields of justice and home affairs, customs union, external relations, common foreign and security policy and institutions, by reason of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania, OJ L 363, 20.12.2006, p. 1–80

b) For the LFS modules

Legal acts:

Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 of 9 March 1998 on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community, OJ L 77, 14.3.1998, p. 3–7

Regulation (EC) No 1991/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 October 2002 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community, OJ L 308, 9.11.2002, p. 1–2

Regulation (EC) No 2257/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2003 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community to adapt the list of survey characteristics, OJ L 336, 23.12.2003, p. 6–7

Regulation (EC) No 1372/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2007 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community, OJ L 315, 3.12.2007

c) For the ICT module:

Legal acts:

Regulation (EC) No 808/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 concerning Community statistics on information society, OJ L 143, 30.4.2004, p. 49–55

d) For the AES module:

Legal acts:

Regulation No 452/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2008 concerning the production and development of statistics on education and lifelong learning, OJ L 145, 4.6.2008, p. 227–233

Agreements:

SPC Agreement of 01/12/1998, Education and Training Statistics Working Group decision and Work Programmes adopted by the SPC, Directors of Social Statistics approval for implementation plan of the AES.

Other basis:

Communication from the Commission of 21 February 2007 on a coherent framework of indicators and benchmarks for monitoring progress towards the Lisbon objectives in education and training (COM/2007/0061 final).

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2007:0061:FIN:EN:PDF>

e) For the module on health (EHIS):

Legal acts:

Decision No 1786/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2002, adopting a programme of Community action in the field of public health (2003-2008), OJ L 271, 9.10.2002, p. 1–12

Regulation (EC) No 1338/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on Community statistics on public health and health and safety at work, OJ L 354, 31.12.2008, p. 70–81

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

Task Force on Core Social Variables - Final report (2007), Collection Methodologies and working papers (product code KS-RA-07-006).

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-RA-07-006

Methodological Manual for statistics on the Information Society.

Adult Education Survey (2005-2007), Manual (version 24.08.2007).

5. International Cooperation

None

DOMAIN 2 – Macroeconomic statistics

Theme 2.01 Annual economic accounts

Description

Annual national accounts play a fundamental role in the examination of many key policy questions for the European Union. They provide key economic and monetary policy indicators and basic information for the own resources system, the regional and structural funds, the excessive deficit procedure, and the growth and stability pact. The data are used by the Commission and the European Central Bank (ECB), as well as by national governments, social partners, financial markets and economic analysts. Annual national accounts also constitute the basis for many structural indicators required by the European Council. As well as providing a wealth of detail, the annual economic accounts provide a solid framework and benchmark for quarterly estimates (Theme 2.02) and calculation of own resources (Theme 2.05).

Harmonised data are compiled and transmitted by all Member States in accordance with the European System of Accounts (ESA95), which is the EU version of the world-level System of National Accounts. Data are transmitted by EU Member States to Eurostat in accordance with the transmission programme set out in annex B of the ESA regulation.

Key priorities 2009

Eurostat and the Member States will continue methodological work and in particular will continue to participate actively in the update of the world-level system of National Accounts (SNA93) and will pursue the revision of the European System of Accounts (ESA95) which should in general be consistent with the SNA. Assessing the quality of the implementation of important methodological improvements will also be a key task. These methodological improvements include, in particular, improved price and volume measures in national accounts and the development of satellite accounts and supplementary tables.

Eurostat and the Member States will actively work to ensure the successful implementation of the ESA95 data transmission programme. Efforts to further improve data quality will continue to be of particular importance. Attention will be particularly devoted to the quality of labour input data for measuring productivity in the context of the Lisbon strategy and to progressive integration of parts of the statistical module of the EU KLEMS (EU level analysis of capital (K), labour (L), energy (E), materials (M) and service (S) inputs) dataset in the European Statistical System. Furthermore, the integration of non-financial and financial accounts will continue to be pursued, along with cooperation with the services responsible for balance of payments and foreign trade statistics. Eurostat will further step up its efforts to produce supply-and-use and input-output tables, notably for the euro area and European Union, in particular with a view to enhancing completeness and quality. In regional accounts, Eurostat will finalise the methodological work undertaken by the regional accounts task force on the methodology for compiling regional GDP.

Module 2.01.01 European system of accounts

Responsible unit: **C-1: National accounts methodology, Statistics for own resources**
Contact person: Christian RAVETS, Tel: +352 4301 34826

1. Module Description

The objective of this module is to pursue the revision of the European System of Accounts (ESA95 – Council Regulation 2223/96), while continuing to participate actively in the update of the international System of National Accounts (SNA). The ESA revision work will ensure that the new ESA will continue to be the appropriate methodological reference for the production of high quality national accounts data required for major EU policies (e.g. own resources, excessive deficit procedure, structural funds) and for economic analysis. The work covers the elaboration of common standards, definitions, classifications and accounting rules intended to be used for compiling accounts and tables on a comparable as well as a programme for transmitting, for Community purposes and on precise dates, these accounts and tables. Work on some specific methodological and implementation aspects (e.g. improved price and volume measures and the development of some supplementary tables and satellite accounts frameworks) will also be a key task.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 of 25 June 1996, on the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community (ESA95), OJ L 310, 30.11.1996

Council Regulation (EC) No 448/98 of 16 February 1998, completing and amending Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) within the European system of national and regional accounts (ESA), OJ L 58, 27.2.1998

Commission Decision No 98/715/EC of 30 November 1998, clarifying Annex A to Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 on the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community as concerns the principles for measuring prices and volumes, OJ L 340, 16.12.1998

Commission Regulation (EC) No 264/2000 of 3 February 2000, on the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to short-term public finance statistics, OJ L 29, 4.2.2000

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1500/2000 of 10 July 2000, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to general government expenditure and revenue, OJ L 172, 12.7.2000

Regulation (EC) No 2516/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 November 2000, modifying the common principles of the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community (ESA) 95 as concerns taxes and social contributions and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96, OJ L 290, 17.11.2000

Commission Regulation (EC) No 995/2001 of 22 May 2001, implementing European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No 2516/2000 modifying the common principles of ESA95 as concerns taxes and social contribution, OJ L 139, 23.5.2001

Regulation (EC) No 2558/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 December 2001, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 as regards the reclassification of settlements under swaps arrangements and under forward rate agreements, OJ L 344, 28.12.2001

Commission Regulation (EC) No 113/2002 of 23 January 2002, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with regard to revised classification of expenditure according to purpose, OJ L 21, 24.1.2002

Regulation (EC) No 359/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 February 2002, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 as concerns the use of ESA 95 in the determination of Member States' payments to the VAT-based own resource, OJ L 58, 28.2.2002

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1889/2002 of 23 October 2002, on the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 448/98 completing and amending Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) within the European System of national and regional Accounts (ESA), OJ L 286, 24.10.2002

Commission Decision No 2002/990/EC of 17 December 2002, further clarifying Annex A to Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 as concerns the principles for measuring prices and volumes in national accounts, OJ L 347, 20.12.2002

Regulation (EC) No 1267/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 June 2003, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the time limit for transmission of the main aggregates of national accounts, to the derogations concerning the transmission of the main aggregates of national accounts and to the transmission of employment data in hours worked, OJ L 180, 18.7.2003

Regulation (EC) No 501/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 March 2004, on quarterly financial accounts for general government, OJ L 81, 19.3.2004

Regulation (EC) No 1161/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 2005, on the compilation of quarterly non-financial accounts by institutional sector, OJ L 191, 22.7.2005

Commission Decision No 2006/209/EC of 9 March 2006, granting derogations to bring Member States' statistical systems into conformity with Regulation (EC) No 1161/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council, OJ L 75, 14.3.2006, p. 26-27

Other basis:

Eurostat Input-Output Manual

Handbook on prices and volume measurements in national accounts

Handbook on Quarterly National Accounts, Eurostat 1999

Additional information available on the National and Financial Accounts in Eurostat website:
<http://circa.europa.eu/irc/dsis/nfaccount/info/data/index.htm> and on:
<http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/pnb/library>

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

ESA95 and legal acts above

Handbook on Quarterly National Accounts, Eurostat 1999

Prices and volume measurements, Handbook

Eurostat Input-Output Manual

5. International Cooperation

EFTA, OECD, UNECE, IMF, World Bank, UNSD.

Module 2.01.02 National accounts: aggregates

Responsible unit: **C-2: National accounts: production**
Contact person: Jukka JALAVA, Tel: +352 4301 38435

1. Module Description

Main annual aggregates of non-financial national accounts including data on value added, capital formation and labour input by industry, household final consumption by purpose and income distribution. Data are collected, validated and published on the basis of Regulation (EC) No. 2223/96 as last amended by Regulation (EC) No. 1392/2007. Data are used for Structural Indicators, sustainable development indicators, structural and productivity analyses. Main users are the Commission, the European Central Bank, national governments, financial markets, analysts, media, general public.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 of 25 June 1996, on the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community, OJ L 310, 30.11.1996

Council Regulation (EC) No 448/98 of 16 February 1998, completing and amending Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) within the European system of national and regional accounts (ESA), OJ L 58, 27.2.1998

Commission Decision No 98/715/EC of 13 November 1998, clarifying Annex a to Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 on the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community as concerns the principles for measuring prices and volumes, OJ L 340, 16.12.1998

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1889/2002 of 23 October 2002, on the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 448/98 completing and amending Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) within the European System of national and regional Accounts (ESA), OJ L 286, 24.10.2002

Commission Decision No 2002/990/EC of 17 December 2002, further clarifying Annex A to Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 as concerns the principles for measuring prices and volumes in national accounts, OJ L 347, 20.12.2002

Regulation (EC) No 1267/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 June 2003, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the time limit for transmission of the main aggregates of national accounts, to the derogations concerning the transmission of the main aggregates of national accounts and to the transmission of employment data in hours worked, OJ L 180, 18.7.2003

Regulation (EC) No 1161/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 2005, on the compilation of quarterly non-financial accounts by institutional sector, OJ L 191, 22.07.2005

Regulation (EC) No 1392/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 November 2007, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the transmission of national accounts data, OJ L 324, 10.12.2007

See also Module 2.01.01

Other basis:

Additional information available on the 'National and Financial Accounts in Eurostat' website:
<http://circa.europa.eu/irc/dsis/nfaccount/info/data/index.htm>

3. Data Requirements

ESAP2AGR_0101_A: Gross value added at basic prices and gross domestic product at market prices Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: A

ESAP2AGR_0102_A: GDP identity from the expenditure side Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: A

ESAP2AGR_0103_A: GDP identity from the income side Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: A

ESAP2AGR_0107_A: Disposable income, saving, net lending/borrowing
Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: A

ESAP2AGR_0109_A: Real disposable income Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: A

ESAP2AGR_0110_A: Population and employment Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: A

ESAP2AGR_0111_A: Employment by industry Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: A

ESAP2AGR_0117_A: Final consumption expenditure of households by durability
Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: A

ESAP2AGR_0120_A: Exports of goods (fob) and services by Member States of the EU/third countries Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: A

ESAP2AGR_0121_A: Imports of goods (fob) and services by Member States of the EU/third countries Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: A

ESAP2BRK_0301_A: Output and income Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

ESAP2BRK_0302_A: Capital formation Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

ESAP2BRK_0303_A: Employment Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

ESAP2BRK_0501_A: Final consumption expenditure of households by purpose
Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

ESAP2BRK_0502_A: Final consumption expenditure of households Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

ESAP2STK_2000_A: Cross-classification of fixed assets by industry and by non-financial fixed asset Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

ESAP2BRK_2200_A: Cross-classification of gross fixed capital formation by industry and by non-financial fixed asset Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

ESAP2STK_2600_A: Balance sheets for non-financial assets Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

See Module 2.01.01

5. International Cooperation

OECD, ECB, UNECE.

Module 2.01.03 Annual sector accounts

Responsible unit: **C-5: Government and sector accounts; Financial indicators**
Contact person: Peeter LEETMAA, Tel: +352 4301 34558

1. Module Description

Annual sector accounts are collected on the basis of Regulation (EC) No. 2223/96 as last amended by Regulation (EC) No. 1392/2007. They provide a complete view of the non-financial transactions of each economic sector, mainly households, government, corporations and the rest of the world, and interrelations between them. Annual sector accounts are presented according to the European System of Accounts (ESA) sequence, from production account to net lending/borrowing. They are used for structural analysis and as a benchmark for quarterly sector accounts.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 of 25 June 1996, on the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community, OJ L 310, 30.11.1996

Regulation (EC) No 1392/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 November 2007, amending Council Regulation (EC) N. 2223/96 with respect to the transmission of national accounts data, OJ L 324, 10.12.2007, p. 1–78

3. Data Requirements

ESAP2SEC_0800_A: ESAP2 - Non-Financial Accounts by Sector - Annual
Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

Methodological information available on: <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/sectoraccounts>

5. International Cooperation

ECB, OECD.

Module 2.01.04 Supply, use and input-output tables

Responsible unit: **C-2: National accounts - production**
Contact person: Peter RITZMANN, Tel: +352 4301 33251

1. Module Description

The objective is to collect, validate and publish supply, use and symmetric input-output tables on the basis of Regulation (EC) No. 2223/96 as last amended by Regulation (EC) No. 1392/2007. The input-output system includes detailed information for products and industries on production activities, supply and demand of goods and services, intermediate consumption, primary inputs and foreign trade.

Data is reported annually for both current prices and prices of the previous year. The compilation and publication of aggregated EU and euro area tables at current prices is scheduled by 2009.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 of 25 June 1996, on the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community, OJ L 310, 30.11.1996

Council Regulation (EC) No 448/98 of 16 February 1998, completing and amending Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) within the European system of national and regional accounts (ESA), OJ L 58, 27.2.1998

Commission Decision No 98/715/EC of 13 November 1998, clarifying Annex a to Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 on the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community as concerns the principles for measuring prices and volumes, OJ L 340, 16.12.1998

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1889/2002 of 23 October 2002, on the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 448/98 completing and amending Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) within the European System of national and regional Accounts (ESA), OJ L 286, 24.10.2002

Commission Decision No 2002/990/EC of 17 December 2002, further clarifying Annex A to Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 as concerns the principles for measuring prices and volumes in national accounts, OJ L 347, 20.12.2002

Regulation (EC) No 1392/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 November 2007, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the transmission of national accounts data, OJ L 324, 10.12.2007

Other basis:

Additional information available on the 'National and Financial Accounts in Eurostat' website:
<http://circa.europa.eu/irc/dsis/nfaccount/info/data/index.htm>

3. Data Requirements

ESAP2SUT_1500COP_A: ESAP2 - Supply Table at Previous Years' Prices - Annual
Timeliness: 1080 Periodicity: A

ESAP2SUT_1500CUR_A: ESAP2 - Supply Table at Current Prices - Annual
Timeliness: 1080 Periodicity: A

ESAP2SUT_1500_A: ESAP2 - Supply Table at Basic Prices, A60 x P60 - Annual
Timeliness: 1080 Periodicity: A

ESAP2SUT_1516_A: ESAP2 - Supply Table and Use Table - Annual
Timeliness: 1080 Periodicity: A

ESAP2SUT_1517_A: ESAP2 - Supply, Use and Input-Output Table - Quinquennial
Timeliness: 1080 Periodicity: 5

ESAP2SUT_1519_A: ESAP2 - Supply to Import Input-Output Tables - Quinquennial
Timeliness: 1080 Periodicity: 5

ESAP2SUT_1600COP_A: ESAP2 - Use Table at Previous Years' Prices - Annual
Timeliness: 1080 Periodicity: A

ESAP2SUT_1600CUR_A: ESAP2 - Use Table at Current Prices - Annual
Timeliness: 1080 Periodicity: A

ESAP2SUT_1600_A: ESAP2 - Use Table at Purchasers' Prices, A60 x P60 - Annual
Timeliness: 1080 Periodicity: A

ESAP2SUT_1700COP_A: ESAP2 - Symmetric Input-Output Table at Previous Years' Prices -
Quinquennial Timeliness: 1080 Periodicity: 5

ESAP2SUT_1700CUR_A: ESAP2 - Symmetric Input-Output Table at Current Prices - Quinquennial
Timeliness: 1080 Periodicity: 5

ESAP2SUT_1700_A: ESAP2 - Symmetric Input-Output Table at Basic Prices, P60 x P60 -
Quinquennial Timeliness: 1080 Periodicity: 5

ESAP2SUT_1719_A: ESAP2 - Symmetric Input-Output Table - Quinquennial
Timeliness: 1080 Periodicity: 5

ESAP2SUT_1800COP_A: ESAP2 - Symmetric Input-Output Table for Domestic Output at Previous
Years' Prices - Quinquennial Timeliness: 1080 Periodicity: 5

ESAP2SUT_1800CUR_A: ESAP2 - Symmetric Input-Output Table for Domestic Output at Current
Prices - Quinquennial Timeliness: 1080 Periodicity: 5

ESAP2SUT_1800_A: ESAP2 - Symmetric Input-Output Table for Domestic Output at Basic Prices,
P60 x P60 - Quinquennial Timeliness: 1080 Periodicity: 5

ESAP2SUT_1900COP_A: ESAP2 - Symmetric Input-Output Table for Imports at Previous Years'
Prices - Quinquennial Timeliness: 1080 Periodicity: 5

ESAP2SUT_1900CUR_A: ESAP2 - Symmetric Input-Output Table for Imports at Current Prices -
Quinquennial Timeliness: 1080 Periodicity: 5

ESAP2SUT_1900_A: ESAP2 - Symmetric Input-Output Table for Imports at Basic Prices, P60 x P60 -
Quinquennial Timeliness: 1080 Periodicity: 5

4. Methodology

Eurostat Manual of Supply, Use and Input-Output Tables (available on the Eurostat website)

See also Module 2.01.01

5. International Cooperation

OECD, ECB, UNECE.

Module 2.01.06 Regional accounts

Responsible unit: **C-2: National accounts - production**
Contact person: Andreas KRUEGER, Tel: +352 4301 36397

1. Module Description

Regional accounts are collected on the basis of Regulation (EC) No. 2223/96 as last amended by Regulation (EC) No. 1392/2007. Regional accounts provide information by industry on production activities, and on the primary and disposable income of private households.

Data is reported annually in current prices only and, depending on the indicator, at NUTS levels 2 or 3. In this context Eurostat is responsible for producing the official data set of regional GDP for all EU Member States to be used in the structural fund allocation. Regional Accounts data are mainly used for structural analysis.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 of 25 June 1996, on the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community (ESA95), OJ L 310, 30.11.1996

Council Regulation (EC) No 448/98 of 16 February 1998, completing and amending Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) within the European system of national and regional accounts (ESA), OJ L 58, 27.2.1998

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1889/2002 of 23 October 2002, on the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 448/98 completing and amending Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) within the European System of national and regional accounts in the Community (ESA95), OJ L 286, 24.10.2002

Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 of 11 July 2006, laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999, OJ L 210, 31.7.2006

Regulation (EC) No 1392/2007 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 13 November 2007, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the transmission of national accounts data, OJ L 324, 10.12.2007

Other basis:

REGIONAL ACCOUNTS METHODS - Gross value-added and gross fixed capital formation by activity (1995) - ISBN 92-827-0159-X

Available in electronic form from the following e-mail address:

ESTAT-REG-ACCOUNTS@ec.europa.eu

REGIONAL ACCOUNTS METHODS - Household accounts (1996) - ISBN 92-827-8964-0

Available in electronic form from the following e-mail address:

ESTAT-REG-ACCOUNTS@ec.europa.eu

3. Data Requirements

ESAP2REG_1000_A: ESAP2 - Tables by Industry and by Region, NUTS II - Annual
Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

ESAP2REG_1200_A: ESAP2 - Tables by Industry and by Region, NUTS III - Annual
Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

ESAP2REG_1300_A: ESAP2 - Household Accounts by Region, NUTS II - Annual
Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

REGIONAL ACCOUNTS METHODS - Gross value-added and gross fixed capital formation by activity (1995) - ISBN 92-827-0159-X

Available in electronic form from the following e-mail address:

ESTAT-REG-ACCOUNTS@ec.europa.eu

REGIONAL ACCOUNTS METHODS - Household accounts (1996) - ISBN 92-827-8964-0

Available in electronic form from the following e-mail address:

ESTAT-REG-ACCOUNTS@ec.europa.eu

5. International Cooperation

None

Theme 2.02 Quarterly accounts

Description

Quarterly national accounts play a fundamental role for economic analysis in general and in particular for the definition of economic policies by governments and by the Commission and for the monitoring of the single currency by the European Central Bank. Quarterly national accounts figures are also relevant for other institutional users, private users and financial markets. Particular attention is paid to the compilation of EU/EA (euro area) aggregates, which are very important for comparisons with the economies of the US and Japan. To meet user needs, great importance is attached to quality, coverage, timeliness and punctuality and to the full integration of the new Member States.

Harmonised data are compiled by all Member States in accordance with the European System of Accounts (ESA95), which is the EU version of the world-level System of National Accounts. They are transmitted by EU Member States to Eurostat in accordance with the transmission programme set out in annex B of the ESA regulation.

Key priorities 2009

Eurostat and Member States will actively work to ensure the successful implementation of the data transmission programme for the European System of Accounts under ESA 95 for national and regional accounts. Efforts to further improve data quality will continue to be of particular importance. Moreover, efforts will be made to further improve the coordination of release dates for quarterly national accounts with Member States.

On the methodological side, the emphasis will be on improving quality aspects of quarterly national accounts and quarterly accounts for institutional sectors. The analysis of the coherence between different parts of the accounts will continue devoting particular attention to volume measures, seasonal adjustment aspects, relation with the input/output framework and overall coherence of the accounts.

Module 2.02.01 Quarterly national accounts

Responsible unit: **C-2: National accounts - production**
Contact person: Jukka JALAVA, Tel: +352 4301 38435

1. Module Description

Quarterly national accounts, encompassing main aggregates and labour input, are collected, validated and published on the basis of Regulation (EC) No. 2223/96 as last amended by Regulation (EC) No. 1392/2007. Quarterly national accounts play a fundamental role for economic analysis, definition of economic and monetary policies.

Quarterly national accounts provide a coherent overall picture of the economy on a quarterly basis. Main users are the European Commission, the European Central Bank, national governments, financial markets, analysts, media, general public.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

See Modules 2.01.01 and 2.01.02

3. Data Requirements

ESAP2AGR_0101_Q: Gross value added at basic prices and gross domestic product at market prices Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: Q

ESAP2AGR_0102_Q: GDP identity from the expenditure side Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: Q

ESAP2AGR_0103_Q: GDP identity from the income side Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: Q

ESAP2AGR_0107_Q: Disposable income, saving, net lending/borrowing
Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: Q

ESAP2AGR_0109_Q: Real disposable income Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: Q

ESAP2AGR_0110_Q: Population and employment Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: Q

ESAP2AGR_0111_Q: Employment by industry Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: Q

ESAP2AGR_0117_Q: Final consumption expenditure of households by durability
Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: Q

ESAP2AGR_0120_Q: Exports of goods (fob) and services by Member States of the EU/third countries Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: Q

ESAP2AGR_0121_Q: Imports of goods (fob) and services by Member States of the EU/third countries Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: Q

4. Methodology

The basic methodology is the ESA95 definitions and specifications of national accounts. These conceptual rules have been supplemented by a Handbook giving advice on more practical issues. The handbook is available at

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/pls/portal/docs/PAGE/PGP_DS_METANATIONAL/PGE_METANATIONAL/TAB_HANDBOOK/HANDBOOK%20ON%20QNA.PDF

See also Module 2.01.01

5. International Cooperation

OECD, ECB, UNECE.

Module 2.02.02 Quarterly sector accounts

Responsible unit: **C-5: Government and sector accounts; Financial indicators**
Contact person: Denis LEYTHIENNE, Tel: +352 4301 33493

1. Module Description

Quarterly sector accounts are collected on the basis of Regulation (EC) No 1161/2005. They provide a simplified but complete picture of the non-financial transactions of the economic sectors. This quarterly information is particularly useful to analyse the short term behaviour of households and non-financial corporations. In particular, the quarterly sector accounts of the euro area are used by European Central Bank for monetary policy purposes.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Regulation (EC) No 1161/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 2005, on the compilation of quarterly non-financial accounts by institutional sector, OJ L 191, 22.7.2005, p. 22–28

Other basis:

Additional information on quarterly sector accounts available on:

<http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/quarterlyaccounts/library>

3. Data Requirements

ESAP2SEC_0801_Q: ESAP2 - Non-Financial Accounts by Sector - Quarterly
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

4. Methodology

Methodological information available on:

<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/sectoraccounts>

5. International Cooperation

OECD.

Theme 2.03 Monetary and financial statistics

Description

Monetary and financial indicators include important monthly, quarterly and annual statistics such as interest rates and exchange rates. Eurostat's role is to collect these data, largely from international organisations, and to publish and present them in a timely and suitable way for the benefit of users. Financial accounts cover the financial transactions and stocks of all sectors in the economy.

Key priorities 2009

Timely publication of validated monetary and financial indicators and financial accounts. Development of crosschecks between quarterly and annual financial accounts and between financial and non financial accounts to ensure coherence within the complete national accounts system.

Module 2.03.01 Financial accounts – methodology

Responsible unit: **C-3: Public finance**
Contact person: John VERRINDER, Tel: +352 4301 34185

1. Module Description

The objective of this module is to develop and implement the methodology related to the financial accounts in the framework of the ESA95 transmission programme. Financial Accounts cover the full set of institutional sectors and financial instruments and the work is carried out in close cooperation with the Financial Accounts Working Group.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 of 25 June 1996, European System of Regional and National Accounts, completed by its precise transmission programme, OJ L 310, 30.11.1996

Regulation (EC) No 1392/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 November 2007 amending Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the transmission of national accounts data, OJ L 324, 10.12.2007, p. 1–78

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

European System of Accounts (ESA95).

Manual on sources and methods for the compilation of ESA95 accounts.

5. International Cooperation

ECB, OECD, IMF.

Module 2.03.02 Financial accounts – data production

Responsible unit:
Contact person:

C-5: Government and sector accounts; Financial indicators
Ismael AHAMDANEZ ZARCO +352 4301 38893
Sylvie VILLAUME + 352 4301 32298

1. Module Description

This module deals with the receipt, validation and publication of financial accounts and related data.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 of 25 June 1996, European System of Regional and National Accounts, completed by its precise transmission programme, OJ L 310, 30.11.1996

Regulation (EC) No 501/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 March 2004, on quarterly financial accounts for general government, OJ L 81, 19.3.2004

Other basis:

Additional information available on the 'National and Financial Accounts in Eurostat' website:
<http://circa.europa.eu/irc/dsis/nfaccount/info/data/index.htm>

3. Data Requirements

FINA: Annual financial accounts
Timeliness: 270 days **Periodicity:** A

QFAGG: Quarterly financial accounts of general government
Timeliness: 90 days Periodicity: Q

Unquoted shares data
Timeliness: 450 days (voluntary) Periodicity: A

All data are available in the Eurostat's dedicated section in the areas financial accounts and monetary indicators.

4. Methodology

European System of Accounts (ESA95).

Manual on sources and methods for the compilation of ESA95 financial accounts.

A full description of methodology, legal basis, and data, is provided in the GFS dedicated section of Eurostat's web site at:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/government_finance_statistics/introduction

Under New Cronos, there is also

5. International

Module 2.03.03 Money and finance

Responsible unit: **C-5: Government and sector accounts; Financial indicators**
Contact person: Peter PARLASCA, Tel: +352 4301 33101

1. Module Description

This module covers the dissemination of monetary and financial indicators received from several institutions, and in particular from the ECB. Data on interest rates, exchange rates, monetary aggregates, euro yield curve, balance sheet information, etc., are loaded in a regular basis on the Eurostat web site, and they are at the basis of several publications produced by Eurostat.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Regulation (EC) No 2423/2001 of the European Central Bank of 22 November 2001, concerning the consolidated balance sheet of the monetary financial institutions sector (ECB/2001/13), OJ L 333, 17.12.2001

Regulation (EC) No 63/2002 of the European Central Bank of 20 December 2001, concerning statistics on interest rates applied by monetary financial institutions to deposits and loans vis-à-vis households and non-financial corporations (ECB/2001/18), OJ L 10, 12.1.2002

Regulation (EC) No 993/2002 of the European Central Bank of 6 June 2002, correcting Regulation ECB/2001/13 concerning the consolidated balance sheet of the monetary financial institutions sector (ECB/2002/4), OJ L 151, 11.6.2002

Regulation (EC) No 2174/2002 of the European Central Bank of 21 November 2002, amending Regulation ECB/2001/13 concerning the consolidated balance sheet of the monetary financial institutions sector (ECB/2002/8), OJ L 330, 6.12.2002

Regulation (EC) No 1746/2003 of the European Central Bank of 18 September 2003, amending Regulation (EC) No 2423/2001 (ECB/2001/13) concerning the consolidated balance sheet of the monetary financial institutions sector (ECB/2003/10), OJ L 250, 2.10.2003

Regulation (EC) No 2181/2004 of the European Central Bank of 16 December 2004, amending Regulation (EC) No 2423/2001 (ECB/2001/13) concerning the consolidated balance sheet of the monetary financial institutions sector and Regulation (EC) No 63/2002 (ECB/2001/18) concerning statistics on interest rates applied by monetary financial institutions to deposits and loans vis-à-vis households and non-financial corporations (ECB/2004/21), OJ L 371, 18.12.2004

Recommendation of the European Central Bank of 16 July 2004, on the statistical reporting requirements of the European Central Bank in the field of balance of payments and international investment position statistics, and the international reserves template (ECB/2004/16), OJ C 292, 30.11.2004

3. Data Requirements

BIS_OR_M: Official Rates - DK, SE, UK - Source ECB Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: M

ECB_BSI1_M: Money Supply, Loans and Deposits - Source ECB Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: M

ECB_DD1_D: Financial Markets Data - LTIR - Source ECB Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: D

ECB_EXR1EER_M: Effective Exchange Rates - Source ECB Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: M

ECB_EXR1_D: Exchange Rates (Daily) - Source ECB Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: D

ECB_EXR1_M: Exchange Rates (Other) - Source ECB Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: M
ECB_EYC_D: Euro Yield Curve - Source ECB Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: D

ECB_FMD2_M: Financial Markets Data, ECB Rates, MM Rates, Share Price Indices - Source ECB
Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: M

ECB_IRS1_M: Interest Rates Statistics from the Accession Countries - Source ECB
Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: M

ECB_MIR1_M: MFI Interest Rates - Source ECB Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: M

ECB_MMS1_A: Money Market Survey Data - Source ECB Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: A

ECB_RAMU_M: Euro Area Reserve Assets - Source ECB Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: M

ECB_RIR2_M: Retail Interest Rates - Source ECB Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: M

ECB_SEC1_M: ECB Securities Issues Statistics - Source ECB Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: M

ECB_SEC_M: ECB Securities Issues Statistics - Source ECB Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: M

ECB_SSI1_A: Banking Structural Statistical Indicators - Source ECB Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: A

Data received from ECB

4. Methodology

ECB Guideline 6/2/2003 on certain statistical reporting requirements and procedures of the ECB in money and banking statistics - ECB/2003/2

5. International Cooperation

ECB, OECD, IMF.

Theme 2.04 Government finance statistics

Description

Government finance statistics cover financial and non-financial data relating to the expenditure, revenue and financing of government. These data are reported on a quarterly and annual frequency to Eurostat, are validated and published, and are usually the subject of 'Statistics in Focus' and other publications. Eurostat has the central role in the assessment of debt and deficit data in the context of the Excessive Deficit Procedure (EDP), and to this end works closely with Member States to ensure the quality and methodological soundness of these data.

Key priorities 2009

Assessment of the official EDP notifications transmitted twice per year by Member States. Timely dissemination of key government finance statistics data.

Module 2.04.01 Government finance statistics - Methodology

Responsible unit: **C-3: Public finance**
Contact person: Luca ASCOLI, Tel: +352 4301 32707

1. Module Description

The objective of this module is to develop and implement the methodological framework for public finance statistics, including giving bilateral advice to Member States and organising task-forces on complex methodological issues. The bilateral advices to Member States are published on the GFS (Government Finance Statistics) website. The decisions on specific methodological issues or the outcome of task-forces are published in ESA95 press releases and in the Manual on government deficit and debt.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 of 25 June 1996, on the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community (ESA95), OJ L 310, 1.11.1996

Council Regulation (EC) No 448/98 of 16 February 1998, completing and amending Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) within the European system of national and regional accounts (ESA), OJ L 58, 27.2.1998

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1500/2000 of 10 July 2000, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to general government expenditure and revenue, OJ L 172, 12.7.2000

Regulation (EC) No 2516/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 November 2000, modifying the common principles of the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community (ESA) 95 as concerns taxes and social contributions and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96, OJ L 290, 17.11.2000

Commission Regulation (EC) No 995/2001 of 22 May 2001, implementing European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No 2516/2000 modifying the common principles of ESA95 as concerns taxes and social contribution, OJ L 139, 23.5.2001

Regulation (EC) No 2558/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 December 2001, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 as regards the reclassification of settlements under swaps arrangements and under forward rate agreements, OJ L 344, 28.12.2001

Commission Regulation (EC) No 113/2002 of 23 January 2002, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with regard to revised classification of expenditure according to purpose, OJ L 21, 24.1.2002

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1889/2002 of 23 October 2002, on the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 448/98 completing and amending Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) within the European System of national and regional Accounts (ESA), OJ L 286, 24.10.2002

Regulation (EC) No 1392/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 November 2007 amending Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the transmission of national accounts data, OJ L 324, 10.12.2007, p. 1-78

Other basis:

Information available on Eurostat website for 'Government Finance Statistics':
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/government_finance_statistics/introduction

3. Data Requirements

CARDS_EXR1_DM: Exchange rates (Cards Countries) Timeliness: 2 Periodicity: D

4. Methodology

ESA95 and legal acts above

Manual on sources and methods for the compilation of ESA95 financial accounts, Eurostat 2002

Manual on compilation of taxes and social payments on a quarterly basis, Eurostat 2002

Manual on quarterly non-financial accounts for general government, Eurostat 2006

Manual on sources and methods for the compilation of COFOG, Eurostat 2007

5. International Cooperation

ECB, OECD, IMF.

Module 2.04.02 Government finance statistics – Data production

Responsible unit: **C-5:** Government and sector accounts; Financial indicators
Contact person: Eduardo BARREDO-CAPELOT, Tel: +352 4301 35402

1. Module Description

Reception, processing and dissemination of non-financial government finance statistics.

These statistics are annual and quarterly.

Government finance statistics integrated tables are produced twice per year based on transmitted data. Quarterly data are also presented.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

All legislation related to government finance statistics is available under the dedicated GFS section of the Eurostat web site at:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/government_finance_statistics/introduction

Some of the main acts are provided below:

Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 of 25 June 1996, on the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community, OJ L 310, 30.11.1996

Commission Regulation (EC) No 264/2000 of 3 February 2000, on the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to short-term public finance statistics, OJ L 29, 4.2.2000

Regulation (EC) No 1221/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 June 2002, on quarterly non-financial accounts for general government, OJ L 179, 9.7.2002

Regulation (EC) No 1267/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 June 2003, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the time limit for transmission of the main aggregates of national accounts, to the derogations concerning the transmission of the main aggregates of national accounts and to the transmission of employment data in hours worked, OJ L 180, 18.7.2003

Council Regulation (EC) No 1222/2004 of 28 June 2004 concerning the compilation and transmission of data on the quarterly government debt, OJ L 233, 2.7.2004

Regulation (EC) No 1392/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 November 2007 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the transmission of national accounts data, OJ L 324, 10.12.2007

3. Data Requirements

ESA Table 2: Main aggregates of general government (expenditure and revenue)
Timeliness: 90/270 Periodicity: B

ESA Table 9: Detailed taxes and social contributions
Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

ESA Table 11: Functional classification of government expenditure (COFOG)
Timeliness: 365 Periodicity: A

ESA Table 25: Short term public finance statistics

Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

ESA Table 28: Quarterly government debt

Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

All annual and quarterly data for the government sector are disseminated in the Eurostat's databases.

They are easily accessible in the dedicated GFS web section under:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/government_finance_statistics/data

4. Methodology

See Module 2.04.01

A full description of methodology, legal basis, and data, is provided in the GFS dedicated section of Eurostat's web site at:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/government_finance_statistics/introduction

5. International Cooperation

ECB, OECD, IMF.

Module 2.04.03 Statistics on public deficit and debt

Responsible unit: **C-3: Public finance**
Contact person: Luca ASCOLI, Tel: +352 4301 32707

1. Module Description

As laid out in Council Regulation 3605/93, as amended, the objective is to provide a high-quality statistical service in the area of Government Finance Statistics in order to monitor, implement and develop Community economic policies and in particular the statistical implications of the Stability and Growth Pact. This includes validating the bi-annual EDP (excessive deficit procedure) notifications sent by Member States and annual notifications sent by candidate countries, as well as undertaking EDP dialogue and methodological visits to Member States.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Regulation (EC) No 3605/93 of 22 November 1993, on the application of the protocol on the excessive deficit procedure annexed to the treaty establishing the European Community. This regulation has subsequently been amended, notably in 2005, OJ L 332, 31.12.1993

Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 of 25 June 1996, on the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community (ESA95), OJ L 310, 30.11.1996

Council Regulation No 448/98/EC of 16/02/1998, completing and amending Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) within the European system of national and regional accounts (ESA), OJ L 58, 27.02.1998

Council Regulation (EC) No 475/2000 of 28 February 2000, amending Regulation (EC) No 3605/93 on the application of the Protocol on the excessive deficit procedure annexed to the Treaty establishing the European Community, OJ L 58, 3.3.2000

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1500/2000 of 10 July 2000, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to general government expenditure and revenue, OJ L 172, 12.7.2000

Regulation (EC) No 2516/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 November 2000, modifying the common principles of the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community (ESA) 95 as concerns taxes and social contributions and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96, OJ L 290, 17.11.2000

Commission Regulation (EC) No 995/2001 of 22 May 2001, implementing European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No 2516/2000 modifying the common principles of (ESA 95) as concerns taxes and social contribution, OJ L 139, 23.5.2001

Regulation (EC) No 2558/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 December 2001, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 as regards the reclassification of settlements under swaps arrangements and under forward rate agreements, OJ L 344, 28.12.2001

Commission Regulation (EC) No 351/2002 of 25 February 2002, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 3605/93 as regards references to ESA 95, OJ L 55, 26.2.2002

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1889/2002 of 23 October 2002, on the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 448/98 completing and amending Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) within the European System of national and regional Accounts (ESA), OJ L 286, 24.10.2002

Council Regulation (EC) No 2103/2005 of 12 December 2005, amending Regulation (EC) No 3605/93 as regards the quality of statistical data in the context of the excessive deficit procedure, OJ L 337, 22.12.2005

Other basis:

Information available on Eurostat website:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/government_finance_statistics/methodology

3. Data Requirements

EDP_NOTIF_S: EDP Notification Tables Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: S

EDP_QUEST_S: EDP Questionnaire Related Tables Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: S

ESAP2CFG_1100_A: ESAP2 - General Government Expenditure by Function - Annual
Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

ESAP2DBT_2800_Q: ESAP2 - Quarterly Government Debt - Quarterly Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

ESAP2GOV_0200_A: ESAP2 - Main Aggregates General Government - Annual
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: A

ESAP2GOV_0900_A: ESAP2 - Detailed Tax Receipts by Sector - Annual
Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

ESAP2GOV_NTL_A: ESAP2 - National Tax List - Supplementary dataset for ESAP2GOV_0900_A (non-GESMES) Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: A

ESAP2STP_2501_Q: ESAP2 - Short-Term Public Finance Statistics - Table 2501 - Quarterly
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

ESAP2STP_2502_Q: ESAP2 - Short-Term Public Finance Statistics - Table 2502 - Quarterly
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

4. Methodology

ESA95 and legal acts above

ESA95 Manual on government deficit and debt, Eurostat 2002 together with new chapters on capital injections, pension schemes, long-term contracts and securitisation operations (available on Eurostat web-site)

Eurostat Decisions and methodological advice available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/government_finance_statistics/methodology

5. International Cooperation

ECB, OECD, IMF.

