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Part 1. Mission statement

The mission statement of DG ESTAT is:

To be the leading provider of high quality statistics on Europe

Our aims are:

- To be the reference for statistics on Europe
- To provide the statistical information needed to design, implement, monitor and evaluate EU policies
- To develop and promote standards, methods and procedures that allow the cost effective production and dissemination of comparable and reliable statistics throughout the EU and beyond
- To steer the European Statistical System, strengthen cooperation among its partners, and ensure its leading role in official statistics world wide
- To be the public authority for European Statistics and verify data used for administrative purposes.

Part 2. This year's challenges. Personal message of the Director-General

With the overarching objective of adequately and sufficiently addressing the wide-ranging challenges deriving from the turbulent times that the European Union is currently going through, in 2012 the main ambition of Eurostat and the European Statistical System (ESS) remains to make all the necessary efforts in order to achieve our mission to be the leading provider of high-quality statistics on Europe.

The economic and social policy debate in the European Union over the recent years is being driven by the multifaceted policy response to the financial and economic crises as well as the very intense dialogue on how to enhance economic governance of the European Union. One core trait of the related proposals is to introduce wider and more intense use of European statistics and indicators as one key and reliable underpinning for monitoring, decision-making and policy evaluation of economic and social policies as well as reforms at national and EU levels. Consequently it is of strategic importance to steer the European Statistical System into a joint commitment to develop, produce and preserve the highest quality standards for European statistics.

At the same time, fast-evolving and pressing needs for relevant and reliable European statistics have to be confronted with the reality that producing quality European statistics up to the expectations is not a straightforward business. Numerous actors strive to meet numerous competing priorities and policy demands for official and reliable information to adapt to tight requirements in terms of respecting the principles of subsidiarity and cost-effectiveness while being confronted with severe constraints in terms of human and financial resources.

As an ultimate priority in 2012, the challenge of new data needs stemming from the Commission's strategic policies will have to continue to be addressed by Eurostat by providing the relevant statistics to support the implementation of the *Political guidelines of the Commission 2010-2014*⁽¹⁾ and the *Commission Work Programme for 2012*. In the light of the above, Eurostat and the ESS will need to focus its activities on the following areas in order to properly address all the challenges while using the available limited resources both at European and national levels as efficiently and effectively as possible.

Firstly, 2012 will be the last year of implementation of the Community Statistical Programme 2008-2012⁽²⁾, so the overarching priority of the year will be the *adoption of the European Statistical Programme 2013-2017*, the core of which is the implementation of the Communication on the production method of EU statistics. Preparatory work of the implementation of the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020 will already start in 2012.

Secondly, as mentioned above, Eurostat together with the ESS will have to make the utmost possible to serve the continuously increasing needs for quality European statistics while facing serious resource constraints. Consequently, in 2012 the emphasis will remain on a *strategy-driven priority-setting mechanism* for the ESS which mechanism is built up around an annual review of existing statistical requirements by screening existing statistical requirements and identify legal acts to be repealed, voluntary data collections based on gentlemen's agreements to be stopped and areas to be reduced or simplified.

Thirdly, the implementation of the *Commission's Communication to the EP and Council on the robust quality management system for European statistics*⁽³⁾, including a preventive approach to verifying government finance statistics, aiming at reinforcing the economic governance in

⁽¹⁾ Political guidelines for the next Commission, José Manuel Barroso, 3.9.2009.

⁽²⁾ EP and Council Decision on the Community Statistical Programme 2008-2012 No. 1578/2007/EC of 11.12.2007, p.15.

⁽³⁾ COM(2011) 211 final.

cooperation with the National Statistical Institutes and the national bodies responsible for verifying upstream public finance data, will be one of the most important activities in 2012.

Fourthly, the implementation of the *Commission strategy Europe 2020*⁽⁴⁾, the follow-up to the *Stiglitz-Sen-Fitoussi Commission report on the measurement of economic performance and social progress*⁽⁵⁾ together with the *GDP and beyond-initiative*⁽⁶⁾ will continue to be in focus of the ESS's activity in 2012 and beyond. Actions in this field will concentrate on (i) maintenance of the set of high quality and timely Europe 2020 indicators and related metadata (quality profiles) in the area of innovation, research and development, education, employment, climate change and energy, education levels, poverty and social inclusion; (ii) further development towards a set of European indicators to measure quality of life; (iii) maintenance of the Sustainable Development indicators and regular update of the underlying data with quality profiles; (iv) development and provision of imbalance scoreboard indicators; and (v) preparatory work for further legal acts on environmental accounts.

Fifthly, it will be an essential strategic priority in 2012 to deepen and pursue the system-wide actions launched to implement *the Communication on the production method of EU statistics*⁽⁷⁾ and *the joint European Statistical System (ESS) strategy paper*⁽⁸⁾. A number of "Vision Infrastructure Projects" to spearhead the implementation of the efficiency vision stemming from the above Communication have been defined and will be at the heart of the new activities of Eurostat and the ESS in 2012.

Finally, the *governance of the ESS* is planned to be further strengthened in 2012 as part of implementation of the above-mentioned Communication on the robust quality management system for European statistics. 2012 will be the year of implementing the changes agreed which includes the reinforcement of the implementation of the European Statistics Code of Practice as well as a series of actions linked to Eurostat's institutional environment as regards the production of European statistics and the role of the European Statistical Governance Advisory Board (ESGAB).

The above agenda will definitely provide for new and interesting challenges for both Eurostat and its partners in the European Statistical System which need to be addressed in order to maintain the weight of the European Union on the global statistical stage. These challenges can only be successfully met through the high motivation and strong commitment of staff, and by further strengthening the co-operative institutional framework in the ESS based on the governance work carried out over the last years.

Walter Radermacher
Director General

⁽⁴⁾ Communication "Europe 2020 - A strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth", COM (2010) 2020 final.

⁽⁵⁾ Report on the Measurement of Economic Performance and Social Progress 2009, J.E. Stiglitz, A. Sen, J.-P. Fitoussi .

⁽⁶⁾ Communication of the Commission "GDP and beyond - Measuring progress in a changing world", COM(2009) 433 final of 20.8.2009.

⁽⁷⁾ Communication on the production method of EU statistics: a vision for the next decade - COM(2009) 404 final of 10.08.2009 (hereinafter referred to as *Communication on the production method of EU statistics*)

⁽⁸⁾ Presented at the ESS Committee meeting on 20.05.2010 (doc. No. ESSC/2010/05/6).

Part 3. General objectives by policy area

<p style="text-align: center;">The general objective is for Eurostat to be the leading provider of high-quality statistics on Europe</p>

This multi-annual general objective will be implemented through four sub-objectives which cover not only the statistical production objectives as stated in the Community Statistical Programme 2008-2012, but have been updated to include the implementation of the Commission strategy Europe 2020; the Commission Communication 404; the Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 on European statistics; the Commission Communication on the robust quality management system for European statistics; the GDP and beyond initiative; the follow-up of the Stiglitz-Sen-Fitoussi Commission report; the development of a global management system and also the on going work on modernising the organisation.

The general objective will be monitored by means of the Eurostat User Satisfaction Survey, and in particular the percentage of users rating the overall quality of European statistics as "very good" or "good".

Sub-Objective 1: "An improved support for the European Union's strategic policies"

This objective will help us:

- improve the provision of statistical products and services via Eurostat and increase the use of existing statistics;
- improve the programming and evaluation of statistical products and services in support of EU policies;
- be known and recognised by users and decision-makers at international and national levels as a prime source of European Union statistics and analyses;
- be recognised by our institutional and private correspondents for the quality of our service;
- be the main source of European Union statistics for the media;
- find new ways and improve communication with users.

Sub-Objective 2: "A more efficient production system"

This objective will help us:

- achieve recognition for our scientific objectivity, our professional independence, competence of staff and the quality of our products and services;
- take up the challenge of providing high quality European statistics for the public debate;
- be a byword for methodological know-how in the statistical domain;
- further enhance the high level of service culture for the benefit of users of statistical information;
- anticipate statistical needs through enhanced communication with users.

Sub-Objective 3: "A reinforced governance of the European Statistical System"

This objective will help us:

- improve the functioning of the ESS and reinforce the implementation of the Code of Practice;
- improve the efficiency of the ESS through a systematic collaboration between the partners of the system;

- be the coordinator of European statistics;
- ensure the integration of the ESS in the global statistical system;
- assist in the development of national statistical systems through greater international cooperation, training and technical assistance;
- respond to the call for simplification, reduction of the response burden and improved priority setting;
- optimise statistical production in the ESS through the integration, data-sharing, re-use of data and an increased use of administrative sources.

Sub-Objective 4: "Boosting staff motivation, internal productivity and efficiency"

This objective will help us:

- improve our staff management through training, the development of individual skills, delegation of responsibility, motivation and the recognition of individual achievements;
- foster and implement a management culture in which motivation becomes a day-to-day concern;
- improve the conduct of our internal activities by adopting a project management approach, work management based on indicators, result assessment and continuous improvement of processes
- improve the effectiveness and the efficiency of the production processes;
- assure that strategic objectives are implemented in a coherent and efficient manner throughout the organisation.

Part 4: Specific objectives for operational activities

Activity 3403:

PRODUCTION OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Timely and comparable statistics at EU level are required for the definition, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Community policies. Eurostat, as the Community statistical authority, is in charge of developing, producing and disseminating European Statistics, as well as deciding on processes, statistical methods, standards and procedures, to ensure the development, production and dissemination of European statistics, the consistency and quality of the data and minimise the reporting burden. Eurostat is also responsible for strengthening the role of EU statistics at international level. The actions, indicators and outputs defined in this activity are based on the Annual Statistical Programme of the Commission for 2011 which incorporates not only the priorities of the Annual Policy Strategy in terms of statistical needs, but also the production and development of all other statistics needed to support Community policies.

The specific objectives for operational activities are defined according to the statistical Domains of the Annual Work Programme 2012 and each specific objective embraces the several statistical Themes of the same Annual Work Programme:

1. Demographic and social statistics (11 Themes)
2. Macroeconomic statistics (8 Themes)
3. Business statistics (6 Themes)
4. Statistics on agriculture, forestry and fisheries (8 Themes)
5. Multi-domain statistics (9 Themes)
6. Support for statistical outputs (9 Themes).

The specific objectives' outputs are also taken from the Annual Work Programme 2012 and they have been discussed with all the main stakeholders, notably the NSIs – via the European Statistical System Committee (ESSC) and the European Statistical Advisory Committee (ESAC) – and DGs – via meetings, written documents and CISnet.

For each statistical Theme this document provides a short description and the reference to the related legal acts, as well as a list of outputs.

The list of outputs is broken down by statistical Themes and new / ongoing work.

For each output this document provides the Action (process or project) that will provide it, a short description, the link with the Community Statistical Programme 2008-2012 and, for new works, an indication of the resource impact on the Member States.

Activity 3403 – Specific objective 1:

Production and development of Statistical Information in the field of Demographic and social statistics

Carry out activities related to the development, collection, storage, processing and analysis that are necessary for compiling statistics in this field. This objective covers the following statistical Themes:

[1.01 - Population](#)

[1.02 - Labour market](#)

[1.03 - Education and lifelong learning](#)

[1.04 - Culture](#)

[1.05 - Health and safety](#)

[1.06 - Distribution of incomes and living conditions](#)

[1.07 - Social protection](#)

[there is no longer a Theme 8]

[1.09 - Food safety](#)

[1.10 - Crime and criminal justice](#)

[1.11 - Discrimination](#)

[1.12 - Other work in the field of demographic and social statistics](#)

<i>Result indicators</i>	<i>Latest known result</i>	<i>Target for 2012</i>
Degree of achievement of this specific objective measured as percentage of the achievement of the outputs related to it (listed below). Twice a year, Eurostat Units give a mark to each of the outputs under their responsibility. The marks are the following: "Completed", "On target", "Emerging difficulties", "Serious difficulties", "Not Applicable".		100% "Completed"
Number of data extractions made by external users from Eurostat reference database (EuroBase) via the Eurostat website, for the statistical Themes related to this Specific objective.	Monthly average in 2010: 86 250	+10% (average increase for the whole database)

Main outputs (by Theme)

Theme 1.01 - Population

Description

The important demographic challenges facing the European Union as well as the development of a common immigration policy (cf. European Pact on Immigration and Asylum as well as the Stockholm Programme adopted by the European Council in December 2009) have resulted in an unprecedented demand for high-quality demographic and migration statistics to support policy-making, i.e.:

- Population and housing censuses
- Demographic statistics, including statistics on population stocks and vital events
- Population projections
- Migration statistics, including statistics on stocks of migrant populations, migration flows, acquisition of citizenship, asylum, enforcement of immigration legislation, residence permits and the social and economic situation of migrants. Quality improvements and quality assurance will be an important focus for work on both demographic and migration statistics. The Census hub project is an example of a more interactive production chain based on a "data at the source" solution in line with the Communication on the production method of EU statistics. Migration statistics as a cross-cutting phenomenon will benefit from a cost-effective mainstreaming approach. The core social variables relating for the identification of migrants will play an important role in enhancing the possibilities of linking and integrating data from different sources.

1. New work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme	Resource impact on MS
Project	Migration mainstreaming - Developing the statistical use of administrative data	Report on options and recommendations for adding migration markers to administrative records	Annex II - Title IV-Visas, asylum, immigration and other policies related to free movement of persons	neutral
Project	Migration mainstreaming - actions related to surveys	Proposals for additional migration-related questions and migrant modules	Annex II - Title IV-Visas, asylum, immigration and other policies related to free movement of persons	neutral

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Project	The development of statistics on residence permits issued to non-EU citizens follows the double aim of providing additional statistics for the policy making in the area of migration of third country nationals and of contributing to migration mainstreaming	Socio-economic data on third country nationals from residence permits sources	Annex II - Title IV-Visas, asylum, immigration and other policies related to free movement of persons
Process	Demographic Statistics - Rapid data collection, joint data collection, regional data collection, nowcast data collection	Updated dissemination database, Statistics Explained, Statistics in Focus (SiFs) and other analyses	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Migration Statistics: Flows, stocks and acquisition of citizenship	Updated dissemination database, Statistics Explained, SiFs and other analyses	Annex II - Title IV-Visas, asylum, immigration and other policies related to free movement of persons
Process	Statistics on enforcement of immigration legislation	Updated dissemination database, Statistics Explained, SiFs and other analyses	Annex II - Title IV-Visas, asylum, immigration and other policies related to free movement of persons
Project	Preparation of the regulation on annual demographic data collection, including its implementing measure(s)	Finalisation of framework Regulation at the level of EP and Council	Annex I - 3 Instruments - 3.1 Better regulation
		Preparation of implementing measure(s)	Annex I - 3 Instruments - 3.1 Better regulation
Process	Residence permit statistics	Updated dissemination database, Statistics Explained, SiFs and other analyses	Annex II - Title IV-Visas, asylum, immigration and other policies related to free movement of persons
Process	Statistics on the integration and socio-economic situation of migrants	Updated dissemination database, Statistics Explained, SiFs and other analyses	Annex II - Title IV-Visas, asylum, immigration and other policies related to free movement of persons
Project	Quality and accuracy of migration statistics	Draft Implementing Regulation agreed at Working Group level	Annex II - Title IV-Visas, asylum, immigration and other policies related to free movement of persons

Project	Report to the EP and Council on the statistics compiled pursuant to Regulation 862/2007 and on their quality	Report submitted to the EP and Council	Annex II - Title IV-Visas, asylum, immigration and other policies related to free movement of persons
Project	Additional disaggregations as foreseen in Article 8 of Regulation 862/2007	Data collected on voluntary basis	Annex II - Title IV-Visas, asylum, immigration and other policies related to free movement of persons
Process	Population Projections on national and regional level	Updated dissemination database, Statistics Explained, SiFs and other analyses	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Asylum Statistics	Updated dissemination database, Statistics Explained, SiFs and other analyses	Annex II - Title IV-Visas, asylum, immigration and other policies related to free movement of persons
Process	Statistics for the allocation of the "Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows" programme funds - Data to meet the requirements set in the Funds legislation	High quality statistics for the allocation of the "Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows" programme funds	Annex II - Title IV-Visas, asylum, immigration and other policies related to free movement of persons
Project	Quality assurance programme for data used in the allocation of the "Solidarity and management of Migration Flows" Funds	End of project report	Annex II - Title IV-Visas, asylum, immigration and other policies related to free movement of persons

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Regulation	862/2007	L 199	31/07/2007	On migration and international protection and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 311/76 on the compilation of statistics on foreign workers
EP and Council Regulation	763/2008	L 218	13/08/2008	On population and housing censuses

Theme 1.02 - Labour market

Description

High-quality labour market statistics will be provided in the context of the Europe 2020 strategy and the Employment Guidelines. Infra-annual and structural headline indicators will inform policy makers, media and the public. Activities covered by the Theme:

- Labour Force Survey (LFS)
- Earnings and labour costs, in particular Structure of Earnings Survey and Labour Cost Survey
- Principal European Economic Indicators for the labour market: monthly unemployment, labour cost index, job vacancies
- Labour Market Policy statistics (LMP)
- Time Use Survey (TUS)

1. New work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme	Resource impact on MS
Process	Europe2020 indicators: timely provision and quality assurance	Quality-assured indicators provided according to the deadlines	Annex II - Title VIII-Employment	neutral

Project	Review of the Labour Force Survey legal basis	First proposal	Annex II - Title VIII-Employment	neutral
Project	Implementation of the Labour Force Survey ad hoc module 2012	Fieldwork done successfully; data processing started.	Annex II - Title VIII-Employment	negative
Project	Labour Force Survey ad hoc module 2014	Proposal for implementing regulation adopted.	Annex II - Title VIII-Employment	neutral
Project	Programme of Labour Force Survey ad hoc modules 2016-2018, respecting the future role of the ad hoc modules under a revised legal basis	Agreement on programme (draft legal act)	Annex II - Title VIII-Employment	neutral
Project	Preparation of the report to EP and Council on the implementation of the Labour Force Survey regulation	Report to EP and Council	Annex II - Title VIII-Employment	neutral
Project	Preparation of the report to EP and Council on the implementation of the regulation on the labour cost index	Report to EP and Council	Annex II - Title VIII-Employment	neutral
Project	Structure of Earnings Survey 2010: Transmission, processing and dissemination of data	Final data transmitted by end of June 2012; first results disseminated by end-2012	Annex II - Title VIII-Employment	negative
Project	Exploring options for a simplification of the Structure of Earnings Survey	Findings and recommendations available.	Annex II - Title VIII-Employment	neutral
Project	New data collection in social surveys using multiple modes	Analysis of the intermediate results of the ESSnet launched	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme	negative

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Process	Processing and dissemination of Labour Force Survey ad hoc module data	Update of dissemination database; analyses	Annex II - Title VIII-Employment
Process	Transmission, processing and dissemination of annual data on labour costs and earnings, minimum wages and gender pay gap	Timely provision of data; update of dissemination database; Statistics Explained and other analyses	Annex II - Title VIII-Employment
Process	Implement the regulation on quarterly job vacancy statistics and improve the quality of job vacancy data	Timely update of dissemination database; quality improvement; Statistics Explained and other analyses	Annex II - Title VIII-Employment
Process	Collection, processing, transmission, dissemination and quality-assurance of Labour Force Survey data	Data transmissions according to deadlines; update of dissemination database; Statistics Explained and other analysis; improved data quality	Annex II - Title VIII-Employment

Process	Produce, disseminate and quality-assure monthly unemployment estimates	Timely transmission of inputs to estimation; update of dissemination database, Statistics Explained; continuous methodological improvement	Annex II - Title VIII- Employment
Process	Production, transmission, dissemination and quality-assurance of data on the labour cost index	Data transmission according to deadlines; update of dissemination database; Statistics Explained and other analyses	Annex II - Title VIII- Employment
Process	Collect, process, disseminate and quality-assure statistics on labour market policies	Update of dissemination database; Statistics Explained, Statistics in Focus and other analyses	Annex II - Title VIII- Employment
Project	Quality improvement and implementation of action plans in the context of the recommendations of the Task Force on the quality of the Labour Force Survey	Improved quality of Labour Force Survey output	Annex II - Title VIII- Employment

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Regulation	577/98	L 77	14/03/1998	Concerning the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community
Council Regulation	530/99	L 63	12/03/1999	Concerning structural statistics on earnings and on labour costs
EP and Council Regulation	450/2003	L 69	13/03/2003	Concerning the labour cost index
EP and Council Regulation	453/2008	L 145	04/06/2008	On quarterly statistics on Community job vacancies

Theme 1.03 - Education and lifelong learning

Description

Statistics developed under this theme are crucial for the monitoring and benchmark exercise of the Europe 2020 strategy, the "Education and Training 2020" policy cooperation (including new indicators related to employability and learning mobility of students in Higher Education and initial vocational training), and the renewed integrated guidelines, social agenda and sustainable development framework. Activities covered by the Theme:

- 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;
- Production of statistical information on education and lifelong learning via other ESS sources which are not specific to education covering areas like outcome of education, learning mobility, human capital, education and social inclusion, and employability as well as transition from education to work;
- Dissemination of indicators for the monitoring of EU policies and benchmarking exercises like Europe 2020 indicators, "Education and Training 2020", the European Employment Strategy and integrated guidelines, benchmarking the European Research Area, the social agenda and sustainable development;
- Cooperation within the Commission 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, CRELL (JRC)
- as well as with the Eurydice information network established by DG EAC (DG EACEA).

