



## Statistical Working Paper Collection

### Selection process and quality standards

#### Selection process:

The selection of the papers to be included into the Statistical Working Papers collection of Eurostat is made by the Editorial Board on the basis of three criteria:

- Relevance to the European Statistical System work;
- Quality of the statistical content;
- Quality of the drafting.

After submission of the paper, author(s) will be notified that their paper has been:

- accepted;
- accepted as long as the editorial comments are taken on board;
- or rejected, as it does not satisfy all the aforementioned criteria.

#### Quality standards

##### Relevance to the European Statistical System work

The topic of the paper should be related to the activities of the European Statistical System. It should be linked to a statistical topic/objective/need among the 9 following themes:

- Theme 1: General and regional statistics.
- Theme 2: Economy and finance.
- Theme 3: Population and social conditions.
- Theme 4: Industry, trade and services.
- Theme 5: Agriculture and fisheries.
- Theme 6: International trade.
- Theme 7: Transport.
- Theme 8: Environment and energy.
- Theme 9: Science, technology and digital society.

The paper should be informative and objective, and not make any policy statement. Its conclusions should have an impact on a topic of relevance to the European Statistical System, or provide facts and figures that produce new information about such a topic.

### Quality of the statistical content

- The statistics, data sources and method should provide fresh insight into the statistics field.
- The methodology should be robust and well described.
- The statistical approach and use of data should be clearly explained.
- The content should be sufficiently original and informative.
- The references and data sources should be clearly mentioned.

### Quality of the drafting

- The paper should be clear in its objective, methods and conclusion.
- The paper should be in line with the guidelines provided.
- The paper should have a well-defined structure and notations.
- The paper should include a non-technical abstract and a non-technical summary.
- The timetable for publication should be respected.