Theme 2.05 Monitoring own resources

Description

National accounts data play a prominent role in calculating the contributions by the Member States to the EU budget.

For the VAT-based 'third' resource, Member States' VAT receipts are adjusted using detailed national accounts data to correct for the fact countries do not all apply the harmonised EU VAT rules, having different rates and coverage of products. Every year, Member States provide a detailed VAT declaration including the calculation of several adjustment factors based on national accounts. In cooperation with DG BUDG, Eurostat carries out a detailed verification of the figures and the calculations.

Gross National Income (GNI, formerly Gross National Product – GNP) constitutes the basis for allocating the GNI-based 'fourth' resource. Together with the GNI Committee, Eurostat verifies the reliability, comparability and exhaustiveness of the data provided each year by countries.

Together, the VAT-based and the GNI-based resources represent about 80% of EU budget receipts.

Key priorities 2009

During 2009, the quality of national accounts data used for budgetary purposes must be verified and further improved in the ways listed below, based on the revised/new inventories of their sources and methods for compiling GNI transmitted by the Member States at end 2006 and in 2007. All Member States have also compiled or should compile process tables and integrate them in their GNI inventories. The process tables will increase the transparency and quality of GNI inventories. EU-10 will be fully integrated in the system. Bulgaria and Romania will start preparing the GNI inventories so that they can be integrated in the system. Eurostat will continue to analyze and assess GNI inventories in 2009. Eurostat will also carry out more direct verification of the data provided in the annual GNI questionnaires. The Commission will verify the declarations from about eleven Member States for the VAT-based resource.

Module 2.05.01 Monitoring own resources GNI

Responsible unit: **C-1: National accounts methodology, Statistics for own resources**
Contact person: Gerald WEBER, Tel: +352 4301 37444

1. Module Description

The objective of this module is to analyze the comparability, reliability and exhaustiveness of Member States' Gross National Income (GNI) data used for EU own resources purposes, as provided for in Council Regulation 1287/2003. This mainly implies that the national accounts data used for budgetary purposes will be examined and further improved according to the provisions of this Regulation, based on the inventories of their statistical sources and methods for compiling GNI, and process tables, transmitted by the Member States. Eurostat will also carry out more direct verification of the data in the Member States' annual GNI questionnaires.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Commission Decision No 94/168/EC, Euratom of 22 February 1994, on measures to be taken for the implementation of Council Directive 89/130/EEC, Euratom on the harmonization of the compilation of gross national product at market prices, OJ L 77, 19.3.1994

Commission Decision No 98/527/EC, Euratom of 24 July 1998, on the treatment for national accounts purposes of VAT fraud (the discrepancies between theoretical VAT receipts and actual VAT receipts), OJ L 234, 21.8.1998

Commission Decision No 98/501/EC, Euratom of 24 July 1998, concerning certain specific transactions identified within the work on the protocol of the Excessive Deficit Procedure, for the application of Article 1 of Council Directive 89/130/EEC, Euratom on the harmonisation of the compilation of GNP at market prices, OJ L 225, 12.8.1998

Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1026/1999 of 10 May 1999, determining the powers and obligations of agents authorised by the Commission to carry out controls and inspections of the Communities' own resources, OJ L 126, 20.5.1999

Council Decision No 2000/597/EC, Euratom of 29 September 2000, on the system of the European Communities' own resources, OJ L 253, 7.10.2000

Council Regulation (EC) No 1287/2003 of 15 July 2003, on the harmonisation of gross national income at market prices (GNI Regulation), OJ L 181, 19.7.2003

Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 116/2005 of 26 January 2005, on the treatment of repayments of VAT to non-taxable persons and to taxable persons for their exempt activities, for the purposes of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1287/2003 on the harmonisation of gross national income at market prices, OJ L 24, 27.1.2005

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1722/2005 of 20 October 2005, on the principles for estimating dwelling services for the purpose of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1287/2003 on the harmonisation of gross national income at market prices, OJ L 276, 21.10.2005

Other basis:

Recommendations adopted by the GNI Committee on specific conceptual ESA 95 issues:
The measurement of gross fixed-capital formation in software;
The measurement of insurance services;
The treatment of import duties paid by non-residents (The 'Rotterdam effect' on import duties);
The measurement of imputed social contributions;

The treatment of the correction in favour of the United Kingdom.

In addition the GNI Committee adopted recommendations produced by the following Task Forces:
Task Force on entertainment, literary and artistic originals;
Task Force on consumption of fixed capital for public infrastructure;
Task Force on reinvested earnings on foreign direct investment.

Not all documents of the GNI Committee are publicly accessible. In order to obtain the text of the above recommendations please contact Paolo PASSERINI: paoletto.passerini@ec.europa.eu

Additional information available on the 'National and Financial Accounts in Eurostat' website:
<http://circa.europa.eu/irc/dsis/nfaccount/info/data/index.htm>

3. Data Requirements

EDAMIS1_A1_A: EWA Test A1 Timeliness: 255 Periodicity: A

EDAMIS1_A2_M: EWA Test A2 Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: M

EDAMIS1_A3_N: EWA Test A3 Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: N

EDAMIS1_A4_Q: EWA Test A4 Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: Q

EDAMIS2_A1_A: EWA Test A1 Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: A

EDAMIS2_A2_M: EWA Test A2 Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: M

EDAMIS2_A3_N: EWA Test A3 Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: N

EDAMIS2_A4_Q: EWA Test A4 Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: Q

GNI_A_A: Gross National Income Questionnaire Timeliness: 262 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

Defined by the legal acts above

5. International Cooperation

Joint Programme with EFTA.

Module 2.05.02 Monitoring own resources value added tax (VAT)

Responsible unit: **C-1: National accounts methodology, Statistics for own resources**
Contact person: Andreas DOLLT, Tel: +352 4301 33286

1. Module Description

For the VAT-based 'third' own resource, Member States' VAT receipts are adjusted using detailed national accounts data to correct for the fact countries do not all apply the harmonized EU VAT rules, having different rates and coverage of products. Member States provide every year a detailed VAT declaration including the calculation of several adjustment factors based on national accounts. In conjunction with DG Budget and DG Taxud, Eurostat makes a detailed verification of the figures and the calculations.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom) No 1553/89 of 29 May 1989: on the definitive uniform arrangements for the collection of own resources accruing from value added tax, OJ L 155, 7.6.1989

Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 of 25 June 1996, on the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community (ESA95), OJ L 310, 30.11.1996

Council Regulation (EC) No 448/98 of 16 February 1998, completing and amending Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) within the European system of national and regional accounts (ESA), OJ L 58, 27.2.1998

Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1026/1999 of 10 May 1999, determining the powers and obligations of agents authorised by the Commission to carry out controls and inspections of the Communities' own resources, OJ L 126, 20.5.1999

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1500/2000 of 10 July 2000, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to general government expenditure and revenue, OJ L 172, 12.7.2000

Council Decision No 2000/597/EC, Euratom of 29 September 2000, on the system of the European Communities' own resources, OJ L 253, 7.10.2000

Regulation (EC) No 2516/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 November 2000, modifying the common principles of the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community (ESA) 95 as concerns taxes and social contributions and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96, OJ L 290, 17.11.2000

Commission Regulation (EC) No 113/2002 of 23 January 2002, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with regard to revised classification of expenditure according to purpose, OJ L 21, 24.1.2002

Regulation (EC) No 359/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 February 2002, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 as concerns the use of ESA 95 in the determination of Member States' payments to the VAT-based own resource, OJ L 58, 28.2.2002

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1889/2002 of 23 October 2002, on the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 448/98 completing and amending Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) within the European System of national and regional Accounts (ESA), OJ L 286, 24.10.2002

Council Decision (EC) No 436/2007, Euratom of 7 June 2007 on the system of the European Communities' own resources, OJ L 163/17, 23.6.2007

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

Defined by Council Regulation No 1553/89 above (statistical and non-statistical topics)

ESA95 for National Accounts data

5. International Cooperation

None

Theme 2.06 Prices

Description

The Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) is the key inflation indicator for the conduct of the monetary policy of the euro area by the European Central Bank (ECB) and for the assessment of convergence. Two important aims are to improve HICP's quality in the medium-term through the adoption of further minimum standards and also to develop indices for housing, in particular owner-occupied housing and house price indices.

The Purchasing Power Parities (PPPs) are necessary for the allocation of structural funds by the Commission (DG Regio). The PPP process is laid down in Regulation 1445/2007 of European Parliament and of the Council of December 2007 (the PPP Regulation). The strategy is to further improve the data handling and production process of PPPs (in particular with the PPP database and related tools) as well as Member States' sources and methods.

The specific indicator, the correction coefficients, and the pension contribution rate are requested by the Commission for the annual adjustment of the salaries of the officials of the Community institutions.

Key priorities 2009

In the field of price statistics, timely data production will continue to be a top priority for the monthly harmonised index of consumer prices (including flash estimates) in 2009. The major priorities for HICP development will be owner-occupied housing and, quality adjustment and sampling. A further aim will be the adoption of further requirements for HICP weightings. Emphasis will also be put on communications concerning HICPs and inflation measurement and on monitoring the compliance of national HICPs with standards and requirements. A project aiming at investigating the possibilities of using existing price data (HICP and PPP) in the process of collecting and disseminating detailed information on average prices will be developed in collaboration with DG SANCO. The project aims to use existing price data (HICP or PPP) to the maximum degree possible.

Concerning purchasing power parities (PPPs), it is important to produce PPPs for 2008 and revise PPPs for 2006 and 2007. Eurostat will need to carry out two consumer goods price surveys and two capital goods price surveys as well as surveys of expenditure weights and of data on non-market services and dwelling services. It will continue work on the implementation of the PPP Regulation and undertake first assessments of countries' sources and methods based on PPP inventories and quality reports to be transmitted by Member States. It will also aim to bring in full operation and manage successfully the new PPP database, and to implement results from the review of the process of the consumer goods price surveys. In addition the methodology for construction PPPs will be improved.

The two Commission reports on remunerations and pensions of EU officials will be provided. The information on correction coefficients, the annual adjustment, the pension contribution rate, liability and budget forecast will be produced. Developments will concern mainly the analysis of the Remuneration systems, the international data base on extra EU correction coefficients, the pension liability for members and the health liability.

Module 2.06.01 Harmonised consumer price indices

Responsible unit: **G-6: Price statistics**
Contact person: Tatiana MRLANOVA, Tel: +352 4301 37495

1. Module Description

To develop, implement and monitor compliance with the necessary standards to meet the needs of the economic, fiscal and monetary authorities of the EU as required by the EU Treaty and Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 on Harmonized Indices of Consumer Prices (HICP); compile and release timely HICPs and euro-zone flash estimates.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 of 23 October 1995, concerning harmonized indices of consumer prices, OJ L 257, 27.10.1995, p.1

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1749/96 of 9 September 1996, on initial implementing measures for Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 concerning harmonized indices of consumer prices, OJ L 229, 10.9.1996, p.3

Commission Regulation (EC) No 2214/96 of 20 November 1996, concerning harmonized indices of consumer prices, transmission and dissemination of sub-indices of the harmonized consumer prices, OJ L 296, 21.11.1996, p.8

Commission Regulation (EC) No 2454/97 of 10 December 1997, laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation No 2494/95 as regards minimum standards for the quality of HICP weightings, OJ L 340, 11.12.1997, p.24

Council Regulation (EC) No 1687/98 of 20 July 1998, amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 1749/96 concerning the coverage of goods and services of the harmonised index of consumer prices, OJ L 214, 31.7.1998, p.12

Council Regulation (EC) No 1688/98 of 20 July 1998, amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 1749/96 concerning the geographic and population coverage of the harmonised index of consumer prices, OJ L 214, 31.7.1998, p.23

Commission Regulation (EC) No 2646/98 of 9 December 1998, laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 as regards minimum standards for the treatment of tariffs in the Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices, OJ L 335, 10.12.1998, p.30

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1617/1999 of 23 July 1999, laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 - as regards minimum standards for the treatment of insurance in the Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices and modifying Commission Regulation (EC) No 2214/96, OJ L 192, 24.7.1999, p.9

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1749/1999 of 23 July 1999, amending Regulation (EC) 2214/96 concerning the sub-indices of the harmonized indices of Consumer Prices, OJ L 214, 13.8.1999, p.1

Council Regulation (EC) No 2166/1999 of 8 October 1999, laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 as regards minimum standards for the treatment of products in the health, education and social protection in the Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices, OJ L 266, 14.10.1999, p.1

Commission Regulation (EC) No 2601/2000 of 17 November 2000, laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 as regards the timing of entering purchaser prices into the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices, OJ L 300, 29.11.2000, p.14

Commission Regulation (EC) No 2602/2000 of 17 November 2000, laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 as regards minimum standards for the treatment of price reductions in the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices, OJ L 300, 29.11.2000, p.16

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1920/2001 of 28 September 2001, laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 as regards minimum standards for the treatment of service charges proportional to transaction values in the harmonised index of consumer prices and amending Regulation (EC) No 2214/96, OJ L 261, 29.9.2001, p.46

Corrigendum to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1920/2001 of 28 September 2001 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 as regards minimum standards for the treatment of service charges proportional to transaction values in the harmonised index of consumer prices and amending Regulation (EC) No 2214/96 (OJ L 261 of 29.9.2001), OJ L 295, 13.11.2001

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1921/2001 of 28 September 2001, laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 as regards minimum standards for revisions of the harmonised index of consumer prices and amending Regulation (EC) No 2602/2000, OJ L 261, 29.9.2001, p.49

Corrigendum to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1921/2001 of 28 September 2001 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 as regards minimum standards for revisions of the harmonised index of consumer prices and amending Regulation (EC) No 2602/2000 (OJ L 261 of 29.9.2001), OJ L 295, 13.11.2001

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1708/2005 of 19 October 2005, laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 as regards the common index reference period for the harmonised index of consumer prices, and amending Regulation (EC) No 2214/96, OJ L 274, 20.10.2005

Commission Recommendation No 881/2005/EC of 8 December 2005, on the treatment in the Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices of certain issues concerning health care reforms within the framework of Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 and specific implementing measures relating hereto (EC) No 2005/881, OJ L 324, 10.12.2005, p. 94

Council Regulation (EC) No 701/2006/EC of 25 April 2006, laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 as regards the temporal coverage of price collection in the harmonised index of consumer prices, OJ L 122, 9.5.2006, p. 3

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1334/2007 of 14 November 2007 amending Regulation (EC) No 1749/96 on initial implementing measures for Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 concerning harmonised indices of consumer prices, OJ L 296, 15.11.2007, p. 22-26

Commission Regulation (EC) No 330/2009 of 22 April 2009 lays down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 as regards minimum standards for the treatment of seasonal products, OJ L 103, 23.4.2009, p. 6

Agreements:

SPC Agreement of 01/12/1998: Compendium of HICP reference documents, p. 347
Treatment of rejected price observations and HICP guideline for implementation from December 1998

SPC Agreement of 01/12/1998: Compendium of HICP reference documents, p. 349
Treatment of data processing equipment and notably PCs in HICPs and HICP guideline for implementation from December 1998

Other basis:

Report from the Commission to the Council on harmonization of consumer price indices in the European Union (COM/98/0104 final)

Report from the Commission to the Council on harmonization of consumer price indices in the European Union (COM/2000/0742 final)

3. Data Requirements

HICP_A_A: Harmonised Consumer Price Indices - Annual Weights Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: A

HICP_CT_M: Harmonised Consumer Price Indices - Constant Taxes Monthly Indices
Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: M

HICP_FE_M: Harmonised Consumer Price Indices - Flash Estimate Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: M

HICP_M_M: Harmonised Consumer Price Indices - Monthly Indices Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: M

4. Methodology

Eurostat Working Group on Consumer Price Indices Harmonisation and related Task Forces

HICP website, under the methodology:

- HICP Short guide for users
- HICP Compliance Monitoring
- Owner-Occupied Housing

Technical notes on the HICP and MUICP in Eurostat News Release 21/97 of 05/03/1997, Eurostat Memo 8/98 of 04/05/1998, and Memo 02/2000 of 18/02/2000

On the computation of Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices (HICPs) – Compendium of HICP reference documents (2/2001/B/5), p. 175, available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-AO-01-005

SDDS base page and Summary methodology, including country specific information

COICOP/HICP Classification, including Special Aggregates definitions

Frequently Asked Questions and support: hicp-methods@ec.europa.eu

5. International Cooperation

ECB, EEA, OECD, EFTA.

Module 2.06.02 Spatial price comparisons

Responsible unit: C-6: Remuneration and pensions; Purchasing Power Parities
Contact person: Paul KONIJN, Tel: +352 4301 33438

1. Module Description

The objective of this module is to produce, in accordance with Regulation 1445/2007, the Purchasing Power Parities (PPPs) that are used in particular for the allocation of structural funds by the Commission. It will be important to produce PPPs for 2008 and revise PPPs for 2006 and 2007, and for that purpose, to carry out two consumer goods price surveys and two capital goods price surveys as well as surveys of expenditure weights and of data on non-market services and dwelling services. Eurostat will also aim to further improve the data handling and production process of PPPs (in particular with the PPP database and related tools) as well as Member States' sources and methods. In addition, the methodology for construction PPPs will be improved.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Regulation (EC) No 1164/94 of 16 May 1994, instituting the cohesion funds, OJ L 130, 25.5.1994

Council Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 of 21 June 1999, laying down general provisions on the Structural Funds, OJ L 161, 26.6.1999

Council Regulation (EC) No 1267/1999 of 21 June 1999, establishing an Instrument for Structural Policies for Pre-accession, OJ L 161, 26.6.1999

Regulation (EC) No 1445/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2007 establishing common rules for the provision of basic information on Purchasing Power Parities and for their calculation and dissemination, OJ L 336, 20.12.2007, p. 1 - 24

Agreements:

Member States Agreement,

The Statistical Programme of the European Communities 2008-2012 stipulates: 'Work on drawing up the principal aggregates of the accounts in terms of purchasing power parities will be continued'

Other basis:

Eurostat-OECD Methodological manual on purchasing power parities, available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-BE-06-002

3. Data Requirements

PPP_CNSTRSR_2: Survey - Construction - Survey Reports Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: 2

PPP_CNSTR_2: Survey - Construction Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: 2

PPP_CPIIS_A: CPI Data Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: A

PPP_EQIPMSR_2: Survey - Equipment Goods - Survey Reports Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: 2

PPP_EQIPM_2: Survey - Equipment Goods Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: 2

PPP_FBETOSR_3: Survey - Food, Drinks and Tobacco - Survey Reports
Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: 3

PPP_FBETO_3: Survey - Food, Drinks and Tobacco Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: 3

PPP_FRHEASR_3: Survey - Furniture and Health - Survey Reports Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: 3

PPP_FRHEA_3: Survey - Furniture and Health Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: 3

PPP_HOGARSR_3: Survey - House and Garden - Survey Reports Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: 3

PPP_HOGAR_3: Survey - House and Garden Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: 3

PPP_HOTEL_3: Hotel Questionnaire Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: 3

PPP_PERAPSR_3: Survey - Personal Appearance - Survey Reports Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: 3

PPP_PERAP_3: Survey - Personal Appearance Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: 3

PPP_RENTS_A: Survey - Rents Timeliness: 240 Periodicity: A

PPP_SALAR_A: Survey - Salaries Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

PPP_SPATI_N: Spatial Adjustment Factors Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: N

PPP_SRVICSR_3: Survey - Services - Survey Reports Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: 3

PPP_SRVIC_3: Survey - Services Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: 3

PPP_TIPS_A: Tips Data Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

PPP_TREHOSR_3: Survey - Transport, Restaurants and Hotels - Survey Reports Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: 3

PPP_TREHO_3: Survey - Transport, Restaurants and Hotels Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: 3

PPP_VAT_A: VAT Data Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

PPP_WEIGH_A: GDP Weights Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

Eurostat-OECD Methodological manual on purchasing power parities, available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-BE-06-002

5. International Cooperation

OECD, UNSD, World Bank, EFTA.

Module 2.06.03

Remuneration and pensions of EU Staff

Responsible unit:
Contact person:

C-6: Remuneration and pensions; Purchasing Power Parities
Jean-Claude ROMAN, Tel: +352 4301 33548

1. Module Description

To provide the Commission with the information required under the Staff Regulations for the annual adjustment for salaries, correction coefficients and the annual contribution rate for pension, applicable to Staff of all EU Institutions. This includes two annual Eurostat reports and the assistance to the Commission at the Council. To provide the Commission with information related to pension liability and health liability requested by the Court of Auditors. Additional non statutory information is also provided to the Commission (e.g. actuarial analysis and forecast).

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 31/2005 of 20 December 2004, adjusting, with effect from 1 July 2004, the remuneration and pensions of officials and other servants of the European Communities and the correction coefficients applied thereto, OJ L 8, 12.1.2005

3. Data Requirements

ART65_FINAL_A: Questionnaire Remuneration Final data Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

ART65_PROV_A: Prevision on Questionnaire for remuneration Timeliness: 75 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

The Working Party on Article 65 of the Staff Regulations, composed of experts from national bodies providing data, examine all the statistical problems concerning specific indicators and approve related methodological documents

The Working Party on Article 64 of the Staff Regulations, composed of experts from NSIs, examine all statistical problems concerning the Brussels international index and the correction coefficients and approve related methodological documents

The Working Party on Article 83 of the Staff Regulations, composed of experts from national bodies, examine all the statistical problems concerning the actuarial assessment of the pension scheme of the official of the EC and approve related methodological documents

Methodological documents are available on CIRCA

5. International Cooperation

SIO and JPAS providing administrative services in the management of the pension schemes of the six Co-ordinated Organisations (OECD, NATO, European Space Agency, Western European Union, Council of Europe and the European Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasts), EPO, EUROCONTROL, UNSD.

Theme 2.07 Trade in goods

Description

Statistics on international trade in goods comprises data on trade between the Member States (Intrastat) and data on trade with non-member countries (Extrastat). The statistical information is of essential importance for European economic and trade policies as well as for the analysis of market developments of individual commodities. The statistics contain detailed data broken down by reporting Member States and partner countries, by commodities according to the Combined Nomenclature and SITC, by mode of transport and by type of preference in case of imports. The development work concentrates on making available to the users harmonised statistics which meet the requirements in terms of quality and timeliness and which are relevant and adapted to users' needs including new needs arising in the framework of EMU and the changing international environment. The concepts and methods are adapted so as to integrate statistics on international trade in goods into the general statistical system at Community and international level and to respond to the changes in the administrative environment. At the same time methodological principles and tools based on latest technological developments are developed with the objective to minimise the reporting burden on businesses and to enhance the data quality. The data are collected, processed and disseminated according to the provisions laid down in Community legislation (Extrastat and Intrastat Regulations).

Key priorities 2009

Efforts will continue to ensure that the deadlines for the data transmission of the monthly aggregated and detailed data from Member States are fully met. The quality of statistical data will be assessed regularly on the basis of the quality reports. The objective will be to further harmonize the data collection, processing and adjustment methods in the Member States so as to ensure better quality statistics. The critical project on the simplification of intra-Community trade statistics will continue. The new basic act on Intrastat and its implementing provisions will reduce the trade coverage and in this way decrease the statistical reporting burden on enterprises. Depending on the speed of the legislative process the preparatory and implementation work for the new system will be carried out. Further preparatory work on linking trade and other business statistics both within Intrastat and Extrastat will be implemented. The network set up during the Edicom II programme with respect to electronic data collection, validation and dissemination will be consolidated and further extended. The new basic act on Extrastat and its implementing provisions will adjust the system of extra-community trade statistics to the new developments of the Customs Code and new requirements of the users. Preparatory work for the implementation of the new system from January 2010 will be carried out. The effort to modernize statistics on international trade in goods will be supported by the MEETS programme. Cooperation activities with candidate and third countries will continue in the framework of programmes of statistical cooperation.

Module 2.07.04

Data production

Responsible unit:

G-5: International trade - production

Contact person:

Xavier RUTTEN, Tel. +352 4301 34240 (collection)

Evangelos PONGAS, Tel. +352 4301 34723 (Comext)

1. Module Description

Electronic data dissemination of detailed trade statistics data via Comext (updated daily), Easy Comext, downloadable files and DVD (produced monthly). User support, development of IT tools, implementation of enhanced validations and or a quality communication network, technical management of grants and contracts.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

INTRASTAT

Regulation (EC) No 638/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004, on Community statistics relating to the trading of goods between Member States and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 3330/91, OJ L 102, 7.4.2004

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1982/2004 of 18 November 2004, implementing Regulation (EC) No 638/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics relating to the trading of goods between Member States and repealing Commission Regulations (EC) No 1901/2000 and (EEC) No 3590/92, OJ L 343, 19.11.2004

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1915/2005 of 24 November 2005, amending Regulation (EC) No 1982/2004 with regard to the simplification of the recording of the quantity and specifications on particular movements of goods, OJ L 307, 25.11.2005

EXTRASTAT

Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 of 22 May 1995, on the statistics relating to the trading of goods by the Community and its Member States with non-member countries, OJ L 118, 25.5.1995

Council Regulation (EC) No 476/97 of 13 March 1997, amending, with respect to statistical territory, Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 on the statistics relating to the trading of goods by the Community and its Member States with non-member countries, OJ L 75, 15.3.1997

Council Regulation (EC) No 374/98 of 12 February 1998, amending Articles 6 and 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 on the statistics relating to the trading of goods by the Community and its Member States with non-member countries, OJ L 48, 19.2.1998

Regulation (EC) No 1882/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 September 2003, adapting to Council Decision 1999/468/EC the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers laid down in instruments subject to the procedure referred to in Article 251 of the EC Treaty, OJ L 284, 31.10.2003

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1917/2000 of 7 September 2000, laying down certain provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 as regards statistics on external trade, OJ L 229, 9.9.2000

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1669/2001 of 20 August 2001, amending Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1917/2000 laying down certain provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 as regards statistics on external trade, OJ L 224, 21.8.2001

Commission Regulation (EC) No 179/2005 of 2 February 2005, amending Regulation (EC) No 1917/2000 with regard to the transmission of data to the Commission, OJ L 30, 3.2.2005

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1949/2005 of 28 November 2005, amending Regulation (EC) No 1917/2000 with regard to specific movements and the exclusion of trade relating to repair transactions, OJ L 312, 29.11.2005

COMMODITY NOMENCLATURE

Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of 23 July 1987, on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff, OJ L 256, 7.9.1987, p. 1–675

Council Regulation (EEC) No 3528/89 of 23 November 1989, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff, OJ L 347, 28.11.1989, p. 1

Council Regulation (EEC) No 3845/89 of 18 December 1989, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the common customs tariff, OJ L 374, 22.12.1989, p. 2

Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 of 12 October 1992, establishing the Community Customs Code, OJ L 302, 19.10.1992, p. 1–50

Council Regulation (EEC) No 1969/93 of 19 July 1993, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff, OJ L 180 of 23.7.1993, p. 9

Council Regulation (EC) No 254/2000 of 31 January 2000, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and the Common Customs Tariff, OJ L 28, 3.2.2000, p. 16–18

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1031/2008 of 19 September 2008, amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff, OJ L 291, 31.10.2008, p. 1–894

NOMENCLATURE OF COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1833/2006 of 13 December 2006, on the nomenclature of countries and territories for the external trade statistics of the Community and statistics of trade between Member States, OJ L 354, 14.12.2006, p. 19–28

3. Data Requirements

COMEXT_AGG_M: Aggregated COMEXT Data Timeliness: 40 Periodicity: M

COMEXT_CCC_A: Survey on the Member States of Final Destination / Actual Export Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: A

COMEXT_ENTERPR_A: Trade by Enterprise Characteristics Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

COMEXT_EXTRA_M: Monthly Extra-EU Trade Timeliness: 42 Periodicity: M

COMEXT_INTRA_M: Monthly Intra-EU Trade Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: M

COMEXT_XTCOM_M: External Trade Data (reported by third countries to the EU) Timeliness: 42 Periodicity: M

4. Methodology

Statistics on the trading of goods - User guide, available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-BM-06-001

[Update of CN codes 2009](#) available on:

http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nomenclatures/index.cfm?TargetUrl=LST_CLS_DLD&StrNom=CN_2009&StrLanguageCode=EN&StrLayoutCode=HIERARCHIC

5. International Cooperation

Working groups with UNSD, WTO, OECD, EFTA.

Theme 2.08 Trade in services and balance of payments

Description

An information service of high quality is required to implement EU policies on competitiveness and growth, solidarity, economic and social cohesion, external projection and sustainable development. Other relevant policies are enlargement, the Commission's bilateral relations, the management of regional agreements and the completion of the internal market. The following statistics are of crucial importance here: international trade in services, foreign direct investment, foreign affiliates (FATS), balance of payments (BoP) of the EU, BoP of candidate countries, BoP of the European Institutions and remittances. Key customers are the ECB and Commission services dealing with trade policy, economic monitoring and external relations. Member States' BoP compilers are also customers for the EU Institutions' BoP. Ensuring the consistency of the BoP with national accounts and foreign trade is crucial. The raising of reporting thresholds will have a significant influence on the compilation of BoP statistics. Consequently, many Member States are currently revising their BoP collection systems. Work will be pursued in the coming years — through the implementation of the BoP regulation — to ensure that Member States keep on providing good quality data to Eurostat and the ECB. It is also strategically important to implement the new regulation on foreign affiliates statistics. Key methodological activities are carried out in active cooperation and coordination with international organisations such as the ECB, the IMF, the OECD and the WTO.

Key priorities 2009

In 2009, work will continue to ensure and enhance the availability and quality of balance-of-payments and related statistics to meet user requirements, notably the Commission's strategic objectives and new challenges. Following the implementation and updating of Regulation (EC) 184/2005, the production of statistics on balance of payments, international trade in services and foreign direct investment will be pursued, improved and extended to the enlarged Union and candidate countries. This will support the Commission's priorities for 2009 regarding prosperity, competitiveness and growth, Europe as a world partner, solidarity, economic and social cohesion and sustainable development. In addition, the implementation of the Regulation on the structure and activity of foreign affiliates (compulsory data delivery as of 2009) will provide important indicators for responding to the challenge of globalisation. Enhanced cooperation with national accounts and foreign trade statistics and with the ECB will foster greater statistical consistency. To cope with the needs of the Single Euro Payments Area, major changes in national balance of payments collection systems will continue. Several steering activities are foreseen to help Member States in achieving this goal. Attention will continue to be given to the methods and collection of data on 'workers' remittances'. The methodological background will be strengthened, through the launching of the implementation of the 6th IMF Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual and of the 4th OECD Benchmark Definition of Foreign Direct Investment.

Module 2.08.01 Balance of payments: Methodology, Meetings

Responsible unit:
Contact person:

C-4: Balance of payments
Maria-Helena FIGUEIRA, Tel: +352 4301 34730

1. Module Description

Raison d'être: Activities to provide support to data quality to better serve: Trade policy, Single currency policy, Economic policy & globalisation, EU bilateral relations & regional agreements, Employment policy, Competition policy, Monitoring enlargement, Internal market policy, Analysis by products/activities (Transport, Tourism, Telecommunications, audiovisual, financial services, etc), Budgetary policy.

Scope: management of 'Balance of payments Committee' created by BOP regulation. Quality support: Development of unit's data base; Preparation of methodological documents for the BOP Working Group/Committee & Technical groups; Active co-ordination with the European Central Bank; Improvement of methodology & data collection systems via active participation in technical groups steered by Eurostat/Unit C4; Development of statistical legislation; Participation in development of EU quarterly accounts by institutional sector; Co-ordination with IMF (IMF Committee), OECD, WTO & UN (Intersecretariat work on trade in services (UN/IMF/OECD/WTO))

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 January 2005, on Community statistics concerning balance of payments, international trade in services and foreign direct investment, OJ L 35, 8.2.2005, p. 23–55

Commission Regulation (EC) No 601/2006 of 18 April 2006, implementing Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the format and the procedure for the transmission of data, OJ L 106, 19.04.2006

Commission Regulation (EC) No 602/2006 of 18 April 2006, adapting Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council through the updating of data requirements, OJ L 106, 19.04.2006

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1055/2008 of 27 October 2008 implementing Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards quality criteria and quality reporting for balance of payments statistics, OJ L 283, 28.10.2008, p. 3-4

Other basis:

Most of the relevant documentation is included in the Metadata pages of Eurostat Balance of Payments site:

http://europa.eu/estatref/info/sdds/en/bop/bop_base.htm or
<http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=/&vm=detailed&sb=Title>

Work is developed by the BOP Working Group, see at:

<http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=/&vm=detailed&sb=Title>

The BOP regulation No 184/2005 foresees the drafting of regular quality reports by Member States on the BOP data transmitted to Eurostat. The legal act, specifying quality standards, contents and periodicity of such reports is under preparation.

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

IMF BOP manual - 5th Edition

BOP Vademecum (update December 2008)

OECD Benchmark Definition of Foreign Direct Investment

Report of the Task Force on Foreign Direct Investment

Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services

European statistics code of practice

Task Force reports on: Travel, Asymmetries between Balance of Payments and Foreign Trade Statistics, BOP Quality, Quarterly Sector Accounts and Rest-of-the-World.

See at: <http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/bop/library>

5. International Cooperation

ECB, IMF, WTO, OECD, BIS, UNCTAD.

Module 2.08.02 Quarterly balance of payments

Responsible unit:
Contact person:

C-4: Balance of payments
Maria-Helena FIGUEIRA, Tel: +352 4301 34730

1. Module Description

Raison d'être: Economic policy – convergence criteria; Monitoring of single monetary policy; Monitoring of enlargement; compilation of quarterly sectoral accounts.

Scope: Production of Quarterly and annual Balance of Payments of the EU and Eurozone (in cooperation with ECB responsible for the euro zone quarterly BOP), European Institutions, EU Member States, candidate countries and Euroindicators; New Cronos, Euroindicators, structural indicators and Yearbook; Estimate of Annual Current Account of EU (Statistics in Focus) with a geographical breakdown (2 reporters, 12 posts, 5 partners); Quarterly Press Release in co-ordination with ECB.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 January 2005, on Community statistics concerning balance of payments, international trade in services and foreign direct investment, OJ L 35, 8.2.2005, p. 23–55

Commission Regulation (EC) No 601/2006 of 18 April 2006, implementing Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the format and the procedure for the transmission of data, OJ L 106, 19.04.2006

Commission Regulation (EC) No 602/2006 of 18 April 2006, adapting Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council through the updating of data requirements, OJ L 106, 19.04.2006

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1055/2008 of 27 October 2008 implementing Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards quality criteria and quality reporting for balance of payments statistics, OJ L 283, 28.10.2008, p. 3-4

Other basis:

Most of the relevant documentation is included in the Metadata pages of Eurostat Balance of Payments site:

http://europa.eu/estatref/info/sdds/en/bop/bop_base.htm or
<http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=/&vm=detailed&sb=Title>

This includes:

IMF manual - 5th Edition

BOP Vademecum (update December 2008) available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=/basic_documents/bop_vademecum_2008&vm=detailed&sb=Title

Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services

OECD Benchmark Definition of Foreign Direct Investment – 3rd Edition

Work is developed by the BOP Working Group, see at:

<http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=/&vm=detailed&sb=Title>

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

IMF BOP manual - 5th Edition

OECD Benchmark Definition 3rd Edition

BOP Vademeum (update December 2008)

Task Force reports on: Travel, Asymmetries between Balance of Payments and Foreign Trade Statistics, BOP Quality, Quarterly Sector Accounts and Rest-of-the-World.

See at: <http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/bop/home>

5. International Cooperation

ECB, IMF, WTO, OECD, BIS, UNCTAD.

Module 2.08.03 Foreign direct investment

Responsible unit: **C-4: Balance of payments**
Contact person: Maria-Helena FIGUEIRA, Tel: +352 4301 34730

1. Module Description

Raison d'être: Implementation of EU trade policy, trade negotiations (Art.133 Treaty & General Agreement on Trade in Services - GATS), Measure impact of Globalisation & effectiveness/opening of internal market, Economic policy (convergence criteria), Monitoring enlargement, EU bilateral relations, regio. agreements, Analysis by activities (Transport, Tourism, Telecomm.,...); Significant input for National Accounts & GNI.

Scope: FDI: Production of annual FDI for EU, EU MS, euro-zone, candidate countries, Norway, Switzerland, USA, Japan – flows, stocks, income (30 activities & 70 geog. partners); New Cronos; Structural Indicators(Trade integration of FDI); Statistics in Focus, News Releases & 'taylor made' studies; International methodological activities (EU, IMF, OECD, UN, WTO).

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 January 2005, on Community statistics concerning balance of payments, international trade in services and foreign direct investment, OJ L 35, 8.2.2005, p. 23–55

Commission Regulation (EC) No 601/2006 of 18 April 2006, implementing Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the format and the procedure for the transmission of data, OJ L 106, 19.04.2006

Commission Regulation (EC) No 602/2006 of 18 April 2006, adapting Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council through the updating of data requirements, OJ L 106, 19.04.2006

Other basis:

Most of the relevant documentation is included in the Metadata pages of Eurostat Balance of Payments site: http://europa.eu/estatref/info/sdds/en/bop/bop_base.htm or <http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=/&vm=detailed&sb=Title>

This includes:

IMF manual - 5th Edition

BOP Vademecum (update December 2008) available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=/basic_documents/bop_vademecum_2008&vm=detailed&sb=Title

Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services

OECD Benchmark Definition of Foreign Direct Investment

Report of the Task Force on Foreign Direct Investment

Task Force reports on: Travel, Asymmetries between Balance of Payments and Foreign Trade Statistics and BOP Quality

Work is developed by the BOP Working Group, see at:

<http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=/&vm=detailed&sb=Title>

3. Data Requirements

FDIDXN_MS2EU_N: FDIDXN Report from Member States to Eurostat Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: N

TESTFDI_MS2EU_N: FDIDXN Report from Member States to Eurostat Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: N

4. Methodology

IMF BOP manual - 5th Edition

OECD Benchmark Definition of Foreign Direct Investment

Report of the Task Force on Foreign Direct Investment

BOP Vademecum (update December 2008) available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=/basic_documents/bop_vademecum_2008&vm=detailed&sb=Title

Information available on: <http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/bop/home>

5. International Cooperation

ECB, IMF, WTO, OECD, BIS, UNCTAD.

Module 2.08.04 International trade in services

Responsible unit: **C-4: Balance of payments**
Contact person: Maria-Helena FIGUEIRA, Tel: +352 4301 34730

1. Module Description

Raison d'être: Negotiations for accession. Implementation of the BOP acquis communautaire in candidate countries.