1. New work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme	Resource impact on MS
Project	Within the framework of implementing the new ISCED 2011, dedicate resources to update the data collection instruments (e.g. UOE data collection and core variable in social surveys 'educational attainment'), where ISCED plays a major role. The ISCED mappings will likewise be updated.	- Proposal of revised UNESCO Institute of Statistics/OECD/Eurostat (UOE) mappings and tables.- Proposal of guidelines for the measurement of educational attainment (core variable in social surveys).	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme	negative
		Revised annex 1 of Commission regulation 88/2011 for implementing ISCED 2011		
Project	The tests for further integration of lifelong learning statistics in the Labour Force Survey and Adult Education Survey are carried out through grants in 2011 and 2012. The proposal implies an update of the Classification of Learning Activities accordingly.	Proposal for adaptation of the LFS variables on participation in education and training and up-date of the classification of learning activities, including the impact on Europe 2020 indicator	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme	negative
Project	As a result of the repeal of the CVTS regulation, launch of a discussion (including a Task Force) to simplify data collection on vocational training in enterprises from 2015 in line with a better use of AES and LFS data on lifelong learning, while considering which vocational training and skills needs data should still be collected from enterprises within the ESS.	Proposal for a restricted data collection on enterprises' skills needs and vocational training in enterprises	Annex I - 3 Instruments - 3.1 Better regulation	positive

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Process	Education Statistics (UOE data collection): Eurobase Update, data for publication purposes web and paper. Testing the new UOE quality report beginning of 2012 with a view to finalise in 2012.	Publication of UOE (UNESCO Institute for Statistics, the OECD and EUROSTAT) data reference year 2009/2010 (2009 for finance)	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
		Compliance monitoring regarding implementation of Commission Regulation 88/2011	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme

Process	Evaluation of new results, tables on Eurostat reference database, paper publication programme, Adult Education Survey (AES) anonymised datasets, user requests	Evaluation of first results of Adult Education Survey (AES) conducted in 2011	Annex II - Title XI-Social policy, education, vocational training and youth
Project	Improve and develop indicators and benchmarks related to EU2020 initiatives/flagships and based on the UOE (common UNESCO, OECD and Eurostat data collection based on mainly administrative sources) data collection as a source. Continue the work on UOE tables on diploma and credit mobility in higher education to monitor Bologna and EU benchmark on learning mobility. Complete a feasibility study and discuss the next steps on the use of household surveys – mainly LFS or Adult education survey (AES) - within the ESS to provide data regularly and for first time by 2015, for the monitoring of a benchmark on learning mobility in initial VET and general youth mobility indicator.	Introduction and adoption of new tables/methodology in the UOE Regulation Definition of "Pupils with special education needs" data collection in the UOE. Analysis of the results of a pilot data collection. Report from feasibility study on data collection of learning mobility data from household surveys – mainly LFS or Adult education survey (AES) and suggest concrete next steps for appropriate adaptations to collect such data.	Annex II - Title XI-Social policy, education, vocational training and youth
Process	Continuous Vocational Training Survey (CVTS): evaluation of new results, tables on Eurostat reference database, paper publication programme, anonymised datasets, user requests	Evaluation of first results of Continuing Vocational Training Survey (CVTS) conducted in 2011	Annex II - Title XI-Social policy, education, vocational training and youth
Process	LFS education Statistics (Europe 2020): Education attainment, lifelong learning, early school leavers - Eurobase/NewCronos update	Regular up-date of Europe 2020 Headline Indicators, Education and Training 2020 indicators as well as indicators for the monitoring of Employment guidelines	Annex II - Title XI-Social policy, education, vocational training and youth

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Regulation	1552/2005	L 255	30/09/2005	On statistics relating to vocational training in enterprises
EP and Council Regulation	452/2008	L 145	04/06/2008	On statistics on education and lifelong learning

Theme 1.04 - Culture

Description

Official statistics on culture are requested within the Conclusions of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States on the "Work Plan for Culture 2011-2014" endorsed on 2.12.2010. Activities covered by the Theme :

- Statistics on the cultural / creative sector (employment, trade)
- Statistics on expenditure on culture

- Statistics on cultural participation and the social impact of culture

1. New work

(None)

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Project	Follow-up of forthcoming development of cultural statistics (employment, participation, expenditure, industrial dimension and external trade) as a follow-up of recommendations agreed by the Working Group on Cultural Statistics based on proposals of the ESSnet culture. Methodology, manual, improved statistics	Proposal for data to be mobilised as a follow-up of the ESSnet	Annex I - 3 Instruments - 3.3 Increased ability to respond to users' needs

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Conclusions	2010/C 325/01	C 325	02/12/2010	Conclusions of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the Work Plan for Culture 2011-2014

Theme 1.05 - Health and safety

Description

Health is an important priority for Europeans, who expect to be protected against illness and disease at home, in the workplace and when travelling. Statistics are developed in the context of the EU's "Together for health: a strategic approach for the EU 2008-2013" and of the health and long-term care strand of the Open Method of Coordination (OMC) on Social Protection and Social Inclusion set up by the Lisbon European Council of March 2000. Concerning Health and Safety at Work, the policy framework is provided by the Commission Communication (COM (2007) 62 final) on "Improving quality and production at work: Community strategy 2007-2012 on health and safety at work". Activities covered by the Theme:

- Public Health including Health Care (expenditure and non-expenditure), Causes of Death, Morbidity statistics and Health surveys (European Health Interview Survey (EHIS), Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (SILC) and European Health and Social Integration Survey (EHSIS));
- Health and safety at work, including European Statistics on Accidents at Work (ESAW) and European Occupational Diseases Statistics (EODS)

1. New work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme	Resource impact on MS
Project	Health Care (expenditure and non-expenditure): development of the implementing Commission regulation on expenditure	First draft of the implementing Commission regulation on expenditure	Annex II - Title XIII -Public health	neutral

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Project	EHSIS (European Health and Social Integration Survey): implementation in Member States	EHSIS data collected	Annex II - Title XIII -Public health

Process	Health care (expenditure and non-expenditure): Collection, validation and dissemination of 2010 data (and associated meta-data) on health care (expenditure and non-expenditure) based on Joint Questionnaires with OECD and WHO; Improvement of data quality; Dissemination of short analysis in the form of SiFs.	2010 data on the Eurostat website; dissemination of one or two SiFs	Annex II - Title XIII -Public health
Process	Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (SILC): 2009/2010 data on health status, health care and healthy Life Years Structural indicator – improved wording comparability of SILC questions	Updated SILC data (2009/2010) on the Eurostat website	Annex II - Title XIII -Public health
Process	Causes of Death: Collection, validation and dissemination of the 2010 data (and associated meta-data) on causes of death; Dissemination of short analysis in the form of a Statistics in Focus (SiF).	2010 data on the Eurostat website; dissemination of one or two SiFs available	Annex II - Title XIII -Public health
Process	Health and Safety at Work (ESAW and EODS): Eurostat database update	Accidents at Work (ESAW) and Occupational Diseases (EODS): Collection, validation and dissemination of the 2010 data (and associated meta-data) on Eurostat website; Improvement of comparability for ESAW and development of a methodological framework for evaluating comparability of EODS data.	Annex II - Title XIII -Public health
Project	EHIS (European Health Interview Survey): finalisation and adoption of the implementing Commission regulation	CD-ROM with anonymised 2008 micro-data	Annex II - Title XIII -Public health
		Implementing Commission regulation for 2014 exercise	Annex II - Title XIII -Public health
Project	Morbidity statistics: development of the final methodology for a regular data collection	Revised methodological manual	Annex II - Title XIII -Public health
Project	2011 Labour Force Survey (LFS) module on the employment of disabled people: analysis of first results	Dissemination of one SiF	Annex II - Title XIII -Public health

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Directive	89/391	L 183	29/06/1989	Introduction of measures to encourage improvements in the safety and health of workers at work
Council Resolution	95/C 168/01	C 168	04/07/1995	On the transposition and application of Community social legislation

Council Resolution	2007/C 145/01	C 145	30/06/2007	On a new Community strategy on health and safety at work (2007-2012)
EP and Council Decision	1350/2007	L 301	20/11/2007	Establishing a second programme of Community action in the field of health (2008-13)
EP and Council Regulation	1338/2008	L 354	31/12/2008	On Community statistics on public health and health and safety at work

Theme 1.06 - Distribution of incomes and living conditions

Description

EU-SILC is the European Union survey on income and living conditions. It has a multipurpose nature including:

- the inclusive growth pillar of the proposed Europe 2020 strategy, in particular with indicators linked to poverty and material deprivation,
- the improved measurement of dimensions of the quality of life.

EU-SILC is a central survey to consider for progressing towards better integration of data sources, to address cross cutting issues, for instance through data linking and data matching.

The household budget survey, HBS, covers the consumption side of the households' statistics.

The main activities are:

- Annual collection of microdata on income and living conditions (EU-SILC), including annual ad hoc modules
- Dissemination of indicators and statistical tables on poverty and social exclusion
- Fostering analysis and developing publications on poverty and social exclusion
- Managing the revision of the legal basis for EU-SILC
- Collection of microdata on household budget surveys (HBS) every five years

1. New work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme	Resource impact on MS
Project	Preparation of the SILC ad hoc module 2014 regulation and its associated methodological documents	Regulation adopted by the Commission by December 2012	Annex II - Title XI-Social policy, education, vocational training and youth	neutral
Project	Improving the measurement of quality of life	Set of quality of life indicators agreed, first indicators disseminated	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme	neutral
Project	Development of comparable estimates of social transfers in kind at the micro-level	Methodological recommendations, data experiments		
Project	Development of the regional dimension of Europe 2020 headline social indicators	Definition of approach towards regional estimates of social indicators. First tests.		

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Project	ESSnet on Income and Living Conditions Statistics (SILC-NET): support to in-depth analysis of EU-SILC, scientific coordination of international conferences, preparation of publications, methodological guidelines and studies	Support to methodological developments and to the revision of the EU-SILC legal basis. Organisation of a conference.	Annex II - Title XI-Social policy, education, vocational training and youth

Process	Household Expenditure Statistics (Household Budget Survey): methodological development, data collection, validation and dissemination of data on households expenditure. Development and production of indicators.	Data collection, validation and disseminations	Annex II - Title XI-Social policy, education, vocational training and youth
Process	Methodological development, data collection, validation and dissemination of data on living conditions. Development and production of indicators. Production of synthesis quality report. Dissemination of micro data for research purpose.	Collection and validation of cross sectional microdata (December N+1) and longitudinal microdata (April N+2) Improve methodology, analysis and dissemination of the data (improved guidelines, SIFs, press releases, regular update of the Europe 2020 relevant indicators) Dissemination of intermediate (N+2) and final (N+3) quality reports Dissemination of user microdata base for researchers (March and August)	Annex II - Title XI-Social policy, education, vocational training and youth
Process	Measurement of disparities in a national accounts framework by using household micro data sources	Joint OECD-Eurostat publication on disparities indicators consistent with National Account and methodological recommendations; Eurostat publication on centralised matching exercise.	Annex II - Title XI-Social policy, education, vocational training and youth
Project	Adaptation of the SILC legal basis to new requirements, in the context of the modernisation of social statistics and the better measurement of social phenomenon	First proposals for a common approach	Annex II - Title XI-Social policy, education, vocational training and youth
Project	Feasibility study on statistical data matching, in the context of the modernisation of social statistics	Feasibility study on statistical matching methods for providing cross cutting data. Recommendations by the end of the year.	Annex II - Title XI-Social policy, education, vocational training and youth
Project	Improvement of EU-SILC longitudinal component	Improved integration of EU-SILC longitudinal and cross-sectional components	Annex II - Title XI-Social policy, education, vocational training and youth

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Regulation	1177/2003	L 165	03/07/2003	Concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC)

Theme 1.07 - Social protection**Description**

The European System of Integrated Social Protection Statistics (ESSPROS) provides a coherent comparison between European countries of social benefits to households and their financing. It is also relevant to the inclusive growth pillar of the proposed Commission Strategy Europe 2020. Activities covered by the Theme are:

- Data on social protection expenditure and receipts by social protection schemes (quantitative data - core system)
- Metadata on social protection benefits by scheme (qualitative data - core system)
- Data on pension beneficiaries (module)
- Data on net social benefits (module)

1. New work

(None)

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Process	Social Protection Statistics: ESSPROS. Methodological development, data collection, validation and dissemination of data on social protection systems. Development and production of indicators. Production of synthesis quality report.	Collect, validate and disseminate (including selected SIFs) the quantitative, qualitative and pension beneficiaries data. Preparation and dissemination of two EU quality reports (core system and pension beneficiaries)	Annex II - Title XI-Social policy, education, vocational training and youth
Project	Social Protection Statistics: ESSPROS data on net social benefits: implementation of the Commission regulation and management of the transition on a voluntary basis	Launching of the compulsory 2010 data collection. Reception and validation of the 2009 data (gentlemen's agreement)	Annex II - Title XI-Social policy, education, vocational training and youth

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Regulation	458/2007	L 113	30/04/2007	On the European system of integrated social protection statistics (ESSPROS)

Theme 1.09 - Food safety**Description**

Eurostat involvement is limited; the intention is to phase-out Eurostat's involvement in this area, in the context of the discussion on negative priorities (under request of the European Statistical System Committee), it was decided to put 'Food safety statistics' on the list of negative priorities for 2012.

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Regulation	882/2004	L 191	28/05/2004	On official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules

Theme 1.10 - Crime and criminal justice**Description**

The Stockholm Programme agreed by the Council in 2009 (OJ C115, p.1) sets out an ambitious set of goals for improving European statistics on crime and criminal justice. Currently one of the main focuses of the work is on developing and implementing a household survey covering victimisation and safety concerns. Data on police-recorded crime has been collected annually since 2006 and is gradually being extended to include further areas of crime and criminal justice. Activities covered by the Theme are:

- Statistics on police-recorded crime, number of police officers in the Member States and prison population
- Statistics on money-laundering and other new crime types
- Statistics on victimisation/security

1. New work

(None)

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Project	Development of an EP and Council regulation for an EU victimisation survey to be implemented in 2013 and of corresponding implementing regulation and methodological manual	EP and Council regulation and implementing regulation	Annex II - Title IV-Visas, asylum, immigration and other policies related to free movement of persons
		Methodological manual is available	Annex II - Title IV-Visas, asylum, immigration and other policies related to free movement of persons
Process	Police-recorded crime, police numbers and prison population: Collection, validation and dissemination of 2010 data (and associated meta-data) jointly with UN	Tables on Eurostat website and Statistics in Focus	Annex II - Title IV-Visas, asylum, immigration and other policies related to free movement of persons
		Metadata updated in SDMX format on Eurostat website	Annex II - Title IV-Visas, asylum, immigration and other policies related to free movement of persons

3. Legal references

(None)

Theme 1.11 - Discrimination**Description**

Equality statistics are based on the EU Treaty (new Article 19) and on the Commission's non-discrimination package 2008, which includes a proposal for a new Directive COM(2008) 426 on implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation. Activities covered by the Theme are:

- Outcome difference indicators on equality;
- Classification on ethnic origin/streamlined approach with migration statistics;
- Survey/question on experienced discrimination.

1. New work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme	Resource impact on MS
Process	Dedicated section on outcome difference indicators on equality: update the data of the dedicated section.	Updated data on the Eurostat website	Annex II - Title XI- Social policy, education, vocational training and youth	neutral
Project	Introduction of country of birth of parents in main social surveys (LFS, SILC)	Country of birth of parents is discussed for inclusion in the revised list of variables of LFS and SILC	Annex II - Title XI- Social policy, education, vocational training and youth	neutral

2. Ongoing work

(None)

3. Legal references

(None)

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

- Gender-related statistics
- Reconciliation of work and family life
- Strategy for modernisation of social statistics
- Youth statistics

1. New work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme	Resource impact on MS
Process	Gender statistics	Dissemination of continuously improved gender-related information across all domains	Annex II - Title XI- Social policy, education, vocational training and youth	neutral
Project	Dissemination of LFS ad hoc module 2010 on reconciliation of work and family life	Results of the ad hoc module disseminated; Statistics Explained and other analyses	Annex II - Title XI- Social policy, education, vocational training and youth	neutral
Project	Dissemination and analysis of the SILC 2010 ad hoc module on intra household sharing of resources	Data disseminated; analyses	Annex II - Title XI- Social policy, education, vocational training and youth	neutral
Project	Elaboration of a proposal to streamline micro level data collections in social statistics into two pillars. A project to rationalise the existing set of European surveys and the census in social statistics in order to achieve efficiency gains and/or cost savings.	Analysis of all social surveys with a view to streamlining and modularisation	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme	neutral
VIP	Modernisation of Social Statistics - Administrative Data Sources	List of criteria to assess the quality of a specific administrative data source: first results		neutral
		Review of statistical techniques to be applied to data from administrative sources: first results		

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Project	Core Social Variables: project to introduce a set of common variables across all the European social surveys in order to better link the data collected, and therefore increase the potential for analysis of data on European populations from a social policy perspective.	Annual progress report made to Member States and updated guidelines with revised definitions for the "Phase 2" variables.	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Transmission, processing and dissemination of gender pay gap statistics	Timely data provision; update of dissemination database; Statistics Explained and other analyses	Annex II - Title XI- Social policy, education, vocational training and youth
Project	Contribution to the 2012 Commission report on youth and development of further indicators based on data available at Eurostat	Contribution to the 2012 Commission report on youth and development of further indicators based on data available at Eurostat	Annex II - Title XI- Social policy, education, vocational training and youth

3. Legal references

(None)

Activity 3403 – Specific objective 2:

Production and development of Statistical Information in the field of Macroeconomic statistics

Carry out activities related to the development, collection, storage, processing and analysis that are necessary for compiling statistics in this field. This objective covers the following statistical Themes:

[2.01 - Annual economic accounts](#)

[2.02 - Quarterly accounts](#)

[2.03 - Monetary and financial statistics](#)

[2.04 - Government finance statistics](#), including assessment of debt and deficit data in the context of the Excessive Deficit Procedure (EDP).

[2.05 - Monitoring own resources](#), including verification of data on Gross National Income (GNI)

[2.06 - Prices](#)

[2.07 - Trade in goods](#)

[2.08 - Trade in services and balance of payments](#)

<i>Result indicators</i>	<i>Latest known result</i>	<i>Target for 2012</i>
Degree of achievement of this specific objective measured as percentage of the achievement of the outputs related to it (listed below). Twice a year, Eurostat Units give a mark to each of the outputs under their responsibility. The marks are the following: "Completed", "On target", "Emerging difficulties", "Serious difficulties", "Not Applicable".		100% "Completed"
Number of data extractions made by external users from Eurostat reference databases (EuroBase and Comext) via the Eurostat website, for the statistical Themes related to this Specific objective.	Monthly average in 2010: 190 884	+10% (average increase for the whole databases)

Specific indicators on verification of data under Excessive Deficit Procedure (EDP) and on Gross National Income (GNI)

Number of missions to Member States of verification under the EDP and Stability and Growth Pact		Yearly visits to each MS. 100% planned visits to Member States carried out
Percentage of response rate to cases raised		100% response rate
EDP press releases: availability of datasets on annual government statistics		Government Finance Statistics tables published two weeks after the EDP releases
EDP releases: percentage of press releases published	Two in 2011	100% of all press releases published
Number of missions to Member States on the verification of own resource GNI		100% of planned missions to Member States carried out
Annual verification of GNI Questionnaires and Quality Reports		100% of GNI Questionnaires and Quality Reports checked in view of examination at the GNI Committee in October
Responses to Member States' questions in relation to action points and/or reservation points		100% response rate

Responses to methodological issues related to the GNI Committee work	100% response rate (Task Forces, GNI Committee documents, etc.)
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Main outputs (by Theme)

Theme 2.01 - Annual economic accounts

Description

- Annual national accounts - main aggregates
- Productivity and growth analysis
- Annual non-financial Sector Accounts (ASA)
- Annual Financial Accounts (AFA)
- Pensions

1. New work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme	Resource impact on MS
Project	Update manual on regional accounts: guidance to and steering of respective task force	Regional Accounts: updated manual by end-2012	Annex II - Title VII - Economic and monetary policy	neutral
Project	Economic imbalance scoreboard. Contribute to the development of the indicators and prepare their regular production	Development and provision of imbalance scoreboard indicators	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme	neutral

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Process	Collection, validation dissemination of SUT IOT (supply/use tables and input/output tables) data. Database maintenance and development. Compliance, process assessment, NAPS integration	National tables are regularly validated and disseminated	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	New System of National Accounts (SNA) and new European System of Accounts (ESA)	Discussion and follow-up of the Commission proposal for a new ESA Regulation at Council and European Parliament	Annex II - Title VII - Economic and monetary policy
		Improved price and volume measures in national accounts, R&D satellite accounts, supplementary tables, preparatory actions for the implementation of the new ESA, etc.	Annex II - Title VII - Economic and monetary policy
Project	Specific improvements in national accounts data provided by Member States to prepare introduction of ESA2010 and its transmission programme	Grants provided for priority NA developments in the Member States	Annex II - Title VII - Economic and monetary policy
Project	EU KLEMS (EU level analysis of capital (K), labour (L), energy (E), materials (M) and service (S) inputs): productivity and growth accounts for the EU, euro area and Member States	IT design of the EUKLEMS module of NAPS finalised	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Production of annual Institutional Sector Accounts: update of the dissemination database and website	Update of the dissemination database and web site	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme

Project	In cooperation with Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (IPTS-JRC) to produce Supply, Use tables at basic prices for all the Member States and for EU27. To produce Supply and Use tables for EuroArea. To produce Input output tables for EU27 and Euro Area (EA)	Aggregated IOT for EU and EA are produced	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	Enhanced quality assurance for regional GDP per inhabitant: inventories, quality assurance questionnaires on regional Gross Value Added (GVA) and regional population, country missions incl. follow-up.	Preparatory measure for the 2012 round of the allocation of the structural funds	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Validate and disseminate data on non-financial assets for the total economy and by sector, in particular household dwellings	Data on household dwellings published in Eurobase	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Estimation of regional GDP at level NUTS2 and NUTS3 and of regional household income at level NUTS2, including development of methodology based on data collected from the Member States; dissemination via Eurobase	National regional accounts data are produced and disseminated	Annex II - Title VII - Economic and monetary policy
Process	Monitoring of and Reporting on compliance with the data transmission programme	Regular assessment of the compliance of the Member States with the legal data transmission obligations	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Regional accounts input for publications, in particular the Regional Yearbook, two SiFs, the Eurostat Yearbook, the annual reports on the rural development and on the social situation in the EU	Regional GDP per head at Nuts2 level is regularly published	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	Implementation of NACE Rev 2 and CPA 2008 in national and regional accounts	Successful implementation NACE in NA and regional accounts	Annex II - Title VII - Economic and monetary policy
Project	Revision of ESA Transmission Programme, negotiations in the Council, transitional measures to support Member States and practical aspects related to transmission	Preparatory action for the full implementation in 2014 Progress in the Council negotiations	Annex II - Title VII - Economic and monetary policy
Process	Annual national accounts: collection, validation and dissemination of main aggregates data. Database maintenance and evolution. Publications. User support. Website. Compliance.	National and EU aggregates for Annual National Accounts are produced and disseminated	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Production of aggregated Supply/Use tables and input/output tables for the EU and Euroarea; input into environmental accounts applications	Consolidated tables are produced for 2008	Annex II - Title VII - Economic and monetary policy
Process	Regular production of press releases, SiFs and contributions to horizontal and compendium publications	Regular publication of annual National Accounts	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Supply/Use tables and input/output tables: regular production of new releases and SiFs, contribution to horizontal and compendium publications	Regular publications of national and EU/EA tables	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Annual national accounts: production of European annual aggregates including employment; update of the dissemination database	Annual European main aggregates are regularly produced	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	CVD compliant IT production system for national accounts	National Accounts Production System (NAPS) implementation progresses according to plan	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme

Project	National accounts methodological and practical improvements: 5 projects to facilitate the implementation of the revised ESA and research related to the implementation of the Eurostat vision	Research input into the implementation of the vision	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
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3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Regulation	2223/96	L 310	30/11/1996	European system of national and regional accounts (ESA95)
Council Regulation	448/98	L 58	27/02/1998	Concerning the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM)

Theme 2.02 - Quarterly accounts

Description

- Quarterly national accounts
- Quarterly non-financial sector accounts (QSA)

1. New work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme	Resource impact on MS
Project	Update Manual QNA: guidance to and steering of respective task force with Member States	Quarterly National Accounts: updated manual by end-2012	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme	neutral

