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This information Newsletter is a **regular publication** presenting to all users an overview of the **framework and products available** in the field of **European Business Statistics**.

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The internal users of the Commission can access the **New Cronos database** through Europa-Plus. The external users can address their requirements to one of the Eurostat **Datashops.** This is a network of sales offices installed by EUROSTAT, in co-operation with National Statistical Offices, in the different EU countries and in some cities outside the Union.

The list of data-shops and corresponding addresses can be found at the end of this bulletin.

EUROSTAT also has it's own internet site with the following internet address:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/

The site provides an overview of EUROSTAT activities as well as daily updated data on the main statistical indicators. Data on business statistics can be found by browsing on theme 4: *"industry, trade and services".*

First time users can access the "*First visit*" field of the "*Site info*" and will be welcomed to a guided tour of the site.

Special article:

SBS data for candidate countries

theme4 Industry, Trade and Services Domain : SBS Structural Business Statistics (Industry, Construction, Trade and Services)

The SBS domain of New Cronos has recently been reshaped with a view to disseminating SBS data for candidate countries. SBS data will be available for the 10 Phare countries: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, as well as for Albania and Cyprus.

The main SBS tables have been split into two tables. The first one is dedicated to Member States (including also Norway, Japan, and some first data from Switzerland within the short term). It corresponds to the previous SBS tables that have been renamed by adding MS. For instance enter becomes enter_MS.

The second one is dedicated to candidate countries. It bears the name of the previous SBS tables followed by CC. For instance enter becomes enter_CC.

First SBS data for candidate countries is available on NewCronos since November. These first SBS data for candidate countries are national data, available under table enter_CC (collection enterpr). SBS data broken down by size class (collection sizclass) and regional data (collection region) will also be available.

Candidate countries data for reference year 1999 will be available in the beginning of 2002 and preliminary data for reference year 2000 in the spring of 2002.

Methodological notes similar to the ones currently available for Member States, will accompany each table. It has to be mentioned that monetary data will be expressed in millions of ECU (same currency as the one used for MS data), the exchange rate of the national currency vis-à-vis the ECU being given in the methodological notes.

New Cronos – Domains under Theme 4: Industry, Distributive Trade, and Services

Domains	Collections	Data range ¹	Last update
SBS: Structural Business	Enterpr:		
Statistics (Industry, Construction, Trade And Services)	Annual enterprise statistics -Ent 1 MS: Long time series covering enterprises with 20 persons employed and more (main indicators), (NACE Rev.1 C to F only)	1985 -2000	28 Jan 2002
	- <i>Enter MS:</i> Detailed data on all enterprises (NACE Rev.1 C to F : from 1995 onwards, NACE Rev. 1 G to K : from 1990 onwards)	1990 –1999	29 Jan 2002
	- <i>Enter CC:</i> Detailed data on all enterprises (NACE Rev.1 C to F : from 1995 onwards, NACE Rev. 1 G to K : from 1990 onwards) – Candidate countries	1995-1998	25 Jan 2002
	- <i>En ex MS:</i> Environmental protection expenditure in industry (NACE Rev.1 C to E: from 1995 onwards)	1995 –1999	24 Jan 2002
	-Owner MS: Annual enterprise statistics by type of ownership in industry and construction (NACE Rev.1 C to F: from 1995 onwards)	1995 –1999	06 Sep 2001
	- <i>Preli MS:</i> 1999 preliminary results on all enterprises (NACE Rev. 1 C-K) : main indicators	1999-2000	28 Jan 2002
	Region:		_
	Annual regional statistics: number of local units, wages and salaries, gross investment in tangible goods and number of persons employed	1985-2000	24 Jan 2002
	- nuts 95 MS	1985-2000	24Jan 2002
	- nuts 99 MS	1995-2000	24 Jan 2002
	- reg cc	1996-1998	24 Jan 2002
	Sizclass:		
	Annual enterprise statistics broken down by size classes		
	-Const MS: NACE Rev.1 section F	1995-1999	16 Jan 2002
	-Indus MS: NACE Rev.1 sections C-E	1995-1999	24 Jan 2002
	-Servi MS: NACE Rev.1 sections H-K and M-O	1995-1999	11 Dec 2001
	- <i>Trade MS:</i> NACE Rev.1 section G employment breakdown	1995-1999	24 Jan 2002
	-Tradt MS: NACE Rev.1 section G turnover breakdown	1995-1999	16 Jan 2002