Scope: Statistics of candidate countries: Quarterly BOP, International Trade in Services, Foreign Direct Investment, Foreign Affiliate Statistics. Statistics in Focus and Publications. Monitoring the implementation of the Community Methodology.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 January 2005, on Community statistics concerning balance of payments, international trade in services and foreign direct investment, OJ L 35, 8.2.2005, p. 23–55

Commission Regulation (EC) No 601/2006 of 18 April 2006, implementing Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the format and the procedure for the transmission of data, OJ L 106, 19.04.2006

Commission Regulation (EC) No 602/2006 of 18 April 2006, adapting Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council through the updating of data requirements, OJ L 106, 19.04.2006

Other basis:

Most of the relevant documentation is included in the Metadata pages of Eurostat Balance of Payments site: http://europa.eu/estatref/info/sdds/en/bop/bop_base.htm or <http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=/&vm=detailed&sb=Title>

This includes:

IMF BOP manual - 5th Edition

BOP Vademeum (update December 2008) available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=/basic_documents/bop_vademecum_2008&vm=detailed&sb=Title

Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services

OECD Benchmark Definition of Foreign Direct Investment

Work is developed by the BOP Working Group, see at:

<http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=/&vm=detailed&sb=Title>

3. Data Requirements

BOP_COMPARE_A: Balance of Payments - Encrypted non-GESMES Files
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: A

BOP_ECB_N: Balance of Payments - Data from the ECB Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: N

BOP_EUR_Q: Balance of Payments - Euro Indicators Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: Q

BOP_FATS_A: Balance of Payments - Foreign Affiliates Statistics Timeliness: 600 Periodicity: A

BOP_FDIN_A: Balance of Payments - Foreign Direct Investments (Flows) (NC)
Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

BOP_FDI_A: Balance of Payments - Foreign Direct Investments (Flows) (CC)
Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

BOP_ITSN_A: Balance of Payments - International Trade in Services (NC)
Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

BOP_ITS_A: Balance of Payments - International Trade in Services (CC)
Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

BOP_POSN_A: Balance of Payments - Foreign Direct Investments (Positions) (NC)
Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

BOP_POS_A: Balance of Payments - Foreign Direct Investments (Positions) (CC)
Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

BOP_PRE_M: Balance of Payments - Source ECB - Pre Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: M

BOP_QN_Q: Balance of Payments - Quarterly Data (National Concept - NC)
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

BOP_Q_Q: Balance of Payments - Quarterly Data (Community Concept - CC)
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

4. Methodology

IMF BOP manual - 5th Edition

BOP Vademecum (update December 2008) available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=/basic_documents/bop_vademecum_2008&vm=detailed&sb=Title

Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services

Task Force reports on: Travel and BOP Quality

Information available on: <http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/bop/home>

5. International Cooperation

ECB, IMF, WTO, OECD, BIS, UNCTAD.

Module 2.08.05 Balance of payments of the Community institutions

Responsible unit:
Contact person:

C-4: Balance of payments
Maria-Helena FIGUEIRA, Tel: +352 4301 34730

1. Module Description

Raison d'être: Economic policy – convergence criteria, single monetary policy, Budgetary policy, BOP of the Community Institutions is necessary to compile the EU BOP, as they are considered as an additional Member State (reporter). The information is requested by EU MS to compile their own Balance of Payments; Compilation of National Accounts data.

Scope: Monthly, annual and quarterly production of Balance of Payments (BOP) of the European Union Institutions - presentation of resources and expenditure of the Institutions following the BOP scheme: Supply of data to EU Member States, ECB and IMF; New Cronos, Publication of Statistics in Focus, Analysis, public reports or specific 'taylor made' studies and requests, Participation in the relevant Task Forces and Working Groups.

2. Legal Basis

Other basis:

Most of the relevant documentation is included in the Metadata pages of Eurostat Balance of payments site:

http://europa.eu/estatref/info/sdds/en/bop/bop_euinst_sm.htm or
http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=/european_institutions&vm=detailed&sb=Title

This includes:

- Balance of payments of the EU Institutions
- Future steps-EU Institutions Compilation Guide
- Table of correspondence BOP - budget codes

Work is developed by the BOP Working Group, see at:

<http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=/&vm=detailed&sb=Title>

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

IMF BOP manual - 5th Edition

BOP Vademecum (update December 2008) available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=/basic_documents/bop_vademecum_2008&vm=detailed&sb=Title

5. International Cooperation

ECB, IMF, WTO, OECD, BIS, UNCTAD.

Module 2.08.06 Foreign affiliates statistics (outward)

Responsible unit:
Contact person:

C-4: Balance of payments
Maria-Helena FIGUEIRA, Tel: +352 4301 34730

1. Module Description

Raison d'être: Implementation of EU trade policy, trade negotiations (Art.133 Treaty & General Agreement on Trade in Services - GATS), Measure impact of Globalisation & effectiveness/opening of internal market, Economic policy (convergence criteria) and measure effect of FDI on employment, Monitoring enlargement, EU bilateral relations, regional agreements, Analysis by activities (Transport, Tourism, Telecomm etc.).

Scope: Production of Annual outward FATS for EU MS: employment & turnover (30 activ.& 70 geo. part); New Cronos & 'taylor made' studies. Maintaining of the Recommendations Manual on Foreign Affiliates Trade Statistics (FATS). International methodological activities (EU, IMF, OECD, UN, WTO).

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Regulation (EC) No 716/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2007, on Community statistics on the structure and activity of foreign affiliates, OJ L 171, 29.6.2007, p. 17–31

Commission Regulation (EC) No 364/2008 of 23 April 2008 implementing Regulation (EC) No 716/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards the technical format for the transmission of foreign affiliates statistics and the derogations to be granted to Member States, OJ L 112, 24.4.2008, p. 14-21

Commission Regulation (EC) No 747/2008 of 30 July 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 716/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics on the structure and activity of foreign affiliates, as regards the definitions of characteristics and the implementation of NACE Rev. 2, OJ L 202, du 31.7.2008, p. 20-27

Other basis:

Legislation under preparation:

The draft Commission Regulation implementing Regulation (EC) No 716/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics on the structure and activity of foreign affiliates, as regards the quality reports

Most of the relevant documentation is included in the FATS Metadata pages of Eurostat Balance of payments site: http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_SDDS/EN/bop_fats_esms.htm

This includes:

FATS Recommendations Manual available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KS-RA-07-002/EN/KS-RA-07-002-EN.PDF

BOP Vademeicum (update December 2008) available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=sdds_bop_metadata/vademecum_2008pdf/_EN_1.0&a=d

Development work is made by the Foreign Affiliates Statistics Joint Working Group, see at:
<http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=fats/>

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

FATS Recommendation Manual

BOP Vademecum (updated in December 2008)

Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services

OECD Benchmark Definition of Foreign Direct Investment

5. International Cooperation

ECB, OECD, WTO.

DOMAIN 3 – Business statistics

Theme 3.01 Annual business statistics

Description

Structural Business Statistics (SBS) contain detailed data covering all business activities, broken down to the 4-digit level of the NACE Rev 1.1 activity classification, by size classes and by regions (2-digit NUTS). A large number of variables are provided. The recast of the Regulation adopted in 2008 has its first reference year 2008. The medium-term strategy is to achieve full implementation in all Member States of the new requirements in the Regulation regarding services statistics and business demography, assure the quality of the data, re-engineer methods and sources for the data collection and carry out the prioritised pilot studies set out in the Regulation.

Inward FATS comprise a number of characteristics for the structure and activity of the foreign affiliates in the reporting country that are needed for evaluating the extent of globalisation of the EU economy and the effectiveness of the internal market. The medium-term strategy will focus on full implementation of the requirements of the FATS Regulation and completing the pilot studies.

Prodcom covers production statistics in value and volume of about 3900 products defined in an annually revised Prodcom list. Its medium-term strategy will be oriented towards quality improvements with emphasis on completeness of EU aggregates as well as further methodological harmonisation.

Key priorities 2009

For structural business statistics implementation of the new requirements and introduction of NACE Rev 2 are key priorities. Efforts to achieve a more effective data transmission and production system will continue. The quality assurance process will be examined together with Member States aiming at a revised implementing Commission Regulation on quality. The development programme will continue focusing on two main areas: pilot actions and the flexible module of the SBS recast to respond to new user needs and implementing a programme for re-engineering business statistics that will be focused on reducing the burden on business through smarter ways of collecting data.

The implementation of the FATS Regulation will continue and the first pilot studies will be examined as regards possible inclusion in the regulation as mandatory.

The priority for Prodcom in 2009 will be to develop publications that depend on complete EU data. Efforts will continue to ensure harmonisation of Prodcom data delivered to Eurostat and ways to minimise the burden on businesses will be further examined.

For both SBS and Prodcom, the number of confidential EU aggregates is a major user complaint and it must be minimised, among other things, by using rounding methods.

Module 3.01.01 Production of structural business statistics

Responsible unit:
Contact person:

G-2: Structural business statistics
Petra SNEIJERS, Tel: +352 4301 35024

1. Module Description

The objective is to collect, process and publish data on the structure of the European Business in accordance with the Regulation 58/97 (up to reference year 2007) and Regulation 295/2008 (as from reference year 2008) on Structural Business Statistics (SBS) as well as with the FATS Regulation 716/2007 regarding inward FATS and with the Steel Statistics Regulation No 48/2004. SBS contains detailed data covering all business activities, broken down to the 4-digit level of the NACE activity classification, by size classes and by regions (2-digit NUTS). A large number of variables are provided. A more limited set of SBS variables is reported for the foreign affiliates in each Member States.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

A. Structural Business Statistics

For data up to the reference year 2007:

Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 of 20 December 1996, concerning structural business statistics, OJ L 14, 17.1.1997

Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 410/98 of 16 February 1998, amending Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 concerning structural business statistics, OJ L 52, 21.2.1998

Commission Regulation (EC) No 2701/98 of 17 December 1998, concerning the series of data to be produced for structural business statistics, OJ L 344, 18.12.1998

Commission Regulation (EC) No 2702/98 of 17 December 1998, concerning the technical format for the transmission of structural business statistics, OJ L 344, 18.12.1998

Commission Regulation (EC) No 2700/98 of 17 December 1998, concerning the definitions of characteristics for structural business statistics, OJ L 344, 18.12.1998

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1225/1999 of 27 May 1999, concerning the definitions of characteristics for insurance services statistics, OJ L 154, 19.6.1999

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1227/1999 of 28 May 1999, concerning the technical format for the transmission of insurance services statistics, OJ L 154, 19.6.1999

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1228/1999 of 28 May 1999, concerning the series of data to be produced for insurance services statistics, OJ L 154, 19.6.1999

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1618/1999 of 23 July 1999, concerning the criteria for the evaluation of quality of structural business statistics, OJ L 192, 24.7.1999

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1614/2002 of 6 September 2002, adjusting Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 to economic and technical developments and amending Commission Regulations (EC) No 2700/98, (EC) No 2701/98 and (EC) No 2702/98, OJ L 244, 12.9.2002

Regulation (EC) No 2056/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 November 2002, amending Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 concerning structural business statistics, OJ L 317, 21.11.2002

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1670/2003 of 1 September 2003, implementing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 with regard to the definitions of characteristics for structural business statistics and amending Regulation (EC) No 2700/98 concerning the definitions of characteristics for structural business statistics, OJ L 244, 29.9.2003

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1669/2003 of 1 September 2003, implementing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 with regard to the series of data to be produced for structural business statistics and amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 2701/98 concerning the series of data to be produced for structural business statistics, OJ L 244, 29.9.2003

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1668/2003 of 1 September 2003, implementing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 with regard to the technical format for the transmission of the structural business statistics and amending Commission Regulation No 2702/98 concerning the technical format for the transmission of structural business statistics, OJ L 244, 29.9.2003

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1667/2003 of 1 September 2003, implementing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 with regard to derogations to be granted for structural business statistics, OJ L 244, 29.9.2003

Commission Regulation (EC) No 772/2005 of 20 May 2005, concerning the specifications for the coverage of the characteristics and the definition of the technical format for the production of annual Community statistics on steel for the reference years 2003 to 2009, OJ L 128, 21.5.2005

Commission Regulation (EC) No 963/2007 of 14 August 2007 implementing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 with regard to derogations to be granted for structural business statistics, OJ L 213, 15.8.2007

For the data from the reference year 2008 and onwards (except for business demography for which earlier reference years also have to be provided under the provisions of the new Regulation):

Regulation (EC) No 295/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2008 concerning structural business statistics (recast), OJ L 97, 9.4.2008, p. 13–59

Two Regulations implementing Regulation No 295/2008 will be adopted in 2009.

B. Inward Foreign Affiliates Statistics (FATS)

Regulation (EC) No 716/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2007 on Community statistics on the structure and activity of foreign affiliates, OJ L 171, 29.6.2007, p. 17–31

Commission Regulation (EC) No 364/2008 of 23 April 2008 implementing Regulation (EC) No 716/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards the technical format for the transmission of foreign affiliates statistics and the derogations to be granted to Member States, OJ L 112, 24.4.2008, p. 14–21

Commission Regulation (EC) No 747/2008 of 30 July 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 716/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics on the structure and activity of foreign affiliates, as regards the definitions of characteristics and the implementation of NACE Rev. 2, OJ L 202, 31.7.2008, p. 20–27

C. Steel statistics

Regulation (EC) No 48/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 December 2003, on the production of annual Community statistics on the steel industry for the reference years 2003–2009, OJ L 7, 13.1.2004

Other basis:

A. Structural Business Statistics

Methodological manual for Pension funds statistics (August 2001) available on:
http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/statmanuals/files/EMBS_pension_aug_2001_en.pdf

Methodological manual for Credit institutions statistics (June 2003) available on:
http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/statmanuals/files/EMBS_credit_jun_2003_en.pdf

Methodological manual for Insurance Services statistics (December 2000) available on:
http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/statmanuals/files/EMBS_insurance_dec_2000_manual_en.pdf
http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/statmanuals/files/EMBS_insurance_dec_2000_annexes_en.pdf

Eurostat/OECD Manual on business demography statistics:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-RA-07-010

Collection of information concerning national methodologies available on:
http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/homelanguages/index.cfm?TargetUrl=LST_NOM_DTL&StrNom=NAT_SBS&StrLanguageCode=EN&IntPcKey=18599332&StrLayoutCode=HIERARCHIC&CFID=16361340&CFTOKEN=27efa92-000c719c-9e86-1464-9edc-839b11f70072&jsessionid=ee30c4e4ddc863417242

B. Foreign Affiliates Statistics

Recommendations Manual on the Production of Foreign Affiliates Statistics:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-RA-07-002

3. Data Requirements

A. Structural business statistics required under the provisions of Regulation No 58/97 in 2009:

SBSCON_4A1_A: SBS - Annex 4 - Construction - Annual Enterprise Statistics
Timeliness: 480 Periodicity: A

SBSCON_4D2_A: SBS - Annex 4 - Construction - Annual Enterprise Statistics by Size Class (year 2002 onwards)
Timeliness: 480 Periodicity: A

SBSCON_4E1_A: SBS - Annex 4 - Construction - Annual KAU Statistics
Timeliness: 480 Periodicity: A

SBSCON_4F1_A: SBS - Annex 4 - Construction - Annual Regional Statistics
Timeliness: 480 Periodicity: A

SBSCON_4L2_A2: SBS - Annex 4 - Construction - Purchases of Energy Products (year 2002 onwards)
Timeliness: 480 Periodicity: A2

SBSMANUF_2A1_A: SBS - Annex 2 - Manufacturing - Annual Enterprise Statistics
Timeliness: 480 Periodicity: A

SBSMANUF_2B2_A: SBS - Annex 2 - Manufacturing - Environmental Protection Expenditure (by Environmental Domains)(year 2002 onwards)
Timeliness: 480 Periodicity: A

SBSMANUF_2D2_A: SBS - Annex 2 - Manufacturing - Annual Enterprise Statistics by Size Class (year 2002 onwards)
Timeliness: 480 Periodicity: A

SBSMANUF_2E1_A: SBS - Annex 2 - Manufacturing - Annual KAU Statistics
Timeliness: 480 Periodicity: A

SBSMANUF_2F1_A: SBS - Annex 2 - Manufacturing - Annual Regional Statistics
Timeliness: 480 Periodicity: A

SBSMANUF_2L2_A2: SBS - Annex 2 - Manufacturing - Multi-Yearly Enterprise Statistics - Subcontracting by Size Class (year 2002 onwards) Timeliness: 480 Periodicity: A2

SBSMANUF_2O1_A: SBS - Annex 2 - Manufacturing - Environmental Protection Expenditure by Size Class Timeliness: 480 Periodicity: A

SBSSEERV_1A1_A: SBS - Annex 1 - Services - Annual Enterprise Statistics
Timeliness: 480 Periodicity: A

SBSSEERV_1B2_A: SBS - Annex 1 - Services - Annual Enterprise Statistics by Size Class (year 2002 onwards) Timeliness: 480 Periodicity: A

SBSSEERV_1C1_A: SBS - Annex 1 - Services - Annual Regional Statistics
Timeliness: 480 Periodicity: A

SBSTRAD_3B1_A: SBS - Annex 3 - Trade - Annual Enterprise Statistics
Timeliness: 480 Periodicity: A

SBSTRAD_3CEMP2_A: SBS - Annex 3 - Trade - Annual Enterprise Statistics by Size Class (Number of Persons Employed)(year 2002 onwards) Timeliness: 480 Periodicity: A

SBSTRAD_3CTRN1_A: SBS - Annex 3 - Trade - Annual Enterprise Statistics by Size Class (Annual Turnover) Timeliness: 480 Periodicity: A

SBSTRAD_3D521_A5: SBS - Annex 3 - Trade - Multi-Yearly Enterprise Statistics (3D, Division 52)
Timeliness: 480 Periodicity: A5

SBSTRAD_3E1_A: SBS - Annex 3 - Trade - Annual Regional Statistics
Timeliness: 480 Periodicity: A

B. Structural Business Statistics required under the provisions of Regulation No 295/2008 in 2009

RSBSSEERV_1P1_A: Preliminary results for services
Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

RSBSIND_2P1_A Preliminary results for industry
Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

RSBSTRAD_3P1_A Preliminary results for distributive trades
Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

RSBSCON_4P1_A: Preliminary results for construction
Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

RSBSINS_5A1_A: Annual enterprise statistics for insurance services
Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

RSBSINS_5B1_A: Annual enterprise statistics broken down by legal form for insurance services
Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

RSBSINS_5C1_A: Annual enterprise statistics broken down according to the country of residence of the parent enterprise for insurance services Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

RSBSINS_5D1_A: Annual enterprise statistic broken down by size class of gross premiums written for insurance services Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

RSBSINS_5E1_A: Annual enterprise statistic broken down by size class of gross technical provisions for insurance services
Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

RSBSINS_5F1_A: Annual enterprise statistics broken down by product for insurance services
Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

RSBSINS_5G1_A: Annual enterprise statistics by geographical breakdown including third countries for insurance services Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

RSBSINS_5H1_A: Annual enterprise statistics by geographical breakdown by Member State for insurance services Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

RSBSCI_6A1_A: Annual enterprise statistics for credit institutions
Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

RSBSCI_6B1_A: Annual enterprise statistics broken down by legal form for credit institutions
Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

RSBSCI_6C1_A: Annual enterprise statistics broken down according to the country of residence of the parent enterprise for credit institutions Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

RSBSCI_6D1_A: Annual enterprise statistics broken down by category of credit institutions
Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

RSBSCI_6E1_A: Annual enterprise statistics broken down by size class for credit institutions
Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

RSBSCI_6F1_A: Annual enterprise statistics broken down by product for credit institutions
Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

RSBSCI_6G1_A: Annual enterprise statistics by geographical breakdown by each single EEA Member State for credit institutions Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

RSBSCI_6H1_A: Annual enterprise statistics by geographical breakdown in non-EEA countries for credit institutions Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

RSBSCI_6I1_A: Annual enterprise statistics by geographical breakdown by each single EU Member State and rest of the world for credit institutions Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

RSBSCI_6J1_A: Annual regional statistics for credit institutions
Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

RSBSPF_7A1_A: Annual enterprise statistics for autonomous pension funds
Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

RSBSPF_7B1_A: Annual enterprise statistics broken down by size classes of investments for autonomous pension funds Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

RSBSPF_7C1_A: Annual enterprise statistics broken down by size classes of members for autonomous pension funds Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

RSBSPF_7D1_A: Annual enterprise statistics broken down by currencies for autonomous pension funds Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

RSBSPF_7E1_A: Annual enterprise statistics by geographical breakdown for autonomous pension funds Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

RSBSPF_7F1_A: Annual enterprise statistics on non-autonomous pension funds
Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

RSBSBD_9A1_A: Annual demographic statistics broken down by legal form
Timeliness: 480 Periodicity: A

RSBSBD_9B1_A: Annual demographic statistics broken down by employee size classes
Timeliness: 480 Periodicity: A

RSBSBD_9C1_A: Annual preliminary results on enterprise deaths, broken down by legal form
Timeliness: 480 Periodicity: A

RSBSBD_9D1_A: Annual preliminary results on enterprise deaths, broken down by employee size classes
Timeliness: 480 Periodicity: A

For details on the series to be provided see Commission Regulation No 2701/98/EC concerning the series of data to be produced for structural business statistics as amended by:

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1228/1999 concerning the series of data to be produced for insurance services statistics

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1614/2002 adjusting Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 to economic and technical developments and amending Commission Regulations (EC) No 2700/98, (EC) No 2701/98 and (EC) No 2702/98

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1669/2003 implementing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 with regard to the series of data to be produced for structural business statistics and amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 2701/98 concerning the series of data to be produced for structural business statistics

The series to be provided for Annex 9 – business demography are specified in one of the forthcoming Commission Regulations

C. Foreign Affiliates statistics

SBSFATS_1GA1_A: FATS - geographical breakdown level 2-IN combined with activity
Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

SBSFATS_1GB1_A: FATS - geographical breakdown level 3 combined with Business Economy
Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

D. Steel Statistics

SBSS_S10_A: Steel statistics - Yearly statistics on the steel and cast iron scrap balance sheet -
Annual Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

SBSS_S2A_A: Steel Statistics - Annual statistics on the Fuel and Energy Consumption broken down by type of plant – annual Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

SBSS_S2B_A: Steel Statistics - Annual statistics on the Balance Sheet for Electrical Energy in the Steel Industry – annual Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

SBSS_S3A_A: Steel Statistics - Enquiry on Investments in the Iron and Steel Industry – annual
Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

SBSS_S3B_A: Steel Statistics - Annual statistics on capacity – annual
Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

A. Structural business statistics

Methodological manual for Pension funds statistics (August 2001) available on:
http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/statmanuals/files/EMBS_pension_aug_2001_en.pdf

Methodological manual for Credit institutions statistics (June 2003) available on:

http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/statmanuals/files/EMBS_credit_jun_2003_en.pdf

Methodological manual for Insurance Services statistics (December 2000) available on:

http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/statmanuals/files/EMBS_insurance_dec_2000_manual_en.pdf

http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/statmanuals/files/EMBS_insurance_dec_2000_annexes_en.pdf

Eurostat/OECD Manual on business demography statistics:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-RA-07-010

Collection of information concerning national methodologies available on:

http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nomenclatures/index.cfm?TargetUrl=LST_NOM_DTL&StrNom=NA_T_SBS&StrLanguageCode=EN&IntPcKey=18599332&StrLayoutCode=HIERARCHIC&CFID=16361340&CFTOKEN=27efa92-000c719c-9e86-1464-9edc-839b11f70072&jsessionid=ee30c4e4ddc863417242

B. Foreign Affiliates Statistics

Recommendations Manual on the Production of Foreign Affiliates Statistics

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-RA-07-002

5. International Cooperation

OECD, UNECE, Voorburg Group.

Module 3.01.02 Development of structural business statistics

Responsible unit: **G-1: Business statistics - coordination and registers**
Contact person: Axel BEHRENS, Tel: +352 4301 35142

1. Module Description

The objective of the SBS development programme is to keep the content of SBS (Regulation 295/2008) and inward FATS statistics (Regulation 716/2007) up-to-date. For SBS the focus is on two main areas: pilot actions on market activities not yet covered by the regulation and the flexible module of the SBS recast to respond to new user needs and identification of parts of SBS that have become less important. For inward FATS ongoing pilot studies will be examined as regards possible inclusion in the regulation as mandatory.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Regulation (EC) No 716/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2007, on Community statistics on the structure and activity of foreign affiliates, OJ L 171, 29.6.2007, p. 17–31

Regulation (EC) No 295/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2008, concerning structural business statistics, OJ L 97, 9.4.2008, p. 13–59

See also Module 3.01.01

3. Data Requirements

SBSBD_9A1_A: SBS - Business Demography - Annual demographic statistics broken down by legal form Timeliness: 660 Periodicity: A

SBSBD_9B1_A: SBS - Business Demography - Annual demographic statistics broken down by employee size classes Timeliness: 660 Periodicity: A

SBSBD_9C1_A: SBS - Business Demography - Annual preliminary results on enterprise deaths, broken down by legal form Timeliness: 660 Periodicity: A

SBSBD_9D1_A: SBS - Business Demography - Annual preliminary results on enterprise deaths, broken down by employee size class Timeliness: 660 Periodicity: A

SBSBD_9E1_A: SBS - Business Demography - Annual demographic statistics on employer enterprises broken down by legal form Timeliness: 660 Periodicity: A

SBSBD_9F1_A: SBS - Business Demography - Annual demographic statistics on employer enterprises broken down by employee size classes Timeliness: 660 Periodicity: A

SBSBD_9G1_A: SBS - Business Demography - Annual preliminary results on employer enterprise deaths, broken down by legal form Timeliness: 660 Periodicity: A

SBSBD_9H1_A: SBS - Business Demography - Annual preliminary results on employer enterprise deaths, broken down by employee size class Timeliness: 660 Periodicity: A

SBSBD_9J1_A: SBS - BD - Annual demographic statistics on enterprises with two or more employees broken down by legal form Timeliness: 660 Periodicity: A

SBSBD_9K1_A: SBS - BD - Annual demographic statistics on enterprises with two or more employees broken down by employee size classes Timeliness: 660 Periodicity: A

SBSBD_9L1_A: SBS - Business Demography - Annual preliminary results on economic enterprise deaths, broken down by legal form Timeliness: 660 Periodicity: A

SBSBD_9M1_A: SBS - BD - Annual preliminary results on economic enterprise deaths, broken down by employee size classes Timeliness: 660 Periodicity: A

SBSBD_9N1_A: SBS - Business Demography - Annual statistics on high growth enterprises Timeliness: 660 Periodicity: A

SBSBS_BS13_A: SBS - Development Project on BS - Business Services: SBS variables by economic activity Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

SBSBS_BS2A1_A: SBS - Development Project on BS - Business Services: turnover by product and economic activity Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

SBSBS_BS42_A: SBS - Development Project on BS - Business Services: turnover by residence of the client and economic activity Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

SBSCI_6A1_A: SBS - Annex 6 - Credit Institutions - Annual Enterprise Statistics Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

SBSCI_6B1_A: SBS - Annex 6 - Credit Institutions - Annual Enterprise Statistics by Legal Status Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

SBSCI_6C1_A: SBS - Annex 6 - Credit Institutions - Annual Enterprise Statistics by the Country of Residence of the Parent Enterprise Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

SBSCI_6D1_A: SBS - Annex 6 - Credit Institutions - Annual Enterprise Statistics by Category of Credit Institution Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

SBSCI_6E1_A: SBS - Annex 6 - Credit Institutions - Annual Enterprise Statistics by Size Class Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

SBSCI_6F1_A: SBS - Annex 6 - Credit Institutions - Annual Enterprise Statistics by Product Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

SBSCI_6G1_A: SBS - Annex 6 - Credit Institutions - Annual Enterprise Statistics by Geographical Breakdown Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

SBSCI_6H1_A: SBS - Annex 6 - Credit Institutions - Annual Regional Statistics Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

SBSCI_CB1_A: SBS - Annex 6 - Credit Institutions - Annual Enterprise Statistics on Central Banks Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

SBSCON_4A1_A: SBS - Annex 4 - Construction - Annual Enterprise Statistics Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

SBSCON_4D2_A: SBS - Annex 4 - Construction - Annual Enterprise Statistics by Size Class Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

SBSCON_4E1_A: SBS - Annex 4 - Construction - Annual KAU Statistics Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

SBSCON_4F1_A: SBS - Annex 4 - Construction - Annual Regional Statistics Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

SBSCON_4H1_A4: SBS - Annex 4 - Construction - Multi-Yearly Enterprise Statistics Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

SBSCON_4J1_A3: SBS - Annex 4 - Construction - Multi-Yearly Enterprise Statistics - Intangible Investment and Sub-contracting Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

SBSCON_4JII1_A3: SBS - Annex 4 - Construction - Multi-Yearly Enterprise Statistics - Part on Intangible Investment Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

SBSCON_4K2_A3: SBS - Annex 4 - Construction - Multi-Yearly Enterprise Statistics - Sub-contracting by Size Class Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

SBSCON_4L2_A2: SBS - Annex 4 - Construction - Purchases of Energy Products Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

SBSCON_4N1_A: SBS - Annex 4 - Construction - Annual Preliminary Results Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

SBSFATS_1G1_A: SBS - Development Project on FATS - Foreign Affiliates - Annual Business Statistics by Nationality of Ownership Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

SBSFATS_1GA1_A: SBS - Development Project FATS - Annual Business Statistics by Nationality of Ownership (level 2) and Activity (level 3) Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

SBSFATS_1GB1_A: SBS - Development Project FATS - Annual Business Statistics by Nationality of Ownership (level 3) and Activity (total) Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

SBSFATS_1GC1_A: SBS - Development Project FATS Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

SBSFATS_1GD1_A: SBS - Development Project FATS Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

SBSFATS_1GE1_A: SBS - Development Project FATS Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

SBSFATS_1GF1_A: SBS - Development Project FATS Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

SBSFATS_1GG1_A: SBS - Development Project FATS Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

SBSFATS_1GH1_A: SBS - Development Project FATS Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

SBSFATS_1GI1_A: SBS - Development Project FATS Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

SBSFATS_1GJ1_A: SBS - Development Project FATS Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

SBSINS_5A1_A: SBS - Annex 5 - Insurance Services - Annual Enterprise Statistics Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

SBSINS_5B1_A: SBS - Annex 5 - Insurance Services - Annual Enterprise Statistics by Legal Status Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

SBSINS_5C1_A: SBS - Annex 5 - Insurance Services - Annual Enterprise Statistics by the Country of Residence of the Parent Enterprise Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

SBSINS_5D1_A: SBS - Annex 5 - Insurance Services - Annual Enterprise Statistics by Size Class Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

SBSINS_5E1_A: SBS - Annex 5 - Insurance Services - Annual Enterprise Statistics by Product Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

SBSINS_5F1_A: SBS - Annex 5 - Insurance Services - Annual Enterprise Statistics by Geographical Breakdown Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

SBSIS_10_A: Structural Business Statistics - International Sourcing - Table 10 Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

SBSIS_11_A: Structural Business Timeliness: 360	Statistics Periodicity: A	-	International	Sourcing	-	Table	11
SBSIS_12_A: Structural Business Timeliness: 360	Statistics Periodicity: A	-	International	Sourcing	-	Table	12
SBSIS_1_A: Structural Business Timeliness: 360	Statistics Periodicity: A	-	International	Sourcing	-	Table	1
SBSIS_2_A: Structural Business Timeliness: 480	Statistics Periodicity: A	-	International	Sourcing	-	Table	2
SBSIS_3_A: Structural Business Timeliness: 360	Statistics Periodicity: A	-	International	Sourcing	-	Table	3
SBSIS_4_A: Structural Business Timeliness: 360	Statistics Periodicity: A	-	International	Sourcing	-	Table	4
SBSIS_5_A: Structural Business Timeliness: 360	Statistics Periodicity: A	-	International	Sourcing	-	Table	5
SBSIS_6_A: Structural Business Timeliness: 360	Statistics Periodicity: A	-	International	Sourcing	-	Table	6
SBSIS_7_A: Structural Business Timeliness: 360	Statistics Periodicity: A	-	International	Sourcing	-	Table	7
SBSIS_8_A: Structural Business Timeliness: 360	Statistics Periodicity: A	-	International	Sourcing	-	Table	8
SBSIS_9_A: Structural Business Timeliness: 360	Statistics Periodicity: A	-	International	Sourcing	-	Table	9
SBSMANUF_2A1_A: SBS - Annex 2 - Manufacturing	Timeliness: 540	-	Annual	Enterprise	Statistics		
SBSMANUF_2B2_A: SBS - Annex 2 - Manufacturing - Environmental Protection Expenditure (by Environmental Domains)	Timeliness: 540	Periodicity: A					
SBSMANUF_2D2_A: SBS - Annex 2 - Manufacturing - Annual Enterprise Statistics by Size Class	Timeliness: 540	Periodicity: A					
SBSMANUF_2E1_A: SBS - Annex 2 - Manufacturing - Annual KAU	Timeliness: 540	Periodicity: A	Statistics				
SBSMANUF_2F1_A: SBS - Annex 2 - Manufacturing - Annual Regional	Timeliness: 540	Periodicity: A	Statistics				
SBSMANUF_2H1_A4: SBS - Annex 2 - Manufacturing - Multi-Yearly Enterprise Statistics	Timeliness: 540	Periodicity: A					
SBSMANUF_2J1_A3: SBS - Annex 2 - Manufacturing - Multi-Yearly Enterprise Statistics - Intangible Investment and Sub-contracting	Timeliness: 540	Periodicity: A					
SBSMANUF_2JII1_A3: SBS - Annex 2 - Manufacturing - Multi-Yearly Enterprise Statistics - Part on Intangible Investments	Timeliness: 540	Periodicity: A					
SBSMANUF_2K2_A3: SBS - Annex 2 - Manufacturing - Multi-Yearly Enterprise Statistics - Sub-contracting by Size Class	Timeliness: 540	Periodicity: A					

SBSMANUF_2L2_A2: SBS - Annex 2 - Manufacturing - Multi-Yearly Enterprise Statistics - Subcontracting by Size Class Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

SBSMANUF_2N1_A: SBS - Annex 2 - Manufacturing - Annual Preliminary Results Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

SBSMANUF_2O1_A: SBS - Annex 2 - Manufacturing - Environmental Protection Expenditure by Size Class Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

SBSMS_MS_A: SBS data from Eurostat to Member States Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: A

SBSPF_7A1_A: SBS - Annex 7 - Pension Funds - Annual Enterprise Statistics Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

SBSPF_7B1_A: SBS - Annex 7 - Pension Funds - Annual Enterprise Statistics by Size Classes Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

SBSPF_7C1_A: SBS - Annex 7 - Pension Funds - Annual Enterprise Statistics by Currencies Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

SBSPF_7D1_A: SBS - Annex 7 - Pension Funds - Annual Enterprise Statistics by Geographical Breakdown Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

SBSPF_7E1_A: SBS - Annex 7 - Pension Funds - Annual Enterprise Statistics on Non-autonomous Pension Funds Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

SBSQR_1A1_A: SBS - Quality Reports - Variation Coefficients Series 1A Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

SBSQR_1B1_A: SBS - Quality Reports - Variation Coefficients Series 1B Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

SBSQR_1C1_A: SBS - Quality Reports - Variation Coefficients Series 1C Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

SBSQR_INR1_A: SBS - Quality Reports - Item Non-Response Series 1A Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

SBSQR_NR1_A: SBS - Quality Reports - Non-Response Series 1A Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

SBSQR_REPS1_A: SBS - Quality Reports - Quality Reports Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

SBSSERV_1A1_A: SBS - Annex 1 - Services - Annual Enterprise Statistics Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

SBSSERV_1AV1_A: SBS - Annex 1 - Voluntary Data Collection on the Financial Industry Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

SBSSERV_1B2_A: SBS - Annex 1 - Services - Annual Enterprise Statistics by Size Class Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

SBSSERV_1BRJ1_A: SBS - Annex 1 - Services - Annual Enterprise Statistics by Size Class Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

SBSSERV_1BV1_A: SBS - Annex 1 - Voluntary Data Collection on the Financial Industry - Annual Enterprise Statistics by Size Class Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

SBSSERV_1C1_A: SBS - Annex 1 - Services - Annual Regional Statistics Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

SBSSERV_1CV1_A: SBS - Annex 1 - Voluntary Data Collection - Annual Regional Statistics
Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

SBSSERV_1D1_A: SBS - Annex 1 - Services - Annual Preliminary Results
Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

SBSS_S101_A: SBS - Steel - Yearly Statistics on the Steel and Cast Iron Scrap Balance Sheet
Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

SBSS_S2A1_A: SBS - Steel - Fuel and Energy Consumption and Balance Sheet for Electrical Energy in the Steel Industry Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

SBSS_S2B1_A: SBS - Steel - Annual Statistics on the Balance Sheet for Electrical Energy in the Steel Industry Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

SBSS_S3A1_A: SBS - Steel - Enquiry on Investments in the Iron and Steel Industry
Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

SBSS_S3B1_A: SBS - Steel - Annual Statistics on Capacity Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

SBSTRAD_3A1_A: SBS - Annex 3 - Trade - Preliminary Results Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

SBSTRAD_3B1_A: SBS - Annex 3 - Trade - Annual Enterprise Statistics
Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

SBSTRAD_3CEMP2_A: SBS - Annex 3 - Trade - Annual Enterprise Statistics by Size Class (Number of Persons Employed) Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

SBSTRAD_3CTRN1_A: SBS - Annex 3 - Trade - Annual Enterprise Statistics by Size Class (Annual Turnover) Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

SBSTRAD_3D501_A5: SBS - Annex 3 - Trade - Multi-Yearly Enterprise Statistics (3D, Division 50)
Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

SBSTRAD_3D511_A5: SBS - Annex 3 - Trade - Multi-Yearly Enterprise Statistics (3D, Division 51)
Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

SBSTRAD_3D521_A5: SBS - Annex 3 - Trade - Multi-Yearly Enterprise Statistics (3D, Division 52)
Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

SBSTRAD_3E1_A: SBS - Annex 3 - Trade - Annual Regional Statistics
Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

SBSTRAD_3F1_A5: SBS - Annex 3 - Trade - Multi-Yearly Regional Statistics
Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

Dedicated website available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/european_business/introduction

5. International Cooperation

None

Module 3.01.03 Prodcom

Responsible unit: **G-2: Structural business statistics**
Contact person: Brian WILLIAMS, Tel: +352 4301 33593

1. Module Description

The objective is to collect process and publish data on manufactured goods in accordance with the Council Regulation 3924/91 and implementation regulations. The PRODCOM system receives data on the value and volume of production of about 4000 products. Eurostat publishes the national data and also calculates and publishes EU totals, together with the related Foreign Trade data. Data is reported annually for all products. Quarterly reporting for textile products was discontinued in 2005, and monthly reporting for steel products was discontinued in 2006.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Regulation (EEC) No 3924/91 of 19 December 1991, on the establishment of a community survey of industrial production, OJ L 374, 31.12.1991

Commission Regulation (EC) No 912/2004 of 29 April 2004, implementing Council Regulation (EEC) No 3924/91 on the establishment of a Community survey of industrial production, OJ L 163, 30.4.2004

Commission Regulation (EC) No 210/2004 of 29 May 2004, establishing for 2004 the 'Prodcom list' of industrial products provided for by Council Regulation (EEC) No 3924/91, OJ L 45, 30.4.2004

Commission Regulation (EC) No 317/2006 of 22 December 2005, establishing for 2005 the 'Prodcom list' of industrial products provided for by Council Regulation (EEC) No 3924/91, OJ L 60, 1.3.2006

Commission Regulation (EC) No 294/2007 of 20 February 2007, establishing for 2006 the 'Prodcom list' of industrial products provided for by Council Regulation (EEC) No 3924/91, OJ L 83, 23.3.2007

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1165/2007 of 3 September 2007 establishing for 2007 the 'Prodcom list' of industrial products provided for by Council Regulation (EEC) No 3924/91, OJ L 268, 12/10/2007

[Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 36/2009](#) of 11 July 2008 establishing for 2008 the 'Prodcom list' of industrial products provided for by Council Regulation (EEC) No 3924/91, OJ L 18, 22.1.2009, p. 1-183

3. Data Requirements

PRODCOM_A_A: Industry Production Annual Survey. Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

SDDS documentation

Prodcom User Guide

Report on the national methodologies (January 2000)

5. International Cooperation

UNSD.

Theme 3.02 Short-term business statistics

Description

Short-term business statistics (STS) comprise monthly and quarterly economic indicators, such as the index of industrial production, output prices, construction production, retail trade turnover, etc. for the Member States, the EU and the euro area. The indicators cover eight out of nineteen Principal European Economic Indicators (PEEIs) and almost half of Eurostat's regular News Releases. These data are closely followed by economic analysts in the Commission and the European Central Bank, as well as in national governments and in the private sector and financial markets.

The constant requirement is to make the data rapid but reliable while at the same time limiting the statistical reporting burden on enterprises.

Historically, such short-term statistics are mainly related to manufacturing and construction; in the years ahead the main challenge is to develop and consolidate the short-term data on service activities.

Key priorities 2009

During 2009 the main priority will be to maintain a rapid and reliable supply of indicators and to improve and consolidate the quality of the data.