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Process	Production of Quarterly Institutional Sector Accounts (QSA): update of the dissemination database, website and news release	Update of the dissemination database, website and news release	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Quarterly National Accounts: collection, validation and dissemination of main aggregates data. Database maintenance and evolution. Publications. User support. Website. Compliance.	Quarterly National Accounts Aggregates are regularly validated and disseminated	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Quarterly National Accounts: European annual aggregates including employment; Flash estimates GDP; quarterly releases of aggregates; update of the dissemination database	European aggregates of quarterly National Accounts are regularly produced	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Quarterly National Accounts: regular production of press releases, SiFs and contributions to horizontal and compendium publications	Regular publication of quarterly National Accounts	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Regulation	1221/2002	L 179	09/07/2002	Quarterly non-financial accounts for general government
EP and Council Regulation	1161/2005	L 191	22/07/2005	Compilation of quarterly non-financial accounts by institutional sector

Theme 2.03 - Monetary and financial statistics

Description

Monetary and financial indicators

1. New work

(None)

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Process	Production of annual financial accounts: update of dissemination website and database	Update of dissemination database and web site	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Dissemination of data on Exchange rates: NewCronos	Publication of exchange rate data	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	Development of the methodological framework and analysis and validation of the pension data received through the supplementary table	Preparation of data transmission report	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Update and publication of monetary and finance statistics: publication on web site	Monetary and finance statistics published on the web site	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Regulation	2223/96	L 310	30/11/1996	European system of national and regional accounts (ESA95)

Theme 2.04 - Government finance statistics**Description**

- Assessment of debt and deficit data in the context of the Excessive Deficit Procedure (EDP)
- Annual non-financial government accounts (AGOV)
- Quarterly government accounts (QGOV)

1. New work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme	Resource impact on MS
Process	Introducing improved quality management framework in the area of government finance statistics and particularly promoting quality management standards adapted to the specificities of the Excessive Deficit Procedure compilation process to be implemented by National Statistical Institutes. A Working Group GFS quality management will be created.	Improved quality management framework in the area of government finance statistics	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme	negative
Process	Monitoring and assessing the implementation of the European Statistics Code of Practice in the context of the process of Excessive Deficit Procedure compilation	Assessment of Compliance with European Statistics Code of Practice in the context of the process of Excessive Deficit Procedure compilation	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme	negative
Process	Identifying, monitoring and assessing risks or problems from upstream data sources with a view to initiating corrective action at the earliest possible point (Early Warning System (EWS)).	Identifying, monitoring and assessing risks or problems with a view to initiating corrective action at the earliest possible point - creation of an Early Warning System	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme	negative

Process	Monitoring and assessing the appropriateness, exhaustiveness and timeliness of the upstream public finance data by reference to ESA requirements, within an Excessive Deficit Procedure context.	Monitoring and assessing the appropriateness, exhaustiveness and timeliness of the upstream public finance data by reference to ESA requirements will help to identify risks and possible preventative/corrective action.	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme	negative
Process	Participation in the coordination of formal Excessive Deficit Procedure methodological visits to Member States as provided for under Article 11b of Regulation (EC) No. 479/2009	Methodological visits to Member States as provided for under Article 11b of Regulation (EC) No 479/2009	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme	negative
Process	Monitoring and assessing the effectiveness, reliability, integrity and transparency of the process of data flows between the public entities and the statistical offices in charge of the final compilation of Excessive Deficit Procedure data	Assessment of process of data flows from upstream data providers to the ESS will identify possible problems, risks or need for corrective action	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme	negative
Process	Promoting accrual based public accounting, including an active role within the International Public Sector Accounting Standards, which is close to ESA-based principles.	Increasing adoption of accrual based public accounting in Excessive Deficit Procedure upstream data providers	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme	negative
Process	Implementation of Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 479/2009 across the EU, regarding the responsibilities of national authorities and officials in the context of Excessive Deficit Procedure, with Eurostat's involvement to work towards a harmonised EU framework.	Implementation of Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 479/2009	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme	negative
Process	Preparation and follow-up of the Financial Accounts Working Group and EDP processes	FAWG minutes EDP planning timetable	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme	neutral
		EDP planning timetable	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme	neutral
Project	Development of methodology and approach towards a more robust system of quality management for use in public finance statistics for Excessive Deficit Procedure purposes.	A more robust system of quality management in place for use in public finance statistics for Excessive Deficit Procedure purposes.	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme	negative

Project	Risk management for public finance statistics within context of CoP. Development of methodology and approach towards monitoring and assessing the adequacy of the quality of upstream data for compiling Excessive Deficit Procedure statistics in accordance with ESA rules, to be able to assess risks and initiate corrective action.	Operational approach for monitoring and assessing the adequacy of the quality of upstream data for compiling Excessive Deficit Procedure statistics in accordance with ESA rules, to be able to assess risks and initiate corrective action.	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme	negative
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2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Process	Verification of data under excessive deficit procedure	NewCronos update	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Missions of verification under Excessive Debt Procedure (EDP) and Stability and Growth Pact	Mission reports	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Ex-ante and ex-post cases - methodological issues	Letter to Member States with ex-ante/ex-post advice	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Production of annual government statistics: update of the dissemination database and website	Update of the dissemination database and website A biannual Government Finance Statistics (GFS) publication published in May and November 2012 Contribution to the annual updating of the Eurostat/Taxation and Customs Union DG publication "Taxation trends in the European Union". This report contains a detailed statistical and economic analysis of the tax systems of the Member States of the European Union plus Norway and Iceland.	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	Support the development of the statistical system in Greece through the organisation and management of technical assistance activities in the areas of public finance statistics, high level advice and selected statistical domains	Assistance missions implemented and reports available including monitoring reports on the Joint Action Plan	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
		Quality of Greek statistical data improved	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Training Course on government finance statistics	Greater GFS knowledge in countries, leading to higher quality GFS data.	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Conceptual surveillance under the Excessive Deficit Procedure and the Stability and Growth Pact	Eurostat decisions; Task forces	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme

Process	Carry out statistical assessment of Candidate Countries	Report to ECFIN	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Production of quarterly government statistics: validation and dissemination in the database and on the website	Publication of quarterly GFS data on the web site	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Regulation	2223/96	L 310	30/11/1996	European system of national and regional accounts (ESA95)
EP and Council Regulation	1221/2002	L 179	09/07/2002	Quarterly non-financial accounts for general government
EP and Council Regulation	501/2004	L 81	19/03/2004	Quarterly financial accounts for general government
Council Regulation	1222/2004	L 233	02/07/2004	Compilation and transmission of data on the quarterly government debt
Council Regulation	479/2009	L 145	10/06/2009	Application of the Protocol on the excessive deficit procedure annexed to the Treaty establishing the European Community

Theme 2.05 - Monitoring own resources

Description

- Annual national accounts data of Gross National Income (GNI) and Gross National Product (GNP)
- Verification of the GNI/GNP data transmitted each year by Member States
- Verification of Member States' inventories of statistical sources and methods used to calculate GNI/GNP
- Verification, in cooperation with DG Budget, of the figures and calculations included in Member States' VAT statements

1. New work

(None)

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Project	Verification of the reliability, comparability and exhaustiveness of own resource GNI data and of the own resource VAT figures and calculations transmitted by Member States	Follow-up and evaluation of the improvements made by Member States to GNI sources and methods based on the assessment reports presented in 2011	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
		Reports on VAT controls of Member States based on DG Budget control programme	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Directive	89/130	L 49	21/02/1989	Harmonisation of the compilation of gross national product at market prices
Council Regulation	1553/89	L 155	07/06/1989	Definitive uniform arrangements for the collection of own resources accruing from VAT
Council Regulation	1287/2003	L 181	19/07/2003	On the harmonisation of gross national income at market prices (GNI Regulation)

Council Decision	2010/196	L 87	07/04/2010	on the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) for the establishment of the gross national income (GNI) used for the purposes of the European Union's budget and its own resources
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Theme 2.06 - Prices

Description

- Production and development of Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices (HICPs)
- Production and development of Purchasing Power Parities (PPPs)
- Development of house price indices/ prices for owner-occupied housing
- Development of detailed multi-purpose consumer price statistics
- Calculation of Correction Coefficients and Salary Adjustment for EU Staff
- Development and production of information on Pension for EU Staff

1. New work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme	Resource impact on MS
Project	Report to European Parliament and Council on implementation of Purchasing Power Parities Regulation	Report to Parliament and Council on Purchasing Power Parities Regulation implementation adopted	Annex II - Title VII - Economic and monetary policy	neutral
Project	Commercial Property Prices Indices handbook	Preliminary work towards the compilation of a Commercial Property Prices Indices handbook	Annex II - Title VII - Economic and monetary policy	neutral
Project	Re-engineering of the Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices (HICP) production process in Eurostat	Price statistics re-engineering: first steps towards a re-engineered production system for price statistics	Annex II - Title VII - Economic and monetary policy	neutral

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Process	Article 64 Intra-EU Statistics: methodology and results tables to DG Human Resources and Security	Eurostat Report	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Article 65 Council Remuneration report and Statistics: methodology and results tables to DG Human Resources and Security	Eurostat Report	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	(Legislated) and ad-hoc Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices (HICP) standards	Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices (HICP) methodological development and research	Annex II - Title VII - Economic and monetary policy
Process	Calculation and dissemination of monthly Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices; sub-indices and special aggregates; HICP at Constant Tax Rates; HICP Administered Prices	Calculation and dissemination of Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices (HICP), sub-indices and special aggregates; HICP at Constant Tax Rates; HICP Administered Prices	Annex II - Title VII - Economic and monetary policy
Process	Actuarial calculation of the pension contribution rate in accordance with Annex XII of the Staff Regulations	Eurostat report	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	Owner-Occupied Housing: methodological guidance, technical manual and supply by National Statistical Institutes of pilot indices, Owner Occupied Housing regulation	Owner Occupied Housing (OOH) regulation entering into force and first data transmissions	Annex II - Title VII - Economic and monetary policy

Project	Implementation by Member States of Regulations on Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) quality adjustment, sampling and weighting - further improvement of quality of HICPs	Actions to improve Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) quality in countries and Eurostat	Annex II - Title VII - Economic and monetary policy
Process	Yearly calculation of the liability of the Joint Sickness Insurance Scheme Pension Scheme (JSIS) at 31st December.	Liability of Joint Sickness Insurance Scheme (JSIS)	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Yearly calculation of the liability of the Pension Scheme of Members of some EU Institutions (PSMI) at 31st December.	Liability of Pension Scheme of Members of EU Institutions (PSMI)	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	Revision and update of the Purchasing Power Parities (PPP) manual	Published updated Purchasing Power Parities (PPP) Manual	Annex II - Title VII - Economic and monetary policy
Project	Development of a new methodology for Purchasing Power Parities (PPPs) for health services. Work is lead by OECD.	Purchasing Power Parities (PPPs) for health: new methodology implemented	Annex II - Title VII - Economic and monetary policy
Process	PPP Inventories: evaluation of countries' sources and methods for Purchasing Power Parities (PPP)	Purchasing Power Parities (PPP) compliance monitoring	Annex II - Title VII - Economic and monetary policy
Process	Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) Flash Estimate Production: calculation of HICP Flash Estimate	Calculation and dissemination of Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices flash estimates, including breakdown	Annex II - Title VII - Economic and monetary policy
Process	Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) compliance monitoring and quality control: assessing and verifying National Statistical Institutes compliance to HICP standards	Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices compliance monitoring	Annex II - Title VII - Economic and monetary policy
		Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) quality control: compliance to HICP standards	Annex II - Title VII - Economic and monetary policy
Process	Detailed consumer prices: more detailed price indices, detailed price levels, food chains monitoring tool	Food chain monitoring tool: further chains covered, quality enhanced	Annex II - Title XIV-Consumer protection - food safety
		Provision of detailed prices	Annex II - Title XIV-Consumer protection - food safety
Process	Article 64 Extra-EU Statistics: Methodology and Results Package to DG Human Resources and Security and European External Action Service	Eurostat Report	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Purchasing Power Parities for 37 countries at GDP and components level; Eurobase update, press release, SIFs	Published Purchasing Power Parities (PPPs) for 2009, 2010 and 2011	Annex II - Title VII - Economic and monetary policy
Project	Detailed consumer prices: more detailed price indices, detailed price levels	Multipurpose price statistics development	Annex II - Title XIV-Consumer protection - food safety
Process	Yearly calculation of the liability of the Pension Scheme of EU officials and other servants (PSEO) at 31st December.	Liability of Pension Scheme of EU officials (PSEO)	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Regulation	2494/95	L 257	27/10/1995	Concerning harmonised indices of consumer prices
Council Regulation	723/2004	L 124	27/04/2004	Amending the Staff Regulations of officials of the European Communities and the Conditions of Employment of other servants of the European Communities
EP and Council Regulation	1445/2007	L 336	20/12/2007	Establishing common rules for the provision of basic information on Purchasing Power Parities and for their calculation and dissemination

Theme 2.07 - Trade in goods**Description**

- Production and dissemination of external trade statistics
- Quality assurance in trade statistics
- Coordination, drafting, adjustment and maintenance of legislation in the field of statistics on trade in goods with Member States (Intrastat) and non-Member States (Extrastat)
- Coordination of initiatives on burden reduction in the field of external trade statistics recap

1. New work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme	Resource impact on MS
Process	Development of statistics merging trade and business related data	New statistical indicators made by linking trade and business characteristics, without conducting new surveys	Annex I - 3 Instruments - 3.1 Better regulation	neutral
Project	Harmonisation of validation rules to be applied by Member States before sending data to Eurostat	Recommendation to Member States for minimum validation rules. An IT tool can be made optionally available	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme	positive

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Project	Development of a proposal for the integration of international transactions and business statistics in a single legal act.	Proposal for an integrated Regulation for all business related statistics.	Annex I - 3 Instruments - 3.1 Better regulation
Project	Recap various options for simplifying the Intrastat system (e.g. single flow, nomenclature) and develop a mid-term proposal for further simplification	Mid-term proposal for simplification of the Intrastat system	
Process	COMEXT User support: provide technical and statistical user support to the European Commission, Member States and other public users and institutions. Organise monthly Comext training courses for the Commission.	Technical and statistical assistance provided to Comext users	Annex I - 3 Instruments - 3.3 Increased ability to respond to users' needs
Process	Manage the trade in goods - cooperation, assist for country reports, seminars, improved methodology.	Manage the trade in goods - cooperation, assist for country reports, seminars, improved methodology.	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	Further modernisation of tools for Intrastat data collection and facilitation of Multinational Enterprises declarations	Improved electronic Intrastat data collection according to the Member States needs	Annex II - Title I- Free movement of goods

Project	MEETS trade in goods - coordination of objective 4: coordinate the MEETS projects related to international trade statistics	Successfully implement the MEETS actions related to international trade statistics.	Annex II - Title I- Free movement of goods
Process	Publication of aggregated data for international transactions.	Tables, press release and statistics explained of aggregated data for international trade in goods.	Annex II - Title I- Free movement of goods
Process	International Trade in Goods Statistics: analysis and quality, incl. compliance.	Quality management, incl. compliance.	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	Improve and automate the structured communication with Member States with the use of XT-NET ASSIST system	Established ad-hoc data exchange between Member States and Member States and Eurostat	Annex I - 3 Instruments - 3.3 Increased ability to respond to users' needs
Project	Develop and promote standards, IT architecture design and provide support for the data collection and data exchange among providers of statistical information and collecting authorities as well as for the exchange of information between administrations	Improved data collection and exchange according to the Member States needs	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	Coordination and promotion of actions aiming the improvement of collection systems, procedures and validation at Member States level. Maintenance and further development of messages (Instat-XML), transfer formats (SDMX), use cases, architecture of data exchange systems.	Standards for data collection and exchange	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Production of trade in goods statistical data: make detailed trade data and metadata from Member States, international organisations and third countries available in the Comext database on a monthly basis	Data and metadata on trade in goods available in Comext	Annex II - Title IX Common commercial policy
Process	Trade in goods: Electronic data dissemination. Data and metadata accessible on-line and by DVD/free dissemination. Enhancements of the derivation procedures (by Classification of Products by Activity (CPA), Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), Broad Economic Categories (BEC), external trade by means of transport (NSTR), combinations of them) and improvement data linking of trade statistics with tariffs database.	Trade in goods data accessible on-line	Annex II - Title IX Common commercial policy
Process	Methodology in International Trade in Goods Statistics: coordinate all activities related to the methodological development for Intrastat and Extrastat.	Guarantee a sound development of all issues related to Intrastat and Extrastat methodology.	Annex II - Title I- Free movement of goods

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Regulation	638/2004	L 102	07/04/2004	on Community statistics relating to the trading of goods between Member States
EP and Council Decision	1297/2008	L 340	19/12/2008	On a Programme for the Modernisation of European Enterprise and Trade Statistics (MEETS)
EP and Council Regulation	471/2009	L 152	16/06/2009	On Community statistics relating to external trade with non-member countries

Theme 2.08 - Trade in services and balance of payments**Description**

- Balance of payments (BoP): Methodology, Meetings
- Quarterly balance of payments
- Foreign direct investment (FDI)
- International trade in services
- Balance of payments of the EU institutions
- Balance of payments and related statistics: Enlargement

1. New work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme	Resource impact on MS
Project	Economic imbalance scoreboard - external imbalances: contribute to the development of the indicators and prepare their regular production	Development and provision of external imbalance scoreboard indicators	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme	neutral

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Process	Foreign Direct Investment: data production, compilation and dissemination of statistics. Maintenance and development of methodology as well as data quality issues. Maintenance and development of the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Network.	Updated tables and statistics explained for foreign direct investment, including FDI network.	Annex II - Title III Free movement of persons, services and capital
Process	Methodology, production, dissemination and quality management for International Trade in Services Statistics.	Updated tables and statistics explained for international trade in services.	Annex II - Title III Free movement of persons, services and capital
Process	Balance of Payments Quality Report (QR) is compiled annually according to Regulation (EC) No. 184/2005 (Art 11) and Regulation (EC) No. 1055/2008. Bilateral tables of asymmetries will be integrated in Balance of Payments Quality Report (BoP QR) from 2011 onwards. BoP QR includes parts related to International Trade in Services (ITS) and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).	Regular monitoring of the quality of the national Balance of Payments data	Annex II - Title I- Free movement of goods
Project	Implementation of Balance of Payments Manual (BPM6): Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 has to be amended in line with the new international standards. An harmonised codification has to be defined and methodological guidelines have to be provided to the Member States. This is a joint initiative from Eurostat and DG Statistics of the ECB, with the ECB taking the lead with regard to the new codification structure.	Manual implementation progresses according to plan	Annex II - Title VII - Economic and monetary policy
Project	Manage the Modernisation of European Enterprise and Trade Statistics (MEETS) projects related to international transactions	Implement the MEETS projects related to international transactions.	Annex II - Title III Free movement of persons, services and capital
Process	Balance of Payments and related Euro Indicators: treatment and dissemination of quarterly Balance of Payments (BoP) data.	Quarterly Balance of Payments data at national and EU level are produced and disseminated	Annex II - Title I- Free movement of goods
Process	Balance of Payments of EU Institutions: production and dissemination of the monthly, quarterly and annual online tables.	Balance of payments of the EU institutions is regularly produced	Annex II - Title I- Free movement of goods

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Regulation	184/2005	L 35	08/02/2005	On Community statistics concerning balance of payments, international trade in services and foreign direct investment
Council Decision	2006/856	L 332	30/11/2006	Establishing a Committee on monetary, financial and balance of payments statistics (codified version)
EP and Council Decision	1297/2008	L 340	19/12/2008	On a Programme for the Modernisation of European Enterprise and Trade Statistics (MEETS)

Activity 3403 – Specific objective 3:

Production and development of Statistical Information in the field of Business statistics

Carry out activities related to the development, collection, storage, processing and analysis that are necessary for compiling statistics in this field. This objective covers the following statistical Themes:

[3.01 - Annual business statistics](#)

[3.02 - Short-term business statistics](#)

[3.03 - Energy](#)

[3.04 - Transport](#)

[3.05 - Tourism](#)

[3.06 - Business registers](#)

<i>Result indicators</i>	<i>Latest known result</i>	<i>Target for 2012</i>
Degree of achievement of this specific objective measured as percentage of the achievement of the outputs related to it (listed below). Twice a year, Eurostat Units give a mark to each of the outputs under their responsibility. The marks are the following: "Completed", "On target", "Emerging difficulties", "Serious difficulties", "Not Applicable".		100% "Completed"
Number of data extractions made by external users from Eurostat reference database (EuroBase) via the Eurostat website, for the statistical Themes related to this Specific objective.	Monthly average in 2010: 65 589	+10% (average increase for the whole database)

Main outputs (by Theme)

Theme 3.01 - Annual business statistics

Description

- Industrial production statistics (Prodcom)
- Structural Business Statistics (SBS)
- Statistics on Foreign Affiliates (FATS)
- Modernisation of European Enterprise and Trade Statistics (MEETS)

1. New work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme	Resource impact on MS
Process	Commission Decision on the annual work programme for 2013 for the implementation of Decision No 1297/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the MEETS programme. Adoption of the annual work programme with the priorities for the actions to be undertaken in 2013 and the budgetary allocations under this Decision.	Commission Decision on the annual MEETS work programme for 2013	Annex II - Title XVI Industry-Business statistics	neutral
Process	Continued quality improvement of SBS, Prodcom and FATS data: annual quality reports produced and analysed according to the governing regulations. The necessary follow-up actions are undertaken. Improved quality checking of data.	Annual quality reports prepared and analysed.	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme	neutral

Project	Simplification of the SBS Regulation requirements: analysis and agreement with Member States on the simplifications to Regulation (EC) No. 295/2008, in particular for Annexes V-VII	A plan for simplifying the SBS Regulation is established	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme	positive
Project	ESSnet consistency: Identify and analyse differences in definitions and provide recommendations on possible adjustments.	Inventory of implementation in Member States Identification and analysis of problems	Annex II - Title XVI Industry-Business statistics	neutral
Project	Production of the report to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of Regulation 716/2007 on Foreign Affiliates statistics.	The report to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the Regulation 716/2007 on Foreign Affiliates Statistics submitted.	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme	neutral
Project	Provision of back-casted Structural Business Statistics data on an aggregated level in NACE Rev.2 for reference years 2005-2007 to users. Treatment of data transmitted in 2010 and in 2011 by Member States on a voluntary basis and estimating the missing data to calculate EU aggregates.	Back-casted Structural Business Statistics in NACE Rev.2 for reference years 2005-2008 on an aggregated level available to users.	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme	neutral
Project	Drafting a manual on the overall methodological framework for business statistics	A draft manual on the methodological framework for business statistics as input to the development of a framework legislation on business statistics produced.		neutral
Project	Re-engineering of the business statistics production process in Eurostat	Business statistics re-engineering: first steps towards a re-engineered production system for business statistics		neutral

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Process	Production and dissemination of Structural Business Statistics (SBS) according to Regulation No 295/2008. Validation, processing and dissemination of data received from Member States and other countries on Eurostat website.	Structural Business Statistics (SBS) data for 2010 data disseminated.	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	Successful implementation of Decision 1297/2008/EC establishing the Programme for the Modernisation of European Enterprise and Trade Statistics (MEETS).	Sound programme and financial management of the annual MEETS programmes adopted. Report to the Parliament and to the Council on the implementation of the MEETS programme	Annex II - Title XVI Industry-Business statistics