Member States will deliver Short-term statistics for the first time according to NACE rev 2 in the first months of 2009. This involves a complete revision of all the monthly and quarterly series, backcast to the year 2000. This completely new data set will pose several challenges in consolidation, quality checking and seasonal adjustment during 2009.

The service producer price indices (SPPI) will finally become fully available following the ending of numerous derogations that have been in place since SPPI were introduced into the Regulation in 2005.

A rolling review is planned for the first half of 2009 to assess the satisfaction of users with the STS indicators. In the second half, work will begin on a new cycle of measurements of the cost for national statistical offices and the burden on businesses involved in compiling these statistics as well as ways to reduce the cost and burden.

Module 3.02.01 Short-term business statistics

Responsible unit: **G-3: Short-term statistics**
Contact person: Szymon BIELECKI, Tel: +352 4301 35705

1. Module Description

Short-term business statistics comprise monthly and quarterly economic indicators, such as the index of industrial production, output prices, construction production, retail trade turnover, etc. for the Member States, the EU and the euro area. The indicators cover eight out of nineteen Principal European Economic Indicators and almost half of Eurostat's regular news releases. These data are closely followed by economic analysts in the Commission and the European Central Bank, as well as in national governments and in the private sector and financial markets.

The constant requirement is to make high quality data available rapidly while at the same time limiting the statistical reporting burden on enterprises.

Historically, such short-term statistics are mainly related to manufacturing and construction; in the years ahead the main challenge is to develop and consolidate the short-term data on service activities.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 of 19 May 1998, concerning short-term statistics, OJ L 162, 5.6.1998

Commission Regulation (EC) No 586/2001 of 26 March 2001, on implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics as regards the definition of Main Industrial Groupings (MIGS), OJ L 86, 27.3.2001

Commission Regulation (EC) No 606/2001 of 23 March 2001, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics as regards derogations of Member States, OJ L 92, 2.4.2001

Regulation (EC) No 1158/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 2005, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics, OJ L 191, 22.7.2005

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1502/2006 of 28 September 2006, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics as regards derogations to be granted to Member States, OJ L 281, 12.10.2006

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1503/2006 of 28 September 2006, implementing and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics as regards definitions of variables, list of variables and frequency of data compilation, OJ L 281, 12.10.2006

Regulation (EC) No 1893/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 establishing the statistical classification of economic activities NACE Revision 2 and amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3037/90 as well as certain EC Regulations on specific statistical domains, OJ L 393, 30.12.2006

Commission Regulation (EC) No 656/2007 of 14 June 2007, amending Regulation (EC) No 586/2001 on implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics as regards the definition of Main Industrial Groupings (MIGS), OJ L 155, 15.6.2007

Commission Regulation (EC) No 657/2007 of 14 June 2007, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics as regards the establishment of European sample schemes, OJ L 155, 15.6.2007

Commission Regulation (EC) No 472/2008 of 29 May 2008, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics as regards the first base year to be applied for time series in NACE Rev. 2 and, for time series prior to 2009 to be transmitted according to NACE Rev. 2, the level of detail, the form, the first reference period, and the reference period, OJ L 140, 30.5.2008

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1178/2008 of 28 November 2008 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics and Commission Regulations (EC) No 1503/2006 and (EC) No 657/2007 as regards adaptations following the revision of statistical classifications NACE and CPA, OJ L 319, 29.11.2008

Other basis:

Draft Commission Regulation (EC) amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics as regards the updating of the list of variables, the frequency of compilation of the statistics and the levels of breakdown and aggregation to be applied to the variables (expected to be adopted in April 2009)

Methodology of short-term business statistics - Interpretation and guidelines, available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KS-BG-06-001/EN/KS-BG-06-001-EN.PDF

Methodology of short-term business statistics - Associated documents, available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KS-BG-06-002/EN/KS-BG-06-002-EN.PDF

Methodological guide for developing producer prices indices for services, available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KS-BG-06-003/EN/KS-BG-06-003-EN.PDF

3. Data Requirements

STSCONS_EARN_M: Short Term Statistics on Construction - Gross Wages and Salaries
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: M

STSCONS_EARN_Q: Short Term Statistics on Construction - Gross Wages and Salaries
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

STSCONS_EMPL_M: Short-Term Statistics on Construction - Employment (Number or Index, Employees or Persons Employed) Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: M

STSCONS_EMPL_Q: Short-Term Statistics on Construction - Employment (Number or Index, Employees or Persons Employed) Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: Q

STSCONS_HOUR_M: Short Term Statistics on Construction - Hours Worked (Number or Index, average or sum) Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: M

STSCONS_HOUR_Q: Short Term Statistics on Construction - Hours Worked (Number or Index, average or sum) Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

STSCONS_ORD_M: Short Term Statistics on Construction - Orders (New Orders or Stock of Orders, value or deflated) Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: M

STSCONS_ORD_Q: Short Term Statistics on Construction - Orders (New Orders or Stock of Orders, value or deflated) Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

STSCONS_PERM_M: Short Term Statistics on Construction - Building (or Dwelling) Permits (starts or completion) Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: M

STSCONS_PERM_Q: Short Term Statistics on Construction - Building (or Dwelling) Permits (starts or completion) Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

STSCONS_PRIC_M: Short Term Statistics on Construction - Output Prices or Input, Labour or Material Costs Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: M

STS CONS_PRIC_Q: Short Term Statistics on Construction - Output Prices or Input, Labour or Material Costs Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

STS CONS_PROD_M: Short Term Statistics on Construction - Production Index. (Volume of Production) Timeliness: 45 Periodicity: M

STS CONS_PROD_Q: Short Term Statistics on Construction - Production Index. (Volume of Production) Timeliness: 45 Periodicity: Q

STS IND_EARN_M: Short Term Statistics on Industry - Gross Wages and Salaries. Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: M

STS IND_EARN_Q: Short Term Statistics on Industry - Gross Wages and Salaries. Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

STS IND_EMPL_M: Short-Term Statistics on Industry - Employment (Number or Index, Employees or Persons Employed) Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: M

STS IND_EMPL_Q: Short-Term Statistics on Industry - Employment (Number or Index, Employees or Persons Employed) Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

STS IND_HOUR_M: Short Term Statistics on Industry - Hours Worked (Number or Index, Total) Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: M

STS IND_HOUR_Q: Short Term Statistics on Industry - Hours Worked (Number or Index, Total) Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

STS IND_ORD_M: Short Term Statistics on Industry - New Orders (Total, Domestic, Non-Domestic) Timeliness: 50 Periodicity: M

STS IND_ORD_Q: Short Term Statistics on Industry - New Orders (Total, Domestic, Non-Domestic) Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: Q

STS IND_PRIC_M: Short Term Statistics on Industry - Prices (Output Prices, Total, Domestic, Non-Domestic, Import Prices) Timeliness: 35 Periodicity: M

STS IND_PROD_M: Short Term Statistics on Industry - Production Index (Volume of Production) Timeliness: 40 Periodicity: M

STS IND_PROD_Q: Short Term Statistics on Industry - Production Index (Volume of Production) Timeliness: 40 Periodicity: Q

STS IND_TURN_M: Short Term Statistics on Industry - Turnover (Total, Domestic, Non-Domestic) Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: M

STS IND_TURN_Q: Short Term Statistics on Industry - Turnover (Total, Domestic, Non-Domestic) Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: Q

STS OTHER_OTH_M: Short Term Statistics - Other Indicators Not Covered Elsewhere. Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: M

STS OTHER_OTH_Q: Short Term Statistics - Other Indicators Not Covered Elsewhere. Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: Q

STS RTD_EMPL_M: Short Term Statistics on Retail Trade - Employment (Number of Persons Employed or Employees) Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: M

STS RTD_EMPL_Q: Short Term Statistics on Retail Trade - Employment (Number of Persons Employed or Employees) Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: Q

STSRTD_TURN_M: Short Term Statistics on Retail Trade - Turnover (Value or Deflated)
Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: M

STSSERV_EMPL_M: Short Term Statistics on Services - Employment (Number of Persons Employed or Employees) Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: M

STSSERV_EMPL_Q: Short Term Statistics on Services - Employment (Number of Persons Employed or Employees) Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: Q

STSSERV_PRIC_Q: Short Term Statistics on Services - Prices (Output Prices) - Quarterly
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

STSSERV_TURN_M: Short Term Statistics on Services - Turnover (Value or Deflated)
Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: M

STSSERV_TURN_Q: Short Term Statistics on Services - Turnover (Value or Deflated)
Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: Q

4. Methodology

STS Recommendations, available on:

<http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/ebt/library?l=/methodology/recommendations>

5. International Cooperation

OECD, IMF, ECB.

Theme 3.03 Energy

Description

Europe's future depends on a secure, affordable and ecologically sustainable energy supply. The EU and Member States pursue a number of policies addressing the security of supply (in particular of oil and gas), the environmental impact of energy use and the energy internal market (including competition in network industries).

This Theme aims at providing the EU with a high quality statistical service in the field of energy, addressing these policy concerns. Regular work involves the compilation of annual energy balance sheets and of structural information on the energy system, the follow-up of energy commodity short-term trends, the compilation of prices of certain energy carriers. Development work aims at improving the quality of the system, in particular the coverage, better addressing new policies/technologies.

Priority EU/national policies and technologies such as energy efficiency, combined heat and power, renewable energy sources, energy-environment integration, carbon emission inventories, effectiveness of competition in network industries are also covered.

Key Priorities 2009

The regular collection and dissemination of annual and monthly statistics on energy quantities and of half-yearly electricity and gas prices will continue. Quantitative evaluation of various policies based on indicators defined in relevant legislative acts (Combined heat and power – Directive 2004/8/EC, Renewable electricity share – Directive 2001/77/EC, Share of renewable energies and bio-fuels in final energy consumption – Directive under negotiation) will be carried-out. The Unit will contribute to the Commission submission to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) on carbon emission inventories. Development of a new data transmission/data treatment system to improve internal efficiency.

In accordance with the development activities foreseen in the newly adopted Regulation on energy statistics, the Commission and the Member States will define a set of indicators relevant to the nuclear fuel cycle, review the national statistical systems addressing final energy consumption, define methodologies for the compilation of statistics on energy use in households/services and perform pilot data collections, partially financed by Eurostat and address quality issues on specific renewable energy sources identified already by the relevant Working group.

Module 3.03.01 Structural statistics of energy

Responsible unit: **E-5: Energy**
Contact person: Antigone GIKAS, Tel: +352 4301 34374

1. Module Description

The objective of this module is to collect process and publish annual statistics in accordance with the Energy Statistics Regulation 1099/2008. Collected statistics cover essentially the production, transformation and consumption of numerous energy commodities; details on external trade of energy commodities and characteristics of the energy industry are also included. The annual Energy Balance Sheets of the MS and the EU is the key output of this data collection. This module provides valuable information on the structure of the energy systems across the EU; it allows monitoring of major EU and national energy policies and targets (energy dependency, penetration of renewable energy sources, energy efficiency) while it contributes significantly in assessing the carbon dioxide annual emission inventories.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Directive 2001/77/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 September 2001, on the promotion of electricity produced from renewable energy sources in the internal electricity market, OJ L 283, 27.10.2001

Directive 2003/30/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 May 2003, on the promotion of the use of biofuels or other renewable fuels for transport, OJ L 123, 17.5.2003

Directive 2004/8/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 February 2004, on the promotion of cogeneration based on a useful heat demand in the internal energy market and amending Directive 92/42/EEC, OJ L 52, 21.2.2004

Directive 2006/32/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2006, on energy end-use efficiency and energy services and repealing Council Directive 93/76/EEC, OJ L 114, 27.4.2006

Regulation (EC) No 1099/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2008 on energy statistics, OJ L 304, 14.11.2008, p. 1-62

3. Data Requirements

ENERGY_ELECT_A: Electricity and Heat Statistics
Timeliness: 11 months Periodicity: A

ENERGY_NTGAS_A: Natural Gas Statistics
Timeliness: 11 months Periodicity: A

ENERGY_PETRO_A: Oil Statistics
Timeliness: 11 months Periodicity: A

ENERGY_SOLID_A: Solid Fuels Statistics
Timeliness: 11 months Periodicity: A

ENERGY_RENEW_A: Renewable energy and wastes statistics
Timeliness: 11 months Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

Energy Statistics Manual, prepared jointly by the International Energy Agency/OECD and Eurostat/European Commission, Edition 2004

Energy consumption in households, ISBN 92-828-7589-X, Catalogue number CA-24-99-243-EN-C, Eurostat, Edition 1999

Energy consumption in the services sector – Surveys of EU Member States (2002 Edition), available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-43-02-042

5. International Cooperation

OECD, IEA, UNECE.

Module 3.03.02 Short-term statistics of energy

Responsible unit: **E-5: Energy**
Contact person: Antigone GIKAS, Tel: +352 4301 34374

1. Module Description

The objective of this module is to collect, process and publish monthly statistics in accordance with the Energy Statistics Regulation 1099/2008. Collected statistics cover essentially the supply and transformation of numerous energy commodities; details on external trade are also included. This module provides valuable information on the energy markets and their short-term evolution. Information on gas and oil strategic stocks is also covered, in response to security of supply considerations.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Regulation (EC) No 1099/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2008 on energy statistics, OJ L 304, 14.11.2008, p. 1-62

3. Data Requirements

ENERGY_ELEC1_M: Short Term Electricity statistics (SEG_ele)
Timeliness: 1 month Periodicity: M

ENERGY_PETRO_M: Oil statistics (Joint Oil Data Initiative - JODI)
Timeliness: 25 days Periodicity: M

ENERGY_NTGAS_M: Short Term Gas Statistics (SEG_gas)
Timeliness: 1 month Periodicity: M

Short-term statistics of energy (M-3):

ENERGY_ELEC3_M: Electricity Statistics
Timeliness: 3 months Periodicity: M

ENERGY_MOSPG_M: Monthly Oil and Natural Gas Statistics (MOS)
Timeliness: 3 months Periodicity: M

ENERGY_SOLID_M: Solid Fuels Statistics
Timeliness: 3 months Periodicity: M

4. Methodology

Energy Statistics Manual, prepared jointly by the International Energy Agency/OECD and Eurostat/European Commission (2004 Edition)

Joint Oil Data Initiative Manual, prepared jointly by the International Energy Forum Secretariat (IEFS) and its partners in the Joint Oil Data Initiative (JODI) – the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), the Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat), the International Energy Agency (IEA), the Latin American Energy Organisation (OLADE), the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), (2006 Edition)

5. International Cooperation

OECD, IEA, UNECE, OPEC, OLADE, APEC, IEFS.

Module 3.03.03 Energy prices

Responsible unit: **E-5: Energy**
Contact person: Antigone GIKAS, Tel: +352 4301 34374

1. Module Description

The objective of this module is to collect, process and publish the prices of selected energy commodities. Electricity and gas prices for industrial (Directive 2007/394/EC) and domestic (gentlemen's agreement) consumers are published twice per year; prices for selected petroleum products (Council Decision 1999/280/EC and Commission Decision 1999/566/EC) are published on a monthly basis.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Directive No 90/377/EEC of 29 June 1990, Community procedure to improve the transparency of gas and electricity prices charged to industrial end-users, OJ L 185, 17.7.1990

Commission Decision No 2007/394/EC of 7 June 2007 amending Council Directive 90/377/EEC with regard to the methodology to be applied for the collection of gas and electricity prices charged to industrial end-users, OJ L 148, 9.6.2007

Agreements:

Member States and Norway Agreement of 17/07/1990, Agreement for submission of domestic gas and electricity prices.

Comments: collection of domestic gas and electricity prices for several groups of standard consumers defined according their annual consumption;

Time of obligation: continuous;

Periodicity: twice per year: prices are collected on 1st January and 1st July;

Date of adoption: same as Directive 90/377 (17/07/1990);

Publication: same as Directive 90/377 (17/07/1990);

Participant countries: All Member States plus Norway;

Official data providers: Same as Directive 90/377.

3. Data Requirements

Prices:

ENERGY_PRELI_S: Energy Prices: Electricity industry, semester

Timeliness: 2 months Periodicity: B

ENERGY_PRELH_S: Energy Prices: Electricity households, semester

Timeliness: 2 months Periodicity: B

ENERGY_PRGAI_S: Energy Prices: Gas industry, semester

Timeliness: 2 months Periodicity: B

ENERGY_PRGAH_S: Energy Prices: Gas households, semester

Timeliness: 2 months Periodicity: B

Price systems:

ENERGY_PSELE_2: Price Systems: electricity per 2 years

Timeliness: 2.5 months Periodicity: every two years

ENERGY_PSGAS_2: Price Systems: gas per 2 years
Timeliness: 2.5 months Periodicity: every two years

4. Methodology

Industrial users:

Gas prices to be collected and compiled according to the methodology described in Annex I of Commission Decision No 2007/394/EC of 7 June 2007 amending Council Directive 90/377/EEC with regard to the methodology to be applied for the collection of gas and electricity prices charged to industrial end-users (Text with EEA relevance),
OJ L 148, 9.6.2007, pages 12 and 13.

Electricity prices to be collected and compiled according to the methodology described in Annex II of Commission Decision No 2007/394/EC of 7 June 2007 amending Council Directive 90/377/EEC with regard to the methodology to be applied for the collection of gas and electricity prices charged to industrial end-users (Text with EEA relevance)
OJ L 148, 9.6.2007, pages 14, 15 and 16.

Domestic users:

Gas and electricity prices data collection is based on a voluntary agreement and complements the data collection of gas and electricity prices for industrial users; Data to be collected and compiled according to the methodology described in Eurostat information note of 21 June 2007 addressed to Member States and titled Data collection methodology of gas and electricity prices for household users'.

5. International Cooperation

None

Module 3.03.04 Special actions to support the new Community energy policies

Responsible unit: **E-5: Energy**
Contact person: Antigone GIKAS, Tel: +352 4301 34374

1. Module Description

This module covers the actions, implemented in collaboration with the Member States and competent Commission policy services, in order to extend the coverage and improve the quality of the national statistical systems, to respond better to the evolving requirements of the energy policy as defined by the various EU initiatives. This module covers actions which are variable in time.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Directive 2001/77/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 September 2001, on the promotion of electricity produced from renewable energy sources in the internal electricity market, OJ L 283, 27.10.2001

Directive 2003/30/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 May 2003, on the promotion of the use of bio-fuels or other renewable fuels for transport, OJ L 123, 17.5.2003

Directive 2004/8/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 February 2004, on the promotion of cogeneration based on a useful heat demand in the internal energy market and amending Directive 92/42/EEC, OJ L 52, 21.2.2004

Directive 2006/32/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2006, on energy end-use efficiency and energy services and repealing Council Directive 93/76/EEC, OJ L 114, 27.4.2006

Regulation (EC) No 1099/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2008 on energy statistics, OJ L 304, 14.11.2008, p. 1-62

3. Data Requirements

Competition Indicators:

ENERGY_CIELE_A: Competition Indicators: electricity annual
Timeliness: 10 months Periodicity: A

ENERGY_CIGAS_A: Competition Indicators: gas annual
Timeliness: 10 months Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

None

5. International Cooperation

None

Theme 3.04 Transport

Description

Community transport statistics are required to support the Community transport policy, including the Trans-European Network for Transport (TEN-T). A White paper and its mid-term review (Keep Europe moving – Sustainable mobility for our continent) set out the EU action programme on transport policy. Community transport statistics should constitute a comprehensive transport information system, including above all data on flows of vehicles, passengers and goods, but also on infrastructure, equipment, mobility, safety, enterprises, investments and employment, as well as on the regional dimension of transport and its impact on the environment, including the energy consumption and energy efficiency of the vehicles and modes. A key objective will be to measure the contribution of each mode of transport, used alone and in combination with others, to the global figures. It will be necessary to consolidate structural, sustainable development, modal split, energy and environmental impact indicators, and to develop indicators of quality and performance for all modes of transport. The increasing trends to optimise the high cost and investment in transport infrastructure will create more needs for statistics on them. The progress of the liberalisation of transport will motivate the needs for data on transport enterprises. Transport is also an important part of Community regional and environmental policies. The former will increase demands for spatially broken-down data on transport networks and flows. Taking into account the growing awareness on climate change, and the relevant responsibility of transport in this, the latter will require more and more investment to measure the emission of greenhouse gases and other pollutants, as well as the evolution of passenger's behaviour regarding transport, particularly in European cities. The Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) is very important for competitiveness and growth. Transport statistics should give specific information on the developments of the TEN-T infrastructure and on the services it provides.

Key priorities 2009

Priorities in transport statistics will continue to stem from the need to monitor the Community transport policies: liberalisation, rationalisation, competitiveness of the economy, mobility, sustainable impact on the environment, safety, and regional development. The main effort will be devoted to improving the quality (coverage, timeliness, relevance, precision, etc.) of data disseminated on each mode of transport. The collection of these data is based on legal acts and voluntary agreements. The main priority will be the full and effective implementation of the existing legal acts for measuring transport and traffic flows (road freight, rail, inland waterways, maritime, and air transport), as well as the necessary work to complete them (current project on measurement of road traffic, and intense reflection on measurement of transport logistics and performance indicators). More focus on spatially broken-down networks and flows will be needed, such as on European cities, and on a distance breakdown of goods transported by road, rail, inland waterways and short sea shipping. The current work on simplification and reduction of the burden on respondents will be pursued, particularly in its legal aspects (in road freight, maritime and railways). Another aspect will continue consisting of exchange of best practice (presented by voluntary Member States in relevant ESS meetings). Taking into account the importance of the Trans-European Transport Network, specific information should be made available on its development and on the services it provides.

Module 3.04.01 Information system on transport statistics, indicators and voluntary data collections

Responsible unit:

E-6: Transport

Contact person:

Hans STRELOW, Tel: +352 4301 34580

Yves MAHIEU, Tel: +352 4301 37656

Anna BIALAS-MOTYL, tel:+352 4301 36407

1. Module Description

The aim is to provide information for every mode of transport in each of the main categories: infrastructure, transport equipment, transport enterprises, economic performance and employment, traffic and transport measurement (including modal split data), energy and environment. The full implementation of the Community 'acquis' in new Member States and candidate countries is a key objective. A further range of statistics is provided from a voluntary data collection based on the Common Questionnaire, carried out jointly with UNECE and the ITF. This Common Questionnaire and other processes are supported by another joint project, the Eurostat/ITF/UNECE Glossary for Transport Statistics. Other statistics, such as regional transport indicators, are collected through additional voluntary questionnaires. All data are made available in the dissemination database and in other publications.

2. Legal Basis

Agreements:

UNECE Agreement, Common questionnaire coordinated with UNECE and ITF.

Comments: Common Questionnaire coordinated with UNECE and ITF

Yearly, data on rail, road, inland waterways and oil pipeline transport, questionnaire collected yearly

Time of obligation:

Periodicity: annual;

Date of adoption: around 1990;

Publication: many horizontal publications like the Panorama of Transport as well as the Eurostat dissemination database;

Participant countries: all UNECE member countries (includes EU, EEA, ITF);

Official data providers: CNA (Competent National Authorities) like statistical offices or transport ministries.

The terminology can be found in the 'Glossary For Transport Statistics'. This glossary is translated to all current EU Member States languages as well as Russian. The third edition of the glossary is available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-BI-03-002, <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp6/transstatglossmain.html> or

<http://www.cemt.org/online/glossaries/index.htm> or

https://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/Home/main?f=login&referer=http%3A%2F%2Fcirca.europa.eu%2FMembers%2Firc%2Fdsis%2Ftransport%2Flibrary%3Fl%3D%2Ftransport_glossary%2Ftransport_statistics%26vm%3Ddetailed%26sb%3DTtitle

The fourth edition will soon be available.

Other basis:

Regional questionnaire.

Comments: yearly, data on road and railways infrastructures, inland waterways, vehicle stocks and road accidents are currently collected in Member States, EFTA and candidate countries; regional data are collected at NUTS 2, NUTS 1 and NUTS 0 levels;

Time of obligation: data collected twice a year on voluntary basis

Periodicity: annual;

Publication: Eurostat's reference database, Regional Year Book, Statistics in focus;

Official data providers: CNA (Competent National Authorities) like statistical offices or transport ministries.

3. Data Requirements

Regional data are collected via on-line application (REGWeb). Nevertheless eDAMIS tables for this domain were created in Eurostat's system.

TRANSCQ_YBOOK_A: Common Questionnaire on Transport Statistics
Timeliness: 330 Periodicity: A

TRANSREG_IWWSNET_A: Inland waterways network (navigable canals, rivers and lakes)
Timeliness: 1080 Periodicity: A

TRANSREG_RAILNET_A: Railway network (total length, railway lines with double and more than double tracks, electrified railway lines) Timeliness: 1080 Periodicity: A

TRANSREG_ROADACC_A: Road accidents (number of persons killed and injured)
Timeliness: 1080 Periodicity: A

TRANSREG_ROADNET_A: Road network (length of motorways and other roads)
Timeliness: 1080 Periodicity: A

TRANSREG_VEHFGST_A: Stock of the vehicles freight (lorries, road tractors, special purpose vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers) Timeliness: 1080 Periodicity: A

TRANSREG_VEHSTCK_A: Stock of the vehicles (passenger cars, motor-coaches, buses, trolley buses, motorcycles) Timeliness: 1080 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

Glossary for Transport Statistics, mentioned above

UNECE, ITF and Eurostat cooperation, see at:
<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp6/transstatiwgmission.html>

5. International Cooperation

ITF, UNECE.

Module 3.04.02 Passenger mobility and road traffic data

Responsible unit:
Contact person:

E-6: Transport
Luis Antonio DE LA FUENTE, Tel: +352 4301 35583

1. Module Description

The objectives of this module are to provide statistics on passenger mobility and road traffic. For the former, an inventory of the existing non-harmonised national surveys has been established and is regularly updated. For the latter, a voluntary regular data collection on Vehicle-Km performed on the national territories is in development.

2. Legal Basis

Other basis:

A harmonised EU survey in long-distance mobility (Dateline project) was carried out in 2001-2002, within the 5th R&D Framework Programme. See at: <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/dateline/>

Eurostat has a project aimed to collect and update of a non-harmonised database with the latest available information and results from the national travel surveys. This also includes a methodological analysis of the results of such surveys and the dissemination of the main existing results on passenger mobility in a Statistics in focus.

The official data providers are the CNA (Competent National Authorities) like statistical offices or transport ministries.

In 2008, Eurostat has launched a voluntary exercise for the collection of Vehicle-Kilometre (V-Km) data on road traffic under a common methodological framework. This would allow building a common framework to produce road V-Km every year, particularly for car transport, based essentially on existing sources and evolving towards a regular and harmonised data collection system.

3. Data Requirements

Four tables have been designed for the provision of V-Km data with different breakdown: by type of vehicle, by type of road, by type and age of vehicle and by gender and age of driver. This data collection is made together with the Common Questionnaire on Transport Statistics (see Module 3.04.01).

4. Methodology

Eurostat methodological report on passenger mobility available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/transport/library?l=/passengers_mobility/5_methodology&vm=detailed&sb=Title

UNECE Working Group on Volume of Road traffic available on:

<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp6/transstatac5agenda.html>

Document presented on the December 2007 meeting of Coordination Committee for Statistics on Transport (CCST-2007-8.4-EN) available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/transport/library?l=/transport_glossary/meeting_documents/year_2007/ccst_december_2007/documents_en&vm=detailed&sb=Title

Different documents presented and discussed on the Workshop of Road Traffic Statistics held on November 2008 available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/transport/library?l=/passengers_mobility/meeting_documents/year_2008&vm=detailed&sb=Title

5. International Cooperation

ITF, UNECE.

Module 3.04.03 Road freight transport statistics

Responsible unit: **E-6: Transport**
Contact person: Simo PASI, Tel: +352 4301 32035

1. Module Description

The objective of this module is to provide harmonised statistics on the transport of goods by road. Data are collected under Council Regulation 1172/98, which specifies a wide range of variables and provides for the transmission to Eurostat of individual survey data records for vehicles, journeys and goods transport operations. It also covers all cabotage operations. Eurostat validates and processes these data in order to generate the tables required by users, including the participating countries which receive from Eurostat the contributions of foreign hauliers on their national territory.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/98 of 25 May 1998, on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of goods by road, OJ L 163, 6.6.1998
(This regulation have replaced Directives 78/546 and 89/462)

Commission Regulation (EC) No 2691/1999 of 17 December 1999, on the rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No.1172/98 on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of goods by road, OJ L 326, 18.12.1999

Commission Regulation (EC) No 2163/2001 of 7 November 2001, concerning the technical arrangements for data transmission for statistics on the carriage of goods by road, OJ L 291, 8.11.2001

Commission Regulation (EC) No 6/2003 of 30 December 2002, concerning the dissemination of statistics on the carriage of goods by road, OJ L 1, 4.1.2003

Commission Regulation (EC) No 642/2004 of 6 April 2004, on precision requirements for data collected in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/98 on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of goods by road, OJ L 102, 7.4.2004

Regulation (EC) No 1893/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the statistical classification of economic activities NACE revision 2 and amending Council regulation (EEC) No 3037/90 as well as certain EC Regulations on specific statistical domains (NACE Rev 2) – Article 13, OJ L 393, 30.12.2006

Commission Regulation (EC) No 105/2007 amending the annexes to Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS 2006), OJ L 39, 10.2.2007

Commission Regulation (EC) No 833/2007 of 16 July 2007 ending the transitional period provided for in Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/98 on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of goods by road, OJ L 185, 17.7.2007

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1304/2007 amending Council Directive 95/64/EC, Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/98, Regulations (EC) No 91/2003 and (EC) No 1365/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council with respect to the establishment of NST 2007 as the unique classification for transported goods in certain transport modes (NST 2007), OJ L 290, 8.11.2007

3. Data Requirements

ROAD_A1_Q: Vehicle-Related Variables. Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: Q

ROAD_A2_Q: Journey-Related Variables. Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: Q

ROAD_A3_Q: Goods-Related Variables. Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: Q

ROAD_ST_Q: Road Transport - Supplementary Tables Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: Q

4. Methodology

Reference manual for the implementation of Council Regulation No 1172/98/EC on statistics on the carriage of goods by road (2008 Edition), available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-RA-07-029

NST 2007: standard goods classification for transport statistics (Eurostat) – migration from NST/R to NST 2007 from the beginning of 2008

NUTS, nomenclature of territorial units for statistics (Eurostat): NUTS 2006 is applied from the beginning of 2008 (reference year):

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KS-RA-07-020/EN/KS-RA-07-020-EN.PDF

5. International Cooperation

ALPNET working group.

Module 3.04.04 Rail transport statistics

Responsible unit:
Contact person:

E-6: Transport
Anna BIALAS-MOTYL, Tel: +352 4301 36407

1. Module Description

The objective of this module is to provide harmonised statistics on rail transport according to European Parliament and Council Regulation 91/2003. The Regulation covers passenger as well as freight transport by rail, together with rail safety. Data on rail infrastructure, on railway enterprises and on rail network links are also collected and treated. Precision on geographical locations is regularly improved.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Regulation (EC) No 91/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2002, on rail transport statistics, OJ L 14, 21.1.2003

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1192/2003 of 3 July 2003, amending Regulation (EC) No 91/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on rail transport statistics, OJ L 167, 4.7.2003

Commission Regulation (EC) No 332/2007 of 27 March 2007, on the technical arrangements for the transmission of railway transport statistics, OJ L 88, 29.3.2007, p. 16–28

Other basis:

Rail statistics toolbox, including the Guidelines document available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/transport/library?l=02_rail/5_methodology/guidelinesfor912003_spr&vm=detailed&sb=Title

3. Data Requirements

RAIL_A_A: Rail Transport Statistics - Table A1-9 - Annual goods, detailed
Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: A

RAIL_B_A: Rail Transport Statistics - Table B1-2 - Annual goods, simplified
Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: A

RAIL_C_A: Rail Transport Statistics - Table C1-5 - Annual passengers, detailed
Timeliness: 240 Periodicity: A

RAIL_D_A: Rail Transport Statistics - Table D1-2 - Annual passengers, simplified
Timeliness: 240 Periodicity: A

RAIL_E_Q: Rail Transport Statistics - Table E1-2 - Quarterly goods Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

RAIL_F_5: Rail Transport Statistics - Table F1-4 - Regional goods Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: 5

RAIL_G_5: Rail Transport Statistics - Table G1-3 - Traffic on network Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: 5

RAIL_H_A: Rail Transport Statistics - Table H1-4 - Accidents Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: A

RAIL_I_A: Rail Transport Statistics - Table I1 - Undertakings (confidential data)
Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

Guidelines for the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 91/2003 - Draft - V.5.1 (8 February 2006)
(Reference Manual for Competent National Authorities of rail transport statistics)

Glossary for transport statistics available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-BI-03-002

Commission Regulation (EC) No 105/2007 amending the annexes to Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS), (for 2010 reference year Annex F data collection);

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1304/2007 of 7 November 2007 amending Council Directive 95/64/EC, Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/98, Regulations (EC) No 91/2003 and (EC) No 1365/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council with respect to the establishment of NST 2007 as the unique classification for transported goods in certain transport modes (starting from 2008 reference year).

5. International Cooperation

UNECE, UIC, CER.

Module 3.04.05 Maritime and inland waterways transport statistics

Responsible unit:

E-6: Transport

Contact person:

Luis Antonio DE LA FUENTE (IW), Tel: +352 4301 35583

Alessio SCIAN (IW), Tel: +352 4301 33098

1. Module Description

Sea transport: The objective of this part of module 485 is to provide harmonised statistics on the transport of goods and passengers by sea, under Directive 95/64. This includes adapting the legal basis, taking into account the evolution of users' needs, enhancing methodological concepts and their harmonised implementation at national level, and collaborating with the Member States and the relevant international and industrial organisations. Attention is also paid to port infrastructure, fleets, enterprises, employment and accidents, as well as the use of EDI for data transmission.

Inland waterways transport: The objective of this part of module 485 is to provide harmonised statistics on the transport of goods by inland waterways, under European Parliament and Council Regulation 1365/2006 from 2007.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Directive No 95/64/EC of 8 December 1995, statistical returns in respect of carriage of goods and passengers by sea, OJ L 320, 30.12.1995

Commission Decision No 98/385/EC of 13 May 1998, on rules for implementing Council Directive 95/64/EC on statistical returns in respect of carriage of goods and passengers by sea, OJ L 174, 18.6.1998

Commission Decision No 2000/363/EC of 28 April 2000, on rules for implementing Council Directive 95/64/EC on statistical returns in respect of carriage of goods and passengers by sea, OJ L 132, 5.6.2000

Commission Decision No 2001/423/EC of 22 May 2001, on arrangements for publication or dissemination of the statistical data collected pursuant to Council Directive 95/64/EC on statistical returns in respect of carriage of goods and passengers by sea, OJ L 151, 7.6.2001

Commission Decision No 2005/366/EC of 4 March 2005, implementing Council Directive 95/64/EC on statistical returns in respect of carriage of goods and passengers by sea and amending Annexes thereto, OJ L 123, 17.5.2005

Regulation (EC) No 1365/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 September 2006, on statistics of goods transport by inland waterways and repealing Council Directive 80/1119/EEC, OJ L 264, 25.9.2006

Commission Regulation (EC) No 425/2007 of 19 April 2007, implementing Regulation (EC) No 1365/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on statistics of goods transport by inland waterways, OJ L 103, 20.4.2007

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1304/2007 of 7 November 2007, amending Council Directive 95/64/EC, Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/98, Regulations (EC) No 91/2003 and (EC) No 1365/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council with respect to the establishment of NST 2007 as the unique classification for transported goods in certain transport modes, OJ L 290, 8.11.2007

Commission Decision No 2008/861/EC of 29 October 2008 on rules for implementing Council Directive 95/64/EC on statistical returns in respect of carriage of goods and passengers by sea (Codified version), OJ L 306, 15.11.2008, p. 66-97

Other basis:

Draft version (October 2005) of the reference manual - methodology on maritime statistics, available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/statcanwestbalkan/library?l=/publications_data/manuals&vm=detiled&sb=Title

Glossary for transport statistics, available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-BI-03-002

Reference Manual on Inland Waterways Transport Statistics – Version 1, available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/transport/library?l=/inland_waterways/5_methodology&vm=detailed&sb=Title

3. Data Requirements

IWW_A1_A: Goods transport by type of goods Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: A

IWW_A2_A: Transport of dangerous goods (annual data) Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: A

IWW_B1_A: Transport by nationality of the vessel and type of vessel (annual data)
Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: A

IWW_B2_A: Vessel traffic (annual data) Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: A

IWW_C1_A: Container transport by type of goods (annual data) Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: A

IWW_D1_Q: Transport by nationality of vessels (quarterly data) Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: Q

IWW_D2_Q: Container transport by nationality of vessels (quarterly data)
Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: Q

IWW_E1_A: Goods transport (annual data) Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: A

MRTM_A1_Q: Maritime - Seaborne transport in main European ports by port, cargo type and relation
Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: Q

MRTM_A2_Q: Maritime - Non-unit load seaborne transport in main European ports by port, cargo type and relation
Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: Q

MRTM_A3_A: Maritime - Data for both selected ports and ports for which detailed statistics are not required
Timeliness: 240 Periodicity: A

MRTM_B1_A: Maritime - Seaborne transport in main European ports by port, cargo type, goods type and relation
Timeliness: 240 Periodicity: A

MRTM_C1_Q: Maritime - Unit load seaborne transport in main European ports by port, cargo type, relation and loaded status
Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: Q

MRTM_D1_Q: Maritime - Passenger transport in main European ports by relation and nationality of registration of vessels
Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: Q

MRTM_E1_A: Maritime - Seaborne transport in main European ports by port, cargo type, relation and nationality of registration of vessels
Timeliness: 240 Periodicity: A

MRTM_F1_Q: Maritime - European port vessel traffic in the main European ports by port, vessel type and size loading or unloading cargo, embarking or disembarking passengers
Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: Q

MRTM_F2_Q: Maritime - European port vessel traffic in the main European ports by port, vessel type and size loading or unloading cargo, embarking or disembarking passengers
Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: Q

4. Methodology

Glossary for transport statistics, available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-BI-03-002

Annexes of Regulation 425/2007 and Directive No 95/64/EC (extended by the Commission Decisions)

Reference Manual on Inland Waterways Transport Statistics – Version 1, available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/transport/library?l=/inland_waterways/5_methodology&vm=detailed&sb=Title

United Nations LOCODE (for ports)

Methodology on maritime transport statistics

5. International Cooperation

ESPO, CCNR and Danube Commission.

Module 3.04.06 Air transport statistics

Responsible unit: **E-6: Transport**
Contact person: Luis Antonio DE LA FUENTE, Tel: +352 4301 35583

1. Module Description

The objective of this module is to provide harmonised statistics (passengers, freight and mail) on air transport, based on Regulation 437/2003. A possible extension of the Regulation is envisaged in order to better serve the evolution of political needs.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1358/2003 of 31 July 2003, implementing Regulation (EC) No 437/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of passengers, freight and mail by air and amending Annexes I and II thereto, OJ L 194, 1.8.2003

Regulation (EC) No 437/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 February 2003, on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of passengers, freight and mail by air, OJ L 66, 11.3.2003

Commission Regulation (EC) No 546/2005 of 8 April 2005, adapting Regulation (EC) No 437/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the allocation of reporting-country codes and amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 1358/2003 as regards the updating of the list of Community airports, OJ L 91, 9.4.2005

Commission Regulation (EC) No 158/2007 of 16 February 2007, amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 1358/2003 as regards the list of Community airports, OJ L 49, 17.2.2007, p. 9–20

Other basis:

Reference Manual on Air Transport Statistics - Version 5 available on:
http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/transport/library?l=/06_aviation/5_methodology&vm=detailed&sb=Title

3. Data Requirements

AIR_A1_M: Flight stages database Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: M

AIR_A1_Q: Flight stages database Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: Q

AIR_B1_M: On flight origin destination database Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: M

AIR_B1_Q: On flight origin destination database Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: Q

AIR_C1_A: Airports database Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

AIR_C1_M: Airports database Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: M

AIR_C1_Q: Airports database Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: Q

Note: If a country delivers monthly datasets, there is no need to provide quarterly or annual datasets.

4. Methodology

Reference Manual on Air Transport Statistics – Version 5 available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/transport/library?l=/06_aviation/5_methodology&vm=detailed&sb=Title

Glossary for transport statistics available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/transport/library?l=/06_aviation/6sglossaries&vm=detailed&sb=Title

Annex I of the implementing Commission Regulation 1358/2003

ICAO airport, airline, aircraft classifications

5. International Cooperation

EASA, ICAO, EUROCONTROL, IATA, AEA.

Module 3.04.08 Transport safety statistics

Responsible unit:
Contact person:

E-6: Transport
Hans STRELOW, Tel: +352 4301 34580

1. Module Description

The objective of this module is to provide statistics on transport safety in general. It covers inter alia the work done for the Community database on road accidents (CARE). This is a joint DG TREN-Eurostat project, based on Council Decision 93/704. In addition, Eurostat collects rail accident data from the Regulation on rail transport statistics. Eurostat envisages producing multi-modal safety statistics based on the data collection work done by TREN (in road) and its different safety agencies.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Decision No 93/704/EC of 30 November 1993, on the creation of a community database on road accidents, OJ L 329, 30.12.1993

Other basis:

UNECE and ITF do some data collection but in a completely different form compared to the Council Decision.

Part of the terminology used is the same and this terminology can be found in the Glossary for Transport Statistics. This glossary is translated to all current EU Member States languages as well as Russian. The glossary (yet only in EN/FR/RU) is available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?pageid=1073_46587259&dad=portal&schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-BI-03-002, <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp6/transstatglossmain.html> or <http://www.cemt.org/online/glossaries/index.htm>

3. Data Requirements

CARE_ROAD_A: Community database on road accidents Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

CARE documentation from DG TREN

5. International Cooperation

None

Theme 3.05 Tourism

Description

Tourism is an important economic activity in the European Union with a high potential of contributing to higher employment. It comprises a wide variety of products or services and destinations and many different stakeholders are involved with much decentralised areas of competence often at regional and local levels.

Currently, statistics are collected on the supply of and demand for tourist accommodation, as well as on tourism propensity and tourism behaviour of EU residents. The legal basis for this data collection (Council Directive 95/57 and its related Commission Decisions of 9 December 1998 and 10 December 2004 and Council Directive 2006/110) are being updated in order to ensure the quality of the data collection in terms of relevance, comparability, completeness and freshness of the data. A renewed legal act is scheduled to be adopted by the end of 2009. Further, statistics on tourism employment and on indicators related to sustainable and competitive tourism are compiled using existing statistics.

Key priorities 2009

Developments in tourism statistics in 2009 are driven by increased policy attention to the evidence-based potential and importance of the tourism sector for growth, employment and long-term sustainable development. Enhanced monitoring of compliance with Directive 95/57/EC and the production of a wide range of comprehensive and comparative statistics and analyses will be at the centre of the work.

A renewed legal base, i.e. a Regulation of the Council and the European Parliament on Tourism Statistics is expected to be adopted by the end of 2009.

The results of Eurostat's large-scale project on Tourism satellite accounts (TSAs) will be evaluated and proposals will be made regarding the regular implementation of TSAs in the EU.

Methodological and analytical work on statistics on employment in tourism and on indicators related to sustainable and competitive tourism will be strengthened.

Module 3.05.01 Tourism statistics

Responsible unit: **F-6: Information society; Tourism**
Contact person: Christophe DEMUNTER, Tel: +352 4301 36565

1. Module Description

The objective is to compile and publish harmonised and high-quality statistical information on tourism in Europe.

Since 1995, the legal basis for tourism statistics is Council Directive 95/57/EC. The legal basis is under revision (with a Regulation expected to enter into force in 2011).

The current system of tourism statistics consists of two main elements. On the one hand the supply side statistics, giving information on capacity and occupancy of tourist accommodation establishments. On the other hand the demand side, giving information on tourism participation and tourism trips made by residents of the European Union. While the first is closer to the concept of business statistics, the latter has more affinity with social statistics. Both components together depict the state of affairs of tourism in Europe as well as tourism by Europeans.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Directive No 95/57/EC of 23 November 1995, on collection of statistical information in the field of tourism, OJ L 291, 6.12.1995

Commission Decision No 1999/35/EC of 9 December 1998, on the procedures for implementing Council Directive 95/57/EC on the collection of statistical information in the field of tourism, OJ L 9, 15.1.1999

Commission Decision No 2004/883/EC of 10 December 2004, adjusting the Annex to Council Directive 95/57/EC on the collection of statistical information in the field of tourism as regards country lists, OJ L 373, 21.12.2004

3. Data Requirements

TOUR_CAP_A: Tourism Capacity-Annual Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

TOUR DEM_A: Tourism Demand-Annual. Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

TOUR DEM_Q: Tourism Demand-Quarterly Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

TOUR_OCC_A: Tourism Occupancy-Annual. Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

TOUR_OCC_M: Tourism Occupancy-Monthly Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: M

4. Methodology

Dedicated section on tourism statistics within the Eurostat website:

<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/tourism> (click Methodology)

Business Methods available on:

http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nomenclatures/index.cfm?TargetUrl=LST_NOM&StrGroupCode=L_EX_MANUAL&StrLanguageCode=EN

5. International Cooperation

OECD, UN, UNWTO.

Theme 3.06 Business registers

Description

The objectives of this theme are to harmonise the national statistical business registers (BRs), to monitor the quality of the registers and to build a register on multinational enterprise groups (MNEs).

The new Regulation on business registers entered into force early 2008. The main new requirement is a response to the need from several areas of statistics related to globalisation, and a European register of MNEs and their constituent units, the EuroGroups register, is therefore under construction to serve as basic infrastructure for globalisation statistics. The EuroGroups register will be established as a central register at Eurostat and corresponding national registers in Member States.

Measures used to achieve the objectives include implementing legal acts, a recommendations manual giving guidance for the implementation, and further development of BRs, and studies on best practices. The theme also covers definition of appropriate statistical units for the European statistical system and standardisation of the application of the main statistical units used in the production system: local units, enterprises and enterprise groups, the last-mentioned both at resident and multinational level.

Key priorities 2009

The EuroGroups register will cover 5 000 MNEs in 2009 and will be further extended in coming years. The crucial success factor for the quality of the register will be the well functioning exchange of data between Eurostat and Member States and this will therefore be a key priority. This involves development of quality assurance methods and suitable IT tools. An ESSnet will assist the ESS with methodological support.

After the adoption of the Commission Regulation specifying the mandatory exchange of MNE data between Eurostat and the national Statistical Institutes end of 2008/early 2009, a second Regulation will be prepared to extend the exchange of data to the central banks.

The annual survey on business registers will be adapted to NACE Rev 2. It covers all Member States, EFTA and candidate countries.

Module 3.06.01 Business registers and statistical units

Responsible unit: **G-1:** Business statistics - coordination and registers
Contact person: Clemens SCHROETER, Tel: +352 4301 35532

1. Module Description

The objectives of this module are to harmonise the national statistical business registers, to monitor the quality of the registers and to build a register on multinational enterprise groups (MNEs), in accordance with the new Business Register Regulation (177/2008).

The main new requirement in the new Regulation is a response to the need for from several areas of statistics related to globalisation. A European register of MNEs and their constituent units, the EuroGroups register, is therefore under construction to serve as basic infrastructure for globalisation statistics. The EuroGroups register will be established as a central register at Eurostat and corresponding national registers in Member States.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Regulation (EEC) No 696/93 of 15 March 1993, statistical units for the observation and analysis of the production system in the European Community, OJ L 76, 30.3.1993

Regulation (EC) No 177/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 February 2008 establishing a common framework for business registers for statistical purposes and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 2186/93, OJ L 61, 5.3.2008

3. Data Requirements

BUSREG_A_A: Business Registers Timeliness: 120 Periodicity: A

EGR_ASSETS_A: Com_LeU_Total_Assets_Receive Timeliness: 120 Periodicity: A

EGR_CESS_A: Com_LeU_Cessation_Receive Timeliness: 120 Periodicity: A

EGR_COMM_A: Com_LeU_Commencement_Receive Timeliness: 120 Periodicity: A

EGR_CONTROL_A: Com_Rel_Kind_Control_Receive Timeliness: 120 Periodicity: A

EGR_EMPLOY_A: Com_LeU_Employed_Receive Timeliness: 120 Periodicity: A

EGR_EXISTEN_A: Com_LeU_Existence_Receive Timeliness: 120 Periodicity: A

EGR_EXTERN_A: Com_LeU_External_ID_Receive Timeliness: 120 Periodicity: A

EGR_GLOBEG_A: Com_EG_Global_Identity_Receive Timeliness: 120 Periodicity: A

EGR_IMEXPOR_A: Com_LeU_Import_Export_Receive Timeliness: 120 Periodicity: A

EGR_INCORP_A: Com_LeU_Incorporation_Receive Timeliness: 120 Periodicity: A

EGR_INSTSEC_A: Com_LeU_Inst_Sector_Receive Timeliness: 120 Periodicity: A

EGR_LEGALF_A: Com_LeU_Legal_Form_Receive Timeliness: 120 Periodicity: A

EGR_LINK_A: Com_LeU_Linkresult_Receive Timeliness: 120 Periodicity: A

EGR_NACE_A: Com_LeU_NACE_Receive Timeliness: 120 Periodicity: A

EGR_NATEG_A: Com_EG_National_Identity_Receive Timeliness: 120 Periodicity: A

EGR_RCESS_A: Com_Rel_Cessation_Receive Timeliness: 120 Periodicity: A

EGR_RCOMM_A: Com_Rel_Commencement_Receive Timeliness: 120 Periodicity: A

EGR_RELATIO_A: Com_Relationship_Receive Timeliness: 120 Periodicity: A

EGR_RPERC_A: Com_Rel_Percentage_Receive Timeliness: 120 Periodicity: A

EGR_SPECODE_A: Com_LeU_SPE_Receive Timeliness: 120 Periodicity: A

EGR_TURNOV_A: Com_LeU_Turnover_Receive Timeliness: 120 Periodicity: A

EGR_TYPELEU_A: Com_LeU_Type_of_LeU_Receive Timeliness: 120 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

Business Registers for Statistical Purposes: Methodological Recommendations. Chapters 1-21. The revised version of the Manual is available in September 2003 in 11 EU languages on:

<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon>

Drafts for revised and new chapters (1-23) and Glossary available in English on BRnet (members only):

<http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/brnet/info/data/home.htm>

5. International Cooperation

Joint UNECE/Eurostat/OECD business register seminars convene every second year, next 2009 (see UNECE web site).

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers, a UN city group (former International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames) convenes every second year, next 2008 in Paris. Meeting documents available on:

<http://circa.europa.eu/irc/dsis/businesssurvey/info/data/links.htm>

DOMAIN 4 – Statistics on agriculture, forestry and fisheries

Theme 4.01 Agricultural statistics

Description

Agricultural production statistics include crop and animal production data. Crop production statistics cover the field of cereal production and the other productions resulting from field crops (on the basis of existing legislation), the production of fruits and vegetables, the supply balance sheets of wine (on a legal basis) and of other crop products. Crop statistics cover also structural data on orchards and vineyards (on a legal basis). Animal production statistics cover (on the basis of existing legislation) livestock surveys as well as meat, milk and poultry statistics. The crop and animal production statistics play a key role not only in the design, implementation and monitoring of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) but also contribute to ensuring food and feed safety in the European Union. These data is then used by the European and national institutions, third countries' administrations, stakeholders, scientists and the general public for policy making, risk management, market analysis, production forecasts, research, information, etc.

Opportunity and actuality implies that the data available to users have the ability to satisfy their needs and requirements on statistical information. Besides that, considerable effort is taken to ensure data quality at the level of compiling the agricultural production statistics, but additional quality checks are indispensable to detect and correct observed weaknesses in the data. To this purposes in-depth validation processes data collection and dissemination are launched. Several validation tools (i.e. AGRIS, etc.) play an important role in validating the consistency and coherence of agricultural statistics. Nevertheless, a more integrated approach involving pre-validation rules within the new eDAMIS (Electronic Data files Administration and Management Information System) web forms for the collection and validation of agricultural statistics is expected to be in place by 2009.

Key priorities 2009

The collection, validation and dissemination of crop and animal production statistics will be modernised and simplified. New legislation for crop products statistics will be finalised and the work programme for wine, fruit and vegetable statistics will be reviewed in the light of the reformed common market organisations.

New legislation for crop products statistics (merging the two current Regulations 837/90 and 959/93 and integrating fruit and vegetable statistics) is planned, after approval by the EP and Council, to be implemented from 1st January 2010 onwards and the data producer manual will be released. The work program on structural data for vineyard and orchards statistics will be reviewed in the light of the reformed common market organizations and the outcome of the latest surveys. A report on the 2007 orchard survey will be transmitted to the EP and Council. The implementation of a new Regulation integrating the three former 'livestock and meat' directives is scheduled for January 2009.

Module 4.01.01 Crop products statistics

Responsible unit:
Contact person:

E-2: Agriculture and fisheries
Fausto CARDOSO, Tel: +352 4301 35017

1. Module Description

The objective is to collect, process and disseminate regional, national and EU data on crop production and land use. Crop products statistics cover the production data for cereals, other field crops, fruits and vegetables and the supply balance sheets for a large number of crop products.

They also include two specialised surveys, one on vineyards with a basic survey every ten years and an annual intermediate survey as well a fruit trees plantation survey every five years. Except for the specialised surveys mentioned, data is reported annually for all products. The revision of existing community legislation and gentlemen agreements will simplify and consolidate the scope of crop statistics (i.e. fruit, vegetables and early estimates will be included in the legislation, needs of the specialised surveys on vineyard and orchard will be reconsidered). Special attention is devoted to the collection, validation and dissemination of the data, to analysis of the used methods and to the update of the metadata information.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

I. Legal acts direct managed by Eurostat:

A - Cereals and main crops:

Council Regulation (EEC) No 837/90 of 26 March 1990, concerning statistical information to be supplied by the Member States on cereals production, OJ L 88, 3.4.1990

Council Regulation (EEC) No 959/93 of 5 April 1993, concerning statistical information to be supplied by Member States on crop products other than cereals, OJ L 98, 24.4.1993

Commission Regulation (EC) No 2197/95/EC of 18 September 1995, amending the annexes to Council Regulations 837/90 and 959/93 concerning statistics to be supplied by the Member States on cereal production and 959/93 concerning statistical information to be supplied by Member States on crop products other than cereals, OJ L 221, 19.9.1995

Commission Regulation (EC) No 296/2003 of 17 February 2003, amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 959/93 concerning statistical information to be supplied by Member States on crop products other than cereals, OJ L 43, 18.2.2003

B - Vineyard:

Council Regulation (EEC) No 357/79 of 5 February 1979, statistical surveys of areas under vines, OJ L 54, 5.3.1979

Commission Decision No 79/491/EEC of 17 May 1979, laying down a code and standard rules for the transcription of the data of the basic surveys of areas under vines, OJ L 129, 28.5.1979

Commission Regulation No 991/79/EEC of 17 May 1979, setting out a schedule of tables and laying down the definitions relating to basic statistical surveys of areas under vines and repealing Regulations No 143 and No 26/64/EEC, OJ L 129, 28.5.1979

Commission Decision No 80/763/EEC of 8 July 1980, laying down additional provisions concerning statistical surveys of areas under vines, OJ L 213, 16.8.1980

Commission Decision No 80/764/EEC of 8 July 1998, establishing the schedule of tables and definitions relating to intermediate statistical surveys of areas under vines, OJ L 213, 16.8.1980

Commission Decision No 80/765/EEC of 8 July 1980, laying down a code and standard rules for the transcription into a machine-readable form of the data relating to intermediate statistical surveys of areas under vines, OJ L 213, 16.8.1980

Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2802/85 of 7 October 1985, amending Regulation No 991/79 as regards the tables relating to basic statistical surveys of areas under vines, OJ L 265, 8.10.1985

Council Regulation (EC) No 3205/93 of 16 November 1993, amending Regulation No 357/79 on statistical surveys of areas under vines, OJ L 289, 24.11.1993

Council Regulation (EC) No 2329/98 of 22 October 1998, amending Regulation (EEC) No 357/79 on statistical surveys of areas under vines, OJ L 291, 30.10.1998

Commission Decision No 99/661/EC of 9 September 1999, amending Decisions 79/491/EEC and 80/765/EEC laying down a code and standard rules for the transcription into a machine-readable form of the data of the basic surveys and the data relating to intermediate statistical surveys of areas under vines, OJ L 261, 7.10.1999

Commission Decision No 2003/654/EC of 8 September 2003, laying down a code and standard rules for the transcription into a machine-readable form of the data relating to intermediate statistical surveys of areas under vines, OJ L 230, 16.9.2003

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1402/2003 of 1 August 2003, setting out a schedule of tables and laying down the definitions relating to basic statistical surveys of areas under vines, OJ L 199, 7.8.2003

Commission Decision No 2006/717/EC of 4 September 2006, laying down a code and standard rules for the transcription into a machine-readable form of the data of the basic surveys of areas under vines, OJ L 294, 25.10.2006, p. 59-71

C - Orchards:

Council Directive No 76/625/EEC of 20 July 1976, concerning the statistical surveys to be carried out by the Member States in order to determine the production potential of plantation of certain species of fruit trees, OJ L 218, 11.8.1976

Parliament and Council Directive No 2001/109/EC of 19 December 2000, concerning the statistical surveys to be carried out by the Member States in order to determine the production potential of plantations of certain species of fruit trees, OJ L 13, 16.1.2001

Commission Decision No 2002/38/EC of 27 December 2001, setting out the survey parameters and laying down the code and standard rules for the transcription, in machine-readable form, of the data relating to the surveys on plantations of certain species of fruit trees, OJ L 16, 18.1.2002

Commission Decision No 2006/128/EC of 3 February 2006, amending Directive 2001/109/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Decision 2002/38/EC concerning the statistical surveys carried out on plantations of certain species of fruit trees, OJ L 51, 22.2.2006

Commission Decision No 2008/690/EC of 4 August 2008 amending Directive 2001/109/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Decision 2002/38/EC, as regards the statistical surveys carried out by the Member States on plantations of certain species of fruit trees, OJ L 225, 23.8.2008, p. 14-16

D - Wine Supply Balance Sheet:

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1282/2001 of 28 June 2001, laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 as regards the gathering of information to identify wine products and to monitor the wine market and amending Regulation (EC) No 1623/2000, OJ L 176, 29.6.2001

II. Legal acts not directly managed by Eurostat:

A - Olive production and olive register:

Council Regulation (EEC) No 154/75 of 21 January 1975, establishment of a register of olive cultivation in the Member States producing olive oil, OJ L 19, 24.1.1975

Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2276/79 of 16 October 1979, laying down detailed rules for the drawing up of a register of olive cultivation in the Member States producing olive oil, OJ L 262, 18.10.1979

Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1279/89 of 10 May 1989, amending Regulation No 2276/79 laying down detailed rules for the drawing up of a register of olive cultivation in the Member States producing olive oil, OJ L 127, 11.5.1989

Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2159/92 of 23 July 1992, on the financing of expenditure for the establishment and updating of the register of olive cultivation, OJ L 217, 31.7.1992

B - Wine Common Market organisation and vineyard register:

Council Regulation (EEC) No 2392/86 of 24 July 1986, establishing a community vineyard register, OJ L 208, 31.7.1986

Commission Regulation (EEC) No 649/87 of 3 March 1987, laying down detailed rules for the establishment of a community vineyard register, OJ L 62, 5.3.1987

Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1097/89 of 27 April 1989, amending Regulation No 649/87 laying down detailed rules for the establishment of a community vineyard register, OJ L 116, 28.4.1989

Council Regulation (EC) No 1596/96 of 30 July 1996, amending Regulation No 86/2392 establishing a Community vineyard register, OJ L 206, 16.8.1996

Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 of 17 May 1999, on the common organisation of the market in wine, OJ L 179, 14.7.1999

Agreements:

Member States Agreement of 1990, current statistics on fruit and vegetables (Gentlemen's Agreement).

Comments: Crop production statistics Current statistics on fruit and vegetables;
General information (description): areas and production;

Time of obligation: continuous;

Periodicity: yearly

Publication: Eurostat;

Participant countries: EU and candidate countries;

Official data providers: NSIs, Ministries of agriculture.

Member States Agreement of 1988, supply balance sheet (Gentlemen's Agreement).

Comments: Crop production supply balance sheets;

Time of obligation: continuous;

Periodicity: yearly;

Participant countries: Member States and candidate countries;

Official data providers: NSIs, Ministries of agriculture.

Member States Agreement of 1990, early estimates on Crop Production (Gentlemen's Agreement).

Comments: it's a system based on exchange of information between Eurostat (model Agromet) and early data from the Member States;
Time of obligation: continuous;
Periodicity: monthly, during the growing season period;
Participant countries: EU Member States;
Official data providers: NSIs, Ministries of agriculture.

3. Data Requirements

CROPROD_AREARE_A: Cereals and Other Crops - Regional - Annual - Area
Timeliness: 271 Periodicity: A

CROPROD_CERARA1_A: Cereals - Area - Provisional - Annual Timeliness: 1 Periodicity: A

CROPROD_CERARA2_A: Cereals - Area - Final - Annual Timeliness: 91 Periodicity: A

CROPROD_CERPY1_A: Cereals - Production and Yield - First Estimates - Annual
Timeliness: 1 Periodicity: A

CROPROD_CERPY2_A: Cereals - Production and Yield - Provisional - Annual
Timeliness: 31 Periodicity: A

CROPROD_CERPY3_A: Cereals - Production and Yield - Final - Annual
Timeliness: 271 Periodicity: A

CROPROD_EARLY_A: Crops - Early Estimates - Annual Timeliness: 1 Periodicity: A

CROPROD_FVEARLY_A: Fruit & Vegetables - Early Estimates - Annual
Timeliness: 1 Periodicity: A

CROPROD_LANDRE_A: Cereals and Other Crops - Regional - Annual - Land Use
Timeliness: 271 Periodicity: A

CROPROD_OTHARA1_A: Other Crops - Area - Provisional - Annual Timeliness: 1 Periodicity: A

CROPROD_OTHARA2_A: Other Crops - Area - Final - Annual Timeliness: 91 Periodicity: A

CROPROD_OTHPY2_A: Other Crops - Production and Yield - Provisional - Annual
Timeliness: 105 Periodicity: A

CROPROD_OTHPY3_A: Other Crops - Production and Yield - Final - Annual
Timeliness: 271 Periodicity: A

CROPROD_PRODRE_A: Cereals and Other Crops - Regional - Production - Annual
Timeliness: 271 Periodicity: A

CROPROD_PULSE1_A: Pulses - Production and Yield - First Estimates - Annual
Timeliness: 1 Periodicity: A

CROPROD_REGION_A: Cereals and Other Crops - Regional - Annual
Timeliness: 271 Periodicity: A

CROPROD_RSLCPY1_A: Root Crops, Soya, Linseed and Cotton - Production and Yield - First Estimates - Annual Timeliness: 1 Periodicity: A

CROPROD_RSUNPY1_A: Rape and Sunflower - Production and Yield - First Estimates - Annual
Timeliness: 1 Periodicity: A

CROPSBS_CEREAL1_A: Supply Balance Sheets - Cereals - Provisional - Annual
Timeliness: 135 Periodicity: A

CROPSBS_CEREAL2_A: Supply Balance Sheets - Cereals - Final - Annual
 Timeliness: 75 Periodicity: A

CROPSBS_FRTVEG_A: Supply Balance Sheets - Fruit & Vegetables - Annual
 Timeliness: 165 Periodicity: A

CROPSBS_OILSVEG_A: Supply Balance Sheets - Oilseeds & Vegetable Oils - Annual
 Timeliness: 75 Periodicity: A

CROPSBS_POTATO1_A: Supply Balance Sheets - Potatoes - Provisional - Annual
 Timeliness: 75 Periodicity: A

CROPSBS_POTATO2_A: Supply Balance Sheets - Potatoes - Final - Annual
 Timeliness: 165 Periodicity: A

CROPSBS_PREPFAT_A: Supply Balance Sheets - Prepared Fats & Oils - Annual
 Timeliness: 240 Periodicity: A

CROPSBS_PULSE_A: Supply Balance Sheets - Dried Pulses - Annual
 Timeliness: 165 Periodicity: A

CROPSBS_RAPEOLV_A: Supply Balance Sheets - Rape, Turnip Rape & Olive Oil - Annual
 Timeliness: 75 Periodicity: A

CROPSBS_RICE1_A: Supply Balance Sheets - Rice - Provisional - Annual
 Timeliness: 75 Periodicity: A

CROPSBS_RICE2_A: Supply Balance Sheets - Rice - Final - Annual Timeliness: 165 Periodicity: A

CROPSBS_SUGAR1_A: Supply Balance Sheets - Sugar - Provisional - Annual
 Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: A

CROPSBS_SUGAR2_A: Supply Balance Sheets - Sugar - Final - Annual
 Timeliness: 240 Periodicity: A

CROPSBS_WINE1_A: Supply Balance Sheets - Wine - Provisional - Annual
 Timeliness: 105 Periodicity: A

CROPSBS_WINE2_A: Supply Balance Sheets - Wine - Final - Annual
 Timeliness: 585 Periodicity: A

FLOWERS_PLANTS_3: Ornamental Plants - Triennial Timeliness: 120 Periodicity: 3

FRUCTUS_ORCHARD_5: Orchards Survey - 5 yearly Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: 5

VITIS_FORECST_A: Vineyards - Forecast - Annual Timeliness: 120 Periodicity: A

VITIS_VINAREA_A: Vineyards - Areas - Annual Timeliness: 120 Periodicity: A

VITIS_VINGRUB_A: Vineyards - Grub (re)planted - Annual Timeliness: 120 Periodicity: A

VITIS_WINEPRD_A: Vineyards - Wine Production - Annual Timeliness: 120 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

Crop production statistics- Community methodological reports: cereals in Europe (November 1994); cereals in Europe - Supplement (September 1996); crops in Europe (December 1996), Eurostat

Crop production statistics - Methodological Handbook of current statistics on crop production (ASA/PE611)

Crop production - Glossary 2001, available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-CI-01-001-1F

Agromet/EECP Statistical predicting probabilistic model working from current statistics and weather conditions, results sent to the Member States monthly, forecasts reviewed by the Member States according to their own data

Supply balance sheets- Current statistics, trade statistics, and technical coefficients

Supply balance sheets- Community methodological handbooks : ASA/PE/635 - Generalities (2001), ASA/PE/636 - Cereals (2002), ASA/PE/637 - Rice (2002), ASA/PE/642 – Sugar (2002), ASA/PE/638 - Dried pulses (2002), ASA/PE/639 - Potatoes and Potato starch (2002), ASA/PE/640 - vegetables (2002), ASA/PE/641 – Fruits (2002), ASA/PE/644 – Wine (2002).

5. International Cooperation

None

Module 4.01.02 Livestock, meat and eggs statistics

Responsible unit:

E-2: Agricultural and fisheries

Contact person:

Garry MAHON, Tel: +352 4301 37310

Johan SELENIUS (Agreements), Tel: + 352 4301 37322

1. Module Description

The objective of this module is to provide harmonised regional, national and EU data related to livestock, meat and poultry production, including cattle, pigs, sheep and goats livestock surveys, meat production, trade of live animals, production forecasts, supply balance sheets, activity, trade and structure of hatcheries. Apart from the monthly data on slaughtering and production of eggs, the remaining data is reported quarterly, annually or every 2 years. From 2009 onwards, a new EU-Regulation repealing (and simplifying) the current Directives will enter into force. Special attention is devoted to the collection, validation and dissemination of the data, analysis of the used methods and update of the metadata information.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Regulation (EC) No 1165/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 concerning livestock and meat statistics and repealing Council Directives 93/23/EEC, 93/24/EEC and 93/25/EEC, OJ L 321, 1.12.2008, p. 1–13

Commission Regulation (EC) No 617/2008 of 27 June 2008 laying down detailed rules for implementing Regulation (EC) No 1237/2007 as regarding marketing standards for eggs for hatching and farmyard poultry chicks, OJ L 168, 28.6.2008, p. 5–16

Agreements:

Member States Agreement of 1990, supply balance sheets of meat and milk.

Comments: information on the production, consumption and external trade of various meats and offals and milk;

Time of obligation: continuous;

Periodicity: annual;

Publication: results currently published with other information on animal products statistics;

Participant countries: all Member States;

Official data providers: NSIs or MA.

Member States Agreement of 2000, figures on poultry meat production.

Comments: additional to slaughtering figures in number of heads and weight;

Time of obligation: continuous;

Periodicity: monthly for table fowl and turkeys, quarterly for other poultry;

Date of adoption: March 2000, minutes adopted in Oct. 2000;

Participant countries: all Member States;

Official data providers: NSIs or MA.

Member States Agreement of 1990, supply balance sheets of animal feed.

Comments: information on the production, consumption and external trade of various animal feed;

Time of obligation: continuous;

Periodicity: annual;

Publication: results currently published with other information on animal products statistics;

Participant countries: Member States and candidate countries;

Official data providers: NSIs or MA.

3. Data Requirements

ANI_GIPCAT_S: Gross Indigenous Production - Cattle - Semiannual Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: S

ANI_GIPPIG_Q: Gross Indigenous Production - Pigs - Quarterly Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: Q

ANI_GIPSHGO_S: Gross Indigenous Production - Sheep & Goats - Semiannual Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: S

ANI_HACTAI_M: Activity of Hatcheries - Monthly Timeliness: 45 Periodicity: M

ANI_HATSTRU_A: Structure of Hatcheries - Annual Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: A

ANI_LSCATMJ_A: Livestock Survey - Cattle - May/June - Annual Timeliness: 105 Periodicity: A

ANI_LSCATND_A: Livestock Survey - Cattle - November/December - Annual Timeliness: 75 Periodicity: A

ANI_LSCATR_A: Livestock Survey - Cattle - Regional - Annual Timeliness: 75 Periodicity: A

ANI_LSPIGMJ_A: Livestock Survey - Pigs - May/June - Annual Timeliness: 105 Periodicity: A

ANI_LSPIGND_A: Livestock Survey - Pigs - November/December - Annual Timeliness: 75 Periodicity: A

ANI_LSPIGR_A: Livestock Survey - Pigs - Regional - Annual Timeliness: 75 Periodicity: A

ANI_LSSHGMJ_A: Livestock survey - Sheep & Goats - May/June - Annual Timeliness: 105 Periodicity: A

ANI_LSSHGND_A: Livestock Survey - Sheep & Goats - November/December - Annual Timeliness: 75 Periodicity: A

ANI_LSSHGOR_A: Livestock Survey - Sheep & Goats - Regional - Annual Timeliness: 75 Periodicity: A

ANI_LSSHGOS_2: Livestock Survey - Livestock Breakdown by Herd Size (Sheep and Goats) - Biannual (odd years - 2005 / 2007) - no webform Timeliness: 165 Periodicity: 2

ANI_SBSEGGS_A: Supply Balance Sheets - Eggs - Annual Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: A

ANI_SBSMEAT_A: Supply Balance Sheets - Meat - Annual Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: A

ANI_SLAUGHT_M: Slaughterings - Monthly Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: M

ANI_TRADCHI_M: Trade of Chicks - Monthly Timeliness: 45 Periodicity: M

4. Methodology

Exhaustive survey or representative sampling with a sampling error of max.: 1% of total bovine animals and 1.5% of total cows, 2% of total pigs, 2% of total sheep, 2% of total goats

Data from slaughterhouses plus estimates of slaughtering on the farm

Productions forecasts based on livestock surveys and other sources

Fodder balance sheets - Current statistics, trade statistics, technical coefficients, technical surveys

Fodder balance sheets - Community methodological handbooks: E/V/001 - Generalities (2001), Animal feed balances (explanatory notes, Doc. ASA/PE/614, March 2001)

5. International Cooperation

None

Module 4.01.03 Milk and dairy products statistics

Responsible unit:

E-2: Agricultural and fisheries

Contact person:

Garry MAHON, Tel: +352 4301 37310

Johan SELENIUS (Agreements), Tel: + 352 4301 37322

1. Module Description

This module covers statistics at regional, national and EU level related to production of milk and milk products from cows, ewes, goats and buffalos. It concerns monthly and annual data on milk produced in agricultural holdings (farms) and collected by dairies including data on the protein content and supply balance sheets. Triennial statistics provide data on the structure of dairies. Most of the data is covered by Community legal acts. Current activities are: improving the data collection system, data validation, data analysis and dissemination as well as the elaboration and update of the metadata.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Directive No 96/16/EC of 19 March 1996, statistical surveys of milk and milk products, OJ L 78, 28.3.1996

Commission Decision No 97/80/EC of 18 December 1996, implementation of Council Directive No 96/16 on statistical surveys of milk and milk products, OJ L 24, 25.1.1997

Commission Decision No 98/325/EC of 24 April 1998, on the 1998 work program relating to the protein content of the main milk products, OJ L 142, 14.5.1998

Council Decision No 98/582/EC of 6 October 1998, amending Commission Decision 97/80/EC laying down provisions for the implementation of Council Directive 96/16/EC on statistical surveys of milk and milk products, OJ L 281, 17.10.1998

Commission Decision No 1999/309/EC of 23 April 1999, on the 1999 work programme relating to the protein content of the main milk products, OJ L 119, 7.5.1999

European Parliament and Council Directive No 2003/107/EC of 5 December 2003, amending Council Directive 96/16/EC on statistical surveys of milk and milk products, OJ L 7, 13.1.2003

Commission Decision No 2005/288/EC of 18 March 2005, amending Decision 97/80/EC on provisions for the implementation of Council Directive 96/16/EC on statistical surveys of milk and milk products, OJ L 88, 7.4.2005

Agreements:

Members States Agreement of 1990, supply balance sheets of meat and milk.

Comments: information on the production, consumption and external trade of various meats and offal and milk;

Time of obligation: continuous;

Periodicity: annual;

Publication: results currently published with other information on animal products statistics;

Participant countries: all Member States;

Official data providers: NSIs or MA.

3. Data Requirements

MILK_DSENCC_3: Structure of Dairies - 3 Yearly - Collection Centers by volume of annual milk collection Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: 3

MILK_DSENDC_3: Structure of Dairies - 3 Yearly - Enterprises by volume of annual milk collection
Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: 3

MILK_DSENDV_3: Structure of Dairies - 3 Yearly - Enterprises by volume of milk treated
Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: 3

MILK_DSENGM_3: Structure of Dairies - 3 Yearly - Enterprises by annual production of groups of milk products
Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: 3

MILK_PROTEIN_A: Milk Protein Contents - Annual Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

MILK_REGION_A: Milk Production - Regional - Annual Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

MILK_SBS_A: Supply Balance Sheets - Milk - Annual Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

MILK_TABLEA_M: Milk Production - Table A - Monthly Timeliness: 45 Periodicity: M

MILK_TABLEB_A: Milk Production - Table B - Annual Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

MILK_TABLEC_A: Milk Production - Table C - Annual Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

Exhaustive surveys, accounting for at least 95% of cow's milk collected. Monthly surveys may be sample surveys. The sampling error must not exceed 1% of the total national collection exhaustive surveys.

Changes: Increase of the importance of the confidentiality in milk products statistics

5. International Cooperation

Eurostat is represented in the International Dairy Federation.

Theme 4.02 Agricultural structures

Description

Statistics on agricultural structures include the Farm Structure Survey (FSS) as well as the future Survey on Agricultural Production Methods (SAPM). This statistical information plays a key role in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the CAP. The EU farm structure surveys are the backbone of the agricultural statistical system. They provide micro-data on the agricultural labour force, land use, livestock, equipment and non-agricultural activities and they are the statistical basis for sample surveys on land use, livestock and agricultural income. The farm typology processed on the FSS is the key used in the farm accountancy data network.

Key priorities 2009

The dissemination and processing of the FSS data (ad hoc tables) will be a priority, as well as the adaptation of the Eurofarm system in view of the future FSS and SAPM. The 2009/2010 FSS and SAPM will be carried out in Greece, Spain and Portugal and be prepared in the other EU Member States.

Module 4.02.01 Agricultural structures

Responsible unit:
Contact person:

E-1: Farms, agro-environment and rural development
Günther TOSSTORFF, Tel: +352 4301 33755
Johan SELENIUS (Other basis), Tel: +352 4301 37322

1. Module Description

Collection and validation of Farm Structure Survey statistics. These data play a key role in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). The EU farm structure surveys (FSS) - censuses every ten years (1990, 2000; 2010 etc.) and intermediate sample surveys in between - are the backbone of the agricultural statistical system. The next sample surveys will be conducted in 2013 and 2016. They provide micro-data on agricultural labour force, land use, livestock, and equipment and they are the statistical basis for sample surveys on land use, livestock and agricultural income; the EU farm typology (linked to farm structure survey and farm accountancy data network) has to be revised in accordance with CAP reform.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Regulation (EC) No 2467/96 of 17 December 1996, amending Regulation (EEC) No 571/1988 on the organization of Community surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings, OJ L 335, 24.12.1996

Commission Decision No 115/2000/EC of 24 November 1999, relating to the definitions of the characteristics, the list of agricultural products, the exceptions to the definitions and the regions and districts regarding the surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings, OJ L 38, 12.2.2000

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1444/2002 of 24 July 2002, amending Commission Decision 2000/115/EC relating to the definitions of the characteristics, the exceptions to the definitions and the regions and districts regarding the surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings, OJ L 216, 12.8.2002

Commission Regulation (EC) No 68/2003 of 16 January 2003, concerning the use of information from sources other than statistical surveys and the time limits for the communication of the results for the 2003 survey on the structure of agricultural holdings, OJ L 12, 17.1.2003

Regulation (EC) No 1435/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 June 2004, amending, as a result of enlargement, Council Regulation (EEC) No 571/88 on the organisation of Community surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings, OJ L 268, 16.8.2004

Commission Regulation (EC) No 2139/2004 of 8 December 2004, adapting and implementing Council Regulation (EEC) No 571/88 and amending Commission Decision 2000/115/EC with a view to the organisation of Community surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings in 2005 and 2007, OJ L 369, 16.12.2004

Corrigendum to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2139/2004 of 8 December 2004 adapting and implementing Council Regulation (EEC) No 571/88 and amending Commission Decision 2000/115/EC with a view to the organisation of Community surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings in 2005 and 2007 (OJ L 369, 16.12.2004), OJ L 244, 20.9.2005

Commission Decision No 2005/124/EC of 10 February 2005, authorising certain Member States to use information from sources other than statistical surveys for the 2005 survey on the structure of agricultural holdings, OJ L 39, 11.2.2005

Commission Regulation (EC) No 204/2006 of 6 February 2006, adapting Council Regulation (EEC) No 571/88 and amending Commission Decision 2000/115/EC with a view to the organisation of Community surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings in 2007, OJ L 34, 7.2.2006

Regulation (EC) No 1890/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006, on amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 571/88 on the organization of Community surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings, as regards the financial framework for the period 2007-2009 and the maximum Community contribution for Bulgaria and Romania, OJ L 386, 29.12.2006

Commission Decision No 2007/80/EC of 1 February 2007, authorising certain Member States to use information from sources other than statistical surveys for the 2007 survey on the structure of agricultural holdings, OJ L 28, 3.2.2007

Regulation (EC) No 1166/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on farm structure surveys and the survey on agricultural production methods and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 571/88, OJ L 321, 1.12.2008, p. 14-34

Other basis:

Document CLASSEX 322 (Typology handbook)

3. Data Requirements

AGRI_FARM_A: Results of Farm Structure Surveys Timeliness: 1080 Periodicity: A

AGRI_SGMCOEF_N: SGM Coefficients Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: N

4. Methodology

Information on the methodology of the structure surveys can be found in Farm structure - 1999/2000 survey (2003 Edition), available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-52-03-756-3A

5. International Cooperation

None

Theme 4.03 Land use and land cover

Description

Land cover and land use are of high importance in the definition and evaluation of common agricultural and environment policies. The LUCAS (Land Use/Cover Area frame statistical Survey) project was launched by Decision No 1445/2000/EC dealing with the application of area frame techniques. The objective is to set up area frame surveys for the provision of coherent and harmonised statistics on land use and land cover, information on agriculture, information on the environment, landscapes and sustainable development, ground evidence for calibration of satellite images, a register of points for specific surveys (such as soil, biodiversity etc.) and for the core European in-situ data collection network. The focus is on providing comparable and harmonised statistical information on land cover and land use in EU to meet the data needs of the Commission, the EEA and others. This LUCAS survey is the core in-situ data set used for different environmental and agricultural monitoring applications in Europe.