Project	Provision of statistics for the analysis of global value chains e.g. by remodelling and by carrying out the survey on international sourcing and by extensive micro-data linking in order to enhance the value of Structural Business Statistics (SBS) and other business statistics. ESSnet on measuring global value chains continues its work.	The survey on international sourcing/global value chains is carried out. Grant agreements on the micro-data linking are established and a draft framework for the measurement of global value chains is established..	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	Provision of the headline indicator for the monitoring of the Europe2020 targets on the Innovation Union	Data for the indicator provided to policy makers for the EU27.	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Validation and processing of annual Prodcom data received from Member States and other reporting countries. Dissemination of national data and EU aggregates on the Eurostat website.	Prodcom data for 2011 disseminated.	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Follow-up of developments in accounting, appropriate reporting and preparation of documents on accounting and statistics	Reports to the Business Statistics Directors Group and the Committee on Monetary, Financial and Balance of Payments Statistics (CMFB)	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
		Contributions to impact assessments and reports on the review of the accounting directives	
		Harmonisation of variables in regulations with those in accounting when appropriate	
Process	Publication of 2013 PRODCOM list	Prodcom list 2013 is adopted.	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	Integrate employer business demography and high growth enterprise statistics into regular data production. Framework for data collection (legal or gentlemen's agreement) ready for adoption. Contribute to the Entrepreneurship Indicator Programme (EIP) programme by providing the business demography related indicators.	Available data validated and disseminated.	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
		Framework for data collection agreed (legal or gentlemen's agreements).	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Production and dissemination of statistics on Foreign Affiliates according to Regulation (EC) No 716/2007. Validation, processing and dissemination of data received from Member States and other countries on Eurostat website	Statistics on Foreign Affiliates (FATS) data for 2010 are disseminated	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	Final decisions on the feasibility of collecting pilot study variables on a regular basis on Foreign Affiliate Statistics will be taken.	Decisions on pilot study variables taken.	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Regulation	3924/91	L 374	31/12/1991	Establishment of a Community survey of industrial production
EP and Council Regulation	716/2007	L 171	29/06/2007	On Community statistics on the structure and activity of foreign affiliates

EP and Council Regulation	295/2008	L 97	09/04/2008	Concerning Structural Business Statistics
EP and Council Decision	1297/2008	L 340	19/12/2008	On a Programme for the Modernisation of European Enterprise and Trade Statistics (MEETS)

Theme 3.02 - Short-term business statistics

Description

- Production of short-term business statistics (STS) for industry, construction, retail trade and other services
- Consolidation and improvement of quality

1. New work

(None)

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Process	Short Term Business Statistics (STS): timely production of the existing indicators and their publication, mainly in the form of continuous updating of Eurostat's database on the web site and in the form of monthly news releases for a selected set of indicators, among the Principal European Economic Indicators (PEEIs)	Monthly series of news releases for a selected set of indicators in the field of Short Term Business Statistics	Annex II - Title VII - Economic and monetary policy
		Indicators in the field of Short Term Business Statistics available in the Eurostat database and up to date on a daily basis	Annex II - Title VII - Economic and monetary policy

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Regulation	1165/98	L 162	05/06/1998	Short-term statistics

Theme 3.03 - Energy

Description

- Collection/Dissemination of short-term and structural information on energy systems and electricity and gas prices; preparation of energy balance sheets
- Evaluation of various Commission energy policies (Renewable Energy Sources, Energy Dependency, Energy Efficiency, Combined Heat and Power)
- Contribution to the monitoring of security of supply (oil stockholding obligation)
- Contribution to the monitoring of Carbon Dioxide emission inventories
- Contribution to the development of the Energy Statistics System in the EU and Candidate Countries

1. New work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme	Resource impact on MS
Project	Energy efficiency / Energy savings indicators and targets monitoring; COM (2011)109 of 08.03.2011	Define a set of Indicators to monitor energy efficiency targets arising from Commission legislative acts and Europe 2020 strategy.	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme	negative

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Process	Energy Statistics (Annual): collect annual statistics (structural information) on solid fuels, oil, natural gas, electricity and renewable energy sources in accordance with the Energy Statistics Regulation (EC) No 1099/2008.	Update the Eurostat Reference Environment with annual energy statistics; Preparation of the Energy Balance Sheets.	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	Web-Enabled Data Editing Services (WEDES): this activity addresses the development / maintenance of tools provided to Member States for data entry (local functions), to facilitate the reporting of statistics in accordance with Directive 2009/28 on RES and with Directive 2009/119 on Oil Stocks (ensuring comparability with Regulation 1099/2008) as well as of the remote access interface for interactive data submission / validation	Updated local data entry tools and SHARES, in accordance with the revised Energy Statistics Regulation	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	Modify the Energy Statistics Regulation (a) responding to new policy requirements (b) in response to priority setting / burden reduction	Revised Energy Statistics Regulation	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Energy Statistics (Monthly): collect monthly statistics (short-term trends) on solid fuels, oil and natural gas, electricity and certain renewable energy sources, in accordance with the Energy Statistics Regulation (EC) No 1099/2008.	Update the Eurostat Reference Environment with monthly energy statistics, providing information on market trends.	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Energy Price Statistics: electricity and natural gas prices are collected twice per year for households and industry. Prices for industrial end-users are collected in accordance with the Price Transparency Directive 2008/92 while prices for households are based on gentlemen's agreements.	Update the Eurostat Reference Environment with Electricity and Natural-Gas prices charged to end- users (industry, households)	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	Migrate the Energy Production Database (SIRENE) to a new environment.	Updated / Maintained SIRENE (C) Production Database.	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	Final Energy Consumption Surveys - Energy efficiency (domestic sector): develop a Recommended Coverage for an 'Energy Consumption in Households' Survey, in response to the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency policies pursued by the Commission. Examine / Evaluate current practices in the EU, in making available this information. Carry-out surveys / modelling work at national level, to enhance data availability (grants).	Evaluation of current data collection exercise in view of responding to accrued user requirements.	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme

Project	Develop the ESS RES (Renewable Energy Statistics) reporting system to respond fully to the principles defined in Directive 2009 /28 (methodology development for sustainable biofuels, heat pumps). Review national systems and Implement actions at national level to improve data coverage/quality. Develop IT tools to ensure that reporting on mandatory targets under the ESR (Energy Statistics Regulation) (EC) No 1009/2008 and the Directive 2009/28 are identical.	Methodological development and pilot data collections extending the Energy Statistics Regulation (ESR) in fields covered by the Renewable Energy Sources Directive 2009/28 (electric cars, hydrogen, sustainable biofuels)	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	Evaluate use of the ESR in the preparation of the EU greenhouse gas inventory report. The energy statistics - collected under the Energy Statistics Regulation - will be examined in order to: * make available early estimates (T+4) of CO2 emissions, based on short-term supply side statistics (Reference Approach) * enhance the role of ESR statistics in the Commission QA / QC process of national CO2 emission declarations (Sectoral Approach).	Feasibility study in making available early estimates of carbon dioxide emission inventories	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Decision	280/2004	L 49	19/02/2004	Mechanism for monitoring Community greenhouse gas emissions and for implementing the Kyoto Protocol
EP and Council Directive	2004/8	L 52	12/02/2004	Promotion of cogeneration based on a useful heat demand in the internal energy market and amending Directive 92/42/EEC
EP and Council Directive	2006/32	L 114	27/04/2006	Energy end-use efficiency and energy services and repealing Council Directive 93/76/EEC
EP and Council Directive	2008/92	L 298	07/11/2008	Concerning a Community procedure to improve the transparency of gas and electricity prices charged to industrial end-users
EP and Council Regulation	1099/2008	L 304	14/11/2008	Energy statistics
EP and Council Directive	2009/28	L 140	05/06/2009	On the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources and amending and subsequently repealing Directive 2001/77
Council Directive	2009/119	L 265	09/10/2009	Imposing an obligation on Member States to maintain minimum stocks of crude oil and/or petroleum products

Theme 3.04 - Transport

Description

- Commercial transport of goods and passengers in all modes where this activity is significant: road freight, rail (goods and passengers), inland waterways (goods), sea (goods and passengers), air (passengers, freight and mail), and pipelines (specific goods)
- Measurement of traffic, in particular for road vehicles
- Infrastructures and means of transport (vehicles) at national and regional level
- Enterprises and employment in the transport sector at national level
- Accidents, fatalities, injured people and release of dangerous goods in the transport sector
- Intermodal transport, congestion, logistics performance
- Impact on the environment, in particular on climate change
- Transport indicators (modal split; structural, sustainable development, globalisation, environment)

1. New work

(None)

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Process	Annual data collection of regional transport statistics (transport infrastructure, stock of the vehicles and road traffic accident), based on a voluntary data collection.	Production and dissemination of regional transport statistics (transport infrastructure, stock of the vehicles and road traffic accident).	Annex II - Title V Transport
Process	Road Freight Transport Statistics: quarterly data collection (vehicle, journey and goods-related data) on road freight transport, based on Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/98.	Production and dissemination of harmonised statistics on transport of goods by road (data on vehicles, journeys and type of goods).	Annex II - Title V Transport
Process	Annual/quarterly data collection (carriage of goods and passengers by sea) on maritime transport statistics, based on Directive 2009/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EU) 1090/2010	Production and dissemination of harmonised statistics (passengers, freight and vessel traffic) on maritime transport statistics	Annex II - Title V Transport
Process	Air Transport Statistics: annual/quarterly/monthly data collection on the carriage of passengers, freight and mail by commercial air services as well as on civil aircraft movements to or from Community airports, based on Regulation (EC) No 437/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council.	Production and dissemination of harmonised statistics (passengers, freight and mail) on air transport	Annex II - Title V Transport
Project	Modal Split indicators represent the relative share of each individual transport mode in the overall transport performance and are obtained from datasets of various transport modes using the same measurement unit.	Production and development of modal split indicators	Annex II - Title V Transport
Project	Modernisation and integration of Transport Information System (TRIS)	Successful integration of all TRIS subsystem in the production environment.	Annex II - Title V Transport
Project	Data collection on transport safety statistics, having as data suppliers: DG MOVE, European Rail Agency, European Maritime Safety and European Aviation Safety Agency.	Dissemination of Transport Safety data.	Annex II - Title V Transport
Project	Feasibility study on production of intermodal transport statistics, including logistics indicators.	Study on production of intermodal transport statistics, including logistics indicators.	Annex II - Title V Transport
Process	Common Eurostat/ITF/UNECE Questionnaire on Transport Statistics: annual voluntary data collection on inland transport statistics (infrastructure, transport equipment, enterprises and partly traffic, transport measurement and safety)	Production and dissemination of data on Transport equipment and infrastructure. The "Eurostat/ITF/UNECE Glossary for transport statistics" is revised and updated on a regular basis.	Annex II - Title V Transport
Process	Rail Transport Statistics: quinquennial/annual/quarterly data collection (goods, passengers and rail safety) on rail transport, based on Regulation (EC) No 91/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council	Production and dissemination of harmonised statistics (passengers, freight, rail safety) on rail transport. Legal procedure leading to suppression of tables C3 and C4 (concerning transport of passengers); discontinuation of Annex H (rail safety); introduction of a threshold aiming at exempting the smallest enterprises from reporting data under this Regulation.	Annex II - Title V Transport

Process	Inland Waterway Freight Transport Statistics: annual/quarterly data collection (type of goods, nationality and type of vessels, vessel traffic) on inland waterway freight transport, based on Regulation (EC) No 1365/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council.	Production and dissemination of harmonised statistics on inland waterway freight transport	Annex II - Title V Transport
Project	Collection of road VKm: annual voluntary data collection on the volume of road transport measured in VKm (Vehicle Kilometre)	Production and dissemination of statistics on the volume of road transport measured in VKm (Vehicle Kilometre)	Annex II - Title V Transport

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Regulation	1108/70	L 130	15/06/1970	Introducing an accounting system for expenditure on infrastructure in respect of transport by rail, road and inland waterways
Council Decision	93/704	L 329	30/12/1993	Creation of a Community database on road accidents
Council Regulation	1172/98	L 163	06/06/1998	Statistical returns in respect of the carriage of goods by road
EP and Council Regulation	91/2003	L 14	21/01/2003	Rail transport statistics
EP and Council Regulation	437/2003	L 66	11/03/2003	Statistical returns in respect of the carriage of passengers, freight and mail by air
EP and Council Directive	1365/2006	L 246	25/09/2006	Statistics of goods transport by inland waterways and repealing Council Directive 80/1119/EEC
EP and Council Directive	2009/42	L 141	06/06/2009	On statistical returns in respect of carriage of goods and passengers by sea

Theme 3.05 - Tourism

Description

Tourism is an important economic activity in the EU and statistics on tourism rank amongst the highest in terms of users consulting Eurostat's website. Under the Lisbon treaty, the EU has acquired new competences in the area of tourism policy. Activities covered by the Theme are:

- Collection and dissemination of statistics on domestic and outbound tourism demand of the EU residents (tourism propensity and tourism behaviour; typically through household /visitor survey ~ social statistics).
- Collection and dissemination of statistics on tourism supply (accommodation statistics; typically through enterprise surveys ~ business statistics).
- Statistics on employment in the tourism accommodation sector (based on data from the European Labour Force Survey).
- Tourism Satellite Accounts (TSAs): projects to enhance the methodological developments and implementation in the Member States.
- Indicators on sustainable and competitive tourism, using existing official statistics.

1. New work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme	Resource impact on MS
Project	Tourism statistics: feasibility study on the use of mobile positioning data for tourism statistics	Evaluation Report	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme	neutral
Project	Implementation of new Regulation on European statistics on tourism. Preparation of databases and validation programs for reception of data (incl. micro-data)	Production database ready for receiving, validating and processing data	Annex I - 3 Instruments - 3.1 Better regulation	neutral

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Process	Tourism statistics: dissemination. Regularly updated online database, regular and ad-hoc publications (paper/web), presentation of results in events & meetings.	Dissemination database	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Tourism Statistics: production - Successful validation of databases	Production database	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Tourism statistics: methodological developments - New methodologies	Continuous improvement of tourism statistics methodology	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	ESSnet on automated data collection and reporting in accommodation statistics (phase 1)	System of automated data collection for tourism accommodation statistics	Annex II - Title XVI Industry-Tourism statistics

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Directive	95/57	L 291	06/12/1995	Collection of statistical information in the field of tourism
Council Regulation	577/98	L 77	14/03/1998	Concerning the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community
Council Directive	2006/110	L 363	20/12/2006	Adapting Directives 95/57/EC and 2001/109/EC in the field of statistics due to the accession of Bulgaria and Romania
EP and Council Regulation	295/2008	L 97	09/04/2008	Concerning Structural Business Statistics

Theme 3.06 - Business registers**Description**

- Business Registers (BR)
- EuroGroups Register (EGR)

1. New work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme	Resource impact on MS
Process	Processes to improve the efficiency of Business Registers for supporting Business Statistics	The Business Registers Recommendation Manual meets the requirement of national register staff	Annex II - Title XVI Industry-Business statistics	neutral
		Member States compliance with the Business Register Regulation is monitored through the annual inquiry	Annex II - Title XVI Industry-Business statistics	neutral

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Project	Establishment of a network of statistical business registers in the EU for the registration of Multinational Enterprise Groups	A fourth population frame on 2011 data is produced for Multinational Enterprise Groups (EuroGroups)	Annex II - Title XVI Industry-Business statistics
		Eurostat implements for Member States a secure remote access to the central EGR data base	Annex II - Title XVI Industry-Business statistics

		The central EuroGroups Register (EGR) processes and functionalities are revised (EGR version 2.0)	Annex II - Title XVI Industry-Business statistics
		Data from commercial data providers are acquired for producing the 2011 population frame	Annex II - Title XVI Industry-Business statistics
		The EuroGroups Register (EGR) IT application is maintained and further developed	Annex II - Title XVI Industry-Business statistics
Project	Profiling of large and complex enterprise groups: analyse the legal, operation and accounting structure of an enterprise group at national and international level ("profiling")	Common methodology for profiling enterprises is further developed	Annex II - Title XVI Industry-Business statistics

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Regulation	177/2008	L 61	05/03/2008	Establishing a common framework for business registers for statistical purposes and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 2186/93
EP and Council Decision	1297/2008	L 340	19/12/2008	On a Programme for the Modernisation of European Enterprise and Trade Statistics (MEETS)

Activity 3403 – Specific objective 4:

Production and development of Statistical Information in the field of Statistics on agriculture, forestry and fisheries

Carry out activities related to the development, collection, storage, processing and analysis that are necessary for compiling statistics in this field. This objective covers the following statistical Themes:

- [4.01 - Agricultural statistics](#)
- [4.02 - Agricultural structures](#)
- [4.03 - Land use and land cover](#)
- [4.04 - Agricultural accounts and prices](#)
- [4.05 - Forestry statistics](#)
- [4.06 - Fisheries statistics](#)
- [4.07 - Agri-environmental statistics](#)
- [4.08 - Rural development and maritime policy statistics](#)

<i>Result indicators</i>	<i>Latest known result</i>	<i>Target for 2012</i>
Degree of achievement of this specific objective measured as percentage of the achievement of the outputs related to it (listed below). Twice a year, Eurostat Units give a mark to each of the outputs under their responsibility. The marks are the following: "Completed", "On target", "Emerging difficulties", "Serious difficulties", "Not Applicable".		100% "Completed"
Number of data extractions made by external users from Eurostat reference database (EuroBase) via the Eurostat website, for the statistical Themes related to this Specific objective.	Monthly average in 2010: 18 206	+10% (average increase for the whole database)

Main outputs (by Theme)

Theme 4.01 - Agricultural statistics

Description

- Crop product statistics
- Livestock, meat and eggs statistics
- Mild and dairy product statistics
- Supply balance sheets
- Vineyard statistics
- Fruit tree statistics
- Organic farming statistics

1. New work

(None)

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Project	eDAMIS/Generic Web Forms component (domains: ANI, MILK, CROPS and EAA): analysis and request of new features; testing exercise of new versions, creation of templates for all datasets; addition of pre-validation rules	Simplification, integration, increased efficiency and multiplication of functions of statistical processes in Eurostat	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme

		Creation of eDAMIS Web Forms out of already existing DSDs	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Validation and production of milk and dairy product statistics; Eurobase database update	Reception, validation, production and dissemination of statistics	Annex II - Title II-Agriculture
Process	Annual crop statistics - methods and definitions: development of quality reporting for annual Crops as provided in Regulation (EC) No 543/209	Summary EU quality report, implementation of quality improvements	Annex II - Title II-Agriculture
Process	Livestock and meat statistics - quality: quality reports due from Member States by July 2011 under Regulation (EC) No 1165/2008	Summary EU quality report, implementation of quality improvements	Annex II - Title II-Agriculture
Process	Structural statistics on permanent crops (former 'Vineyard and orchard surveys') - data. Update of production database in MDT (MultiDimensional table) and/or FAME (Forecasting Analytical Modelling Environment) and of Eurobase database	Update production database in MDT and/or FAME and of Eurobase database	Annex II - Title II-Agriculture
Process	Milk and dairy products - legislation: revision of Decision 97/80/EC, structure of dairy enterprises	Monitor compliance of Member States	Annex II - Title II-Agriculture
		Study possible simplification with DG-AGRI and Member States	Annex I - 3 Instruments - 3.1 Better regulation
Project	SDMX implementation in Agricultural domains (EAA, ANI and CROPS): standardisation of the data transmission format in order to improve the efficiency of data collection and processing by Eurostat and for maintaining and improving data quality.	Agreement on harmonized code lists	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
		Creation of "Data Structure Definitions" (DSDs) for Economic Accounts datasets in the first place and afterwards for all agricultural datasets	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	Migration of FAME based applications to MDT/Oracle for ANI and CROPS. Migration of the domains and consolidation (provide improved tools and methods to ensure the production of high quality statistical information service)	storage of ANI (animals) and CROPS data in the new Oracle production database	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
		Validation with the MDT (MultiDimensional Table) interface after completing the migration of the FAME (Forecasting Analytical Modelling Environment) based application	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	Implementation acts for Permanent crops statistics: preparation and adoption of implementation acts and manuals following the adoption of Permanent crops Regulation	Implementing acts, manual for production of the statistics, table formats and transmission procedures	Annex II - Title II-Agriculture
Process	Crop statistics - validation and production of annual statistics on area, production and yields production database and Eurobase database update, crop supply balance sheets production (taking into account the gradual phasing out of this activity); database and dissemination Eurobase database updated	Reception, validation, production and dissemination of statistics	Annex II - Title II-Agriculture

Process	Annual crop statistics - legislation: implementation of Regulations and Gentlemen's agreements on crop production statistics	Study possible simplification with DG AGRI and Member States	Annex I - 3 Instruments - 3.1 Better regulation
		Monitor compliance of Member States	Annex II - Title II-Agriculture
Process	Livestock and meat statistics - legislation: implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1165/2008	Monitor compliance of Member States	Annex II - Title II-Agriculture
		Study possible simplification with DG-AGRI and Member States	Annex I - 3 Instruments - 3.1 Better regulation
Process	Validation and production of Livestock and meat statistics, egg and chick statistics- Eurobase database update	Reception, validation, production and dissemination of statistics	Annex II - Title II-Agriculture

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Regulation	357/79	L 54	05/03/1979	Statistical surveys of areas under vines
Council Directive	96/16	L 78	28/03/1996	Statistical surveys of milk and milk products
EP and Council Directive	2001/109	L 13	16/01/2002	Statistical surveys to be carried out by the Member States in order to determine the production of plantations of certain species of fruit trees
Council Regulation	1234/2007	L 299	16/11/2007	Establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products
Council Regulation	78/2008	L 25	31/01/2008	On the measures to be undertaken by the Commission in 2008-2013 making use of the remote-sensing applications developed within the framework of the common agricultural policy
Council Regulation	479/2008	L 148	06/06/2008	On the common organisation of the market in wine
EP and Council Regulation	1165/2008	L 321	01/12/2008	Livestock and meat statistics and repealing Council Directives 93/23, 93/24 and 93/25
EP and Council Regulation	543/2009	L 167	29/06/2009	Concerning crop statistics

Theme 4.02 - Agricultural structures

Description

- Farm structure statistics play a key role in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). This role is likely to increase over time with enlargement and CAP reform (shift from product to producer support - environmental compliance - rural development).
- Farm Structure Surveys - censuses every ten years (i.e. 2009/2010) and at least two intermediate sample surveys in between (i.e. 2013 and 2016) - are the backbone of the agricultural statistical system.
- The Farm Structure Survey (FSS) is covered by a basic Regulation (EC) No 1166/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council.
- The Survey on Agricultural Production Methods (SAPM) launched in 2009/2010 is also based on the Regulation (EC) No 1166/2008.
- The concerned surveys serve the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) through provision of micro-data (farm level) on the agricultural labour force, land use, livestock, equipment and non-agricultural activities and they are the statistical basis for collection of information on land use, livestock and agricultural income.
- The farm typology derived from FSS data is used as the sampling frame for the farm accountancy data network.
- The Common Agricultural Policy has evolved significantly over the last years. The most recent proposals, adopted by the Commission in October 2011, highlight new challenges, notably the rising concerns regarding food security, the sustainable management of natural resources, mitigation of and adaptation to

climate change, increasing volatility of agricultural prices, the diversity and further development of farm structures and production systems and the need for strengthening of territorial and social cohesion. By responding to these challenges, the CAP will contribute to the Europe 2020 Strategy in terms of smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. A solid statistical base is essential for policy design and impact assessment of reform proposals, the implementation of the policy and its monitoring and evaluation.