Key priorities 2009

The key priority for the year 2009 is to implement the largest LUCAS survey so far, covering 23 EU countries. The second key priority is the LUCAS data analysis and dissemination.

Module 4.03.01 Land use and land cover

Responsible unit: **E-1: Farms, agro-environment and rural development**
Contact person: Alessandra PALMIERI, Tel: +352 4301 31776

1. Module Description

Collecting and harmonising European data on land cover/use by three main approaches: by implementing the LUCAS survey in the Member States, by assessing and collecting available data in Member States, taking into account the need for harmonisation these data and by co-operating with EEA and other EU and international bodies. The work consists mainly of implementing the LUCAS survey from conception phase to analysing the resulting data and co-ordination of cooperation with the Member States on land cover/use, data availability and harmonisation.

The LUCAS survey consists of an area frame sampling survey collecting in situ data on land cover/use, covering 25 Member States in the 2008-2009 round.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

No valid legal acts on overall land cover and land use statistics.

Agreements:

Under preparation

3. Data Requirements

The LUCAS survey is designed and carried out by Eurostat who collects directly the data; Member States are not involved for the moment.

Agricultural Land Use statistics are collected through the Crop Statistics regulation:
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: A

An integrated system of Land cover and land use statistics is under preparation, with data collection expected to start in 2010.

4. Methodology

The LUCAS 2006 methodology is described in:
SIF 33 / 2008 'New insight into land cover and land use in Europe'.

Land cover and land use:
Under preparation

5. International Cooperation

Land cover and land use:
FAO, OECD.

Theme 4.04 Agricultural accounts and prices

Description

Economic accounts for agriculture (EAA) and prices play a key role in the design, implementation and monitoring of the CAP as well as in the evaluation of the impact of the CAP on the economic and financial situation of the agricultural community. Agricultural price indices (API) are used above all for the analysis of price developments and its effect on agricultural income. The main use for absolute agricultural prices is the comparison of the price level between Member States and the study of sales channels.

Key priorities 2009

Collection, validation and dissemination of agricultural accounts and prices will continue and be further modernised. Particular attention will be given to the change to the 2005 base year in APIs. This will comprise the implementation of some methodological improvements and facilitate the better validation of API data. Collection and publication of the empirical definitions of absolute agricultural prices. The quality and level of harmonisation of regional EAA will be improved, methodological inventories will be collected and evaluated. A screening of the use of some data, especially the unit values, could be initiated.

Module 4.04.01 Agricultural accounts and prices

Responsible unit: **E-2: Agricultural and fisheries**
Contact person: Iulia POP, Tel: +352 4301 34443

1. Module Description

Economic Accounts for Agriculture (EAA) and agricultural price statistics (APS) play a key role in the design, implementation and monitoring of the common agricultural policy (CAP) as well as in the evaluation of the impact of the CAP on the economic and financial situation of the agricultural community. The national EAA data are covered by legal act while regional EAA and APS data are collected through gentlemen agreement. EAA, Agricultural labour input (ALI) and Unit values data are collected and disseminated annually; price indices are reported quarterly and annually; absolute prices annually; agricultural land prices and rents annually. Collection, validation and dissemination of agricultural accounts and prices will continue and be further modernised. Particular attention is given to the implementation of a target methodology for land prices and rents.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

European Parliament and Council Regulation No: 138/2004/EC of 05/12/2003, on the economic accounts for agriculture in the Community, OJ: L 033, of 05/02/2004

Commission Regulation No: 306/2005 of 24/02/2005, amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 138/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the economic accounts for agriculture in the Community, OJ: L 52 of 25/02/2005

Commission Regulation No: 909/2006 of 20/06/2006, amending Annexes I and II to Regulation (EC) No 138/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the economic accounts for agriculture in the Community, OJ: L 168 of 21/06/2006

Commission Regulation (EC) No 212/2008 of 7 March 2008, amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 138/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the economic accounts for agriculture in the Community, OJ: L 65, 8.3.2008

Agreements:

Gentlemen's agreement on EU agricultural price indices (output and input) supplemented by a system of absolute prices for the principal agricultural products and means of production and agricultural land prices and rents.

Time of obligation: continuous: yes

Periodicity: Quarterly and annual

Participant countries: EU Member States

Official data providers: NSI's and the Ministries of Agriculture

Gentlemen's agreement on Unit Values of agricultural products.

Gentlemen's agreement on regional EAA data

3. Data Requirements

COSAEA_AGR1_A: Economic Accounts for Agriculture - First Estimates - Annual Timeliness: - 30 Periodicity: A

COSAEA_AGR2_A: Economic Accounts for Agriculture - Second Estimates - Annual Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: A

COSAEA_AGR3_A: Economic Accounts for Agriculture - Final - Annual
Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

COSAEA_ALI1_A: Economic Accounts for Agriculture - Labour Input - First Estimates - Annual
Timeliness: -30 Periodicity: A

COSAEA_ALI2_A: Economic Accounts for Agriculture - Labour Input - Second Estimates - Annual
Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: A

COSAEA_ALI3_A: Economic Accounts for Agriculture - Labour Input - Final - Annual
Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

COSAEA_REGION_A: Economic Accounts for Agriculture - Regional - Annual
Timeliness: 630 Periodicity: A

COSAEA_UV_A: Economic Accounts for Agriculture - Unit Values - Annual
Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

PRAG_FORECST_A: Agricultural Prices - Indices - Forecasts - Annual Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: A

PRAG_INDICES_A: Agricultural Prices - Indices - Final - Annual Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: A

PRAG_INDICES_Q: Agricultural Prices - Indices - Quarterly Timeliness: 45 Periodicity: Q

PRAG_LAND_A: Agricultural Prices - Land (including rent) - Annual Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

PRAG_PRICES_A: Agricultural Prices - Absolute - Annual Timeliness: 61 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

European Parliament and Council Regulation No: 138/2004/EC

(APS) Handbook for EU agricultural price statistics – version 2.0 (March 2008)

(EAA) EUROSTAT: Manual on Economic Accounts for Agriculture and Forestry EAA/EAF 97 (Rev. 1.1), Theme 5 Series Methods and Nomenclatures, Luxembourg, 2000 (available in the eleven official languages).

(ALI) EUROSTAT: Target methodology for Agricultural Labour Input (ALI) statistics (Rev.1), Theme 5 Series Methods and Nomenclatures, Luxembourg, 2000 (available German, English and French).

5. International Cooperation

FAO, UNECE.

Theme 4.05 Forestry statistics

Description

For this theme Eurostat will continue to cooperate extensively with international bodies (FAO, UNECE and ITTO) in the use and development of the Joint FAO/ECE/Eurostat/ITTO Forest Sector Questionnaire (JFSQ), with which annual data on wood and wood-derived products are collected worldwide, thus avoiding any duplication of effort. The responsibility for collection and management of the data is shared; Eurostat is responsible for the replies of the EU countries and the EFTA countries. These data are the basis for international comparisons and are provided on request to the Commission services, in particular DG Enterprise, DG Environment and DG Agriculture, to the work on the EU Forest Action Plan 2007-2011 and the Ministerial Conference for the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE). It also provides some of the indicators needed for the sustainable management of forests and primary wood-based industries, work which needs to be further developed in the future.

Key priorities 2009

Efforts will be continued to make the data provided through the free dissemination (NewCronos) database more user-friendly and timely. In its 5-7 February 2008 meeting, the Inter-secretariat Working Group on Forest Statistics (IWGFS) – responsible for the management of the JFSQ – agreed to respect all deadlines for this questionnaire strictly. This means that provisional data will be uploaded to the free dissemination database in July and at the end of October for use in Eurostat publications. A new pocketbook will be published in 2009 (data for 2007).

Data collected in 2008 and 2009 with the questionnaire for Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting for Forests (IEEAF) will also be published and its usefulness will be reviewed.

Data will continue to be provided to projects under the EU Forest Action Plan 2007-2011 and for the indicators of sustainable forest management. Eurostat will also actively contribute to the implementation of the Data Centre on Forest managed by the JRC.

Module 4.05.01 Forestry statistics

Responsible unit: **E-3: Environment statistics and accounts**
Contact person: Marilise WOLF-CROWTHER, Tel: +352 4301 32872

1. Module Description

Provides yearly data for the EU-27 and EFTA countries on production of and trade in wood and wood products, by means of a single worldwide questionnaire jointly managed with UNECE, FAO and ITTO. Economic accounts for forestry and logging are collected by means of a second questionnaire – as part of Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting for Forests.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Resolution of 15 December 1998, on a forestry strategy for the European Union, OJ C 56, 26.2.1999, p. 1–4

European Parliament resolution on speeding up implementation of the EU action plan on Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT), OJ C 157E, 6.7.2006, p. 482-484

Regulation (EC) No 614/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 May 2007, concerning the Financial Instrument for the Environment (LIFE+) - Commission statement, OJ L 149, 9.6.2007

Agreements:

IWG Agreement of 1990 on Forestry statistics.

Other basis:

Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on an EU Forest Action Plan {SEC (2006) 748} (COM/2006/0302 final) available on:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:52006DC0302:EN:HTML>

Commission staff working document - Annex to the Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on an EU Forest Action Plan {SEC(2006) 748} (COM/2006/0302 final) available on:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:52006SC0748:EN:HTML>

Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on innovative and sustainable forest-based industries in the EU (SEC(2008) 262 and its Annex, Commission staff working document {COM(2008) 113 final}, available on:

http://eur-lex.europa.eu/Result.do?arg0=forest-based+industries&arg1=sustainable&arg2=&titre=titre&chlang=en&RechType=RECH_mot&Submit=Search

3. Data requirements

FOREST_A_A: Forestry Statistics Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: A

IEEAFF_ACC_A: Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting for Forestry
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

Yearly cycle:

- Agreement on the content and explanatory notes of the JFSQ at the beginning of each year within the Inter-secretariat Working Group (IWGFS);
- End of March, send out the electronic version of the JFSQ to the countries;
- April: send pre-filled data on foreign trade (COMEXT) to the countries that request it;
- Deadline for answers: May 15;
- 1st validation done by end June. Preliminary data sent to UNECE; reminders sent to late responders and for missing data; production database used: FAME;
- September: reception of missing data and 2nd validation;
- End October: final validated data sent to UNECE; upload into free dissemination database NewCronos;
- December: common final validation by IWGFS; all data now usable by all parties concerned for publication purposes.

5. International cooperation

UNECE, FAO, ITTO.

Theme 4.06 Fisheries statistics

Description

The work programme in fisheries statistics will concentrate on adaptations necessary to meet the data requirements of the recent revisions of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP). The further integration of the various aspects of the CFP (resource management, sustainability of fisheries, structural policy, socio-economic impact and market policy) might extend the range of data required, placing greater emphasis on data which have until recently received relatively little attention.

Key priorities 2009

Collection and dissemination of fishery statistics will continue. Data validation techniques will be further developed. New legislation on landings statistics and aquaculture statistics will be implemented. The existing legislation will be scrutinised with a view to ensuring that it is used more efficiently. Migration from a global system of management of fisheries statistics to a more focused and a higher qualitative system.

Module 4.06.01 Fisheries statistics

Responsible unit: **E-2: Agricultural and fisheries**
Contact person: Franco ZAMPOGNA, Tel: +352 4301 37268

1. Module Description

The work programme in fisheries statistics concentrates on adaptations necessary to meet the data requirements of the recent revisions of the common fisheries policy (CFP). The existing legislation covers annual data for catch, landings and aquaculture statistics. The updated legislation on landings and aquaculture statistics will be implemented. The further integration of the various aspects of the CFP (resource management, sustainability of fisheries, employment in fisheries sector and supply balance sheets for fisheries products) will extend the range of data required, placing greater emphasis on data which have until recently received relatively little attention. The implementation of a new data management environment will ensure the modernisation of the current fisheries data collection and dissemination system.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

I. Legal acts managed by Eurostat:

Council Regulation (EEC) No 3880/91 of 17 December 1991, on the submission of nominal catch statistics by Member States fishing in the North-East Atlantic, OJ L 365, 31.12.1991

Council Regulation (EEC) No 2018/93 of 30 June 1993, on the submission of catch and activity statistics by Member States fishing in the North-West Atlantic, OJ L 186, 28.7.1993

Council Regulation (EC) No 2597/95 of 23 October 1995, on the submission of nominal catch statistics by Member States fishing in certain areas other than those of the North Atlantic, OJ L 270, 13.11.1995

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1636/2001 of 23 July 2001, amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 2018/93, on the submission of catch and activity statistics by Member States fishing in the North-West Atlantic, OJ L 222, 17.8.2001

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1637/2001 of 23 July 2001, amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3880/91, on the submission of nominal catch statistics by Member States fishing in the North-East Atlantic, OJ L 222, 17.8.2001

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1638/2001 of 24 July 2001, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2597/95, on the submission of nominal catch statistics by Member States fishing in certain areas other than those of the North Atlantic, OJ L 222, 17.8.2001

Commission Regulation (EC) No 448/2005 of 15 March 2005, amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3880/91, on the submission of nominal catch statistics by Member States fishing in the North-East Atlantic, OJ L 74, 19.3.2005

Regulation (EC) No 1921/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006, on the submission of statistical data on landings of fishery products in Member States and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 1382/91, OJ L 403, 30.12.2006

Regulation (EC) No 762/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008, on the submission by Member States of statistics on aquaculture and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 788/96, OJ L 218, 13.8.2008

II. Legal acts not directly managed by Eurostat:

Council Regulation (EEC) No 2930/86 of 22 September 1986, defining characteristics for fishing vessels, OJ L 274, 25.9.1986

Council Regulation (EC) No 3259/94 of 22 December 1994, amending Regulation 2930/86 defining the characteristics for fishing vessels, OJ L 339, 29.12.1994

Commission Regulation (EC) No 26/2004 of 30 December 2003, on the Community fishing fleet register, OJ L 5, 9.1.2004

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1799/2006 of 6 December 2006, amending Regulation (EC) No 26/2004, on the Community fishing fleet register, OJ L 341, 7.12.2006

Agreements:

Norway and Iceland Agreement, Statistical Register of Fishing Vessels.

Statistical Register of Fishing Vessels

General information (description): records of individual fishing vessels without identifying characteristics;

Time of obligation: continuous;

Periodicity: annual;

Date of adoption: 1998;

Participant countries: Norway & Iceland;

Official data providers: Norwegian Fisheries Directorate and Icelandic Statistical Office.

3. Data Requirements

FISH_CATCH_A: Fishery Captures Statistics Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

FISH_CULTR_A: Fishery Aquaculture Statistics Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

FISH_LANDG_A: Fishery Landings Statistics Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

FISH_LANDG_M: Fishery Landings Statistics Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: M

4. Methodology

Member States provide methodological reports on the way they collect data. These reports are updated regularly and discussed yearly

Eurostat is using the international standards, definitions and concepts to compile its statistics:

(Captures statistics) Handbook of Fishery Documents, FAO, Rome, 1994

(Landings) Working document FISH/168, Handbook of Fisheries Statistics, FAO, Rome, 1994.

(Aquaculture statistics) Handbook of Fisheries Statistics, FAO, Rome, 1994.

(Statistics on fishing fleet) Handbook of Fishery Statistics, FAO, Rome, 1994

Statistics on fishing fleet:

Eurostat updates its Fishing Fleet data using extracts from the DG MARE's Community Fishing Fleet Register (compiled from national submissions under EU legislation)

Data are received from Iceland and Norway by gentleman's agreement

5. International Cooperation

CCAMLR, FAO, ICES, NAFO, CECAF, GFCM, OECD.

Two official partnership agreements were signed with FAO (2005) and ICES (2003) in the field of statistical cooperation.

Theme 4.07 Agri-environmental statistics

Description

The aim of agri-environmental statistics is to develop and maintain a system of agri-environmental indicators for monitoring the integration of environmental concerns into the CAP. The work is based on the conclusions drawn in Commission Communication COM (2006) 508 and the subsequent comments from the Agriculture and Fishery Council. A memorandum of understanding has been drawn up between DG AGRI, DG ENV, JRC, Eurostat and the EEA to ensure that already available data are fully used and to pool the different skills and resources of these partners, with the long-term objective of setting up a system for and collecting data on the relation between agriculture and environment for the assessment of the impact of the agricultural policy decisions on the environment. The Commission Communication identified three short-term objectives: consolidating the selected set of indicators, extending the coverage to the new Member States and correcting existing weaknesses. Efforts need to be made for the conceptual and methodological improvement of these indicators and for the collection of the necessary data or better access to existing data, in particular at regional level and on the use of inputs in agriculture.

Key priorities 2009

Implement the memorandum of understanding, especially create a first full set of data for the indicators of enough maturity and improving the methodological and conceptual framework for the other. Prepare implementation of the Regulation concerning statistics on plant protection products. Follow-up the studies launched in 2008 to develop statistics on other agricultural inputs with high impact on the environment like fertiliser and irrigation water, with the aim of identifying methods for collecting the data in a way optimal for their different uses.

Module 4.07.01 Agri-environmental statistics

Responsible unit: **E-1: Farms, agro-environment and rural development**
Contact person: Johan SELENIUS, Tel: +352 4301 37322

1. Module Description

Exploiting of existing agricultural and environmental data to obtain environment related relevant information conform to the requirements of COM (2006) 508 final. Adapting existing statistical tools and surveys to better collect environmental information related to agriculture, and, where no data exists, to elaborate new sources. Elaboration of agro-environmental statistics and indicators, e.g. agricultural fertilisers, Nutrient (N, P) balances, plant protection products, and landscape indicators.

2. Legal Basis

Other basis:

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and to the Council on development of agri-environmental indicators for monitoring the integration of environmental concerns into the common agricultural policy (COM/2006/508 final)

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

Presently being defined, as described in COM/2006/508

5. International Cooperation

OECD.

Theme 4.08 Rural development and maritime policy statistics

Description

The Commission's rural development policy has become the second pillar of the CAP. The Commission services, in close cooperation with Member States, have defined a list of indicators, which address the three main objectives for rural development policy: improve competitiveness of agriculture and forestry; improve environment; enhance the quality of life in rural areas and promote diversification of economic activities through measures targeting the farm sector and other rural actors. Eurostat undertakes the compilation of the statistics used for these indicators, based entirely on data already available either in Member States or in Eurostat. In addition, Eurostat works with other Commission services and Member States to develop new indicators of rural development within the EU.

In 2007 the Commission proposed a more integrated approach to the development of maritime policy across the EU (COM(2007) 575). One of the key actions defined in the proposal is the improvement of socio-economic data on the maritime economy especially in coastal regions. Good quality information is required to monitor and assess the EU maritime policy and its programmes, to provide contextual information for sustainable coastal and ocean development, and to understand the linkages between socio-economic activities and the environment. In consultation with other Commission services, Eurostat manages the development of a harmonised statistical database that brings together relevant regional and national statistics from different statistical domains.

Key priorities 2009

Rural development data will be integrated into the data base and validated. Further efforts will be made to collect information from the Member States that were missing from the first data collection exercise. The results from the first data collection will be disseminated and the list of indicators will be amended in the light of the experience of the first data collection exercise. A regular data collection exercise will be implemented with the lowest response burden possible for Member States and maximum use will be made of existing data sources. The use of the OECD definition of rural areas, which takes into account commuting time to the next urban centre, will be tested (as presented in Regional Focus No 01/2008) and further indicators (e.g. from DG AGRI's list of baseline indicators) will be discussed in close cooperation with Member States, DG AGRI and DG REGIO.

The external integrated socio-economic database for maritime statistics, developed in 2008, will be transferred into a Commission production environment and a regular cycle of data compilation will be implemented. The database will be used to produce statistical publications on maritime activities and coastal areas and will be developed further in consultation with the requirements of the Commission services.

Module 4.08.01 Rural development statistics

Responsible unit: **E-1: Farms, agro-environment and rural development**
Contact person: Michael GOLL, Tel: +352 4301 32782

1. Module Description

Provide the European Union with statistical information in the field of rural development. Development work covering the collection of appropriate statistics (social, demographic, economic, etc.) to evaluate the sustainable development of rural areas.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 of 20 September 2005, on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), OJ L 277, 21.10.2005

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

Those already existing in the existing data methodologies related to rural zones.

5. International Cooperation

None

DOMAIN 5 – Multi-domain statistics

Theme 5.01 Statistics for business cycle analysis

Description

During the 10 years of life of Economic and Monetary Union (EMU), the availability of an effective system of business cycle statistics has progressively become a reality. Further efforts are now necessary for the consolidation of achieved results and their improvement in order to render good service to Commission economists and to the European Central Bank's policy makers who have to monitor the cyclical situation in the euro area, in the European Union as a whole and in major economic partners. The ability to build up and maintain reliable business cycle analysis, to forecast economic behaviour and to design effective economic and monetary policies, strongly depends on the availability and quality of infra-annual statistics. Eurostat is actively working to further improve the quality and the coverage of Principal European Economic Indicators (PEEIs, COMM/2002/661) and to enhance their visibility. Traditional compilation approaches will be complemented by sophisticated statistical and econometric techniques in order to increase timeliness, length, frequency and reliability of PEEIs. Eurostat objective will be to approach the benchmark of performance of the US short-term statistical system both in terms of timeliness and coverage/length, without compromising data reliability. Moreover, Eurostat will define and ensure a continuous follow up of some production guidelines to increase the harmonisation and comparability of PEEIs. Finally, Eurostat will continue increasing data readability and interpretability by supplying analysts, economists and policy makers with sophisticated statistical analysis. Eurostat will also increase its effort in defining and maintaining a statistical framework for the assessment of the cyclical situation in the euro area, the EU and in Members States.

Key priorities 2009

The 2009 work will focus on monitoring and supplying a set of high quality short-term indicators (Euroindicators/PEEIs module) in a friendly environment in order to facilitate data comparison and analysis, thus becoming a prime source for EU/EMU short-term statistics (Euro-indicators/PEEIs special topic); moreover Eurostat will enhance its capacity in the statistical analysis of the European business cycle (Eurotrend module) and strengthen the cooperation with DG ECFIN and ECB, as well as with all bodies involved in business cycle statistics (data producers, compilers of indicators, analysts, research institutes and academics), fostering synergies and quality of output.

Key priorities in 2009 will be: integrating traditional methods with more sophisticated econometric techniques, i.e. in the field of flash estimates and back-calculation of PEEIs; strengthening harmonisation by means of definition of new guidelines and implementation of seasonal adjustment guidelines for the compilation of short-term statistics; defining, also in cooperation with institutional bodies, a comprehensive statistical framework for euro area and EU business cycle analysis to facilitate the real-time economic assessment by economists, policy and decision makers; closely monitoring and assessing PEEIs using standard quality reporting techniques adapted to short-term statistics.

Module 5.01.01 Euroindicators/PEEIs

Responsible unit:
Contact person:

D-5: Key indicators for European policies
Rosa RUGGERI CANNATA, Tel: +352 4301 34397

1. Module Description

The objective of this module is to coordinate all activities related to production, dissemination and analysis of PEEIs. It aims at strengthening the visibility of PEEIs and promoting their use for policy-making and business cycle analysis. This module will also deal with the management of the Euroindicators/PEEIs special topic and of the regular quality assessment and improvement of the Euro-IND database.

2. Legal Basis

Other basis:

Communication of the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on Eurozone statistics towards improved methodologies for Eurozone statistics and indicators (COM/2002/0661 final)

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

See at: <http://www.ec.europa.eu/eurostat/euroindicators>

5. International Cooperation

OECD, IMF, EFTA.

Module 5.01.02 Eurotrend

Responsible unit: **D-5: Key indicators for European policies**
Contact person: Gian Luigi MAZZI, Tel: +352 4301 34351

1. Module Description

The objective of the Eurotrend module is to develop and promote statistical and econometric techniques to improve the overall quality of PEEIs and to develop a sophisticated statistical framework for business cycle analysis. Such techniques will be applied to increase the timeliness of PEEIs (flash estimates), their length (back-calculation), and their availability at higher frequency (temporal disaggregation techniques). Moreover sophisticated de-trending techniques and methods for the construction of synthetic indicators are extensively used to derive an up-to-date and consistent picture of the cyclical situation. This module also deals with harmonisations of the production process of PEEIs by means of guidelines in key areas such as seasonal adjustment, revisions analysis and estimation.

2. Legal Basis

None

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

See at: <http://www.ec.europa.eu/eurostat/euroindicators>

5. International Cooperation

None

Theme 5.02 Lisbon strategy and sustainable development

Description

Key policy areas likely to shape the development of the EU in the coming years include, among other things, two overarching and complementary strategies: whilst the goal of the Lisbon Strategy is for the EU to 'become the most competitive and dynamic knowledge-based economy in the world capable of sustainable economic growth with more and better jobs and greater social cohesion', the sustainable development strategy (SDS) concerns the continuous improvement of quality of life, both for current and for future generations, through reconciliation of economic development, social cohesion and protection of the environment. Eurostat produces and disseminates indicators to monitor these two strategies, namely the structural indicators (SIs) for the Lisbon strategy are used to underpin the Commission's analysis in the annual progress report to the European Council, and the sustainable development indicators (SDIs) range across the multiple factors affecting quality of life, including environmental, social, economic and governance issues, and underpin the biannual monitoring report on the sustainable development strategy.

Those sets of indicators have been discussed and agreed at political level. Eurostat aims to continuously monitor, improve and review these indicators in order to be in line with evolving policy requirements.

Key priorities 2009

Eurostat will continue to maintain and improve the sets of SIs and SDIs in terms of data availability and timeliness in line with policy developments and with the support of the relevant working groups and other Commission services. The already established SI set will be maintained to monitor the achievements of the evolving strategic objectives. As for the SDIs, the main priority for 2009 will be the preparation of the 2nd monitoring report of the renewed SD strategy. Eurostat will also consolidate the set of indicators stemming from the 2008 review in improving the availability and quality of the indicators, in taking in particular into consideration the progress regarding the indicators 'under development' and 'to be developed'. Eurostat will continue to review the possibility to develop new indicators, through work in the relevant technical working groups and with the research community. Eurostat will also improve the dissemination and communication on SIs and SDIs, in particular through the continuous improvement of the dedicated sections of the website, quality profiles, and the preparation of the statistical contribution to the Lisbon annual progress report. Eurostat will finalise the feasibility study for wellbeing indicators.

Module 5.02.01 Structural indicators: production and dissemination

Responsible unit: **D-5:** Key indicators for European policies
Contact person: Wolfgang HAUSCHILD, Tel: +352 4301 32107

1. Module Description

At the Lisbon summit in 2000, European Union leaders set out strategic objectives on growth and jobs for the next decade. The 'Lisbon strategy' was simplified and renewed in 2005.

For an objective assessment of the progress made towards the Lisbon objectives, the European Commission was invited by the Council to draw up an annual progress report on the basis of structural indicators.

The objective of this module is to provide high quality structural indicators and to compile them for the statistical annex of the annual progress report and their regular update on the Eurostat Website.

2. Legal Basis

Other basis:

For Structural Indicators: Lisbon European Council of 2000 and conclusions of other subsequent Councils available on: http://ec.europa.eu/growthandjobs/index_en.htm

Commission's December 2008 Annual Progress Report:

http://ec.europa.eu/growthandjobs/european-dimension/200812-annual-progress-report/index_en.htm

At present, Eurostat D1 maintains a set of round 80 structural indicators (long list) on its website arranged within 6 themes (General economic background, Employment, Innovation and Research, Economic Reform, Social Cohesion and Environment). For further information:
<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/structuralindicators>

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

None

5. International Cooperation

None

Module 5.02.02 Sustainable development indicators: production and dissemination

Responsible unit: **D-5:** Key indicators for European policies
Contact person: Vincent TRONET, Tel: +352 4301 32906

1. Module Description

Sustainable development is an overarching objective of the European Union set out in the Treaty, governing all the Union's policies and activities. The Sustainable Development Strategy (SDS) deals in an integrated way with economic, environmental and social issues.

The objectives of this module are the provision of high quality indicators and statistical information necessary to monitor the implementation and support the communication on the EU sustainable development strategy, the EU Lisbon Strategy and of other policies related to sustainable development. A SDS monitoring report is produced every 2 years and indicators are regularly updated on the Eurostat Website.

2. Legal Basis

Other basis:

European Council, document 10917/06 of 26 June 2006: Review of the EU Sustainable Development Strategy (EU SDS) - Renewed Strategy. European Council conclusions of June 2006 on renewed sustainable development strategy

Communication from Mr Almunia to the Members of the Commission - Sustainable Development Indicators to monitor the implementation of the EU Sustainable Development Strategy (SEC(2005) 161 final)

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

Methodology is described using the Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS) description for each indicator.

5. International Cooperation

OECD, UNECE, UNCSD, UNSD, EEA.

Theme 5.03 Environment statistics and accounts

Description

The main objective of environment statistics and accounts is to establish comprehensive, reliable and relevant statistics, accounts and indicators needed for developing, implementing and monitoring the Community's environmental policy, in particular the sixth Environment Action Programme (6th EAP), its thematic strategies and the environmental dimensions of the EU sustainable development strategy (SDS) as well as the Lisbon strategy. The four main policy areas identified by the 6th EAP are climate change; nature and biodiversity; environment and health and quality of life; natural resources and waste. The Treaties and subsequently the 6th EAP also emphasise the need to continue the process of integrating environmental concerns into all relevant policy areas and ensure better and more accessible information on the environment for policy makers, businesses, the citizen and other stakeholders.

Work on the collection, validation and dissemination of environmental data and the development of indicators will be organised in the framework of the Environmental Data Centres (DCs) for 'Natural Resources', 'Products' and 'Waste' as agreed by the Group of Four (Directorate General Environment, the European Environment Agency – EEA, the Joint Research Centre – JRC and Eurostat) in 2005. At the international level, Eurostat actively contributes to the harmonization of methodologies and statistics on the environment through the Inter-secretariat Working Group on Environment Statistics (IWG-ENV), through cooperation with the OECD and in environmental accounts through the United Nations Committee of Experts on Economic-Environmental Accounting (UNCEEA) and the 'London Group'.

Key priorities 2009

The further development, the smooth operation and an increased visibility of the Eurostat DCs are key objectives for 2009. They are intended to act as 'information hubs' and to be the first contact point for information on each of the related policies. Within this framework Eurostat will continue its efforts to improve statistics on the management of waste and natural resources and to further build up its capacities for monitoring the integrated product policy (IPP) and for developing environmental impact indicators. Eurostat, in close collaboration with the other data centres, will further work on their increased inter-operability in 2009, taking into account the key principles of the INSPIRE Directive and the SEIS Communication (i.e. information will be managed as close as possible to its source; information will be provided once and shared with others for many purposes; information will be fully available to the general public after due consideration of the appropriate level of aggregation, etc.).

Beyond the data centre work, efforts will continue to provide core environmental statistics and indicators on water, climate change, air pollution, biodiversity and forests, which will be made available to support the EEA and the JRC, responsible for the data centres in these areas. The focus of statistical work will be adapted to the concerns of the partner DGs.

An important activity will be the further development of the environmental accounts along the implementation plan defined in 2008, as well as the production of statistics on environmental expenditure, environmental taxes and subsidies, eco-industries, eco-innovation, production and trade of environmental goods and services and hazardous substances in support of the REACH Regulation. Eurostat will make a proposal towards a legal cover in core areas of environmental data collections currently based on 'gentlemen agreements'.

Major indicator initiatives and horizontal work with a link to the environment will continue. Further development and streamlining of environmental indicators in close cooperation with the other data centres and DG Environment is of high priority.

Module 5.03.02 Statistics on waste and hazardous substances – Data Centre 'Waste'

Responsible unit: **E-3: Environmental statistics and accounts**
Contact person: Karin BLUMENTHAL, Tel: +352 4301 32308
Wilhelmus KLOEK, Tel: +352 4301 34963

1. Module Description

Provision to the European Union and the wider global community of an information service in order to support the definition, implementation and monitoring of EU environmental policies in the area of waste. Provision and maintenance of a monitoring instrument to measure the effectiveness of the European policy on chemicals (REACH) by a set of risk based indicators.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Regulation (EC) No 2150/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2002, on waste statistics, OJ L 332, 9.12.2002

Commission Regulation (EC) No 574/2004 of 23 February 2004, amending Annexes I and III to Regulation (EC) No 2150/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste statistics, OJ L 90, 27.3.2004

Commission Regulation (EC) No 783/2005 of 24 May 2005, amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 2150/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste statistics, OJ L 131, 25.5.2005

Commission Regulation (EC) No 782/2005 of 24 May 2005, setting out the format for the transmission of results on waste statistics, OJ L 131, 25.5.2005

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1445/2005 of 5 September 2005, defining the proper quality evaluation criteria and the contents of the quality reports for waste statistics for the purposes of Regulation (EC) No 2150/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council, OJ L 229, 6.9.2005

Agreements:

OECD members Agreement: Agreement with OECD on common data collection (since 1988)

Technical Arrangement between DG ENV, ESTAT, JRC and EEA on Environmental Data Centres of 14 November 2005

Agreement with Member States, candidate countries and EFTA countries in the annual environment statistics meetings on the separate annual data collection for the structural indicators

Other basis:

Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and The Committee of the Regions - Taking sustainable use of resources forward - A Thematic Strategy on the prevention and recycling of waste {SEC(2005) 1681} {SEC(2005) 1682} (COM/2005/0666 final)

General Framework, the Renewed EU Sustainable Development Strategy available on:
<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/sdi/introduction>

Sixth EU Environmental Action Programme, key area: Natural Resources and Waste, see at:
<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/waste/strategy.htm>

3. Data Requirements

Reporting based on Regulation 2150/2002/EC

WASTE_GENER_A2: Waste Generation - By EWC-STAT codes and economic activities (NACE), amounts in 1000 tonnes per year. Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

WASTE_INCIN_A2: Waste Incineration - Total quantities of waste treated - NUTS 1 level - Incineration. Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

WASTE_RECOV_A2: Waste Recovery - Total quantities of waste treated - NUTS 1 level - Recovery (excluding energy recovery). Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

WASTE_REGIO_A2: Waste Facilities - Number and capacity of recovery and disposal operations per region. Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

WASTE_DISPO_A2: Waste Disposal - Total quantities of waste treated - NUTS 1 level - Disposal (other than incineration). Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

WASTE_QR_A2: Waste Quality Report Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

Reporting based on Agreement with Member States, candidate countries and EFTA

WASTE_MUNWAS_A: Municipal Waste Timeliness: 330 Periodicity: A

In the framework of the Environmental Data Centre on waste all waste related information requirements by DG Environment will be collected via this Data Centre in Eurostat. The collection of numerical and descriptive waste related information on behalf of DG Environment started in 2007 and will be gradually extended.

4. Methodology

Further information on the implementation of the Regulation 2150/2002/EC on waste statistics including Methodology Guidance and other waste related reporting obligations are available on the dedicated website of the Environmental data centre on waste:

<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/waste>

5. International Cooperation

OECD, UNSD, EEA , UNEP (Basel Convention), WCO.

Module 5.03.03 Statistics on water, air and climate change (Kyoto protocol)

Responsible unit: **E-3: Environmental statistics and accounts**
Contact person: Jürgen FÖRSTER (Water), Tel: +352 4301 36062
Julie HASS (Air), Tel: +352 4301 38988

1. Module Description

Provision of European statistics on water resources, water use and wastewater generation and treatment. Cooperation with the European water data centre and WISE.

Contribution to the Structural and Sustainable Development Indicators (SI's and SDI's) exercise through data collected by the EEA on greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, air pollution, air quality transmitted to Eurostat on a yearly basis.

2. Legal Basis

WATER

Agreements:

Common data collection with the OECD: OECD/Eurostat Joint Questionnaire on the State of the Environment

Time of obligation: continuous;

Periodicity: biennially for annual data;

Participant countries: EU Member States, EFTA countries, candidate and potential candidate countries;

Official data providers: NSIs, supported by Environment Agencies and Environment Ministries.

AIR

Legal acts:

All data collection and processing is the responsibility of the European Environment Agency (EEA).

3. Data Requirements

WATER

ENVJQWTR_TB1TO7_A2: Inland Water data (tables 1 to 7) OECD/Eurostat Joint Questionnaire on the state of the environment Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

AIR

See EEA webpage. (www.eea.europa.eu)

4. Methodology

WATER

Joint OECD/Eurostat Questionnaire on the Environment, Section Inland Waters

Eurostat Water Data Collection Manual, release 2.1 (2007)

AIR

See EEA webpage: (www.eea.europa.eu)

5. International Cooperation

WATER

Common Questionnaire on Inland Waters with OECD;

Cooperation with EEA in the framework of the Group of 4 (Development of 'WISE', the Water Information System for Europe);

Cooperation with the European Water Data Centre hosted by the EEA;

Cooperation with the OECD, UNSD, UNEP, FAO and UNECE in the framework of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Environment Statistics (IWG-ENV) and its sub-group on water statistics;

AIR

Provision of air data by the EEA.

Module 5.03.04 Environmental accounts and environmental expenditure statistics – Data centres: 'Natural Resources' and 'Products'

Responsible unit: **E-3: Environmental statistics and accounts**
Contact person: Julie HASS, Tel: +352 4301 38988
Marina Anda GEORGESCU, Tel: +4301-30201
Stephan MOLL, Tel: +4301-30198

1. Module Description

To implement the European Strategy for Environmental Accounts, to follow the work of the UNCEEA and the London Group on Environmental Accounts, and to develop the Data Centres on Natural Resources and Products.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 of 25 June 1996 on the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community, OJ L 310 of 30.11.1996, p. 1

Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 of 20 December 1996, concerning structural business statistics, OJ L 14, 17.1.1997

Decision No 2179/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 September 1998, on the review of the European Community programme of policy and action in relation to the environment and sustainable development 'Towards sustainability', OJ L 275, 10.10.1998

Decision No 1578/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2007 on the Community Statistical Programme 2008 to 2012, OJ L 344, 28.12.2007, p. 15-43

Agreements:

Gentlemen's agreements in the context of the ESEA.

Technical agreement on the Group of Four (DG ENV, Eurostat, JRC, EEA).

Other basis:

Sixth EU Environmental Action Programme, key area: Natural Resources

Mid-term review of 6th EU Environmental Action Programme

Memorandum of understanding between EEA, JRC, DG ENV and Eurostat on the creation of Data Centres (2005) available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/envirmeet/library?l=/meeting_archives_1/meetings_archives/directorsmeeting&vm=detailed&sb=Title

Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social committee and the Committee of the Regions - Thematic Strategy on the sustainable use of natural resources {SEC(2005) 1683} {SEC(2005) 1684} (COM/2005/0670 final)

Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament - Directions for the EU on Environmental Indicators and Green National Accounting - The Integration of Environmental and Economic Information Systems (COM/94/670 final)

Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on Integrated Product Policy: Building on Environmental Life-Cycle Thinking
COM(2003) 302 final

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the Sustainable Consumption and Production and Sustainable Industrial Policy Action Plan
COM(2008) 397 final

3. Data Requirements

ENVJQPER_EPERJQ_2: Environmental Protection Expenditure and Revenues Joint OECD/Eurostat Questionnaire Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: 2

ENVJQPER_TAXIND_A: Collection of data on environmental taxes by industry
Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

Questionnaire on Air Emission Accounts.