1. New work

(None)

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Process	Agricultural structures - collection, validation and dissemination of 2009/2010 census data; Validation processes; National Methodological Reports; New dissemination strategies	Receipt of transmitted data , validation, analysis and dissemination of census results	Annex II - Title II-Agriculture
Project	Launch of the commodities requested to start the farm sample survey 2013 based on Regulation 1166/2008 and implementing Commission Regulation 1200/2009. The action plan covers as well the launch at the end of 2001 or beginning 2012 of the procedure for co-financing for the FSS 2013.	Countries submit their grant applications as a response to the call for proposals which Commission will evaluate and commit.	Annex II - Title II-Agriculture
Project	Agricultural structures - New approach for collection of agricultural structure data. Collection and validation of farm structure survey statistics after 2013	Integrated framework for agricultural structure data after 2013	Annex II - Title II-Agriculture
Process	Dissemination of Farm Structure Survey Data: dissemination of standard tables in Eurobase, SIFs, Pocketbook, Statistical Yearbook etc.	Improvement of accessibility to FSS results of FSS dissemination	Annex II - Title II-Agriculture

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Directive	2001/109	L 13	16/01/2002	Statistical surveys to be carried out by the Member States in order to determine the production of plantations of certain species of fruit trees
Council Regulation	1234/2007	L 299	16/11/2007	Establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products
EP and Council Regulation	1165/2008	L 321	01/12/2008	Livestock and meat statistics and repealing Council Directives 93/23, 93/24 and 93/25
EP and Council Regulation	1166/2008	L 321	01/12/2008	on farm structure surveys and the survey on agricultural production methods and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 571/88
Commission Regulation	1242/2008	L 335	13/12/2008	Establishing a Community typology for agricultural holdings (amended by Regulation (EC) 867/2009 of 21.9.2009)

Theme 4.03 - Land use and land cover

Description

- This Theme comprises the Land Use and Land Cover Area Frame Statistical Survey (LUCAS), which regards the whole EU territory
- Surveys (most recent 2008/2009) are launched to obtain harmonised data not only on Land Use and Land Cover changes, but also on environmental features and landscape evolution.
- Setting up Land Use and land Cover Area frame Surveys (LUCAS)
- Setting up an integrated ESS data network for Land Cover and Land Use
- Collecting comparable and harmonised statistical information on Land Cover and Land Use

1. New work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme	Resource impact on MS
Process	Supervision and steer of the Lucas (Land use and land cover statistics) survey 2012. Follow up of the established contracts; support to the contractors at the implementation of the survey - first checks of collected microdata on land use and land cover	Launch and follow up of the survey 2012	Annex II - Title II-Agriculture	neutral

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Project	Analysis of outcome of earlier surveys, especially the Land use/cover area frame survey 2008/2009 and applicability for management of future surveys	New architecture for LU/LC data collection and management	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Collecting and harmonising European data on land use and land cover by implementing the Lucas approach in the countries; by assessing and collecting available data in countries and by taking into account the need for harmonisation of these data and by co-operating with the EEA and other international bodies.	Increase harmonisation among LU/LC statistics and create synergies between data providers on this issues	Annex II - Title II-Agriculture

3. Legal references

(None)

Theme 4.04 - Agricultural accounts and prices**Description**

- Economic Accounts for Agriculture (EAA); also covers agricultural labour input (ALI)
- Unit Value Statistics (UV) and Regional EAA
- Agricultural Price Statistics - covers annual and quarterly agricultural price indices data (API) and absolute prices data
- Agricultural land prices and rents

1. New work

(None)

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Process	Validation, production and dissemination of Economic Accounts for Agriculture	Reception, validation, production and dissemination of statistics	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Agricultural accounts and prices - quality: Methodological Inventories for Economic Accounts for Agriculture and Agricultural price statistics. Further elaboration of quality reporting for both domains.	1st Quality reporting exercise, summary EU quality report	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	Migration of FAME based application to MDT/Oracle for EAA. Migration of the domains and consolidation (provide improved tools and methods to ensure the production of high quality statistical information service)	Storage of EAA data in an Oracle database	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
		Validation of the data with MDT interface after completing migration of FAME based application	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme

Process	Validation, production and dissemination of Agricultural Prices and Indices, including land prices and rents	Reception, validation, production and dissemination of statistics	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
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3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Regulation	138/2004	L 33	05/02/2004	Economic accounts for agriculture in the Community

Theme 4.05 - Forestry statistics

Description

- Collection of annual data on the production of and trade in wood and wood products for the EU and EFTA countries with the Joint FAO/ECE (Economic Commission for Europe)/Eurostat/ITTO (International Tropical Timber Organisation) Forest Sector Questionnaire (JFSQ)
- Collection of economic data for forestry and logging using the Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting for Forests (IEEAF) approach

1. New work

(None)

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Process	Collect, validate and disseminate forestry statistics	Validated data on production of and trade in wood and wood derived products.	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
		Data needed for projects under the EU Forest Action Plan are delivered to the responsible services (mainly DG Agriculture and Rural Development)	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Collect, validate and disseminate forest accounts. Develop and improve the methodology.	Economic data for forestry and logging harmonised with national accounts and between the Member States	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Resolution	1999/C 56/01	C 56	26/02/1999	A forestry strategy for the EU

Theme 4.06 - Fisheries statistics

Description

- Catch statistics
- Landings statistics
- Aquaculture statistics

1. New work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme	Resource impact on MS
Project	Simplification of catch statistics legislation: merge Regulations (EC) No 216/2009, No 217/2009 and No 218/2009 to cover the catches' data collection for the major fishing areas of EU27 fishing countries	Consolidated act	Annex I - 3 Instruments - 3.1 Better regulation	positive

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Process	Focus on quality of landings and catches statistics, using the new informatics tools implemented in the framework of the eDamis single point as well as the fisheries pilot project using the SDMX	First quality reporting exercise, implementation of quality improvements	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	SDMX implementation in Fisheries: standardisation of the data transmission format in order to improve the efficiency of data collection and processing by Eurostat and for maintaining and improving data quality.	Creation of "Data Structure Definitions" (DSDs) for Fishery datasets	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
		Agreement on harmonized code lists	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Implementation of Regulations in Fisheries statistics	Study possible simplification with DG MARE and Member States	Annex I - 3 Instruments - 3.1 Better regulation
		Monitor compliance of Member States	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Fisheries statistics - production: validation, production and dissemination of landings, catch and aquaculture statistics	Reception, validation, production and dissemination of statistics	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Aquaculture Statistics - quality: prepare a report to EP and Council on the data relevance and quality	Report to the EP and the Council as requested by Article 11 of Regulation (EC) 762/2008	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	Migration of FAME based application to MDT/Oracle for FISH. Migration of the domain and consolidation (provide improved tools and methods to ensure the production of high quality statistical information service)	All FAME based applications migrated to MDT and storage of Fisheries data in an Oracle database	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
		Validation of Fisheries data with MDT interface	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Regulation	2930/86	L 274	25/09/1986	Defining characteristics for fishing vessels
Commission Regulation	26/2004	L 5	09/01/2004	On the Community fishing fleet register
EP and Council Regulation	1921/2006	L 403	30/12/2006	Submission of statistical data on landings of fishery products in Member States and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 1382/91
EP and Council Regulation	762/2008	L 218	13/08/2008	On the submission by Member States of statistics on aquaculture and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 788/96
EP and Council Regulation	216/2009	L 87	31/03/2009	On the submission of nominal catch statistics by Member States fishing in certain areas other than those of the North Atlantic
EP and Council Regulation	217/2009	L 87	31/03/2009	On the submission of catch and activity statistics by Member States fishing in the north-west Atlantic
EP and Council Regulation	218/2009	L 87	31/03/2009	On the submission of nominal catch statistics by Member States fishing in the north-east Atlantic

Theme 4.07 - Agri-environmental statistics**Description**

- Development and maintenance of a system of 28 agri-environmental indicators for monitoring the integration of environmental concerns into the Common Agricultural Policy, based on Commission Communication COM (2006)508
- Coordination of the work on these indicators carried out in other Directorates General (DG Agriculture and Rural Development, DG Environment, Joint Research Centre, European Environmental Agency) in accordance to a Memorandum of Understanding and with other international organisations
- Collection, processing and dissemination of the data needed for the indicators, from the other involved Commission services, Member States, other units and statistics in Eurostat and by other (non-governmental) organisations
- Setting up a long-term data collection system taking into account all data needs in the domain and the need to reduce the response burden
- Contributing to Eurostat publications including agri-environmental statistics
- Implementation of the Regulation (EC) No 1185/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009 concerning statistics on pesticides

1. New work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme	Resource impact on MS
Process	Reception, validation, processing and dissemination of pesticide sales statistics.	Pesticide sales statistics	Annex II - Title II-Agriculture	negative
Project	Long term system for collecting data needed for agri-environmental indicators: ensure that existing surveys are amended and new surveys set up to collect the needed information following the DireDate project	Existing surveys amended, new surveys identified and set up.	Annex II - Title II-Agriculture	negative

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Process	Pesticide Statistics - implementing legislation: follow-up of draft implementing regulations concerning statistics on plant production products (Regulation (EC) No 1185/2009)	Follow up work and support to countries for implementation of pesticides statistics legislation	Annex II - Title II-Agriculture
Project	Agri-environment indicators: implementation of Statistical indicators. A Memorandum of Understanding (EC services involved: Eurostat, DG AGRI, DG ENV, JRC and EEA) has been drawn up to ensure that already available data are fully used and to pool the different skills and resources, with the medium term objective of setting up a system for collecting data on the relation between agriculture and environment.	The implementation of the Eurostat's recommendations for collection of needed data to develop AEI based on the outcome of the DireDate project	Annex II - Title II-Agriculture
Process	AEI data collection: collect data from available sources in the Commission, EU agencies, Member States, Eurostat and other (non-governmental) organisations.	Data and publications	Annex II - Title II-Agriculture
Process	Support Member States in their work on agro-environmental indicators, collect and compile available data	Pilot studies, data	Annex II - Title II-Agriculture
Process	Maintain and develop the agro-environmental indicators' MDT (MultiDimensional Table)	Database	Annex II - Title II-Agriculture

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Decision	72/279	L 179	07/08/1972	Setting up a standing committee for agricultural statistics

EP and Council Regulation	1185/2009	L 324	10/12/2009	concerning statistics on pesticides
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Theme 4.08 - Rural development and maritime policy statistics

Description

- Provision of statistics to support the European Rural Development Policy and the European Integrated Maritime Policy
- Discussions mainly with DG AGRI, DG MARE and DG REGIO about their data needs; follow-up and completion of action 6.5 of the Blue Paper Action Plan on integrated maritime policy (SEC(2007)1278) "Improving Socio-Economic Data for maritime sectors and maritime regions".
- Testing the use of data from harmonised European surveys (Labour Force Survey, Information and Communication Technologies Usage Survey)
- Cross-sectional data collection at NUTS level 3 for areas with differing levels of rurality and for coastal areas / the maritime sector if available. Analysing and publishing NUTS level 3 data as far as they are available
- Managing grants provided to Member States (collection of existing data)
- Building a framework for a rural/coastal inventory covering the most important services/infrastructures
- Analysing and publishing NUTS level 3 data

1. New work

(None)

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Project	Provide the European Union with statistical information (i.e. statistical indicators) 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.	Enhanced databases	Annex II - Title II-Agriculture
Project	Statistical data for the Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP)	Enhanced databases	Annex II - Title II-Agriculture
Process	Elaboration of statistical publications devoted to Rural development (i.e Statistics in Focus, pocketbook, etc.). Improvement of dedicated webpages for Rural Development statistics	Publication	Annex II - Title II-Agriculture
Process	Elaboration of statistical publications devoted to coastal regions and maritime sector (i.e Statistics in Focus, pocketbook, etc.). Improvement of dedicated webpage for Maritime Policy statistics	Publications; dissemination	Annex II - Title II-Agriculture
Process	Rural development data collection: regular update of the database using official data published on the websites of the NSIs. Manage the rural data collection exercise launched in 2010 based on existing data sources. Data collection in the framework of the European harmonised surveys.	Statistical data	Annex II - Title II-Agriculture
Process	Maritime Policy data collection: regular update of the database using data from available source in the Commission and data collected in the framework of European harmonised surveys.	Statistical data	Annex II - Title II-Agriculture

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Decision	72/279	L 179	07/08/1972	Setting up a standing committee for agricultural statistics
Council Regulation	1698/2005	L 277	21/10/2005	On support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Activity 3403 – Specific objective 5:

Production and development of Statistical Information in the field of Multi-domain statistics

Carry out activities related to the development, collection, storage, processing and analysis that are necessary for compiling statistics in this field. This objective covers the following statistical Themes:

[5.01 - Statistics for business cycle analysis](#)

[5.02 - Europe 2020 strategy and sustainable development](#)

[5.03 - Environment statistics](#)

[5.04 - Regional and urban statistics](#)

[5.05 - Geographical and local information](#)

[5.06 - Science, technology and innovation](#)

[5.07 - Information society](#)

[5.08 - Consumer protection](#)

[5.09 - Environmental accounts and climate change](#)

<i>Result indicators</i>	<i>Latest known result</i>	<i>Target for 2012</i>
Degree of achievement of this specific objective measured as percentage of the achievement of the outputs related to it (listed below). Twice a year, Eurostat Units give a mark to each of the outputs under their responsibility. The marks are the following: "Completed", "On target", "Emerging difficulties", "Serious difficulties", "Not Applicable".		100% "Completed"
Number of data extractions made by external users from Eurostat reference database (EuroBase) via the Eurostat website, for the statistical Themes related to this Specific objective.	Monthly average in 2010: 37 987	+10% (average increase for the whole database)

Main outputs (by Theme)

Theme 5.01 - Statistics for business cycle analysis

Description

- Improvement of the quality and the coverage of Principal European Economic Indicators (PEEIs, COM/2002/661) and enhancement of their visibility
- Development and implementation of sophisticated statistical and econometric techniques in order to increase timeliness, length, frequency and reliability of PEEIs
- Development and maintenance of a statistical framework for the assessment of the euro area and Member States cyclical situation
- Provide advanced methods for data readability and interpretability
- Preparation, implementation and follow up of guidelines for harmonising PEEI production processes and for the definition of best statistical practices
- Development of tools for the rationalising the use of statistical and econometric techniques

1. New work

(None)

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Process	Production of statistical estimation to increase timeliness, coverage and length. Statistical framework for business cycle analysis based on Principal European Economic Indicators (PEEIs). Guidelines for harmonisation of PEEIs production and advanced quality measures	Regular dissemination of nowcasting, backcalculation, high frequency indicators and cyclical composite indicators as experimental data	Annex II - Title VII - Economic and monetary policy
		First version of a euro area real-time monitoring and early warning system integrating enlarged PEEIs set and new PEEIs based estimates and composite indicators	Annex II - Title VII - Economic and monetary policy
		Finalisation and implementation of guidelines and handbooks on revisions policy, construction of European aggregates, revisions analysis, seasonal adjustment, rapid estimates and composite indicators	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	Supply of statistical PEEIs including publication, quality assessment statistical improvements and analysis of PEEIs with expected monthly or quarterly output. Integration of traditional methods with more sophisticated econometric techniques.	Regular production of nowcasting and backcalculation for key macroeconomic variables	Annex II - Title VII - Economic and monetary policy
		Regular production of high frequency indicators of the economic activity	
Project	Investigation of innovative statistical and econometric techniques to be used to enhance data production, quality assessment and analysis of PEEIs	New techniques for economic nowcasting	Annex II - Title VII - Economic and monetary policy
		New advanced methods for business cycle analysis and early warning system	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
		New advanced quality measures for infra-annual statistics	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	Integrated system for improvement, quality monitoring and analysis of PEEIs implementation of methodologies for monitoring, improvement and analysis of PEEIs. A friendly and standardised computational framework for the PEEIs	A system of friendly tools to rationalise the use of statistical and econometric techniques in the PEEIs production system	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme

3. Legal references

(None)

Theme 5.02 - Europe 2020 strategy and sustainable development**Description**

- Sustainable development indicators (SDI)
- Europe 2020 indicators
- Structural indicators (SI)
- Globalisation indicators (GI)
- Quality profiles (QP)

1. New work

(None)

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Process	Globalisation indicators: a set of indicators to measure the degree of globalisation in various aspects of the EU and its Member States	Regular update of the data for indicators	Annex II - Cross-sectional statistical activity- Structural indicators and sustainable development indicators
Process	Maintain and contribute to further development of the set of Europe 2020 indicators and related metadata (quality profiles)	Regular maintenance, further development and update of the Europe 2020 indicators with quality profiles and other metadata	Annex II - Cross-sectional statistical activity- Structural indicators and sustainable development indicators
Process	Maintenance and update of the set of Sustainable Development Indicators on the Eurostat Website Bi-annual monitoring report concerning Sustainable Development Strategy	Maintenance and update of the set of the Sustainable Development indicators and regular update of the underlying data with quality profiles	Annex II - Cross-sectional statistical activity- Structural indicators and sustainable development indicators

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Decision	1600/2002	L 242	10/09/2002	6th Community Environment Action Programme
Council of the European Union	10117/06	-		Review of the EU Sustainable Development Strategy - Renewed strategy
Council Conclusions	EUCO 7/10		26/03/2010	Europe 2020 - Conclusions of the European Council

Theme 5.03 - Environment statistics**Description**

- Environmental Data Centre on Waste
- Statistics on waste, hazardous substances, water, biodiversity
- Regional environment statistics
- Streamlining and production of environmental indicators (Sustainable Development, Sustainable Development Indicators, Europe 2020, etc.)

1. New work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme	Resource impact on MS
Process	Collect regional environmental statistics and make them available	Timely statistics on the environment in European regions according to the needs of DGs REGIO and ENV.	Annex II - Title XIX Environment	negative
Project	In cooperation with the Group of Four (ESTAT, ENV, JRC and EEA), development and improvement of the statistical knowledge base to support the Europe 2020 flagship initiative on resource efficiency	Indicator development, screening of data sources, collection of metadata.	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme	neutral

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Project	Streamline the various environmental indicator sets maintained by the Group of 4 (ESTAT, ENV, JRC, EEA)	Consistent set of European environmental indicators and meta information, register of indicator projects from European bodies available on website.	Annex II - Title XIX Environment
Project	Support Member States in the improvement of water statistics (grants).	Increased availability of water statistics through new grants, harvesting and implementing the results from earlier pilot projects.	Annex II - Title XIX Environment
Process	Collect, validate and disseminate statistics on water resources, water uses and waste water treatment.	Updated European statistics on water resources, water use and wastewater treatment	Annex II - Title XIX Environment
Process	Publication of biodiversity indicators	Biodiversity indicators (protected areas, birds, fishes) and associated metadata	Annex II - Title XIX Environment
Process	Manage and develop the data centre on waste	A comprehensive set of statistical information and services is offered by the Data Centre on Waste.	Annex II - Title XIX Environment
Process	GDP and beyond: ensure the coordination of Eurostat activities linked to the Communication COM(2009)433	Maintenance of the Eurostat Action Plan and management of the Interdepartmental Coordination Group	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Manage the Waste Statistics Regulation. Collect, validate and disseminate data on generation and treatment of waste.	Publication of statistics, metadata and indicators allowing comparison of EU minimum targets with waste management statistics, based on data for reference year 2010	Annex II - Title XIX Environment
Process	Develop and maintain the set of indicators to monitor the EU Chemicals Policy (REACH)	Update of the REACH baseline study as a contribution to the 5-year effectiveness assessment report of REACH (annex to the Commission Report to the European Parliament and to the Council).	Annex II - Title XIX Environment
		Updated set of indicators to monitor the EU chemical policy.	Annex II - Title XIX Environment

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Decision	2179/98	L 275	10/10/1998	Review of the European Community programme of policy and action in relation to the environment and sustainable development Towards sustainability
EP and Council Decision	1600/2002	L 242	10/09/2002	6th Community Environment Action Programme
EP and Council Regulation	2150/2002	L 332	09/12/2002	Waste statistics

Theme 5.04 - Regional and urban statistics**Description**

- Coordination of the collection of regional statistics in various thematic units of Eurostat
- Coordination of the dissemination of regional statistics
- Collection processing and dissemination of urban statistics
- Identification of new or changed requirements on regional and urban statistics in cooperation with policy Directorates General of the Commission
- Maintenance of the Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS)

1. New work

(None)

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Project	Technical infrastructure for urban and regional statistics: improvement of the technical tools for the data validation, loading and processing of the production database	Technical infrastructure fully moved to SDMX based tools and procedures	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Regional Yearbook Production: planning and coordination of the drafting of the Yearbook contributions by Eurostat thematic units, the compilation of contributions to an integrated publication, coordination of translation, layout and printing work.	Regional Yearbook 2012	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Urban Audit data collection: collect, validate and disseminate set of statistical indicators for European cities	Reworked concept for Urban Statistics approved by the ESSC is implemented.	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Cooperation with Eurostat thematic units on regional statistics data collection in all phases of the statistical production cycle, the further evolution of regional indicators, metadata maintenance and their methodological basis as well as dissemination issues. The task includes the annual update of the regional and urban statistics reference guide.	Detailed overview of regional statistics and their characteristics	

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Regulation	1059/2003	L 154	21/06/2003	Establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS)

Theme 5.05 - Geographical and local information**Description**

- Maintenance of a Reference Database for geographic information for the Commission (GISCO)
- Purchase of new or updated geographic datasets and their integration into the GISCO database
- Support to Commission services, including Eurostat, for work with geographic information and in geographic map production
- Cooperation with DG Environment and the Joint Research Centre (JRC) on the INSPIRE (Infrastructure for Spatial Information in Europe) initiative according to the Memorandum of Understanding
- Implementation of an INSPIRE conforming technical architecture based on the concept of Geoportals
- Operation of the INSPIRE Geoportals under the responsibility of the Commission

1. New work

(None)

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
VIP	Geospatial information	Access and Visualisation (Map production tool, Statistical Atlas for regional statistics, Pilot installation for Census population data)	
		Spatial Analysis Projects (Completion of 2 spatial analysis projects)	
		Small Area Estimation (Pilot results for specific areas)	

		Cooperation with Member States (Exchange of information on existing and planned projects)	
Process	Cooperation with DG ENV and the JRC on the development and implementation of INSPIRE Directive based on a Memorandum of Understanding between the DGs.	Updated Memorandum of Understanding between Commission DGs	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	Provide access to the Commission internal geographic/spatial datasets through the INSPIRE-EC geoportal	Functionally enhanced geoportal with broader range of covered datasets	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	Within the INSPIRE architecture, put the EU Geoportal in the position of a central hub linked to the national geoportals	Test version of EU Geoportal available	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Production of statistical or thematic maps in paper and electronic form based on extractions from statistical databases and based on geographic data layers.	Improved tools for creation of statistical and thematic maps for Commission and general public use	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	Preparation of the Implementing Rules and adoption by the Commission. Development and implementation of INSPIRE geoportal. Commission compliance	INSPIRE implemented for datasets relevant to INSPIRE Annex I	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	GEOSTAT: ESS-Net project on European population grid. Preparation of a European population grid based on Census data: methodology for collection of georeferenced demographical data	Detailed population grid 1 km ² for total population available as downloadable dataset by general public	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Directive	2007/2	L 108	25/04/2007	Establishing an Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the European Community (INSPIRE)

Theme 5.06 - Science, technology and innovation

Description

Statistics developed under this Theme provide a basis for the monitoring and benchmark exercise for the Europe 2020 strategy, the development of the European Research Area (ERA) and the Innovation Union Initiative. Further topics are the re-engineering of research and innovation statistics and the possible integration of ICT statistics (see Theme 5.07). Activities covered by the Theme are:

- Production, dissemination and development of the Community Innovation Survey 2010-2012
- Production, dissemination and development of the Research and Development statistics 2009-2011
- Production, dissemination and development of the Patent statistics based on PATSTAT data source from European Patent Office
- Production, dissemination and development of the Intellectual property rights statistics (other than Patent statistics) based on the adequate sources
- Production and dissemination of the High Tech and Knowledge Intensive sectors statistics on the basis of Eurostat data
- Developing new indicators for Commission strategy Europe 2020, European Research Area (ERA) and Innovation Union Initiative and managing and coordinating the related work

1. New work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme	Resource impact on MS
Process	Intellectual Property Rights, IPR, statistics (excluding patents): ensure the regular production and dissemination of IPR (Intellectual Property Rights) data and the related metadata with their envisaged extensions	Publication of the IPR statistics and indicators for ERA, Europe 2020 strategy and Innovation Union Initiative monitoring	Annex II - Title I- Free movement of goods	neutral
Project	Proposal to Working Group meeting for revising the Commission Regulation (EC) No 753/2004 of R&D and other STI statistics	Proposal to Working Group meeting for revising the Commission Regulation (EC) No 753/2004 of R&D and other STI statistics	Annex II - Title XVIII Research and technological development	positive
Project	Proposal to Working Group meeting for revising the Commission Regulation (EC) No 1450/2004 of community statistics on innovation	Proposal to Working Group meeting for revising the Commission Regulation (EC) No 1450/2004 of community statistics on innovation	Annex II - Title XVI Industry-Business statistics	positive
Project	Explorative work towards an ERA indicators on research infrastructure	Feasibility study, including piloting.		