Questionnaire on Material Flow Accounts.

4. Methodology

Integrated System of Environmental and Economic Accounting 2003 (SEEA 2003) - published by the United Nations, European Commission (Eurostat), International Monetary Fund, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, and World Bank.

EU methodologies are partly available, or are still being developed based on UN recommendation System of Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting (SEEA).

SERIEE Manual

EU methodologies have been developed and handbooks produced in areas such as Air emission Accounts, forest accounting, environmental expenditure accounts, environmental taxes or material flow accounts.

5. International Cooperation

OECD, EEA, UNSD; work co-ordinated with UNCEEA, the London Group on Economic Accounts.

Theme 5.04 Regional and urban statistics

Description

One of the key aspects of building the EU is the correction of social and regional imbalances. This is the primary objective of the Structural Funds. Since their reform in 1988, the Commission has put in place an integrated policy for social and economic cohesion within which regional statistics play an essential role in the decision implementation process: eligibility of zones under regional objectives is defined on the basis of socio-economic criteria with respect to certain thresholds; financial allocations to Member States are decided objectively on the basis of statistical indicators. In addition, evaluation of the impact of Community policies at regional level and the quantification of regional disparities are possible only with access to extensive regional- and urban-based statistics.

A number of departments within the Commission make use of data at the municipality level for the drafting, implementation and evaluation of the policies for which they are responsible, in particular regional, competition, transport and agricultural policy. The nomenclature for local administrative units is a core item for the Commission's spatial infrastructure.

Key priorities 2009

A significant proportion of the human resource allocated to this theme is primarily involved in the regular collection, validation and dissemination of regional indicators across a wide variety of domains (see Eurostat reference Guide). The primary client for this production is DG REGIO, although the data are also used by many other Commission and external users.

The work on the changes to the NUTS regional classification is now fully completed. The timing and need for a new revision of the regional classification (NUTS) will be assessed in close association with DG REGIO. Further work will be undertaken in the development an appropriate regional statistical classification for non-EU countries that are approaching accession to the EU.

A new round of the urban audit will be launched providing key data for cohesion policy needs. In addition, further work on the complementarities with rural development indicators will be undertaken. Development of regional data availability, both for existing and new statistical domains (e.g. energy, environment) will be pursued. The revised web-site pages for regional data on the Eurostat web site will be implemented and the first version of the dedicated web-site for regional and urban indicators will be launched.

Local (municipality) nomenclature is the basic link between geographic and statistical information. The work on bringing this up to date with the latest census results is completed.

Module 5.04.01 Regional indicators

Responsible unit: **E-4: Regional statistics and geographical information**
Contact person: Berthold FELDMANN, Tel: +352 4301 34401

1. Module Description

Production and dissemination of statistics covering existing Regional and Urban indicators across all relevant economic and social themes, including both legislative and non-legislative data supplies.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Related to each specific sector (see below)

Other basis:

An exhaustive Reference Guide of 260 pages is published each year (in spring) which describes all existing tables and necessary background information. The latest version can be found under:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-RA-09-008

3. Data Requirements

REGLM_EAP_A: Economically active population (labour force) down to NUTS3 by sex and age (15-24, 25+), annual average data Timeliness: 165 Periodicity: A

REGLM_UNEMP_A: Unemployed persons down to NUTS3 by sex and age (15-24, 25+), annual average data Timeliness: 165 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

Related to the specific sector (see below)

5. International Cooperation

Related to the specific sector (see below)

a) Regional labour market statistics

Contact person: Ingo KUHNERT (Data collection and methodology),
Tel: +352 4301 35234

Legal Basis

Legal acts:

See Module 1.02.01

Agreements:

Member States Agreement of 1983, Delivery of registered unemployment persons, NUTS 3 level

Other basis:

European regional and urban statistics (2009 Edition), available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-RA-09-008

Data Requirements

Regional labour market data (anonymised personal data)

Methodology

For NUTS level 2 data under the responsibility of unit F2

For NUTS level 3 data under the responsibility of unit E4

International Cooperation

None

b) Regional agricultural statistics

Contact person: Teodóra BRANDMÜLLER, Tel: +352 4301 32927
Iulia POP (Data collection and methodology for agromonetary statistics), Tel: +352 4301 34443
Fausto CARDOSO (Data collection and methodology for crop statistics), Tel: +352 4301 35017
Garry MAHON (Data collection and methodology for animal statistics), Tel: +352 4301 37310
Günther TOSSTORF (Data collection and methodology for Farm Structure Survey), Tel: +352 4301 35017

Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Regulation (EEC) No 837/90 of 26 March 1990, concerning statistical information to be supplied by the Member States on cereals production, OJ L 88, 3.4.1990

Council Regulation (EEC) No 959/93 of 5 April 1993, concerning statistical information to be supplied by Member States on crop products other than cereals, OJ L 98, 24.4.1993

For statistics from 2010 onwards these two regulations will be replaced by a new one likely to be published in May 2009.

Council Regulation (EEC) No 571/88 of 29 February 1988, on the organization of Community surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings between 1988 and 1997, OJ L 56, 2.3.1988

For surveys from 2010 onwards the applying regulation will be:

Commission Decision No 89/651/EEC of 26 October 1989, relating to the definitions of the characteristics and to the list of agricultural products for the surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings during the period 1988 to 1997, OJ L 391, 30.12.1989

Commission Decision No 96/170/EC of 15 February 1996, adapting Annex I of Council Regulation (EEC) No 571/88 on the organization of Community surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings between 1988 and 1997 and Commission Decision No 89/651/EEC relating to the definitions of the characteristics and to the list of agricultural products for these surveys, OJ L 47, 24.2.1996

Council Directive 96/16/EC of 19 March 1996, on statistical surveys of milk and milk products, OJ L 78, 28.3.1996, p. 27–29

Council Regulation (EC) No 2467/96 of 17 December 1996, amending Regulation (EEC) No 571/88 on the organization of Community surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings, OJ L 335, 24.12.1996

Commission Decision 97/80/EC of 18 December 1996 laying down provisions for the implementation of Council Directive 96/16/EC on statistical surveys of milk and milk products, OJ L 24, 25.1.1997, p. 26

Commission Decision No 97/418/EC of 19 June 1997, amending Annex I of Decision No 89/651/EEC relating to the definitions of the characteristics and to the list of agricultural products regarding the surveys on the structure of agricultural holding, OJ L 177, 5.7.1997

Commission Decision No 2000/115/EC of 24 November 1999, relating to the definitions of the characteristics, the list of agricultural products, the exceptions to the definitions and the regions and districts regarding the surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings, OJ L 38, 12.2.2000

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1444/2002 of 24 July 2002, amending Commission Decision 2000/115/EC relating to the definitions of the characteristics, the exceptions to the definitions and the regions and districts regarding the surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings, OJ L 216, 12.8.2002

Directive 2003/107/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 December 2003, amending Council Directive 96/16/EC on statistical surveys of milk and milk products, OJ L 7, 13.1.2004

Regulation (EC) No 1165/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 concerning livestock and meat statistics and repealing Council Directives 93/23/EEC, 93/24/EEC and 93/25/EEC, OJ L 321, 1.12.2008, p. 1–13

Regulation (EC) No 1166/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on farm structure surveys and the survey on agricultural production methods and repealing Council (EEC) No 571/88, OJ L 321, 1.12.2008

Agreements

Gentlemen's agreement on Regional Agricultural Accounts data.

Other basis:

European regional and urban statistics (2009 Edition), available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-RA-09-008

Data Requirements

COSAEA_REGION_A: Economic Accounts for Agriculture - Regional - Annual

ANI_LSCATR_A: Livestock survey - Cattle - Regional – Annual

ANI_LSPIGR_A: Livestock survey - Pigs - Regional – Annual

ANI_LSSHGOR_A: Livestock survey - Sheep & goats - Regional – Annual

MILK_REGION_A: Milk production - Regional - Annual

CROPROD_AREARE_A: Cereals and Other Crops - Area - Regional – Annual

CROPROD_PRODRE_A: Cereals and Other Crops - Production - Regional - Annual

CROPROD_LANDRE_A: Cereals and Other Crops - Land Use - Regional – Annual

Methodology

The regional data on agricultural accounts are compiled from the economic accounts for agriculture (EAA) on country level. The EAA data are submitted by the Member States according to Regulation (EC) 138/2004 which represents also the methodological guidelines for the regional agricultural accounts indicators. In the compiling a combination of bottom up and top down approaches are used. The regional data (NUTS2) are submitted only in current prices.

International Cooperation

None

c) Regional business statistics

Contact person: Petra SNEIJERS (Data collection and methodology),
Tel: +352 4301 35024

Legal Basis

Legal acts:

For data up to the reference year 2007:

Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 of 20 December 1996, concerning structural business statistics, OJ L 14, 17.1.1997

Commission Regulation (EC) No 2700/98 of 17 December 1998, concerning the definitions of characteristics for structural business statistics, OJ L 344, 18.12.1998

Commission Regulation (EC) No 2701/98 of 17 December 1998, concerning the series of data to be produced for structural business statistics, OJ L 344, 18.12.1998

Commission Regulation (EC) No 2702/98 of 17 December 1998, concerning the technical format for the transmission of structural business statistics, OJ L 344, 18.12.1998

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1618/1999 of 23 July 1999, concerning the criteria for the evaluation of quality of structural business statistics, OJ L 192, 24.7.1999

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1614/2002 of 6 September 2002, adjusting Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 to economic and technical developments and amending Commission Regulations (EC) No 2700/98, (EC) No 2701/98 and (EC) No 2702/98, OJ L 244, 12.9.2002

Regulation (EC) No 2056/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 November 2002, amending Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 concerning structural business statistics, OJ L 317, 21.11.2002

For the data from the reference year 2008 and onwards:

Regulation (EC) No 295/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2008 concerning structural business statistics (recast)
OJ L 97, 9.4.2008, p. 13–59

Two Regulations implementing Regulation No 295/2008 will be adopted in 2009.

Other basis:

European regional and urban statistics (Reference Guide) see the link above

Data Requirements

SBS data at NUTS level 2

Methodology

Methodological manual for Credit institutions statistics (June 2003), available on:
http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/statmanuals/files/EMBS_credit_jun_2003_en.pdf

Methodological manual for Insurance Services statistics (December 2000), available on:
http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/statmanuals/files/EMBS_insurance_dec_2000_manual_en.pdf
http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/statmanuals/files/EMBS_insurance_dec_2000_annexes_en.pdf

Eurostat/OECD Manual on business demography statistics:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code_KS-RA-07-010

Collection of information concerning national methodologies available on:

http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nomenclatures/index.cfm?TargetUrl=LST_NOM_DTL&StrNom=NA_T_SBS&StrLanguageCode=EN&IntPcKey=18599332&StrLayoutCode=HIERARCHIC&CFID=16361340&CFTOKEN=27efa92-000c719c-9e86-1464-9edc-839b11f70072&jsessionid=ee30c4e4ddc863417242

International Cooperation

OECD, UNECE, Voorburg Group.

d) Transport statistics

Contact person: Anna BIALAS-MOTYL (Data collection and methodology),
Tel: +352 4301 36407

Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Decision No 93/704/EC of 30 November 1993, on the creation of a community database on road accidents, OJ L 329, 30.12.1993

Council Directive 95/64 of 8 December 1998 on Annual and quarterly data on statistical returns in respect of carriage goods and passengers by sea applicable from 1997 onwards (with a transition period until 2000), OJ L 320, 30.12.1998

Commission Decision 98/385 of 13 May 1998 on Rules for implementing Council Directive 95/64/EC on statistical returns in respect of carriage of goods and passengers by sea, OJ L 174, 18.06.1998

Commission Decision 2000/363 of 28 April 2000 on Rules for implementing Council Directive 95/64/EC on statistical returns in respect of carriage of goods and passengers by sea, OJ L 132, 05.06.2000

Commission Decision 2001/423 of 22 May 2001 on Arrangements for publication or dissemination of the statistical data collected pursuant to Council Directive 95/64/EC on statistical returns in respect of carriage of goods and passengers by sea, OJ L 151, 07.06.2001

Regulation No 91/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2002 on rail transport statistics – Annex F of the Regulation; data collection every five years (2005, 2010, etc.), OJ L14, 21.01.2003

Regulation 437/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 February 2003, on Statistical returns in respect of the carriage of passengers, freight and mail by air, OJ L 66, 11.03.2003

Commission Regulation 1358/2003 of 31 July 2003 on Implementation of Regulation 437/2003 on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of passengers, freight and mail by air and amendment of Annexes I and II, OJ L 194, 01.08.2003

Data Requirements

Data on passenger and freight transport by sea and air at NUTS 2 level are provided to the specialised Eurostat unit G5. Additionally, every five years (2005, 2010), there is a data collection on rail transport at NUTS 2 level. The data are required under legal obligations listed above. For regional data on transport infrastructure (road, rail, inland waterways), stock of vehicles and traffic safety (road accidents), data are collected from Member States on a voluntary basis by way of a questionnaire.

Methodology

Data on passenger and freight transport by sea, air and rail at regional level are provided according to the definitions set up in the legal acts listed above. Glossary for transport statistics (prepared by the Intersecretariat Working Group on transport statistics) is used for the voluntary data provisions.

International Cooperation

ITF, UNECE.

e) Regional environment statistics

Contact person: Jürgen FÖRSTER (Data collection and methodology),
Tel: +352 4301 36062

Legal Basis

Other basis:

The Sixth Community Environment Action Programme 'Environment 2010: Our future, Our choice'
(Decision No 1600/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 July)

Data Requirements

NUTS2 regional statistics on selected environmental topics (e.g. waste, water, air)
Periodicity: irregular – next data collection 2010

Methodology

2003 OECD/Eurostat Regional Environment Statistics Joint Questionnaire

2008 OECD/Eurostat Joint Questionnaire on the Environment

International Cooperation

OECD, EEA, UNSD.

f) Science and technology

Contact person: Veijo RITOLA (Data collection and methodology),
Tel: +352 4301 35560

Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Decision No 1608/2003/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 July 2003 concerning the production and development of Community statistics on science and technology, OJ L 230, 16.09.2003

Commission Regulation (EC) No 753/2004 of 22 April 2004 implementing Decision No 1608/2003/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards statistics on science and technology, OJ L 118, 23.04.2004

Other basis:

European regional and urban statistics (Reference Guide) see the link above

Data Requirements

R&D expenditure; R&D personnel and Researchers (in Head count and in Full-time equivalent) by region (NUTS 2)

Regional data on patents, data based on the EPO Worldwide Statistical Patent Database PATSTAT – counts of patent applications filed at the European Patent office (EPO).

Regional data on the stock of human resources in science and technology (HRST) by NUTS level 2. This data is based on the European Labour Force Survey (EU LFS).

Regional data on employment in high-technology manufacturing sector and in knowledge-intensive services sector by NUTS level 2. This data is based on the European Labour Force Survey (EU LFS).

Methodology

Regional manual, Eurostat 1996 - Regional dimension of R&D and Innovation statistics

Frascati manual, OECD 2002 - Proposed standard practice for surveys on R&D

Patent Statistics Manual, OECD 2009 – Basic guidelines for compiling and analysing patent data.

Canberra Manual, OECD 1995 – Manual on the measurement of human resources devoted to S&T

International Cooperation

OECD.

g) Tourism statistics at regional level

Contact person: Ulrich SPÖREL (Data collection and methodology),
Tel: +352 4301 38077

Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Directive No 95/57/EC of 23 November 1995, on collection of statistical information in the field of tourism, OJ L 291, 6.12.1995

Commission Decision No 1999/35/EC of 9 December 1998, on the procedures for implementing Council Directive 95/57/EC on the collection of statistical information in the field of tourism, OJ L 9, 15.1.1999

Commission Decision No 2004/883/EC of 10 December 2004, adjusting the Annex to Council Directive 95/57/EC on the collection of statistical information in the field of tourism as regards country lists, OJ L 373, 21.12.2004

Other basis:

European regional and urban statistics (Reference Guide) see the link above

Data Requirements

Regional data on overnight stays of tourists, data on accommodation capacity (number of bed places)

Methodology

Eurostat Tourism Statistics. Data Transmission Compendium, 2007, Unit F6

International Cooperation

None

h) Health

Contact person: Hartmut BUCHOW (Data collection and methodology),
Tel: +352 4301 34990

Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Decision No 1786/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2002, adopting a programme of Community action in the field of public health (2003-2008), OJ L 271, 9.10.2002

Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for Community statistics on public health and health and safety at work (Regulation (EC) No 1338/2008 of 16 December 2008, OJ L 354, p.70).

Community action Programme on Public Health (Decision no 1350/2007/EC on establishing a second programme of Community action in the field of health (2008-13), OJ L 301, 20.11.2007, p. 3).

Community Statistical Programme 2008-12 (Decision 1578/2007/EC, OJ L 344, 28.12.2007, p. 15).

Agreements:

Eurostat Working Group on Public health Agreement of 01/01/1998, On Public Health statistics.
Comments: Title/subject: Public Health statistics. Compilation of statistics on public health is done on a 'gentlemen's agreement' basis mainly through decisions taken at the Eurostat Working Group on Public health. At regular intervals the SPC is informed on the work on public health statistics achieved through the Partnership on Health Statistics (which replaced the LEG Health in 2003) and the SPC is asked for advice/approval;

Joint questionnaire with WHO and OECD on health care expenditure data since 2005.

General information (description): Causes of death statistics (CoD), Health care statistics (CARE), Health Interview survey data (HIS);

Time of obligation and periodicity: continuous: for CoD and CARE: 1x/year; limited (start and end date): for HIS; selected items from national HIS: once in 1998, second round 2004; harmonised European Health Interview Survey to be carried out 2008/09, then every 5 years. Minimum European Health Module (MEHM) and some questions on unmet needs of health care collected via SILC (starting with data year 2005);

Publication: in TF and/or WG documents; Mortality atlas (2002-2004) upcoming in 2009; SIF unmet needs 2009; SIF ad-hoc module LFS upcoming 20009; DIF expenditure health care 2008, renewal 2009 upcoming

Participant countries: 27 EU, CH, NO and IS;

Official data providers: NSIs and/or Ministries of Health and/or Institute of Public Health.

Other basis:

European regional and urban statistics (Reference Guide) see the link above

Data Requirements

Regional health care non-expenditure data (number of doctors, dentists, nurses, pharmacists, physiotherapists; hospital beds, hospital discharges); causes of death data.

Methodology

For CoD: data collection according to list of 65 causes

For CARE (non-expenditure data): data collection on health care personnel, on hospital beds, on hospital discharges and on high-tech equipment

International Cooperation

OECD, WHO.

i) Education

Contact person: Lene MEJER (Data collection and methodology),
Tel: +352 4301 35423

Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Resolution of 5 December 1994, on the promotion of education and training statistics in the European Union, OJ C 374, 30.12.1994

See also the Module 1.03.01 and 1.03.02

Agreements:

Member States Agreement of 1995, on education and training statistics.

Comments: Education and training statistics - Working Group Decision;

Time of obligation: continuous;

Periodicity: annual;

Participant countries: EU;

Official data providers: NSIs + Ministries of Education.

Other basis:

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the production and development of statistics on education and lifelong learning (COM/2005/0625 final)

European regional and urban statistics (Reference Guide) see the link above

Data Requirements

Data on enrolments in education by educational level and gender (UOE collection). Educational attainment and lifelong learning (training) (EU-LFS).

Methodology

Administrative data: Regional data on participation in education are collected through the UOE data collection (Eurostat specific tables)

Household data: Regional data on educational attainment and participation in education & training are collected through the LFS

International Cooperation

UNESCO, OECD.

j) Regional demography and migration statistics

Contact person: Oliver HEIDEN, Tel: +352 4301 31961
Giampaolo LANZIERI (Data collection and methodology - Demographic statistics), Tel: Tel: +352 4301 35336
David THOROGOOD (Data collection and methodology - Migration statistics), Tel: +352 4301 35487

Legal Basis

Agreements:

Regional demographic data collection. The collection of regional demographic statistics is done on a gentlemen's agreement basis mainly through decisions taken at the Eurostat working groups (Working Group on Demography and Census).

Collection of statistics on workers by citizenship and economic activity by regions (NUTS2 level). Data collection is arranged under 'gentlemen's agreement' within the framework of Joint UNSD, UNECE, Eurostat and ILO Questionnaire on International Migration.

Periodicity: annually;

Participant countries: EU27, EFTA and candidate countries, for which regions are defined or agreed under NUTS.

Publication: statistics are published on Eurostat's web page as a part of free dissemination database.

Official data providers: National statistical institutions

Use of the statistics: calculation of the Eurostat regional indicators per inhabitant, compiling population projections at regional level and monitoring of major changes in the regional population.

Other basis:

European regional and urban statistics (Reference Guide).

Data Requirements

Data on population, live births and deaths, surface and internal migration at regional level.

Data on workers by citizenship (individual countries) and region and on workers by economic activity, citizenship group (nationals, other EU citizens and non-EU citizens) and region.

Methodology

Demographic statistics: Definitions and methods of collection in 31 European countries, available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-CC-03-005

Methodology for the calculation of Eurostat's demographic indicators, available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-CC-04-004

Definitions and classification used for Labour Force Surveys is applied for data on workers.

International Cooperation

Eurostat collects and transmits data on workers to other partners in Joint UNSD, UNECE, Eurostat and ILO Questionnaire on International Migration.

k) Information Society Statistics

Contact person: Albrecht WIRTHMANN (Data collection and methodology),
Tel: +352 4301 33728

Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Commission Regulation (EC) No 2700/98 of 17 December 1998, concerning the definitions of characteristics for structural business statistics, OJ L 344, 18.12.1998

Regulation (EC) No 808/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004, concerning Community statistics on the information society, OJ L 143, 30.4.2004

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1031/2006 of 4 July 2006, implementing Regulation (EC) No 808/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on the information society, OJ L 186, 7.7.2006, p. 11-26

Commission Regulation (EC) No 847/2007 of 18 July 2007, implementing Regulation (EC) No 808/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on the information society, OJ L 187, 19.7.2007, p. 5-19

Commission Regulation (EC) No 960/2008 of 30 September 2008 implementing Regulation (EC) No 808/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on the information society, OJ L 262, 1.10.2008, p. 6-22

Data Requirements

None

Methodology:

Methodological Manual for statistics on the Information Society:

http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nomenclatures/index.cfm?TargetUrl=LST_NOM_DTL&StrNom=ST_ATMANUAL&StrLanguageCode=EN&IntPcKey=22600985&StrLayoutCode=HIERARCHIC

International cooperation:

OECD, ITU, UNECLAC, Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development.

Module 5.04.02 Development of regional indicators

Responsible unit: **E-4:** Regional statistics and geographical information
Contact person: Berthold FELDMANN, Tel: +352 4301 34401

1. Module Description

Development of new regional indicators according to either needs from Commission policy (principally via DG REGIO) or as deemed necessary by Eurostat.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 of 11 July 2006, laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999
OJ L 210, 31.7.2006

Other basis:

European regional and urban statistics (2009 Edition), available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-RA-09-008

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

Working Group documents and minutes concerning planned and discussed new regional indicators can be downloaded from the CIRCA site on Urban and Regional Statistics.

5. International Cooperation

OECD, SCORUS (a subgroup of the IAOS).

Module 5.04.03 Urban statistics

Responsible unit: **E-4: Regional statistics and geographical information**
Contact person: Teodóra BRANDMÜLLER, Tel: +352 4301 32927

1. Module Description

On going development and execution of the 'Urban Audit' data collection in close cooperation with DG REGIO who part finance the action.

2. Legal Basis

Agreements:

Grant agreements with Member States
PHARE 2005 agreements with candidate countries

Other basis:

Urban Audit Methodological Handbook (2004 Edition), available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-BD-04-002

Urban Audit Glossary (detailed variable definition): obtainable on request

European regional and urban statistics (2009 Edition), available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-RA-09-008

3. Data Requirements

URBANREG_CI_A3: Urban Audit Civic involvement, Local administration (codes CI1001V to CI2015V) Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

URBANREG_CR_A3: Urban Audit Culture and recreation, Tourism (codes CR1003V to CR2008V)
Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

URBANREG_DE_A3: Urban audit demography, Nationality, Household structure (codes DE1001V to DE3016V) Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

URBANREG_EC_A3: Urban Audit Labour market, Economic activity, Incomes disparities and poverty (codes EC1001V to EC3063V) Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

URBANREG_EN_A3: Urban Audit Climate/Geography, Air quality and noise, Water, Waste management, Land use, (codes EN1003V to EN5108V) Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

URBANREG_IT_A3: Urban Audit Users and infrastructure, Local e-Government, ICT sector (codes IT1001V to IT3006V) Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

URBANREG_QU_A3: Urban Audit - Data Deliveries for the Quality Check
Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

URBANREG_SA_A3: Urban Audit Housing, Health and Crime (codes SA1001V to SA3008V)
Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

URBANREG_TE_A3: Urban Audit Education and training provision, Educational qualifications (codes TE1001V to TE2033V) Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

URBANREG_TT_A3: Urban Audit Travel patterns (codes TT1003V to TT1074V)
Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

Urban Audit Glossary (detailed variable definition): obtainable on request

Urban Audit Methodological Handbook (2004 Edition), available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-BD-04-002

Urban Audit Reference Guide - Data 2003-2004

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KS-RA-07-016/EN/KS-RA-07-016-EN.PDF

5. International Cooperation

OECD on the definition of metropolitan areas.

Module 5.04.04 SIRE

Responsible unit: **E-4: Regional statistics and geographical information**
Contact person: Oliver HEIDEN, Tel: +352 4301 31961

1. Module Description

On-going management of the sub-NUTS LAU classification as well as the geography and data collection based on this under informal agreements. Link-up with the geographical information system of the Commission (GISCO). The limited number of statistical variables originates mainly from the population censuses.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 May 2003, on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS), OJ L 154, 21.6.2003

Regulation (EC) No 1888/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 October 2005, amending Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) by reason of the accession of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia to the European Union, OJ L 309, 25.11.2005

Commission Regulation (EC) No 105/2007 of 1 February 2007, amending the annexes to Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS), OJ L 39, 10.2.2007, p. 1-37

Regulation (EC) No 176/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 February 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) by reason of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union, OJ L 61, 5.3.2008, p. 1-5

Regulation (EC) No 763/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 on population and housing censuses, OJ L 218, 13.8.2008, p. 14-20

Regulation (EC) No 1137/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2008 adapting a number of instruments subject to the procedure laid down in Article 251 of the Treaty to Council Decision 1999/468/EC, with regard to the regulatory procedure with scrutiny, Adaptation to the regulatory procedure with scrutiny - Part One, OJ L 311, 21.11.2008, p. 26-27

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

Information about LAU (Local Administrative Units) available on:

http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nuts/lau_en.html

Recommendations for a harmonised definition of calculation of surface area of territorial units (Eurostat 1999) available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/regstat/library?l=/surface_area&vm=detailed&sb=Title

European regional and urban statistics (2008 Edition), available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KS-HA-08-001/EN/KS-HA-08-001-EN.PDF

European regional and urban statistics (2009 Edition) is under preparation in spring 2009.

5. International Cooperation

None

Module 5.04.05 Management of the NUTS classification

Responsible unit:
Contact person:

E-4: Regional statistics and geographical information
Oliver HEIDEN, Tel: +352 4301 31961

1. Module Description

Management of the on-going review and revision of the NUTS classification according to the provisions of the regulation. Follow up of formal procedures linked to accession countries.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 May 2003, on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS), OJ L 154, 21.6.2003

Regulation (EC) No 1888/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 October 2005, amending Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) by reason of the accession of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia to the European Union, OJ L 309, 25.11.2005

Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 of 11 July 2006, laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999, OJ L 210, 31.7.2006

Commission Regulation (EC) No 105/2007 of 1 February 2007, amending the annexes to Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS), OJ L 39, 10.2.2007, p. 1-37

Commission Regulation (EC) No 11/2008 of 8 January 2008, implementing Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) on the transmission of the time series for the new regional breakdown, OJ L 5, 9.1.2008, p. 13-14

Regulation (EC) No 176/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 February 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) by reason of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union, OJ L 61, 5.3.2008, p. 1-5

Regulation (EC) No 1137/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2008 adapting a number of instruments subject to the procedure laid down in Article 251 of the Treaty to Council Decision 1999/468/EC, with regard to the regulatory procedure with scrutiny, Adaptation to the regulatory procedure with scrutiny - Part One, OJ L 311, 21.11.2008, p. 26-27

Agreements:

Written agreements with certain potential candidate countries and candidate countries on the use of Statistical Regions comparable to Regions defined in the Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 May 2003, on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS)

Other basis:

Publication: Regions in the European Union NUTS 2006/EU27, see at:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-RA-07-020

Publication: Statistical regions for the EFTA countries and the candidate countries 2008, see at:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-RA-07-023

European regional and urban statistics (2009 Edition), available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-RA-09-008

Information about NUTS available on: <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nuts/>

3. Data Requirements

NUTS_LAU_A: Collection of LAU (Local Administrative Units) lists including data on population and surface area Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

See at: <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nuts/>

5. International Cooperation

None

Theme 5.05 Geographical and local information

Description

A large number of departments within the Commission make use of geographical information systems for the drafting, implementation and evaluation of the policies for which they are responsible. Moreover, geographically located information is becoming even more important as a source for statistics and analyses, presenting a great potential both for developing new statistics and for illustrating and communicating purposes. This trend will become increasingly evident in the next few years as technology advances and data become more extensively available. Eurostat, as manager of the Commission's reference database, must meet this challenge.

Key priorities 2009

Geographic information (GI) has become a key information requirement for the establishment and follow-up of a growing range of community policies. In 2009, Eurostat will continue its role of on-going internal reference within Eurostat and co-ordination within the Commission in terms of information and geographic information systems. Development work on spatial analysis methods to support community policies (notably environment, regional, rural and maritime) will be continued. The development of projects towards a harmonised geographically referenced foundation for the ESS will be encouraged and possibly supported.

In addition to this essentially production task (which covers the maintenance and addition of GI coverages), there will be a need to continue the progressive evolution of the technical environment to render it compatible with INSPIRE requirements. Eurostat, in association with DG JRC and DG ENV will continue the support of the implementation of INSPIRE following the adoption of the directive. This covers infrastructure and drafting of specific regulations as envisaged in the programme but also the initiation of operational and decision making support (in particular the continuing work of the INSPIRE committee); in particular it is foreseen to submit directive implementing rules for the opinion of the committee and their further adoption by the Commission.

Cooperation in the framework of the Global Monitoring for Environment and Security (GMES) and Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) initiative will be also continued.

Module 5.05.01 GISCO

Responsible unit: **E-4:** Regional statistics and geographical information
Contact person: Daniele RIZZI, Tel: +352 4301 38201

1. Module Description

Management of the Geographical Information System of the Commission (GISCO). This covers technical, operational and production activities.

2. Legal Basis

None

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

The work is carried out on the request of DGs AGRI, TREN, EAC, ENV, FISH, SANCO; high priority

GISCO concerns the management of a geographical reference database for the Commission

5. International Cooperation

UNSD, EEA.

Module 5.05.02 INSPIRE

Responsible unit: **E-4:** Regional statistics and geographical information
Contact person: Daniele RIZZI, Tel: +352 4301 38201

1. Module Description

Implementation of the INSPIRE Directive in cooperation with DG ENV and DG JRC. This includes operational management of the infrastructure as well, administrative management of the committee and development of selected implementing rules for adoption.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Directive No 2007/2/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 March 2007 establishing an Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the European Community (INSPIRE), OJ-L 108, 25.4.2007

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1205/2008 of 3 December 2008 implementing Directive 2007/2/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards metadata, OJ-L 326, 4.12.2008

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

None

5. International Cooperation

UNSD, EEA, international initiatives of spatial data infrastructures (e.g. GSDI).

Theme 5.06 Science, technology and innovation

Description

Statistics on science, technology and innovation (STI statistics) mainly cover R&D statistics, including statistics on government budget appropriations and outlays on R&D (GBAORD), innovation statistics (based on the Community innovation surveys/CIS), patent statistics, statistics on human resources in science and technology (HRST statistics), statistics on the career development of doctorate holders (CDH statistics) and statistics on high-tech industries and knowledge-based services.

The activities to be undertaken in 2008 and beyond comprise data production and dissemination in the various domains based on the Commission Regulation on statistics on science and technology (No 753/2004) and the Commission Regulation on statistics on innovation (No 1450/2004).

Methodological and development work will be carried out in the areas of R&D statistics (on metadata, data quality, better measuring the internationalisation of R&D, and the development of R&D data for National Accounts), the Community innovation surveys 2006 and 2008, patent statistics (better use of the raw database PATSTAT), CDH statistics (with first results to be produced) and HRST statistics (with better recording of mobility issues).

The contents of and reactions to the Commission report on the implementation and further development of STI statistics to be adopted in 2007 will be taken into consideration in this respect. This refers in particular to the envisaged revision of the two Commission Regulations (No 753/2004 and 1450/2004) and to the evaluation and consolidation of CDH statistics.

Key priorities 2009

STI statistics are a priority activity also for 2008. The consolidation, quality improvement and further development already ongoing since the adoption of the two Commission Regulations No 753/2004 and 1450/2004 will continue. The relevance of the data, responding to strong user demand (mainly from DG RTD, ENTR and REGIO), will be further improved. Main priority actions for 2008 are: for R&D statistics, further improving data quality and better measuring the internationalisation of R&D; for innovation statistics, definition of the CIS 2008, better micro-data use and improvement of CIS micro-data access; for patent statistics, better use of the PATSTAT patent raw database; for CDH statistics, first broader data production and project consolidation; and for statistics on high-tech industries and knowledge-based services, improvement of data quality and the addition of new data sources. Further improvement of the internal data production system (for tabulated and micro-data) as well as of the publication programme will also have to be achieved.

Module 5.06.01 Statistics on science and technology

Responsible unit: **F-4: Education, science and culture**
Contact person: Veijo RITOLA, Tel: +352 4301 35560

1. Module Description

Statistics on science and technology cover the R & D data collection as well as the work on Statistics on Human Resources in science and technology, statistics on high-tech industries and knowledge based services and statistics on patents, based on the EP/Council Decision N° 1608/2003/EC and the subsequent Commission Regulation.

This legislative framework puts in place several data collections: the collection on R & D statistics, the data compilation of Statistics on Human Resources in Science and Technology, the data collection of statistics on the Career Development of Doctorate Holders and the data compilation of data on high tech industries and knowledge based services, on Venture Capital Investments and on patents (based on PATSTAT coming from the European Patent Office). All these activities are accompanied by methodological manuals such as the Frascati and the Canberra Manual.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Decision No 1608/2003/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 July 2003, concerning the production and development of Community statistics on science and technology, OJ L 230, 16.9.2003

Commission Regulation (EC) No 753/2004 of 22 April 2004, implementing Decision N°1608/2003/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards statistics on science and technology OJ L 118, 23.4.2004

Agreements:

Gentlemen's agreement for additional data collections if needed (e.g. on CDH statistics). Documentation on the CDH statistics available on:
http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/rdi/library?l=/careers_doctorate_1&vm=detailed&sb=Title

Other basis:

Member States and Eurostat apply the community methodology for the production of their statistics. More information available on: <http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/rdi/library>

3. Data Requirements

RD_NONCONF_A: regular (annual) data collection on R&D and GBAORD statistics
Timeliness: 180, 360, 540 Periodicity: B

RD_CONF_A: regular data (annual) collection on R&D and GBAORD statistics (potential confidential data)
Timeliness: 180, 360, 540 Periodicity: B

4. Methodology

Frascati manual

Canberra manual

Patent statistics manual

NABS and FOS classification

5. International Cooperation

OECD, EPO, UNESCO.

Module 5.06.02 Statistics on innovation

Responsible unit: **F-4: Education, science and culture**
Contact person: Veijo RITOLA, Tel: +352 4301 35560

1. Module Description

Innovation statistics are related to the Community Innovation surveys and provide the harmonised data source on innovation data in Europe. The module covers regular Community Innovation surveys based on the Commission Regulation No 1450/2004. Data collections are organised on the base of the harmonised questionnaire and on the base of the harmonised survey methodology. The overall methodology is laid down in the Oslo manual.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Decision No 1608/2003/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 July 2003, concerning the production and development of Community statistics on science and technology OJ L 230, 16.9.2003

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1450/2004 of 13 August 2004, implementing Decision N° 1608/2003/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the production and development of Community statistics on innovation, OJ L 267, 14.8.2004

Other basis:

Member States apply the EU methodology for the production of their statistics. More information available on:
http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/rdi/library?l=/innovation_statistics&vm=detailed&sb=Title

3. Data Requirements

CIS_CIS_32: Community Innovation Survey, regular bi-annual results
Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: 2

4. Methodology

OSLO manual

5. International Cooperation

OECD.

Theme 5.07 Information society

Description

Statistics on the information society are a vital basis for European policy makers in order to follow the structural changes in the economy and to monitor the general uptake of information and communication technology (ICT) within the European societies. The high political priority of these statistics is demonstrated by the inclusion of indicators on the information society among the structural indicators, as well as the decision to monitor the progress towards the i2010 goals through a system of benchmarking indicators. The main legal basis for action is Regulation (EC) No. 808/2004 of the EP and the Council concerning Community statistics on the information society and its annual implementing measures. That Regulation has provided a framework for developing a flexible system of collecting statistics on the information society. Cooperation with other international organisations will be reinforced to improve consistency of methods and indicators for better comparability of data at international level. New methodology (e.g. on measuring ICT expenditure and investment and other evolving ways of electronic communications) will have to be implemented and current methodology improved in the rapidly changing area. In order to improve information on the ICT supply side work on the definition of a conceptual framework and the collection of statistics on the ICT sector from other statistical domains will continue.

Key priorities 2009

Highest priority will be assigned to the update of the current framework Regulation (EC) 808/2004 beyond the year 2010. In this context, unit F6 will actively contribute to the discussions on the successor of the i2010 strategy.

Priority within information society statistics is the timely reporting on the benchmarking indicators linked to the i2010 strategy as well as on structural indicators. Therefore, important efforts will be spent on ensuring the execution of Community surveys on ICT usage in enterprises and in households, as well as the validation and the publication of the results. The new NACE Rev2 will be implemented for the enterprise survey with an aggregation of the results according to both NACE revisions. In order to ensure the timely reporting on the benchmarking indicators for the future, the implementing measures to Regulation (EC) 808/2004 will be adapted for the 2010 survey wave. At the same time, emphasis will be put on quality aspects of the two surveys. The resulting work will be included into the methodological manual with recommended guidelines for the two surveys.

Methodological work will concentrate on indicators linked to the i2010 strategy that are not yet collected within the framework of Regulation (EC) 808/2004 particularly as regards theme 5 (priority areas and definition of new indicators) and theme 7 (Statistics on supply side).

In order to continue the monitoring of the implementation of the (revised) postal directive, the collection of data on postal services will be continued and adapted if necessary.