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Process	Innovation Statistics: ensure the production and dissemination of Community Innovation Survey data 2010 and the related metadata	Publication of the CIS 2010 statistics and indicators for Innovation Union Scoreboard purposes and elsewhere	Annex II - Title XVI Industry-Business statistics
		Prepare Community Innovation Survey (CIS) 2012 survey by publishing the harmonised survey questionnaire and related methodological documentation	Annex II - Title XVI Industry-Business statistics
Process	Patent Statistics: ensure the regular production and dissemination of patent data and the related metadata with their envisaged extensions	Publication of the patent statistics and indicators for ERA, Europe 2020 strategy and Innovation Union Initiative monitoring purposes and elsewhere	Annex II - Title I- Free movement of goods
Process	Human Resources in Science and Technology Statistics: ensure the regular production and dissemination of Human Resources in Science and Technology data and the related metadata with their envisaged extensions	Publication of the Human Resources in Science and Technology data and indicators for ERA, Europe 2020 strategy and Innovation Union Initiative monitoring purposes and elsewhere	Annex II - Title XVIII Research and technological development
Project	ERA Indicators: Develop a method for matching harmonized Patent applicant names (firms) with harmonized firm names from financial databases for creating SME patenting indicators	Report on the feasibility in establishing the SME patenting indicators using PATSTAT and commercial or other business/financial data bases; propose other potential outcome	Annex II - Title I- Free movement of goods
Project	Looking at the potential for R&D and Community Innovation surveys (and beyond) re-design and search for synergies, including linking with other enterprise statistics	Follow up at the potential for R&D and Community Innovation surveys (and beyond) re-design and in particular search for synergies, including piloting of possible linking exercises	Annex II - Title XVIII Research and technological development

Project	Intensified quality validation of R&D data: follow-up of ESTAT's and Member States' action plans from 2011	Report on ESTAT and MS action plans from 2011 and their outcome on R&D processes	Annex II - Title XVIII Research and technological development
Process	Maintain and improve Eurostat's set of ERA indicators; coordinate actions, metadata, quality evaluation and communication towards Commission	Management and coordination of the high-quality indicators for ERA monitoring purposes	Annex II - Title XVIII Research and technological development
Process	Research and Development Statistics: ensure the regular production and dissemination of R&D (Research and Development) and GBAORD (Government Budget Appropriations or Outlays on Research and Development) data and the related metadata with their envisaged extensions	Publication of the Research and Development statistics and indicators for the European Research Area (ERA), Europe 2020 strategy and Innovation Union Initiative monitoring purposes and elsewhere	Annex II - Title XVIII Research and technological development
Process	High Tech Sector Statistics: ensure the regular production and dissemination of High Tech and Knowledge Intensive sectors' data and the related metadata with their envisaged extensions	Publication of the High Tech and Knowledge Intensive sectors' statistics and indicators for ERA, Europe 2020 strategy and Innovation Union Initiative monitoring purposes and elsewhere	Annex II - Title XVIII Research and technological development

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Decision	1608/2003	L 230	16/09/2003	Production and development of Community statistics on science and technology

Theme 5.07 - Information society

Description

Official statistics on the Information Society are vital in order to measure and understand the socioeconomic impacts of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) adoption and use, as well as to monitor progress towards the achievement of policy goals at national and EU levels. Relevant statistics are used for monitoring the achievements of the Digital Agenda 2011-15, and the strategy Europe 2020. Activities covered by the Theme are:

- Provision of indicators on the information society for the Digital Agenda 2011-15, and the post Lisbon Commission strategy Europe 2020
- Provision of statistics on the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) by enterprises
- Provision of statistics on the use of Information and Communication technologies by individuals and in households
- Provision of statistics on the ICT sector
- Provision of statistics on ICT expenditure and investment
- Provision of statistics on postal services or monitoring implementation of Directive 2006/6/4 on Postal Services
- Provision of statistics on telecommunication services

1. New work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme	Resource impact on MS
VIP	The aim of this project is to develop a generic ESS infrastructure for the exchange	A status report on the Census Hub with recommendations on possible areas of application		neutral

	of European statistics; it is based on the census hub experience and will use the information society statistics aggregate data as a test case.	1 st draft of methodology on how to ensure (task assignments, responsibility and accountability of the various actors) that data provided in the context of information mode is fit for use. Analysis for the specific ICT case with respect to specific SDMX data exchange mode. Investigating ways of converting SDMX to RDF standards		
Project	Launch a call for tender for carrying out a feasibility study on exploring new ways of data collection for information society statistics exploiting internet traffic flows	Methodological report on using internet traffic flows for generating statistics on the information society	Annex II - Title XVI Industry-Information society statistics	positive
Project	Pilot study for developing cloud facilities for ICT Statistics: dissemination on ICT statistics based on SDMX infrastructure	Report on the feasibility of the project	Annex II - Title XVI Industry-Information society statistics	neutral

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Process	Production of information society statistics	Preparation of a statistical database on the use of ICT in enterprises and in households in 2013	Annex II - Title XVI Industry-Information society statistics
Project	ESSnet to further develop and produce indicators on the impact of the usage of ICT on the performance of enterprises at enterprise and industry level.	Report on Analysis of the existing surveys and practices to improve representativeness of the linked data on business statistics	Annex II - Title XVI Industry-Information society statistics
		Database with micro-aggregated indicators on the impact of ICT on European enterprises	Annex II - Title XVI Industry-Information society statistics
		Protocol on the dissemination of micro-aggregated indicators on the impact of ICT on enterprises	Annex II - Title XVI Industry-Information society statistics
		Workshop on the results of the ICT impact project	Annex II - Title XVI Industry-Information society statistics
Process	Collection and dissemination of expenditure and investment data for information society statistics	database with statistical data on ICT expenditure and investment	Annex II - Title XVI Industry-Information society statistics
Project	Define and test new modules for the future ICT usage surveys	New modules of the model questionnaires on the use of ICT in enterprises and households	Annex II - Title XVI Industry-Information society statistics
		Revised model questionnaires on the use of ICT in enterprises and in households	Annex II - Title XVI Industry-Information society statistics
Process	Production and dissemination of e-communication statistics	Database with statistical data on telecommunication statistics	Annex II - Title XVI Industry-Information society statistics

Process	Dissemination of ICT usage statistics on the Eurostat website, as database and in publications	Database with statistical data on the use of ICT in enterprises and in households with reference year 2012	Annex II - Title XVI Industry-Information society statistics
Process	Information Society Statistics: ICT usage surveys - design and implementation: draft Commission Regulation	Commission Regulation on the use of ICT in enterprises and in households 2012	Annex II - Title XVI Industry-Information society statistics
Process	Collection, processing and dissemination of postal statistics	Database with statistical data on postal services	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Dissemination of ICT sector statistics	Database with statistical data on the ICT sector	Annex II - Title XVI Industry-Information society statistics

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Regulation	808/2004	L 143	30/04/2004	Community statistics on the information society
EP and Council Directive	2008/6	L 52	27/02/2008	Amending Directive 97/67/EC with regard to the full accomplishment of the internal market of Community postal services
EP and Council Decision	1297/2008	L 340	19/12/2008	On a Programme for the Modernisation of European Enterprise and Trade Statistics (MEETS)

Theme 5.08 - Consumer protection

Description

- Support given by Eurostat to DG SANCO to monitor the market from the consumer's perspective, contributing to data collection for the "Consumer Market Scoreboard".
- Support/advice given by Eurostat on statistical methodology.

1. New work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme	Resource impact on MS
Process	Provide methodological, statistical and analytical support to the users on consumer protection	Reports and advices on demand; coordination of Eurostat contribution to the consumer scoreboard	Annex II - Title XIV- Consumer protection - food safety	neutral

2. Ongoing work

(None)

3. Legal references

(None)

Theme 5.09 - Environmental accounts and climate change

Description

- Monetary and environmental accounts
- Physical and hybrid environmental accounts
- Environmental Data Centres on Natural Resources and Products
- Climate change and other cross-cutting activities

1. New work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme	Resource impact on MS
Project	Development of the legal base for environmental accounts	Develop new modules for inclusion in a future revision of the regulation	Annex II - Title XIX Environment	neutral

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Project	Environmentally related transfers	First regular collection of environmental subsidies	Annex II - Title XIX Environment
Process	Collect and disseminate data for all environmental accounts and develop estimation methods based on now-casting techniques for the main EU-27 aggregates.	Regular processing and checking of data leading to publication on Eurostat's web for air emissions accounts, economy-wide material flow accounts, environmental taxes, environmental goods and services sector.	Annex II - Title XIX Environment
Project	Environmental Data Centre for Natural Resources and Products	A comprehensive system of statistical and complementary information is offered by the data centre.	Annex II - Title XIX Environment
Project	Development of energy accounts	Complete set of standard tables and methodological guidelines and first regular collection	Annex II - Title XIX Environment
Project	Methodological developments in the areas of climate change mitigation and adaptation. Support to the development of climate change adaptation indicators.	Conclusions for development of statistics	Annex II - Title XIX Environment

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Regulation	691/2011	L 192	22/07/2011	European Environmental Economic Accounts

Activity 3403 – Specific objective 6:

Support for statistical outputs

Carry out regular activities related to the development, collection, storage, processing and analysis necessary for compiling statistics to provide the users with the statistical products and services corresponding to their needs. This objective covers the following Themes:

- [6.01 - Quality, evaluation, statistical coordination and classifications](#)
- [6.02 - Statistical training](#)
- [6.03 - IT support for statistical production](#)
- [6.04 - IT standards, tools and services for data exchange in the ESS](#)
- [6.05 - Data and metadata structural definition](#)
- [6.06 - Information and dissemination](#)
- [6.07 - Statistical cooperation with the candidate and potential candidate countries](#)
- [6.08 - Statistical cooperation with countries covered by the European Neighbourhood Policy](#)
- [6.09 - International statistical cooperation](#)
- [6.10 - Statistical research and methodology](#)
- [6.11 - Data security and statistical confidentiality](#)

<i>Result indicators</i>	<i>Latest known result</i>	<i>Target for 2012</i>
Degree of achievement of this specific objective measured as percentage of the achievement of the outputs related to it (listed below). Twice a year, Eurostat Units give a mark to each of the outputs under their responsibility. The marks are the following: "Completed", "On target", "Emerging difficulties", "Serious difficulties", "Not Applicable".		100% "Completed"
Total number of downloads from the Eurostat website: predefined "Main tables" plus extractions from reference databases (EuroBase and Comext)	843 728	850 000 downloads per month
News releases issued by Eurostat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Percentage of news releases published on time according to the procedures. ▪ Number of corrigendum published. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 100% ▪ None
Level of satisfaction of the participants to European Statistical Training courses		At least an average of 65 in the evaluation forms filled in by the participants

Main outputs (by Theme)

Theme 6.01 - Quality, evaluation, statistical coordination and classifications

Description

- Coordination of quality aspects within the production of European statistics and contribute to the revision and extension of the existing quality framework in the ESS to better fit the requirements laid down in Commission Communication on the production method of EU statistics.
- Monitoring and promoting the implementation of the European Statistics Code of Practice (CoP).
- Provision of guidelines for the implementation of the ESS quality assurance framework for statistical processes and outputs.
- Mid term and ex-post evaluation of Community Statistical programs
- Update and maintenance of the Eurostat's metadata server (RAMON), which makes available statistical classifications and the relevant correspondence tables, standard code lists, statistical concepts and definitions, legal acts pertaining to statistics and methodological manuals.
- 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), the International Standard Classification on Occupations (ISCO), the Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose (COICOP), the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED) and the Combined Nomenclature (CN) of commodities and the Geonomenclature of countries for the European Statistical System.

1. New work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme	Resource impact on MS
Project	Coordinated implementation of ISCED 2011	Coordinated implementation of ISCED 2011 including the updating of legal acts to the new classification	Annex II - Title I- Free movement of goods	negative

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Process	Manage and disseminate methodological metadata	Regular update of methodological metadata server (Ramon)	Annex II - Title I- Free movement of goods
Process	Update and maintain the CN, if necessary - Intrastat and related products (self-explanatory texts, correlation tables etc.) as well as the Geonomenclature. Link to the classification for trade in services.	Manage the classification for international trade statistics.	Annex II - Title I- Free movement of goods
Project	Coordinated implementation of ISCO 08	First harmonised ISCO 08 data received by all the statistical domains collecting data on occupations	Annex II - Title I- Free movement of goods
Project	Quality assurance of and participation in the preparation of Q2012	Conference takes place	Annex I - 2- Relations with stakeholders - 2.1 The European Statistical System
Project	Continue work on the ESS Quality Assurance Framework, developed by the Sponsorship on Quality.	Promoted and guided implementation of the ESS quality assurance framework in response to the recommendations of the Sponsorship on Quality	Annex I - 2- Relations with stakeholders - 2.1 The European Statistical System
Project	Have an ESeC (European Socio-economic Classification) classification exclusively based on core variables to allow for an implementation in all social surveys - Study the possibility of providing more precise results from the LFS for the classification with non-core existent variables	Improved comparability of the EU implementation of ISCO 08 and first version of the classification available	Annex II - Title I- Free movement of goods
Process	Providing guidance to production units concerning the implementation of ESQRS (ESS Standard for Quality Reports Structure) and ESMS (Euro-SDMX Metadata Structure) quality reporting guidelines and setting standards across the ESS for quality reporting	Implemented quality reporting guidelines for producers and users, across the ESS and statistical domains	Annex I - 2- Relations with stakeholders - 2.1 The European Statistical System
Process	Undertake actions aimed at improving compliance with the Code of Practice	Report on the annual monitoring exercise published	Annex I - 2- Relations with stakeholders - 2.1 The European Statistical System

Process	Undertake a new cycle of quality assessments with production units, based on the experiences and lessons learned from the 2008-2011 cycle.	A new round of quality assessments, including rolling reviews, has been launched incorporating the recommendations from the evaluation of the 2008-2011 exercise	Annex I - 2- Relations with stakeholders - 2.1 The European Statistical System
Project	Report to the EP and Council describing the evaluation of the CSP 2008-2012 and recommendation to follow	Adoption of the methodology and indicators to use for the evaluation	Legal act - Article 6 Reports

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Regulation	2658/87	L 256	07/09/1987	On the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the common customs tariff
Council Regulation	3037/90	L 293	24/10/1990	Statistical classification of economic activities in the European Community
Council Regulation	2913/92	L 302	19/10/1992	Establishing the Community Customs Code
EP and Council Regulation	1059/2003	L 154	21/06/2003	On the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS)
EP and Council Regulation	450/2008	L 145	04/06/2008	Laying down the Community Customs Code (Modernised Customs Code)
EP and Council Regulation	451/2008	L 145	04/06/2008	Establishing a new statistical classification of products by activity (CPA) and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 3696/93

Theme 6.02 - Statistical training

Description

Conception and implementation of Eurostat's learning and development strategy for statistical training in the ESS (the ESS Learning and Development Framework (the LDF)) aiming at:

- improving the overall quality of European statistics
- raising the qualification of statisticians in the ESS in order to promote their independence in line with the European Statistics Code of Practice;
- encouraging both theoretical and practical learning and development
- encouraging the exchange of best practices, know how and experience
- supporting the implementation of the reengineering of the statistical production processes in the ESS and the required adapted skills and competence needs
- providing new alternative learning and development opportunities beyond traditional training
- definition of appropriate set up of a European Master's in Official Statistics

1. New work

(None)

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Process	Establish annual ESTP (European Statistical Training Programme): ESTP Annual Catalogue 2013	Establishment of the Annual Catalogue 2013	Annex I - 2- Relations with stakeholders - 2.1 The European Statistical System
		Delivery of courses of catalogue 2012	Annex I - 2- Relations with stakeholders - 2.1 The European Statistical System

Project	Implementation of the ESS-LDF (European Statistical System - Learning and Development Framework) projects on e-learning, interactive platform, and competences.	ESTP courses and related projects	Annex I - 2- Relations with stakeholders - 2.1 The European Statistical System
VIP	Study within the framework of the project EMOS (European Master in Official Statistics).	Inventory of existing and potential future programmes in official statistics with identification of their providers; determination of the interest and capacity of the providers to participate in the future EMOS network.	Annex I - 2- Relations with stakeholders - 2.1 The European Statistical System

3. Legal references (none)

Theme 6.03 - IT support for statistical production

Description

- Functional studies / feasibility studies for sector and horizontal projects
- Maintenance of existing statistical production systems
- Harmonisation, consolidation and reengineering of existing statistical production systems
- Enhancing functionalities of IT components used in the statistical production
- Maintenance and improvement of the database systems used for dissemination
- Interfacing common building blocks into existing production systems
- Participation in the implementation of Joint ESS Strategy on the production method of EU statistics by identifying best practices across the EU, by stimulating the use of standard tools and by providing IT components usable by Eurostat and Member States.

The main actions are directly linked to the Joint ESS Strategy on the production method of EU statistics as follows:

- The consolidation and improvements of systems target data integration and the creation of data warehouses for cross domain statistics and cost minimisation. (CVD = *Cycle de Vie des Données* = Data Life Cycle)
- The sharing of data validation tools by the ESS members will reduce the burden of the Member States and Eurostat, and at the same time increase quality through harmonisation of procedures and the use of the same metadata.
- Sponsoring the development of a common reference environment and infrastructure through the ESSNet CORE (COMmon Reference Environment)
- Development of a common reference environment and infrastructure

1. New work (None)

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Project	Data Life Cycle (CVD): Continue the consolidation of IT systems for statistical production in Eurostat by applying the CVD principles.	Regular support and maintenance of IT systems for statistical production is provided.	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
		Enhanced functionality of CVD systems and building blocks.	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	Definition of a common reference environment towards which NSIs can develop. Sharing of production tools within the ESS.	Finalisation of the ESSNet CORE (Common Reference Environment) providing: a definition for a complete information model and a software environment for the automated execution of statistical processes in NSIs.	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme

	A common system of data validation shared by Member States and ESTAT is extended to more statistical domains	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
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3. Legal references (none)

Theme 6.04 - IT standards, tools and services for data exchange in the ESS

Description

Optimisation of Eurostat interaction with users and partners in the area of data and metadata exchange by the means of:

- Cooperation with international institutions (UN, OECD, IMF, WB and others) on the Statistical Data and Metadata eXchange (SDMX) standard.
- Developing common tools for efficient and secure exchange of statistical data and metadata in the European Statistical System in cooperation with other relevant Commission services, the European System of Central Banks and international organisations.
- Providing standard web services available on Internet for Statistical production process components.
- Standards and software for Eurostat data collection from European Statistical System
- Re-engineering of the current production processes under way: this concerns the rationalisation of the IT architecture and the introduction of a more interactive production chain on the basis of a solution via a common IT infrastructure.
- Harmonisation through the use of common standards within the ESS, together with process harmonisation through the promotion of methodologies based on common software tools.
- Data collection tools and methods and standardisation for European Statistical System raw data collections.
- Data collection tools and methods and standardisation for Eurostat data and metadata collection from European Statistical System.
- Developing and sponsoring development of a common IT infrastructure, the creation of a shared production and or dissemination environment within ESS, e.g., common reference infrastructure.
- Exchange of common software tools, mostly open source, e.g., SDMX tools. The actions are aiming at creating of more integrated systems by fully exploiting synergies and economies of scale. The goal is better interaction with ESS partners and better integration of the ESS business. The better integration of the statistical work done in the ESS with the one done in Eurostat will lead to improve efficiency and quality (comparability and timeliness) and to reduce costs by the means of standardisation. Standardisation of methods and IT-tools is one of the cornerstones of the efficiency vision contained in Commission Communication on the production method of EU statistics.