Module 5.07.01 Statistics on information and communication technologies

Responsible unit: **F-6: Information society;Tourism**
Contact person: Albrecht WIRTHMANN, Tel: +352 4301 33728

1. Module Description

The aim is to inform EU policy makers and citizens about how individuals and enterprises use Information and Communication Technologies. This module provides timely and internationally comparable statistics and analyses that help understand the impact of ICTs on Europe's economy, society and environment. It covers a wide range of subjects (internet usage, e-commerce, security, trust, wireless connectivity, internet of things, etc.) and it is governed by the 808/2004 (EC) Regulation of the EP and Council and it is implemented by annual Commission Regulations. The background policy framework is the 2010 strategy – 'An European Information Society for growth and employment' and its corresponding 2010 benchmarking framework.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Commission Regulation (EC) No 2700/98 of 17 December 1998, concerning the definitions of characteristics for structural business statistics, OJ L 344, 18.12.1998

Regulation (EC) No 808/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004, concerning Community statistics on the information society, OJ L 143, 30.4.2004

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1031/2006 of 4 July 2006, implementing Regulation (EC) No 808/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on the information society, OJ L 186, 7.7.2006, p. 11-26

Commission Regulation (EC) No 847/2007 of 18 July 2007, implementing Regulation (EC) No 808/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on the information society, OJ L 187, 19.7.2007, p. 5-19

Commission Regulation (EC) No 960/2008 of 30 September 2008 implementing Regulation (EC) No 808/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on the information society, OJ L 262, 1.10.2008, p. 6-22

Other basis:

The data collection for telecommunication statistics is currently working on voluntary basis. The questionnaires with related definitions, annually revised, are available on:
<http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/coins/home>

3. Data Requirements

INFOSOC_ENT_A: Information Society Statistics - enterprise survey Timeliness: 126 Periodicity: A

INFOSOC_FINSEC_A: Information Society Statistics - financial survey
Timeliness: 1800 Periodicity: A

INFOSOC_HH_A: Information Society Statistics - household survey Timeliness: 126 Periodicity: A

INFOSOC_UHH_A: Information Society Statistics - household micro-data
Timeliness: 126 Periodicity: A

COINS_TELCOM_A : Telecommunication statistics Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

Methodological Manual for statistics on the Information Society:

http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nomenclatures/index.cfm?TargetUrl=LST_NOM_DTL&StrNom=STATMANUAL&StrLanguageCode=EN&IntPcKey=22600985&StrLayoutCode=HIERARCHIC

Business Methods available on:

http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nomenclatures/index.cfm?TargetUrl=LST_NOM&StrGroupCode=LEX_MANUAL&StrLanguageCode=EN

Methodological works in progress:

Annual revisions of the questionnaires on ICT usage in households/by individuals and in enterprises according to priorities set in the i2010 benchmarking framework in a TF and by written consultations; final discussions in March working group.

5. International Cooperation

OECD, ITU, UNECLAC, Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development.

Module 5.07.02 Postal statistics

Responsible unit: **F-6: Information society;Tourism**
Contact person: Martti LUMIO, Tel: +352 4301 32234

1. Module Description

The objective of this module is to provide harmonized statistics on the postal services, covering the Universal Service Providers as well as other postal operators. The data collection is carried out with the support of DG MARKT and European Regulators and it can now rely on the Article 22a (Provision of information) of the new Postal Directive and has therefore a stronger legal basis. The data on postal items, employment and economic aspects of the postal services will be used for monitoring the impact of the postal directive.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Directive 2008/6/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 February 2008 amending Directive 97/67/EC with regard to the full accomplishment of the internal market of Community postal services, Article 22A, OJ L 52, 27.2.2008, p. 3–20

Other basis:

The data collection is currently working on voluntary basis. The questionnaires with related definitions, annually revised, are available on: <http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/coins/home>

3. Data Requirements

COINS_POSCOU_A: Postal and Courier Statistics Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

Business Methods available on:

http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nomenclatures/index.cfm?TargetUrl=LST_NOM&StrGroupCode=L_EX_MANUAL&StrLanguageCode=EN

Methodological works in progress: Development of methods for statistics on the postal and courier services in cooperation with DG MARKT and CERP (Comité européen de régulation postale).

5. International Cooperation

CERP, OECD, UPU.

DOMAIN 6 – Support for statistical outputs

Theme 6.01 Statistical coordination and classifications

Description

Statistical coordination covers activities which facilitate and make the production and dissemination of statistics more efficient, and activities to coordinate and promote better use of accounting data for statistical purposes. The centralisation of statistical metadata and their dissemination is provided through the new version of Eurostat's metadata server (RAMON) which makes available statistical classifications and the relevant correspondence tables, statistical concepts and definitions, legal acts pertaining to statistics and methodological manuals.

The theme also covers the development, updating and implementation of a harmonised set of central statistical classifications such as the European Classification of Economic Activities (NACE), the Statistical Classification of Products by Activities (CPA) and the International Standard Classification on Occupations (ISCO) for the European Statistical System (ESS).

Key priorities 2009

The centralisation and dissemination of statistical metadata is a service offered by Eurostat to all statistical data providers and data users. For this purpose, the new version of Eurostat's metadata server makes available statistical classifications and the relevant correspondence tables, statistical concepts and definitions, legal acts pertaining to statistics, standard code lists used for the reference database and methodological manuals. Work in 2009 will mainly concentrate on linking the information on the metadata server to the related data. A new project will be started to develop a taxonomy between accounting and statistical data with a specific focus on SMEs and with the objective to identify matching concepts and definitions between accounting and statistical data.

After the adoption of NACE Rev.2, CPA 2008 and ISCO 08, the work during 2009 will mainly concentrate on coordinating the implementation of all these statistical classifications in the statistical production process in Eurostat and the national statistical institutes, providing methodological help where needed and organising the internal process of transition to the new classifications with economies of scale. Efforts will also be focused on updating and improving the integrated system of classifications based on NACE Rev.2 and CPA 2008. This implies revising or contributing to the revision of related classifications. Also Combined Nomenclature (CN) 2010 and its related products will be established. An ongoing CN modernisation project aims to simplify the nomenclature, thereby contributing to the reduction of response burden in international trade statistics.

Module 6.01.02 Classifications

Responsible unit:
Contact person:

B-1: Quality; Classifications
Ana FRANCO LOPES, Tel: +352 4301 33209

1. Module Description

The objective is to encompass activities for the development of European framework classifications which includes NACE, CPA and ISCO, to coordinate classification work with UN technical groups and to provide support and guidance on other sectoral classification used in the ESS.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Regulation (EEC) No 3037/90 of 9 October 1990, on the statistical classification of economic activities in the European Community (NACE), OJ L 293, 24.10.1990

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1232/98 of 17 June 1998, amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3696/93 on the statistical classification of products by activity (CPA) in the European Economic Community, OJ L 177, 22.6.1998

Commission Regulation (EC) No 204/2002 of 19 December 2001, amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3696/93 on the statistical classification of products by activity (CPA) in the European Economic Community (CPA), OJ L 36, 06.2.2002

Regulation (EC) No 1893/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006, establishing the statistical classification of economic activities NACE Revision 2 and amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3037/90 as well as certain EC Regulations on specific statistical domains, OJ L 393, 30.12.2006, p. 1-39

Commission Regulation (EC) No 973/2007 amending certain EC Regulations on specific statistical domains implementing the statistical classification of economic activities NACE Revision 2, OJ L 216, 21.8.2007, p. 10-16

Commission Regulation (EC) No 11/2008 of 8 January 2008 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) on the transmission of the time series for the new regional breakdown, OJ L 5, 9.1.2008, p. 13-14

Regulation (EC) No 176/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 February 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) by reason of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union. OJ L 61, 5.3.2008, p. 1-5

Regulation (EC) No 451/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2008 establishing a new statistical classification of products by activity (CPA) and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 3696/93, OJ L 145, 4.6.2008, p. 65-226

Other basis:

Introductory guidelines to NACE Rev.2 available on RAMON:
<http://circa.europa.eu/irc/dsis/nacecpacon/info/data/en/introductoryguidelinesEN.pdf>

Revised classification NACE and CPA, the explanatory notes as well as implementation issues available on:

<http://circa.europa.eu/irc/dsis/nacecpacon/info/data/en/index.htm>

ISCO 08 classification

<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/bureau/stat/isco/docs/resol08.pdf>

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

Five handbooks for the implementation of NACE are available (as well as a glossary):

[Setting up an implementation plan for NACE Rev. 2](#)

[Implementation of NACE Rev.2 in Business Registers](#)

[Handbook on methodological aspects related to sampling designs and weights estimations](#)

[Handbook on back-casting](#)

Outsourcing

5. International Cooperation

UNSD for the NACE and CPA.

ILO for the ISCO.

Module 6.01.03 Classifications for trade in goods statistics

Responsible unit: **G-4: International trade - methodology and classifications**
Contact person: Jussi ALA-KIHNIA, Tel: +352 4301 38180

1. Module Description

Two classifications are used in trade in goods statistics: the detailed (~9600 codes) product classification Combined Nomenclature (CN) and the country classification Geonomenclature (GEONOM). The CN is updated and published annually in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 2658/87. Eurostat manages the statistical aspects of CN, aided by the Customs Code Committee, and publishes unofficial database versions of CN as well as self explanatory texts and transposition tables etc. for statistical use. GEONOM is based on Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 and is revised when necessary, typically every 1-3 years.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of 23 July 1987, on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff, OJ L 256, 7.9.1987

Council Regulation (EEC) No 3528/89 of 23 November 1989, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff, OJ L 347, 28.11.1989

Council Regulation (EEC) No 3845/89 of 18 December 1989, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff, OJ L 374, 22.12.1989

Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 of 12 October 1992, establishing the Community Customs Code, OJ L 302, 19.10.1992

Council Regulation (EEC) No 1969/93 of 19 July 1993, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff, OJ L 180, 23.7.1993

Council Regulation (EC) No 254/2000 of 31 January 2000, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and the Common Customs Tariff, OJ L 28, 2.3.2000

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1833/2006 of 13 December 2006, on the nomenclature of countries and territories for the external trade statistics of the Community and statistics of trade between Member States, OJ L 354, 14.12.2006

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1214/2007 of 20 September 2007 amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff, OJ L 286, 31.10.2007

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

[Update of CN codes 2009](#) available on:

http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nomenclatures/index.cfm?TargetUrl=LST_CLS_DLD&StrNom=CN_2009&StrLanguageCode=EN&StrLayoutCode=HIERARCHIC

Statistics on the trading of goods - User guide, available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-BM-06-001

5. International Cooperation

CN: WCO.

GEONOM: ISO.

Theme 6.11 Data security and statistical confidentiality

Description

Statistical confidentiality is a fundamental principle of Community statistics enshrined in the Treaty (Article 285) and further developed in Council Regulations 90/1588 and 322/97. It entails a particular duty on the part of the Community statistical authority (Eurostat) to adopt and apply specific implementing measures, in conformity with the opinion of the Committee on Statistical Confidentiality, to safeguard the confidentiality of data transmitted by national authorities to Eurostat.

Since 2002, with the entry into force of Commission Regulation 831/2002 concerning access to confidential data for scientific purposes, a new step forward to satisfy the needs of the scientific community for statistical information has been taken. Eurostat has to implement the principles set out in this Regulation and to meet the expectations of users.

Furthermore, the increase in confidential data available to Eurostat, the methodological/technical progress made, and the need to better harmonise Eurostat practice and to promote convergence in Member States will guide methodological activity aiming at providing tools and methods of statistical disclosure control.

Eurostat must also continuously evaluate the regulations in view of ongoing needs to produce higher-quality EU statistics and to improve the legal basis for statistical confidentiality.

For the coming years, the challenge for data security will be to give remote access for better productivity and still ensure confidentiality of the data. Web access to databases will have to be organised and protected to prevent web hacking.

Key priorities 2009

In the field of data security and statistical confidentiality, work will concentrate on exploring the opportunities of remote access by researchers to statistical microdata and in the use of a network of safe centres to facilitate the access of the research community. A handbook on statistical disclosure control methods will be published as output of an ongoing ESSnet project in that domain. Furthermore, the possibility of using the Network of National Data Archives (CESSDA) will be explored. Lastly, and depending on the adoption of the new Regulation on European statistics, the adoption of implementing legislation and procedures in line with this new legal framework will be carried out.

In the context of a new legal basic framework, simplifying rules on statistical confidentiality and allowing more flexibility and further cooperation as regards the exchange of confidential data and access to such data for research purposes.

Module 6.11.01 Data security and data protection

DATA SECURITY

Responsible person: Local Informatics Security Officer (LISO)
Contact person: Pierre CONSTANT, Tel: +352 4301 35146

1. Module Description

Statistical confidentiality is a fundamental principle of Community statistics enshrined in the Treaty (Article 285) and further developed in Council Regulations 1588/90 and 322/97. It entails a particular duty on the part of the Community statistical authority (Eurostat) to adopt and apply specific implementing measures, in conformity with the opinion of the Committee on Statistical Confidentiality, to safeguard the confidentiality of data transmitted by national authorities to Eurostat. A dedicated Manual described all the security procedures in force to transport and store securely the confidential data received from the Member States, to give access to authorised users for statistical purpose (Eurostat officials, contractors, researchers) and to ensure proper anonymisation before dissemination.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Commission Decision No 97/281/EC of 21 April 1997, on the role of Eurostat as regards the production of Community Statistics, OJ L 112, 29.4.1997

Commission Regulation (EC) No 831/2002 of 17 May 2002, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, concerning access to confidential data for scientific purposes, OJ L 133, 18.5.2002

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1104/2006 of 18 July 2006, amending Regulation (EC) No 831/2002 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, concerning access to confidential data for scientific purposes, OJ L 197, 19.7.2006

Commission Regulation (EC) No 606/2008 of 26 June 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 831/2002 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, concerning access to confidential data for scientific purposes, OJ L 166, 27.6.2008, p. 16-17

Commission Decision No 2008/876/EC of 6 November 2008 amending Decision 2004/452/EC laying down a list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes, OJ L 310, 21.11.2008, p. 28-29

Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics and repealing Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1101/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the transmission of data subject to statistical confidentiality to the Statistical Office of the European Communities, Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, and Council Decision 89/382/EEC, Euratom establishing a Committee on the Statistical Programmes of the European Communities, OJ L 87, 31.03.2009, p.164-173

Other basis:

European Statistics Code of Practice adopted by the Statistical Programme Committee on 24 February 2005

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

None

5. International Cooperation

None

DATA PROTECTION

Responsible person: Data Protection Coordinator (DPC)
Contact person: Robert VAN DER STAR, Tel: +352 4301 36374

1. Module Description

Coordination with the Commission's Data Protection Officer for the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000, on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data, OJ L 8, 12.1.2001

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

None

5. International Cooperation

None

Module 6.11.02 Coordination for statistical confidentiality

Responsible unit:
Contact person:

B-2: Methodology and research
Aleksandra BUJNOWSKA , Tel: +352 4301 30307

1. Module Description

This module aims at assuring the coordination of statistical confidentiality activities in the realm of ESS statistics. The main actions relate to the developments of various means of access to micro-data for research purposes and to the smooth processing of admissibility requests and requests for access to confidential data. Other actions are related to the harmonisation and support of methods for the statistical disclosure control (SDC) in micro- and tabular data, and the development and maintenance of software for SDC. Coordination of confidentiality related activities at the ESS level is achieved through the Statistical Confidentiality Committee (ESS Committee in the future). The upcoming of the new Regulation on European statistics will require several actions related to the implementation of confidentiality legal framework.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Commission Decision No 97/281/EC of 21 April 1997, on the role of Eurostat as regards the production of Community Statistics, OJ L 112, 29.4.1997, p. 56

Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2001, on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data, OJ L 8, 12.1.2001, p. 1

Commission Regulation (EC) No 831/2002 of 17 May 2002, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, concerning access to confidential data for scientific purposes, OJ L 133, 18.5.2002, p. 7

Decision No 2367/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2002 on the Community statistical programme 2003 to 2007, OJ L 358, 31.12.2002, p. 1

Commission Decision No 2004/452/EC of 29 April 2004, laying down a list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes, OJ L 156, 30.4.2004, p. 1

Corrigendum to Commission Decision No 2004/452/EC of 29 April 2004 laying down a list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes (OJ L 156, 30.4.2004), OJ L 202, 7.6.2004, p. 1

Commission Decision No 2005/412/EC of 25 May 2005, amending Commission Decision 2004/452/EC concerning the list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes, OJ L 140, 3.6.2005, p. 11

Commission Decision No 2005/746/EC of 20 October 2005, amending Decision 2004/452/EC concerning the list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes, OJ L 280, 25.10.2005, p. 16

Commission Decision No 2006/429/EC of 22 June 2006, amending Decision 2004/452/EC concerning the list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes, OJ L 172, 24.6.2006, p. 17

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1104/2006 of 18 July 2006, amending Regulation (EC) No 831/2002 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, concerning access to confidential data for scientific purposes, OJ L 197, 19.7.2006, p. 3

Commission Decision No 2006/699/EC of 17 October 2006, amending Decision 2004/452/EC laying down a list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes, OJ L 287, 18.10.2006, p. 36

Commission Decision No 2007/81/EC of 2 February 2007, amending Decision 2004/452/EC laying down a list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes, OJ L 28, 3.2.2007, p. 23

Commission Decision 2007/229/EC of 11 April 2007, amending Decision 2004/452/EC laying down a list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes, OJ L 99, 14.4.2007, p. 11

Commission Decision 2007/439/EC of 25 June 2007, amending Decision 2004/452/EC laying down a list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes, OJ L 164, 26.6.2007, p. 30

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1000/2007 of 29 August 2007 amending Regulation (EC) No 831/2002 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, concerning access to confidential data for scientific purposes, OJ L 226, 30.8.2007, p. 7

Commission Decision 2007/678/EC of 16 October 2007, amending Decision 2004/452/EC laying down a list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes, OJ L 280, 24.10.2007, p. 22

Commission Decision 2008/52/EC of 20 December 2007, amending Decision 2004/452/EC laying down a list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes, OJ L 13, 16.1.2008, p. 29

Commission Decision of 18 March 2008 amending Decision 2004/452/EC laying down a list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes, OJ L 98, 10.4.2008, p. 11

Commission Regulation (EC) No 606/2008 of 26 June 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 831/2002 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, concerning access to confidential data for scientific purposes, OJ L 166, 27.06.2008, p. 16

Commission Decision of 25 June 2008 amending Decision 2004/452/EC laying down a list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes, OJ L 192, 19.07.2008, p. 60

Commission Decision of 6 November 2008 amending Decision 2004/452/EC laying down a list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes, OJ L 310, 21.11.2008, p. 28

Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics and repealing Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1101/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the transmission of data subject to statistical confidentiality to the Statistical Office of the European Communities, Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, and Council Decision 89/382/EEC, Euratom establishing a Committee on the Statistical Programmes of the European Communities, OJ L 87, 31.03.2009, p.164-173

Other basis:

European Statistics Code of Practice adopted by the Statistical Programme Committee on 24 February 2005

Communication from the Commission of 25 May 2005 to the European Parliament and to the Council on the independence, integrity and accountability of the national and Community statistical authorities, together with the Commission Recommendation on the same subject (COM/2005/0217 final)

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

Manual on the Protection of Confidential Data in Eurostat

5. International Cooperation

None

Module 6.11.03 Legal aspects of confidentiality

Responsible unit: **A-5: Legal and institutional affairs**
Contact person: Helena OTTOSSON, Tel: +352 4301 32771

1. Module Description

Advice throughout on legal aspects of statistical confidentiality. Follow and advice in particular with regard to the implementation of the Commission Regulation on the conditions of access to confidential data for scientific purposes. Advice on the implementation of rules governing the access of the public to Commission documents.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2001, on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data, OJ L 8, 12.1.2001, p. 1

Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001, regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents, OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43

Commission Regulation (EC) No 831/2002 of 17 May 2002, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, concerning access to confidential data for scientific purposes, OJ L 133, 18.5.2002, p. 7

Commission Decision No 2004/452/EC of 29 April 2004, laying down a list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes, OJ L 156, 30.4.2004, p. 1

Regulation (EC) No 1367/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 September 2006 on the application of the provisions of the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters to Community institutions and bodies, OJ L 264, 25.9.2006, p. 13

Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics and repealing Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1101/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the transmission of data subject to statistical confidentiality to the Statistical Office of the European Communities, Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, and Council Decision 89/382/EEC, Euratom establishing a Committee on the Statistical Programmes of the European Communities, OJ L 87, 31.03.2009, p.164-173

Other basis:

Communication from the Commission of 25 May 2005 to the European Parliament and to the Council on the independence, integrity and accountability of the national and Community statistical authorities, together with the Commission Recommendation on the same subject (COM/2005/0217 final)

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

Manual on the Protection of Confidential Data in Eurostat

5. International Cooperation

None

Annex I - How to find statistics legal acts in the Directory of Community legislation (EUR-Lex)

EUR-Lex provides direct free access to European Union law via the internet. The system makes it possible to consult the Official Journal of the European Union. It includes inter alia the treaties, legislation, case-law and legislative proposals. It offers extensive search facilities.

What kind of statistics legal acts EUR-Lex contains and where

The 'Directory of Community legislation in force' is available in EUR-Lex via the collection 'Legislation in force' from the menu on the left side of the screen.

The screenshot shows the EUR-Lex homepage with a sidebar on the left containing links for 'OFFICIAL JOURNAL', 'SIMPLE SEARCH', 'ADVANCED SEARCH', 'COLLECTIONS' (with 'Legislation in force' highlighted), and 'QUICK LINKS'. The main content area displays information about the 'Legislation in force' directory, mentioning consolidated texts and a special edition of the Official Journal. Navigation links include 'Directory of Community legislation in force' and 'Community legislation in force on 1 May 2004'.

Screenshot 1: EUR-Lex: Legislation in force: Directory of Community legislation in force:
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/legis/index.htm>

With regard to the range of documentation covered, it was felt that the Directory should include not only current Community legislation as such but also other instruments reflecting the activities of the European Union (EU, ECSC, EEC, EC and Euratom) such as policy instruments and decisions taken in individual cases but of more general interest.

The Directory therefore covers:

- agreements and conventions concluded by the Communities in connection with their external relations;
- binding secondary legislation (regulations, decisions, ECSC general decisions and recommendations, EEC/EC/Euratom directives) under the Treaties establishing the European Union and the European Communities, with the exception of day-to-day administrative acts¹;
- supplementary legislation, in particular decisions of representatives of the governments of the Member States meeting within the Council;
- certain non-binding acts considered by the institutions to be important.

Documentation on statistics is gathered, where available, in sub-chapters with the following common sub-chapter numbering:

¹ Mainly acts arising from the day-to-day management of the common agricultural policy or the customs union and having a very limited period of validity, such as acts temporarily fixing various rates or amounts. For the most part they correspond to the titles printed in light type on the contents page of the Official Journal of the European Union.

XX.07 Statistics

Where XX stands for the two digits of the chapter at entry level, e.g. 03 Agriculture. Allocation of the statistical themes to the Eur-Lex classification headings is described in the following table.

Correspondence table between Eur-Lex classification headings and the themes of the Statistical Requirements Compendium

Eur-Lex classification heading		Theme
01	General, financial and institutional matters	Basic principles 3.06 Business registers 5.02 Lisbon strategy and sustainable development 6.01 Statistical coordination and classifications 6.11 Data security and statistical confidentiality
02	Customs union and free movement of goods	2.07 Trade in goods
03	Agriculture	1.09 Food Safety 4.01 Agricultural production 4.02 Agricultural structures 4.03 Land use and land cover 4.04 Agricultural accounts and prices 4.07 Agri-environmental statistics 4.08 Rural development and maritime policy statistics
04	Fisheries	4.06 Fisheries statistics
05	Freedom of movement for workers and social policy	1.02 Labour market 1.06 Distribution of incomes and living conditions 1.07 Social protection
06	Right of establishment and freedom to provide services	3.05 Tourism 5.07 Information society
07	Transport policy	3.04 Transport
10	Economic and monetary policy and free movement of capital	2.01 Annual economic accounts 2.02 Quarterly accounts 2.03 Monetary and financial statistics 2.05 Monitoring own resources 2.04 Government finance statistics 2.06 Prices 2.08 Trade in services and balance of payments 3.01 Annual business statistics 3.02 Short-term business statistics 5.01 Statistics for business cycle analysis
12	Energy	3.03 Energy
14	Regional policy and coordination of structural instruments	5.04 Regional and urban statistics 5.05 Geographical and local information
15	Environment, consumers and health protection	1.05 Health and safety 1.08 Consumer protection 4.05 Forestry statistics 5.03 Environment statistics and accounts
16	Science, information, education and culture	1.03 Education and lifelong learning 1.04 Culture 5.06 Science, technology and innovation
20	People's Europe	1.01 Population 1.10 Crime and criminal justice 1.11 Discrimination 1.12 Other work in the field of demographic and social statistics

Presentation of documents

Each entry comprises: the document number of the act, its title, its bibliographical reference (in most cases the Official Journal of the European Union) and, if applicable, the document number of any amendments with their publication reference in brackets. It also includes available consolidated versions of the basic act and its successive amendments.

Example:

31995R1172

Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 of 22 May 1995 on the statistics relating to the trading of goods by the Community and its Member States with non-member countries
(OJ L 118, 25.5.1995, p. 10–14)

Amended by 31997R0476 (OJ L 75, 15.3.1997, p. 1–1)

Amended by 31998R0374 (OJ L 48, 19.2.1998, p. 6–6)

Consolidated text 01995R1172-19990101

Amended by 32003R1882 (OJ L 284, 31.10.2003, p. 1–53)

The document number (CELEX):

The document number, shown above the title of the act, consists of a combination of figures and letters, the position of each having a particular meaning.

The document number enables all acts to be identified in the body of the Directory.

The example given below is a simple, but by far the most frequent, form using 10 positions. Although the document number may theoretically extend to as many as 18 positions, there is no need for the reader to know precisely how document numbers are made up.

Example of document number: 3 1995 R 1172

3	Documentary sector of the system	(sector 3 = secondary legislation)
1995	Year of adoption or publication of act	(1995)
R	Legal form	(R = regulation)
1172	Serial or other identifying number of legal act	(Regulation No 1172 of the year in question)

The first figure (the figure 3 in the example) indicates the sector in the system under which the act is classified.

In the example shown above, the act forms part of Community secondary legislation (sector 3). The letter, which is always in the sixth position (the letter R in the example), denotes the legal form of the act (e.g. R for regulation, D for decision, L for directive, etc.).

Title:

The document number is followed by the full title of the legal act.

The publication reference:

The title of the act is followed by the publication reference of the Official Journal of the European Union. This reference consists of:

- the number of the Official Journal, preceded in the case of post-1967 instruments (when the Official Journal was divided into an 'L' and a 'C' series) by the letter for the series,
- the date of publication,

- the page number.

Example:

OJ L 118, 25.05.1995 p. 10-14, *is to be interpreted as follows:*

OJ ***Official Journal of the European Union***

L 118 ***L series, No 118***

25.05.1995 ***date of publication***

p. 10-14 ***OJ pages (page on which the text of the act begins and ends)***

References to amending acts:

The publication reference of the act is followed, where appropriate, by references to subsequent acts affecting it (amending, replacing, etc.).

The act referred to is identified by its document number followed by its publication reference in brackets.

Example:

Amended by 31997L0476 (OJ L 75 15.3.1997 p. 1)

Amended by

31997R0476 ***Document number of amending act***

(OJ L 75 15.3.1997 p. 1) ***Publication reference of amending act***

References to consolidated texts:

If an act and its amendments have been subject to consolidation, the Directory offers links to successive consolidated texts. The consolidated text is identified by its document number. The first part of this number is built from the document number of the basic act and identifies the consolidated family (i.e. the basic act and its amendments); the second part refers to the date of effect of the last amending act.

Example:

Consolidated text 01995R1172-19990101

Consolidated text

01995R1172 ***Number of the consolidated family***

19990101 ***Date of effect of the last amending act***

Document retrieval

A document may be retrieved using the analytical structure.

Example

Retrieval of a regulation on the submission of catch and activity statistics by Member States fishing in the Northwest Atlantic.

The relevant general section entitled 'Statistics' is to be found in the chapter entitled 'Fisheries' in the analytical structure:

- **04. Fisheries**
 - **04.07 Statistics**

Acts listed in each section are arranged in ascending order of their document numbers: by sector (first figure), year, legal form (indicated by a letter) and serial or other identifying number (e.g. regulation number).

The entry for the regulation in question, 2018/93, is set out in the section Statistics as follows:

- 31993R2018

Council Regulation (EEC) No 2018/93 of 30 June 1993 on the submission of catch and activity statistics by Member States fishing in the Northwest Atlantic (OJ L 186, 28.7.1993, p. 1–20)

EUR-Lex offers direct access to the latest issues of the L (Legislation) and C (Information and Notices) series of the Official Journal, together with the previous 10 days' issues available at <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/JOLIndex.do?ihmlang=en>. Entering the date and the publication reference, allows direct access to a particular issue of the Official Journal. Lastly, there is the possibility of consulting the issues of the Official Journal made available on-line since 1998. The texts published in the Official Journal, including texts prior to 1998, can also be accessed using the search functions provided on the site.

Explanation of codes

Number codes used in the document reference number, by CELEX documentary sector

- 1 - Treaty on European Union, Treaties establishing the European Communities and Treaties amending or supplementing them.
- 2 - External relations of the European Communities (or of the Member States).
- 3 - Secondary legislation.
- 4 - Supplementary legislation (decisions of representatives of the Member States meeting within the Council, international conventions concluded between Member States in accordance with Treaty provisions, etc.).
- 0 - Consolidated documents

Sector 1 acts are not included in the Directory. However, the Accession Treaties of Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom of 1972, of Greece of 1979, of Spain and Portugal of 1985, of Austria, Finland and Sweden of 1994 or of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia of 2003 are sometimes referred to in amendment references (document numbers '11972B', '11979H', '11985I', '11994N' or '12003T').

Letter codes used in the document reference number (CELEX) indicating the legal form of the act:

A - Agreement, opinion

B - Budget

C - Declaration

D - Decision

E - Common foreign and security policy (CFSP) - common position, joint action, common Strategy

F - Justice and home affairs (JHA) - common position, framework decision

G - Resolution

H - Recommendation

J - Non-opposition to a notified joint venture

K - ECSC Recommendation

L - Directive

M - Non-opposition to a notified concentration

O - ECB Guidelines

Q - Institutional arrangement - rules of procedure - internal agreement

R - Regulation

S - ECSC decision of general interest

X - Other document

Y - Other act (published in the 'C' series of the Official Journal)

Annex II - List of abbreviations

AEA	Association of European Airlines
AES	Adult Education Survey
AII	Agricultural Income Index
ALI	Agricultural Labour Input
ALPNET	A thematic network aiming at the identification of current and past research activities related to the transalpine transport
APEC	Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation
API	Agricultural Price Indices
APS	Agricultural Price Statistics
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
BIS	Bank of International Settlements
BOP	Balance of Payments
BR	Business Register
CAP	Common Agricultural Policy
CARE	Health Care Statistics or Community database on road accidents
CCAMLR	Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources
CCNR	Central Commission for the Navigation on the Rhine
CECAF	Committee for Easter Atlantic Fisheries
CEDEFOP	Centre for the Development of Vocational Training
CEEC	Central and Eastern European Countries
CEIS	Centre for European Strategies
CEPS	Luxembourg Centre for Socio-Economic Research
CER	Community of European Railway
CERP	European Committee for Postal Regulation
CESDA	Council of European Social Science Data Archives
CFP	Common Fishery Policy
CIRCA	Communication and Information Resource Centre Administrator
CIREFI	Centre for Information, Discussion and Exchange on the crossing Frontiers and Immigration
CN	Combined Nomenclature
CNA	Competent National Authorities
Cod	Causes of Death Statistics
COFOG	Classification of the Functions of Government
COICOP	Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose
COICOP-HBS	Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose adapted to the needs of Household Budget Surveys
COMEXT	Eurostat reference database containing external trade statistics
CPA	Statistical Classification of Products by Activity in the European Economic Community
CPWG	Community Port Working Group
CRELL	Centre for Research on Education and Lifelong Learning
CSO	Central Statistical Office
CVTS	Continuing Vocational Training Survey
DG AGRI	Directorate General - Agriculture (European Commission)
DG EAC	Directorate General - Education and Culture (European Commission)
DG ECFIN	Directorate General - Economic and Financial Affairs (European Commission)
DG EMPL	Directorate General - Employment (European Commission)
DG ENV	Directorate General - Environment (European Commission)
DG FISH	Directorate General - Fisheries (European Commission)
DG INFSO	Directorate General - Information Society (European Commission)
DG JLS	Directorate General - Justice, Freedom and Security (European Commission)
DG MARKT	Directorate General – Market Access Database (European Commission)
DG REGIO	Directorate General – Regional Policy (European Commission)
DG RTD	Directorate General – Research, Technology and Development (European Commission)
DG SANCO	Directorate General - Health and Consumer Affairs (European Commission)

DG TRADE	Directorate General - Trade (European Commission)
DG TREN	Directorate General – Energy and Transport (European Commission)
DGINS	Directors-General of the National Statistical Institutes (Directeurs Généraux des Instituts Nationaux de Statistique)
DSS	Directors of Social Statistics
EAA	Economic Accounts for Agriculture
EAF	Economic Accounts for Forestry
EAP	Environmental Action Program
EEA	European Environment Agency
EASA	European Association of Social Anthropologists
EC	European Community
ECB	European Central Bank
ECDC	European Centre for Disease Control
ECHI	European Community Health Indicators
ECHP	European Community Household Panel
ECU	European Currency Unit - Replaced by the Euro
eDAMIS	Electronic Data Files Administration and Management Information System
EDC	Environmental Data Centre
EDF	European Development Fund
EDI	Electronic Data Interchange
EDICOM	Electronic Data Interchange on Commerce
EDP	Excessive Deficit Procedure
EEA	European Economic Area or European Environment Agency
EEC	European Economic Community
EFSA	European Food Safety Authority
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
EHLASS	European Home and Leisure Accidents
EHIS	Environment and Health Information System
EHS	European System of Social Statistical Survey Modules
EIB	European Investment Bank
EMCDDA	European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Abuse
EMI	European Monetary Institute
EMU	European Monetary Union
EODS	European Occupational Diseases Statistics
EP	European Parliament
EPO	European Patent Office
EPSS	European Programme of Social Survey
ESA	European System of Accounts
ESAW	European Statistics on Accidents at Work
ESPO	European Sea Ports Organisation
ESS	Economic Security Strategy
ESSPROSS	European System of Social Protection Statistics
ET/WMF	European Topic Centre on Waste and Material Flows
EU	European Union
EU25	Total for the Member States of the European Union (except Bulgaria and Romania)
EU27	Total for the Member States of the European Union
EULOCs	European Union Classification of Criminal Offences
EU-SILC	European Union Statistics on Income and Living Conditions
EURATOM	European Atomic Energy Community
EUROCONTROL	European Organisation for the Safety of Air Navigation
EXTRASTAT	Statistics on trade with non-EU countries
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations
FATS	Foreign Affiliates Trade Statistics
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
FOS	Fields of Science and Technology
FRA	Forest Resource Assessment or Fundamental Rights Agency
FSS	Farm Structure Survey
GATS	General Agreement on Trade in Services
GBAORD	Government Budget Appropriations or Outlays on Research and Development

GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GEONOM	Country Nomenclature for the External Trade Statistics of the Community and Statistics of Trade between Member States
GFCM	General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean
GFS	Government Finance Statistics
GIP	Gross Indigenous Production
GM	Genetically Modified
GISCO	Geographical Information System of the Commission
GMES	Global Monitoring for Environment and Security
GNI	Gross National Income
GNP	Gross National Product
GSDI	Global Spatial Data Infrastructure Association
HBS	Household Budget Surveys
HEUNI	European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control
HICP	Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices
HIS	Health Interview Survey
HRST	Human Resources in Science Technology
IAOS	International Association for Official Statistics
IAS	Internal audit service (European Commission)
IATA	International Air Transport Association
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organisation
ICES	International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (Baltimore)
ICT	Information Commission Technology
IEA	International Energy Agency
IEFS	International Energy Forum Secretariat
ILO	International Labour Organisation
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INSPIRE	Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the European Community
INTRASTAT	A system to implement the EU Regulation which requires the reporting of statistics relating to trade between Member States
IOM	International Organisation for Migration
ISCED	International Standard Classification of Education
ISCO	International Standard Classification of Occupations
ISHMT	International Shortlist for Hospital Morbidity Tabulation
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
ITF	International Transport Workers' Federation
ITTO	International Tropical Timber Organisation
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
IWG	Intersecretariat Working Group
IWG-ENV	Intersecretariat Working Group on Environment Statistics
IWGFS	Intersecretariat Working Group on Forest Statistics
JODI	Joint Oil Data Initiative
JPAS	Joint Pension Administrative Section
JRC	Joint Research Centre
LEG	Eurostat Leadership Group
LFS	Labour Force Survey
LOCODE	United Nations Code for Trade and Transport Locations
LUCAS	Land Use/Land Cover Area Frame Survey
MCPF	Ministerial Conference for the Protection of Forest in Europe
MNE	Multinational Enterprise Groups
MS	Member State
NABS	Nomenclature for the Analysis and Comparison of Science Programmes and Budgets (Nomenclature pour l'Analyse et la comparaison des Budgets et programmes Scientifiques)
NACE	General Industrial Classification of Economic Activities in the European Communities (Nomenclature générale des Activités économiques dans les Communautés Européennes)
NAFO	Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NC	Nomenclature of Goods

NCB	National Central Bank
NOSE	Nomenclature for Sources of Emissions
NOSOSCO	Nordic Social-Statistical Committee
NSI	National Statistical Institute
NUTS	Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (Nomenclature des Unités Territoriales Statistiques)
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OLADE	Latin American Energy Organization
OMC	Open Method of Coordination
OPEC	Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
PATSTAT	Worldwide Patent Statistical Database
PDO	Protected Denomination of Origin based products
PGI	Protected Geographical Indication based products
PEEI	Principle European Economic Indicators
PHARE	Action plan for coordinated aid to Poland and Hungary (subsequently extended to the remainder of the Central and East European countries). It comprises programmes financed by the EU since 1990 to assist with economic restructuring in the Central and East European countries.
PPP	Purchasing Power Parity
PRODCOM	Products of the European Community
R&D	Research and Development
REACH	Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals
RES	Renewable Energy Sources
RIVM	Dutch National Institute for Public Health and Environment
S&T	Science Technology
SAPM	Survey on Agricultural Production Methods
SBS	Structural Business Statistics
SCORUS	Standing Committee of Regional and Urban Statistics
SDI	Sustainable Development Indicator
SDC	Statistical Disclosure Control
SDDS	Special Data Dissemination Standard
SDS	Sustainable Development Strategy
SEEA	System of Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting
SEIS	Shared Environmental Information System
SERIEE	European System for the Collection of Economic Data on the Environment
SHA	System of Health Accounts
SILC	Statistics on Income and Living Conditions
SIRE	Infra-regional Information System
SNA	System of National Accounts
SPC	Statistical Programme Committee
SIO	Secretariat Inter Organizations
TEN-T	Trans-European Transport Network
TSA	Tourism Satellite Accounts
TSE	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies
UAA	Utilised Agricultural Area
UIC	International Union of Railways
UIS	UNESCO Institute of Statistics
UIT/ITU	International Telecommunication Union (Union Internationale des Télécommunications)
UN	United Nations
UNCEEA	UN Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting
UNCSD	United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade & Development
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
UNECLAC	United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation
UNFCCG	United Nations Framework Convention Climate Change
UNO	United Nations Organisation
UNODC	United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime

UNSD	United Nations Statistics Division
UNWTO	World Tourism Organisation
UOE	UNESCO-OECD-Eurostat
UPU	Universal Postal Union
VAT	Value Added Tax
VET	Vocational Education and Training
WCO	World Customs Organisation
WG	Working Group
WHO	World Health Organisation
WTO	World Trade Organisation

European Commission

Statistical Requirements Compendium – 2009 edition

Luxembourg: Office for Official Publications of the European Communities

2009 — 271 pp. — 21 x 29.7 cm

ISBN 978-92-79-12640-6

ISSN 1977-0375