1. New work

(None)

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Process	Cooperation on enhancement of SDMX standards and capacity-building related actions.	Active participation and contribution to the activities of SDMX sponsors (participation in secretariat meetings), maintenance of technical standards (participation in the technical standards group) and capacity building actions (organisation of SDMX training according to demand).	Annex I - 1-The role of statistics in European integration
Process	Use the standard software: Single Entry Point for all regular data and metadata transmissions from Member States, based on standardised formats (GESMES, SDMX) where appropriate	Regular support for data transmission assured	Annex I - 1-The role of statistics in European integration
Process	Data transmission: coordination and promotion activities with Local Coordinator network	Maintain regular contact with Local Coordinators: GLC meeting at least once a year and at least 10 issues of Data Transmission Courier issued.	Annex I - 1-The role of statistics in European integration

Process	Maintain Open Source Software repository and perform related actions on software sharing	Latest version of the SDMX-RI and other SDMX related software developed in the unit available in OSOR	Annex I - 1-The role of statistics in European integration
Process	Support and implementation actions related to SDMX and GESMES in Eurostat and MS. Implement the SDMX (Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange) standards and guidelines for data and metadata exchange, sharing and dissemination between the members of ESS. Put in place more efficient processes for exchange, sharing and dissemination of statistical data and metadata.	Domain-specific SDMX implementations or domains made compliant according to implementation plan and demand (for up to 80 data sets).	Annex I - 1-The role of statistics in European integration
Process	Data transmission: maintain and improve the IT applications used for the Single Entry Point. Develop reliable IT tools, with improvements in performance and functionality, which are available for all national authorities for transmitting, uploading or transferring data via the Single Entry Point.	Achieved planned schedule of EDAMIS releases with updates as planned	Annex I - 1-The role of statistics in European integration
Process	Implement a single IT environment and services for structural and reference metadata allowing standard access for ESS partners and within Eurostat. Common IT system for metadata management within the ESS, using the SDMX standards and architecture.	Evolutionary maintenance and implementation of EMIS (Explanatory Metadata Information System), RME (Reference Metadata Editor), RAMON (Reference Architecture for Metadata Online), CODED (Concepts and Definitions Database), plan for their integration into common architecture done. Pilot version ready.	Annex I - 1-The role of statistics in European integration
Project	Flexible access to 2011 census data for users. Operational SDMX Hub system for census data, using SDMX standards and architecture.	Production version of software fully developed and infrastructure ready to accept arriving data and perform queries defined by users.	Annex I - 1-The role of statistics in European integration
Project	Data collection and data exchange in ESS using SDMX architecture for delivering data in the ESS. Develop IT infrastructure for SDMX implementation allowing sharing common IT tools and easier data exchange. IT tools and components to enable the implementation of SDMX within the ESS.	SDMX-RI operational and installed in some Member States. Assessment of feasibility of implementation for selected ESS statistical applications. Enhanced version deployed.	Annex I - 1-The role of statistics in European integration

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Decision	2004/387	L 181	18/05/2004	On interoperable delivery of pan-European eGovernment services to public administrations, businesses and citizens (IDABC).
EP and Council Decision	1297/2008	L 340	19/12/2008	On a Programme for the Modernisation of European Enterprise and Trade Statistics (MEETS)
Commission Decision sui generis	DL/2009/10349-1	-	18/12/2009	Commission Decision on the release of software applications developed by the Commission (Eurostat) as Open Source Software under the European Union Public Licence

Theme 6.05 - Data and metadata structural definition**Description**

The main activities are:

- Maintain and update the reference database Eurobase,
- Manage, disseminate and convert the Eurostat and national reference metadata to the ESS standards,
- Use and improve the Eurostat Metadata Handler,
- Improve and implement the SDMX statistical standards and guidelines for the exchange of data and metadata,
- Disseminate external data other than the data produced by Eurostat to the Commission,
- Monitor the integration of the national metadata systems.
- Keep up-to-date the Eurostat data navigation tree,
- Prepare cross-cutting legislation on metadata and
- Organise financial support to countries for the integration of statistical business processes.

This work contributes substantially to the implementation of the ESS Joint Strategy on the production method of EU statistics as adopted in May 2010. The processes and projects to be undertaken will create an increasing standardisation and harmonisation within the ESS; they lead to a reduction of the burden on the data or metadata producers both at national or international level. Also the accessibility of data and metadata by users will be improved. Most of the activities listed will create more vertical and horizontal integration (i.e. the integration between Eurostat and Member States and the integration between statistical domains) within the European Statistical System.

1. New work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme	Resource impact on MS
Process	The Eurostat data navigation tree is permanently updated and restructured with new tables, new dimensions and new branches. Also the quality of existing data tables is permanently improved.	20 % of the Eurostat data tables (in total 5000) updated annually in dissemination	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme	neutral
Project	Financial support is organised with grants to Member States	More ESS standards taken over in at least 5 Member states	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme	positive

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Process	The Eurostat reference metadata are produced and disseminated regularly, in using the ESMS metadata structure and in successively introducing the ESQRS for quality reporting	Reference metadata disseminated increasingly in accordance with the ESS standards	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	Cross-cutting legislation on metadata and data/metadata exchange to be created	Cross-cutting legislation for metadata processed within the legislative process	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	National reference metadata collected in more than 50 statistical domains are to be converted to the ESS standards	At least 10 national metadata flows produced and disseminated in the ESS standards	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	The SDMX technical and statistical standards need to be broadly implemented within the ESS	30 % of all ESS datasets using SDMX (or Gesmes TS) and harmonised structural metadata (code lists)	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	National metadata systems are monitored with an annual frequency; regular reports on the national ESS metadata systems are produced and released	Annual monitoring reports of 30 national metadata systems released	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme

Process	The reference data base Eurobase is loaded daily with new data to be disseminated. Also the harmonised structural metadata (standard code lists) are successively introduced in Eurobase. The latter need to be maintained in Eurobase.	Data available in the reference database in time with more than 99 % of the data sent in time	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
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3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Commission Recommendation	2009/498	L 168	30/06/2009	on reference metadata for the European Statistical System

Theme 6.06 - Information and dissemination

Description

- Dissemination of European statistics
- Eurostat website
- Support for external users
- Publications
- Promotion and marketing of Eurostat and of European statistics

1. New work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme	Resource impact on MS
Project	Implement next generation of the Eurostat website including the related tools for online access to data, metadata and publications	Test version of new generation Eurostat website	Annex I - 3 Instruments - 3.6 Dissemination	neutral

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Process	Eurostat website: the website provides a stable access to Eurostat products and services, with enhancements for users. Evolutionary maintenance and quality assurance of the website, including purchases of hardware and software.	Maintain and further develop the Eurostat website, providing users with access to data, metadata, publications and other information relating to European statistics, with high availability and performance, and with continuous improvements of functionality, usability and web content	Annex I - 3 Instruments - 3.6 Dissemination
Process	Statistics Explained: maintenance, further development and content management of the electronic dissemination system "Statistics Explained"	Wide range of explanatory information and analysis is continuously updated and delivered to users through an electronic dissemination system	Annex I - 3 Instruments - 3.6 Dissemination
Project	Dissemination products for mobile devices: development of dissemination products which enable users to obtain statistics on a range of mobile devices, including smartphones, tablets, and e-readers.	Innovative added-value dissemination products to take advantage of mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets	Annex I - 3 Instruments - 3.6 Dissemination
Project	Improve user orientation of dissemination products and services: collect and analyse information about user interaction with Eurostat dissemination products and services	In depth analysis of user opinions about dissemination products and services, based on surveys, focus groups and benchmarking; additional analysis of website traffic and user support requests	Annex I - 3 Instruments - 3.6 Dissemination

Project	Enhance reusability: facilitation of the re-use of Eurostat data, metadata and tools by external organisations, including NSIs, companies and the open data community	Improved technical documentation especially for developers (for example on file formats and web services), to facilitate the re-use of Eurostat data and metadata	Annex I - 3 Instruments - 3.6 Dissemination
Project	Increase multilingualism in dissemination products and services: users have access to selected information in all EU languages, as well as support in all languages	Pilot implementation for a limited Statistics Explained version in some additional EU languages	Annex I - 3 Instruments - 3.6 Dissemination
Project	Dissemination of European results from the 2011 Census, via the Eurostat website, using the Census Hub	First data from the 2011 Census available via the Eurostat website, using the Census Hub	Annex I - 3 Instruments - 3.6 Dissemination
Project	Raising visibility and awareness of the ESS: implement actions developed under the Sponsorship on Communication	Results of actions developed under the Sponsorship on Communication, including common ESS information on NSI websites, ESS website, ESS guidelines for use of social media, ESS guidelines for focused websites	Annex I - 2 Relations with stakeholders - 2.2 Cooperation with users
Process	Publications: widespread dissemination of Eurostat's value-added output through electronic and paper publications. Production, dissemination and archiving of statistical publications, including the implementation of the publications programme 2011 and the further exploitation of the electronic dissemination system "Statistics Explained"	Full range of publications oriented to the needs of users; all publications are available via the website in electronic versions, including the use of Statistics Explain (see separate process), and selected publications also in paper versions	Annex I - 3 Instruments - 3.6 Dissemination
Process	Dissemination of Eurostat microdata	Access to microdata for researchers	Annex II - Title XVIII Research and technological development
Process	Support and promotion to external users: high quality support to external users of Eurostat's products and services; publicity and promotion. Network of support centres; participation in dissemination events and distribution of promotional material.	High quality support service for external users of European statistics, via a network of support centres covering all languages	Annex I - 3 Instruments - 3.6 Dissemination
		Users and potential users are informed about Eurostat, its products and services, and European statistics in general, though all available channels including participation in conferences and events, and the distribution of promotional materials	Annex I - 3 Instruments - 3.6 Dissemination

3. Legal references (none)

Theme 6.07 - Statistical cooperation with the candidate and potential candidate countries

Description

- Preparation of candidate and potential candidate countries for EU membership by aligning their methodologies and practices with the statistical acquis and integrating them into the European Statistical System.
- Inputs to meetings under the structures of the Stabilisation and Association Agreements / European Agreements and inputs to the Commission's annual progress reports and its opinions on countries' applications for EU membership.
- Provision of harmonised statistics covering the candidate and potential candidate countries.

- Screening, negotiations and follow-up of the commitments regarding the statistics chapter and the statistics component of other chapters.
- Assistance to the candidate and potential candidate countries involving the entire cycle for assistance programmes with programming, tendering, implementation and evaluation under the Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA)

1. New work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme	Resource impact on MS
Project	Provision of support to population and housing censuses for candidate and potential candidate countries	International Monitoring Operation in Bosnia Herzegovina, Peer Assessment Report published for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, final meeting of the Technical Coordination Group for Western Balkan.	Annex II - 01- Cross-sectional statistical activity: Enlargement	neutral
Project	Support regional cooperation in the Western Balkan countries through the organisation of conferences, seminars, events with a regional perspective to foster regional cooperation and understanding	Conference / seminar on a statistical topic relevant for the regional cooperation in the Western Balkan region organised and results communicated	Annex II - 01- Cross-sectional statistical activity: Enlargement	neutral

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Process	Monitor the statistical systems in candidate countries and potential candidates using different assessment instruments (global assessments, peer reviews, compliance monitoring database, Eurostat annual assessment missions)	Assessment reports available for selected countries and acquis compliance reports available for all countries (SMIS+), statistical requirements compendium	Annex II - 01- Cross-sectional statistical activity: Enlargement
Process	Production and dissemination of statistical data on candidate countries and potential candidates through publications and updating the Eurostat website	Increased dissemination of statistical data through the pocketbook, leaflets and inclusion of data into Eurobase	Annex II - 01- Cross-sectional statistical activity: Enlargement
Process	Support the EU enlargement policy through participation in sub-committee meetings under the Accession / European Agreements, following-up on commitments on chapter 18 from the negotiation process, contributing to the annual EU progress reports	Draft Common Position for Iceland and screening reports for other candidate countries commencing negotiations, reports on the commitments taken in the negotiations by Croatia and Turkey, regular progress reports including statistical annexes.	Annex II - 01- Cross-sectional statistical activity: Enlargement
Process	Coordinate, design, contract, implement and follow-up cooperation programmes for candidate countries and potential candidates to assist candidate countries and potential candidates in aligning their statistical production with the acquis	Objectives of the cooperation programme (IPA 2009) achieved through increased compliance with the acquis of data from the candidate countries / potential candidates	Annex II - 01- Cross-sectional statistical activity: Enlargement
		Donor coordination document available and used for coordination purposes	Annex II - 01- Cross-sectional statistical activity: Enlargement

	Cooperation programmes designed (IPA 2012) and contracts for implementation in place (IPA 2011)	Annex II - 01- Cross-sectional statistical activity: Enlargement
	National IPA programmes address relevant acquis and are well coordinated with regional cooperation programmes	Annex II - 01- Cross-sectional statistical activity: Enlargement

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Regulation	1085/2006	L 210	31/07/2006	Establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)

Theme 6.08 - Statistical cooperation with countries covered by the European Neighbourhood Policy

Description

- Providing technical (statistical) advice to the EU's external action service (EEAS), including EU Delegations in the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) countries;
- Support the implementation of the European Neighbourhood Policy through provision of statistical data
- Contribute to the design and implementation of statistical assistance programmes in the ENP East countries
- Contribute to EU efforts to build statistical capacity within the framework of the MEDSTAT programme of statistical cooperation with the ENP South countries;
- Assisting the ENP South countries in designing their regional strategy for statistics;
- Assisting the ENP countries to gradually align their statistical systems with that of the EU;
- Encouraging the application of best practices from the European Statistical System to be applied in ENP countries through mutual contacts, training, study visits, workshops, seminars, and attendance at meetings;
- Collecting and publishing a range of data from the ENP countries, as an input to the Commission assessment of progress in the countries, and to maintain momentum for harmonisation of data for the region

1. New work

(None)

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Process	Negotiation and follow-up of the implementation of the statistics chapter in the Association Agreements between the EU and the ENP East countries through the provision of input to legal agreements, annual follow up and reporting on progress	Reports on progress in the statistical chapter of the underlying political agreements	Annex II - Title XXI- Economic financial and technical cooperation with third countries
Project	Development of a regional strategy for cooperation with the ENP-South countries beyond the end of MEDSTAT III, so as to reinforce the achievements of the MEDSTAT programmes	First draft version of a regional strategy available	Annex II - Title XXI- Economic financial and technical cooperation with third countries
Process	Collect, validate and process data from the ENP South countries to update Eurobase and produce publications on key statistical indicators for ENP-South countries.	Pocketbook on ENP South countries and leaflets for selected statistical domains available and data integrated into Eurobase	Annex II - Title XXI- Economic financial and technical cooperation with third countries

Process	Management of high level seminars, workshops, training courses for European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) countries on key themes such as classifications, coordination of statistical systems, quality, strategic management, selected statistical topics, the ESS, etc. to provide a forum for discussion and exchange of experience, and encourage capacity building.	Strategic issues discussed by the top management of the NSIs and appropriate action plans developed	Annex II - Title XXI- Economic financial and technical cooperation with third countries
		Training courses on key issues held	Annex II - Title XXI- Economic financial and technical cooperation with third countries
		High level seminars successfully held	Annex II - Title XXI- Economic financial and technical cooperation with third countries
Process	Assist ENP East countries in developing assistance programmes and projects, promote their funding with the relevant stakeholders, be involved in their implementation through reading reports, reviewing progress and participating in steering committees	Availability of well designed assistance programmes resulting in new data sets produced and disseminated	Annex II - Title XXI- Economic financial and technical cooperation with third countries
Process	Support other Commission services in the implementation of technical assistance programmes through advice on statistical issues in technical assistance programmes on energy and environment with a view of obtaining statistical data in these areas	Assistance programme resulting in new statistical data	Annex II - Title XXI- Economic financial and technical cooperation with third countries
Process	Assess and monitor the development of the statistical system in the ENP countries through launching and implementing global assessments, reviews and other kinds of assessments for the ENP countries	Assessment reports available describing the state-of-play in the development of statistical systems for selected ENP countries	Annex II - Title XXI- Economic financial and technical cooperation with third countries
Process	Support the implementation of the European Neighbourhood Policy through promoting the importance of statistics for European policy purposes (monitoring and design) including the need of support to the NSIs in terms of statistical assistance programmes	Statistical data for EU policy purposes and progress reporting delivered	Annex II - Title XXI- Economic financial and technical cooperation with third countries
Process	Collect, validate and process data from the ENP East countries In order to update Eurobase and produce publications on key statistical indicators for ENP-East countries.	Leaflets on selected statistical areas and data integrated into Eurobase	Annex II - Title XXI- Economic financial and technical cooperation with third countries
Process	Support the implementation of the MEDSTAT III programme by giving technical advice on content, experts, work programme to the contracting authority (DG EuropeAid Development and Cooperation)	Statistical advice provided for an efficient programme implementation resulting in new data dissemination	Annex II - Title XXI- Economic financial and technical cooperation with third countries
Process	Negotiation and follow-up of the implementation of the statistics chapter in the Advanced Status Agreements between the EU and the ENP South countries through the provision of input to Legal Agreements, follow-up of their implementation, reporting on implementation	Reports on progress in the statistics chapter of the underlying political agreements	Annex II - Title XXI- Economic financial and technical cooperation with third countries

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Regulation	1279/96	L 165	04/07/1996	Provision of assistance to economic reform and recovery in the New Independent States and Mongolia
Council Regulation	1638/2006	L 310	09/11/2006	General provisions establishing the European Neighbourhood and Partnership instrument (ENPI)

Theme 6.09 - International statistical cooperation

Description

- Providing advice and expertise to Commission services (in particular the External Relations Directorates-General, and the delegations) and national statistical authorities with respect to European Commission development and cooperation policies (identification, planning, implementation and evaluation of statistical projects or the statistical elements of more wide-ranging development projects) and coordinating Eurostat units' contribution to this work;
- Assisting the European Commission in relations with international organisations and in matters of common statistical interest with non-European regions or countries;
- Advocating and promoting good governance through statistics in the EU's external relations policy;
- Monitoring and coordinating EU efforts to build statistical capacity in countries outside Europe within the framework of international commitments such as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs);
- Encouraging the application of ESS best practice in non-EU countries through mutual contacts, training, study visits and attendance at meetings;
- Collecting data on non-EU countries obtained from all available sources for use by Commission services in pursuit of their external relations policies and, subject to agreement with data suppliers, the wider community of users;
- Ensuring that stakeholders are kept adequately informed through efficient communication;
- Representing Eurostat in international organisations;
- Coordinating Eurostat's relations with Higher Income Countries (HIC) and Russia, in particular implementing the EEA agreement in the field of statistics and the agreement with Switzerland on cooperation in the field of statistics.

1. New work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme	Resource impact on MS
Project	Fostering Good Practices in the LAC Region: sharing progress and achievements of EU - driven subregional integration statistical projects in the LAC (Latin America and Caribbean) region to enhance cost effectiveness of EU efforts. Preparation of a seminar with UN-ECLAC.	Organise seminar and follow-up with LAC countries and UN/ECLAC	Annex II - Title XX-Development cooperation	neutral
Project	Modernisation of statistical data transmission in the LAC region: training and technical assistance to develop capacities to use tools for data and metadata transmission by reference to the SDMX standard.	Assistance with the development of an SDMX strategy for LAC countries and UN/ECLAC	Annex II - Title XX-Development cooperation	neutral
Project	Analysis and dissemination for water statistics on specific Central Asian countries: increase the capacity of target countries to improve environmental policies through reliable statistics; to assist the EC in developing programmes on environmental issues for Central Asia on the basis of better water statistics.	Organise and follow-up seminar on environmental statistics, with Central Asian countries	Annex II - Title XXI-Economic financial and technical cooperation with third countries	neutral

Project	Support to the recently created statistical subregional bodies in the ALA region: to share the EU experience in the establishment of RSDS (Regional Strategy for the Development of Statistics) in close coordination with PARIS21. (By reference to ASEAN, Andean Community, Central America and Mercosur).	Seminars with LA countries and subregional bodies	Annex II - Title XX-Development cooperation	neutral
Process	Change the focus of co-operation in Latin America from a programme-based approach to a looser one based on Memorandums of Understanding with regional organisations and larger countries in support of the development of national statistical systems of countries by sharing the EU's experience in selected fields of joint priority and promoting horizontal cooperation.	Implementation of road maps of the MoUs with Brazil, ECLAC, etc.	Annex II - Title XX-Development cooperation	neutral
Project	IT tool to support price statistics in developing countries: analyse the possibility to provide support to improve price statistics in developing countries, focusing on IT tools for the establishment, harmonisation and analysis of price statistics	Analysis of the existing tools for price statistics in developing countries and basic design of a new tool	Annex II - Title XX-Development cooperation	neutral

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Project	Essential System of National Accounts (SNA): methodological support in the context of cooperation; support to the SNA2008 implementation through the preparation of the handbook "Essential SNA"	Promotion of the handbook; support to users; updated version	Annex II - Title XX-Development cooperation
Project	ERETES (Software package for National Accounts); transfer of know-how and upgrading to SNA2008: upgrading in order to allow the production of National Accounts in line with the SNA 2008; maintenance; training of users and trainers, improve the coordination of the User Group	Finalise the upgrading of the tool in line with the SNA 2008	Annex II - Title XX-Development cooperation
Project	DISC database on international statistical cooperation projects: the existing database should be improved mainly through the creation of links to internal and external databases. The feasibility of other links should be studied.	Improved functionalities and analysis of possible use as general portal to access SIS (Statistical Information Systems) tools	Annex II - Title XX-Development cooperation
Process	Advisory group on international statistical cooperation: advisory group on the co-ordination of EU technical cooperation on statistics with developing countries aiming at increasing coordination of technical assistance, increase synergies, avoid duplication of efforts and contribute to increase aid effectiveness.	Co-ordination of EU work in statistical capacity building through the organisation and follow-up of meetings	Annex II - Title XX-Development cooperation

Process	Working Group on International Relations (IRWG) and coordination of EU position through this group: assistance and support to the ESSC in the area of international relations; increased efficiency in international relations through better communication, coordination and consistent representation. Increased visibility and coordinated EU position.	To define common EU strategy as input to annual UNSC meetings	Annex I - 2- Relations with stakeholders - 2.4- Cooperation with international organisations
Project	Support to beneficiary countries and/regions in the preparation and implementation of National Plans for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) Advocacy material: assist recipient countries/regions to make aware or convince policy makers and funders on the need for increased financial assistance for the implementation NSDS; provide a user-friendly and updated set of NSDS (National Strategies for the Development of Statistics) guidelines; make proposals on guidelines towards costing an NSDS.	Statistical advocacy material produced for developing countries. Updated NSDS guidelines including quality and costing aspects.	Annex II - Title XX- Development cooperation
Project	Development of the Global Statistical System (GSS): organisation of a seminar jointly with UNSD; organise a conference aiming at sharing common statistical standards and animate a discussion on GSS challenges; organise a seminar on spatial statistics	Production of guidelines/proceedings following the joint workshop	Annex I - 2- Relations with stakeholders - 2.4- Cooperation with international organisations
Project	Efficiency and effectiveness of the EU budgetary support instrument in ALA and ACP: assessment of applicable, objective indicators to analyze effectiveness and efficiency of projects for EU Budget Support	Study on available indicators and quality of data used for budgetary support	Annex II - Title XX- Development cooperation
Process	Support to the statistical capacity of the African Union Statistics Division: in the framework of the EU/Africa Strategic Partnership Eurostat ensure a constant support to the African Union Statistics Division through yearly agreed action plans including different kinds of activities, such as secondment of officials, training, sharing experience, produce joint publications, etc.	Joint publications	Annex II - Title XX- Development cooperation
		Sharing experience; training and study visits for AUC (African Union Commission) statisticians; secondment of ESTAT officials to AUC	Annex II - Title XX- Development cooperation
Process	Implementation of Memorandums of Understanding and other relations with OECD countries and Russia: strengthen relations with OECD countries and Russia, follow up of MoU: to promote coordination and cooperation in statistics-related matters e.g. the production of official statistics, the promotion of best practices and the harnessing of appropriate synergies; organisation of study visits and seminars	Implementation of road maps for the various MoUs	Annex II - Title XX- Development cooperation

Process	Management of Commission's statistical relations with Asia through the implementation of MoUs: follow-up and implementation of road maps of MoUs with China, India and Kazakhstan, in support of the development of national statistical systems of these countries in areas of joint priority.	Implementation of road maps of MoUs with China, India, etc.	Annex II - Title XX- Development cooperation
Project	Analysis and dissemination of third countries data produced outside ESTAT: Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and socio-economic indicators analysis	Updated information in the database	Annex II - Title XX- Development cooperation
Project	Support to the users of the EUROTRACE software: coordination of the User Group and transfer the knowledge towards users; maintenance of the CIRCA dedicated website; training of users and trainers	Transfer the knowledge towards users; maintenance and follow-up of the CIRCA dedicated website	Annex II - Title XX- Development cooperation
Project	Guide on statistical cooperation extended and updated according to the users' needs and expectations. Coherence between the new modules and the original guide maintained both in English and French and translated into Spanish. User-friendly on line version made available.	Improved version of the Guide with more interactive access to the information and training courses	Annex II - Title XX- Development cooperation
Project	ASTRA - Statistical training in international cooperation through support of NSIs in developing countries by providing a tool to identify training needs	Promotion of the tool and support to users	Annex II - Title XX- Development cooperation

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Decision	2006/233	L 90	28/03/2006	on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on cooperation in the field of statistics
Agreement		L 1	03/01/1994	Agreement on the European Economic Area

Theme 6.10 - Statistical research and methodology

Description

- Promote research in Official Statistics;
- Facilitate methodological collaboration, networking and competence building;
- Ensure co-ordination of methodological works in the ESS (including ESSnets' monitoring);
- Support standardisation process in the ESS;
- Embed methodology in Vision implementation processes;
- Encourage methodological development: design and test of specific methods and supporting tools;
- Ensure methodological support to production process.

The challenges posed by the enforcement of the Joint ESS Strategy demand substantial gains in productivity and major achievements in terms of process integration that only heavy investment in methodological developments could permit. This is much depending on the adequate use of the results of ongoing research in official statistics and on properly articulating main NSI needs as regards Official Statistics in future strategic research frameworks. It also pre-supposes to evenly address all aspects of the integration process: As regards horizontal integration, the co-ordination of methodological developments should create conditions to identify, test and use cross-cut methodologies. Vertical integration would require substantial efforts in process standardisation throughout ESS. The overall sustainability of this continuous improvement process would be liable to two extreme conditions: the (upstream) transformation of new knowledge into new methods and techniques and the (down-stream) support to production steps in the absorption of the methodological developments (innovations), both at Eurostat and ESS level.

1. New work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme	Resource impact on MS
Project	Contribution to ESSnet projects, ESS collaborative development of key methodologies for Vision implementation and improving efficiency of statistical production	Launching ESSnet on data collection for social surveys using multiple modes and ESSnet on modern business statistics.	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme	neutral

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Project	Support standardisation process in the ESS: integration of EU production processes (ESS and Eurostat) including Sponsorship on Standardisation.	The sponsorship on Standardisation delivers first outcomes on business model and an implementation. ESSnet on standardisation is defined and launched. Impact on process integration (eg standard process description) assessed and implementation actions are launched	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	Developing handbook for Modern Business Statistics - Methodological development in new areas	Structure for the handbook for Modern Business Statistics, methodological development on data collection, optimal design and estimation for business statistics.	Annex II - Title XVIII Research and technological development
Process	Promote, emulate research in official statistics	Development of a research line in Official Statistics for 2013 and a rolling research agenda for 2014-2020. Organisation of the NTTS 2013 conference.	Annex II - Title XVIII Research and technological development
Process	Research and ESSnet results dissemination, support collaboration among researchers and with official statisticians, using web portals (e.g. Cros) and training/further education means (LDF), developing and consolidating Web 2.0 mechanisms for collaboration	Improved exchange among ESSnet projects and dissemination of results from research projects(e.g. BLUE-ETS (BLUE-Enterprise and Trade Statistics Project) and DWB (Data without Boundaries))	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Contribution to improved production processes	Support methodological development in production units and methodological standard for key steps in ESTAT production process (e.g. data validation, aggregation and integration)	Annex II - Title XVIII Research and technological development
Project	Software design, testing and development for implementing ESS methodological guidelines and testing	Development of open source tools for Statistical Disclosure Control and of specific modules for J Demetra + and maintenance of open source library	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Strategic guidance for ESS/Estat integration of methodological work	Integration of Methodology, IT, Standardisation and - as achievable - Quality aspects of statistical production. with DIME, ensuring the active involvement of the scientific Community. ESSnet work-programme validated by ESSC including new ESSnets plan for 2013 and early transfer of ESSnets' results.	Annex I - 3-Instruments- 3.5- Utilising partners' expertise for Community purposes

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Decision	1297/2008	L 340	19/12/2008	On a Programme for the Modernisation of European Enterprise and Trade Statistics (MEETS)

Theme 6.11 - Data security and statistical confidentiality

Description

- Revise Regulation (EC) No 831/2002
- Develop confidential data release infrastructures
- Ensure support on SDC in specific domains.

This is a very sensitive and especially complex dimension of Eurostat - and ESS, at large - work programme. It involves different dimensions such as physical and logical protection of confidential data (statistical disclosure control - SDC), harmonisation of principles and guidelines and design of efficient infrastructure (IT and procedure) for releasing confidential data (tabular or micro data) to ESS partners and Research community. The related work aims at critically improving the production methods of EU statistics and places on Eurostat the responsibility for the coordination of Sectoral initiatives for the release of confidential data for scientific purposes, especially methodological support and tool development, the promotion of correct and coherent application of rules and the design of generic infrastructures for the sharing of confidential data with users and partners while ensuring their adequate protection. This is overarched by adequate governance of statistical confidentiality in the ESS governing the vertical integration of processes by proposing to Member States a framework for the standardisation and harmonisation of SDC related processes.

1. New work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme	Resource impact on MS
Project	Development of ESS wide infrastructure (access facilities and organisational/methodological framework) for the release of confidential data for scientific purpose	Launching ESSnet on Harmonisation of ESS Statistical Disclosure Control	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme	neutral

2. Ongoing work

Action type	Action	Output for 2012	Link to Multiannual Programme
Process	Information Security management (LISO): analysis of the security requirements of Eurostat Information system and adaptation of the policy on the security of information systems.	General rules on the security of information system are applied	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Project	Setting up a network of safe centres allowing researchers to access confidential EU microdata sets - feasibility study and pilot implementation	Framework for developing a network of safe centres allowing researchers access to microdata	Annex II - Title XVIII Research and technological development
Project	Draft of a first version of an Information Security Management System (ISMS) to be adopted by IT Steering Committee	Updated version of ISMS and first implementation of the conclusions of the first risks analysis	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Support to Eurostat units for dealing with Statistical Disclosure Control (SDC)	SDC process for SBS tabular data is provided with methodological guidance and adequate tools	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Revise Regulation 831/2002 on access to confidential data for scientific purposes: coordinate activities related to the release of confidential data for scientific purpose.	Streamlined workflows and procedures are in place while ensuring a smooth transition between old and new regulation	Legal act - Article 4-Prioritisation, efficiency and flexibility

Process	Detection of intrusion of information systems (LISO): regular monitoring and provision of recommendations for improving security of Information Systems	Implementation of procedures and controls to reduce the risk of intrusion in ESTAT systems	General objectives of the Multiannual Programme
Process	Making confidential data available to scientific purposes (LISO): ensure access to confidential data for researchers either through the Eurostat Safe Centre or through the development of a secured remote access facility.	Availability of the first pilot infrastructure for RDC in ESTAT	Legal act - Article 4-Prioritisation, efficiency and flexibility
Project	Develop confidential data release infrastructures: Widening and simplification of access to confidential EU microdata sets for scientific purposes. A framework allowing for new modes of access to EU confidential microdata sets, simpler and closer, better fitted to research needs is developed	Work programme for an ESS-wide infrastructure for confidential data release is adopted by ESSC with a strategy for microdata release for research	Annex II - Title XVIII Research and technological development

3. Legal references

Nature	No	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Regulation	2001/45	L 8	12/01/2001	On the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community
Commission Regulation	831/2002	L 133	18/05/2002	Concerning access to confidential data for scientific purposes
EP and Council Regulation	223/2009	L 87	31/03/2009	on European Statistics

Part 5. Specific objectives for horizontal activities

Activity 3480:

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

The ABB Activity "Administrative support" includes actions that are necessary for the functioning of the organisation as such and are indirectly linked to the policies for which the DG is responsible. This Activity promotes and maintains sound and efficient management of human, financial and IT resources within the DG, and ensures that resources are allocated to achieve the policy objectives of the DG. It ensures the soundness of internal control established in the DG's operational management and its financial accounting and reporting systems, and provides internal audit advice within the DG.

Activity 3480 – Specific objective 1:

Human resource management

Recruit, train, assess, motivate and retain highly qualified staff in order to ensure effective and efficient operation of the DG as well as equal opportunities for all.

<i>Main outputs</i>	<i>Result indicators</i>	<i>Latest known result</i>	<i>Target for 2012</i>
HR forward planning	Level of implementation of HR forward planning project as presented to the DM in 2010.	Profiles on middle managers and secretaries presented to the DM in 2011	Measures that are implementable in 2012 fully implemented (profiles of statistical officer and statistical assistants are presented to the DM)
Allocation and redeployment of posts	Level of implementation of 2012 levy and allocation decided at Directors' Seminar in October 2011.	1) Levy 2011 implementation: 89% all together (100% at AD level and 82% at AST level) 2) 2011 allocation of posts: also 89% (3 posts still to be allocated)	2012 levy and allocation fully implemented
Vacancy rate of available posts	Average vacancy rate of available posts.	+/-5%	Less than 20% on annual basis
Female Heads of Unit appointed	Middle management positions held by women.	38,1% middle management	31,6% middle management
Use of flexible working arrangements	Percentage of staff using flexible working arrangements (flexitime, teleworking) compared to total staff.	77% staff use flexitime 15% staff telework	- 100% for time registration/flexitime - 8% for teleworking
Raising awareness on ethical values.	Communication to staff on ethical behaviour.		Communication on ethical values done in accordance with ICS 2.

Training days per person as registered in Syslog	Average number of training days per staff member, including on-the-job training.	10.8 (in 2010)	>10 days/year
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Activity 3480 – Specific objective 2:**Financial management**

Plan, perform, monitor and report on the spending of financial resources so that sound and regular management of them is assured throughout the activities of the DG.

<i>Main outputs</i>	<i>Result indicators</i>	<i>Latest known result</i>	<i>Target for 2012</i>
Budget execution for commitments with respect to annual budgets (own and sub delegated credits)	Budget execution for commitments with respect to annual budgets (own and sub delegated credits) – % of execution in relation to annual budget	87% (2010)	86%
Payments with respect to annual budgets payments (own and sub delegated credits)	Budget execution for payments with respect to annual budgets payments (own and sub delegated credits) – % of execution in relation to annual budget	84% (2010)	90%
Payment files respecting Commission targets according to Communication SEC (2009) 477 final based on request for payments received in 2011	Payment files respecting Commission targets according to Communication SEC (2009) 477 final based on request for payments received in 2011 – % of execution in relation to annual budget	80% (17/11/2011)	80%
Controls of the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions.	Reinforced ex-ante and ex post controls performed in accordance with Eurostat control strategy.		Controls initiated in accordance with the annual programme of controls.
Ensure that the audit tracking function in ABAC is properly documented and embedded in Eurostat operational procedures in line with instructions.	Audit tracking function in ABAC is properly documented and embedded in Eurostat operational procedures.		Audit tracking function in ABAC is properly documented and embedded in Eurostat operational procedures.

Activity 3480 – Specific objective 3:

Management of Information and Communication technology (ICT)

Define, plan, set up, develop and maintain high quality Information Technology (IT) infrastructures, tools and services so that the staff is adequately supported in their operation.

<i>Main outputs</i>	<i>Result indicators</i>	<i>Latest known result</i>	<i>Target for 2012</i>
Corrective maintenance of applications (PLANE, FIDES and BIFi)	The applications are operational.		PLANE, FIDES and BIFi are functional without additional costs.
Disaster recovery plan (DRP) of the confidential environment is updated and tested reflecting a new server infrastructure installed in the JMO building.	IT infrastructure needed to recover from a destruction of the LSU room in the BECH building is setup in JMO building.		Test DRP based on updated procedure
Migration of all PCs and laptops in Eurostat to a new Reference Configuration based on MS Windows 7 and MS Office 2010	Percentage of PCs and laptops that have been migrated to NOAP.		100%
General rules on the security of information systems and the rules specific to ESTAT are properly updated and applied reflecting Information Security Management System (ISMS) recommendations	Availability of specific security plans. Output of monitoring of security plans. Awareness of security matters by ESTAT staff		Specific security plans are drawn up and their applications are monitored. Documented monitoring procedures and results.

**Activity 3480 – Specific objective 4:
Document management**

Put in place and maintain an effective document management system so that any document connected with the official functions of the DG can be electronically filed, stored and retrieved at any moment, irrespective of its original form and the document management system in place.

<i>Main outputs</i>	<i>Result indicators</i>	<i>Latest known result</i>	<i>Target for 2012</i>
Master Files	Percentage of non-empty Master Files on all active Master Files	This indicator will be used only if the corresponding facility is available in NOMCOM	90%
Master Files	Percentage of active Master Files in which documents have been electronically filed in the last 12 months	This indicator will be used only if the corresponding facility is available in NOMCOM	90%
Documents in ARES	Percentage of registered documents that have been also filed in ARES	95%	90%

Activity 3480 – Specific objective 5:

Internal audit

Assess the compliance, efficiency and effectiveness of the control system in place by assisting the Director General and management in controlling risks and monitoring compliance; providing an independent and objective opinion on the quality of management and internal control system; and making recommendations in order to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of operations and to ensure economy in the use of resources.

<i>Main outputs</i>	<i>Result indicators</i>	<i>Latest known result</i>	<i>Target for 2012</i>
Recommendations accepted	Level of acceptance by the auditees of the "Critical" and "Very important" audit recommendations issued by the IAC	100%	80 %

**Activity 3480 – Specific objective 6:
Internal control and risk management**

Implement and maintain an effective internal control system so that reasonable assurance can be given that resources assigned to the activities are used according to the principles of sound financial management, risk of errors in operations is minimised and the control procedures put in place give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions.

<i>Main outputs</i>	<i>Result indicators</i>	<i>Latest known result</i>	<i>Target for 2012</i>
Critical risks 2012	Percentage of critical risks reported in the Management Plan	100%	100% of the critical risk 2012
Prioritised ICS 2012	Prioritised ICS reported in the Management Plan	All	All prioritised ICS reported in the Management Plan
Follow-up of the Implementation of the audit recommendations	Number of reports made to the Commissioner of the implementation of audit recommendations	2	2

Activity 3481:

POLICY STRATEGY AND COORDINATION

The ABB Activity “Policy Strategy and Coordination” includes all actions that steer or co-ordinate the policies for which the Directorate-General is responsible. The actions under this activity contribute directly to the success of the DG’s main policies.

This Activity gives the necessary impulse to the policy definition, preparation and implementation in order to achieve the overall mission of the DG within the time-scales laid down. It promotes the development of a strategic planning culture within the DG in accordance with the Commission's strategic planning and programming cycle. It actively promotes the main policies of the DG through information, internal and external communication, awareness-raising and dialogue with stakeholders. It contributes to the coherence of the different activities within the DG, ensuring the cooperation between the horizontal services, the cabinet and other institutions. It provides legal advice so that policies, procedures and applicable laws are complied with. It aims at developing an administrative culture of better regulation. The consolidation of the activities of the European Statistical System aimed at improving governance ensures the coherence and comparability of European statistics.

Activity 3481 – Specific objective 1:

Define and coordinate the policy strategy

Determine the general strategy of Eurostat and give the necessary impulse, direction and coordination to policy definition, preparation and implementation in accordance with the Commission policy objectives and the provision of the Treaties so that the overall mission of Eurostat is coherently fulfilled as planned. In parallel, secure effective and efficient representation of the DG's interests and strong involvement in internal Commission deliberations and other external fora so that the overall strategy and activities of the DG are reinforced.

<i>Main outputs</i>	<i>Result indicators</i>	<i>Latest known result</i>	<i>Target for 2012</i>
Achievement of MP objectives	Degree of achievement of the MP Objectives		Fully meet 100% of indicators set in the MP
Replies to Eurostat ' s Inter-Service Consultations	Percentage of Inter-service consultations' replies with negative opinion		<1%
New ESTAT mission statement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Revise accordingly Directorates and Units' mission statements. ▪ Inform staff and main stakeholders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Directorates and Units' mission statements revised. ▪ Communication actions implemented according to plan. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All Directorates and Units' mission statements revised. ▪ All communication actions implemented according to plan.

**Activity 3481 – Specific objective 2:
Strategic Planning and Programming**

Implement the Commission planning and programming process so that the Directorate General delivers its policy objectives contributing to the overall Commission strategy in an effective, timely, efficient and accountable manner.

<i>Main outputs</i>	<i>Result indicators</i>	<i>Latest known result</i>	<i>Target for 2012</i>
AAR 2011	Preparation according to guidelines and timely delivery of the various elements for the SPP (AAR)		AAR 2011 prepared according to guidelines and delivered on time
MP 2012 mid-term review	Regular monitoring of performance as implementation of the MP objectives		At least 2 monitoring reports on the implementation of the objectives of the MP 2012
MP 2013	Preparation according to guidelines and timely delivery of the various elements for the SPP (MP)		MP 2013 prepared according to guidelines and delivered on time
Consultation of Commission DGs on the Annual Work Programme 2013	Number of negative opinions in ISC		0% negative opinions in the ISC
Timely adoption of the Annual Work Programme 2013	Timely preparation of AWP for adoption by the Commission		AWP 2013 adopted by end Dec 2012
Integration of the requests for contribution sent to ESTAT managers about Planning, Monitoring and Reporting	Number of separated "packages" of requests		Maximum three "packages" of requests per year
European Statistical Programme 2013-2017	Timely adoption		ESP 2013-2017 adopted before 31-Dec-2012

Activity 3481 – Specific objective 3:

Internal Communication

Develop, implement, monitor and adapt an internal communication strategy as an integrated part of the DG's policy and management activities, and establish direct communication, consultation and feed-back channels between management and staff. Ensure that staff understand and share the vision and objectives of their department, are motivated to work towards them by building motivation and esprit de corps, and are able to work effectively together by sharing and having access to the information they need.

<i>Main outputs</i>	<i>Result indicators</i>	<i>Latest known result</i>	<i>Target for 2012</i>
Eurostat's intranet integrated in My Intracomm portal	Availability of Cybernews in My Intracomm		Availability of Cybernews in My Intracomm

**Activity 3481 – Specific objective 4:
Institutional and legal affairs**

Establish and maintain dialogue and cooperation channels with the European Parliament, the Council and other inter-institutional stakeholders so that progress of legislative proposals and non-legislative initiatives put forward by the DG is smooth and efficient through the institutional system and beyond.

Contribute to the establishment of the legal and contractual framework and advise on legal issues relating to the activities of the DG so that the DG's services are properly supported in their undertakings.

Better regulation: Support the decision-making process on new initiatives and simplification of existing regulation by thorough evaluations and impact assessments by systematic consultations of stakeholders and by simplification measures and methods.

<i>Main outputs</i>	<i>Result indicators</i>	<i>Latest known result</i>	<i>Target for 2012</i>
Legislative planning and legal acts.	Progress achieved compared to road maps provided.	Continuing contacts with DG SG on road maps are ensured.	No or limited revisions of planning in accordance with road maps.
Replies to questions from the EP	Number of questions from the EP		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 100% replied to by the deadline ▪ 0 complaints
Capacity of DG ESTAT management and units to handle legal and institutional issues related to DG ESTAT activities	Input provided in accordance with the unit's mission statement and quality charter	All requests by the Cabinet of Commissioner Semeta replied to within the deadline. Exchanges with DG ESTAT management and units on other legal and institutional matters are ongoing in accordance with the units quality charter	DG ESTAT management and units should be in a position to handle legal and institutional issues in all cases
Alignment of the statistical acquis to the decision-taking procedures introduced by the Lisbon Treaty	Number of basic legal acts aligned to the Lisbon Treaty and dates of adoption	Alignment of the Regulation on statistics on the carriage of goods by road is finalised.	By end of 2012, alignment proposals adopted corresponding to half of the acquis (25 acts over a total of approx. 50)
Eurostat replies to inter-service consultations.	Percentage of inter-service consultation addressed to the DG that were replied to in time		100%
Fraud prevention in legislative acts.	Standard article on fraud prevention referred to in Commission statistical proposals with funding provisions.		Standard article on fraud prevention referred to in all Commission statistical proposals with funding provisions.
Report on the implementation of the Summary Information Sheets	Report ready in the deadlines	Situation for 2011 as of 30 November: 99,6 % (461 out of 463)	Report ready by the end of 2012

**Activity 3481 – Specific objective 5:
ESS Governance**

Improve the functioning and development of the European Statistical System by setting up the appropriate governance instruments.

<i>Main outputs</i>	<i>Result indicators</i>	<i>Latest known result</i>	<i>Target for 2012</i>
Report	ESGAB annual report finalised on time	Report finalised on time	Report finalised on time
Successful organisation of meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ESAC ▪ ESSC ▪ PG ▪ ESGAB 	Meetings successfully organized (timely delivery of documents, users' satisfaction).	Documents within deadline. No complaints from participants of the meetings.	Documents within deadline. No complaints from participants of the meetings.
Statistical cooperation with EFTA: implementation of the EEA Agreement on cooperation in the field of statistics	Regular contacts with EFTA Statistical Office and EEAS to ensure smooth running of the Statistical part of the Agreement	Smooth running of the Statistical part of the Agreement	Smooth running of the Statistical part of the Agreement
Statistical cooperation with Switzerland: implementation of the Agreement between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation on cooperation in the field of statistics	Organisation of Joint Committee meetings and keeping Annex A up to date	Joint Committee meetings organized and Annex A up to date	Joint Committee meetings organized and Annex A up to date
European Statistical Training courses : users' satisfaction	Level of satisfaction of the participants to European Statistical Training courses	80 (in 2010)	At least an average of 65 in the evaluation forms filled in by the participants

**Activity 3481 – Specific objective 6:
International cooperation**

Ensuring the integration of the ESS in the global statistical system and providing technical assistance to countries outside the EU.

<i>Main outputs</i>	<i>Result indicators</i>	<i>Latest known result</i>	<i>Target for 2012</i>
Statistical assistance programme for candidate countries and potential candidates (IPA) designed, contracted and implemented aiming at improved quantity and quality of statistics from these countries	Financing decision IPA 2012 ready by spring 2012, progress reports plus final report for IPA 2009 available		IPA 2012 designed covering a sufficient number of priority areas, IPA 2009 implemented
Contribution to the statistical assistance programme Medstat provided aiming at increased availability and quality of data on key statistical themes for the ENP-South countries	Percentage of planned activities that take place and outputs that are produced.		Projects of the programme running according to schedule, and taking into account Eurostat methodologies and standards. Planned outputs are available.
Monitor the statistical systems of candidate countries and potential candidates to provide input for Commission reporting on these countries and for opinions on EU membership applications	Assessment reports for candidate countries and potential candidates available in October 2012		Completion of assessments for the annual Commission Progress Reports on candidate countries and potential candidates
Visibility and representation of Eurostat in international events	Eurostat position heard in international institution meetings		Participation of Eurostat in main international events in 2012