¹ The largest range of dates for which data is available; not ALL data is necessarily available for this interval

Domains	Collections	Data range ¹	Last update
SBS: Structural Business	Cec_stat:		
Statistics (Industry,	Statistics on distributive trades in Central European Countries (Albania,		
Construction, Trade And	Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland,		
Services)	Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia)		
	-Enterprise statistics	1995-1997	16 Aug 1999
	-Size-class	1995-1997	16 Aug 1999
	-Regional statistics	1996-1997	16 Aug 1999
	Statonis:		
	European Statistics on insurance services		
	-Annual Statistics	1985-1999	25 Oct 2001
	-Annual Statistics: legal status breakdown	1991-1998	25 Oct 2001
	-Annual Statistics: country of residence of the parent enterprise	1991-1999	25 Oct 2001
	breakdown		
	-Annual Statistics: size class breakdown	1991-1999	25 Oct 2001
	-Annual Statistics: products breakdown	1991-1999	25 Oct 2001
	-Annual Statistics: geographical breakdown	1991-1999	25 Oct 2001
	Credstat:		
	Statistics on credit institutions		
	-Annual Statistics	1992-2000	29 Jan 2002
	 Annual Statistics: number of enterprises breakdown 	1997-2000	29 Jan 2002
	 Annual Statistics: categories of credit institutions breakdown 	1997-2000	29 Jan 2002
	-Annual Statistics: product breakdown	1997-2000	29 Jan 2002
	-Annual Statistics: geographical breakdown	1997-2000	29 Jan 2002
	-Annual Statistics: regional breakdown	1997-2000	21 Jan 2002
	-Annual Statistics: ECB data on balance sheet items	1997-1999	23 Oct 2001
	Pension:		
	Statistics on pension funds		
	-Annual Statistics	1997 -1999	18 Oct 2001
	-Annual Statistics: size classes breakdown	1997 -1999	18 Oct 2001
	-Annual Statistics: investments breakdown	1997 -1999	18 Oct 2001
	-Annual Statistics: geographical breakdown	1997 -1999	18 Oct 2001

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Domains	Collections	Data range ¹	Last update
SBS: Structural Business Statistics (Industry, Construction, Trade And Services)	 Fats: Foreign Affiliates Trade Statistics – data on foreign control (or ownership) of enterprises in EU member States Overview of data from all reporting countries Country data for all NACE Rev.1 headings and all FATS owners 	1996 -1998 1996 -1998	24 Jul 2001 24 Jul 2001
	Dtprod: Distributive trades: Breakdown of turnover by product: -SB re MS: in retail trade (5-yearly statistics from 1997 onwards) -SB wh MS: in wholesale trade	1997 1998	10 May 2001 26 Sep 2001
	Mercure: -Historical services data in NACE70 (1980-1994)	1980-1995	-
SBS_PLUS: Industrial structural business indicators of market share and specialisation in the EU and non-member countries (USA- Japan)	 Market share and specialisation indicators for Triad countries Market share and specialisation indicators for other OECD countries 	1985-1998 1984-1998	06 Jan 2000 26 Nov 1999
SME: Small and Medium sized enterprises	 SME tabular data in NACE 70. (National data) SME tabular data in NACE Rev. 1. 	1990-1992 1993-1997	12 Apr 2000
Compet: Competitiveness Indicators	Compet_1: Macro-economic indicators: information on the infrastructure and economic climate in a particular country	1988- 2000	31 Oct 2000
	Compet_2: Performance indicators by industrial activity: information at sectorial level	1988-1998	31 Oct 2000
	Compet_3: Cost, price and productivity indicators by industrial activity: information at sectorial level	1988-1998	31 Oct 2000
EUROPROMS: European production and market statistics (provisional version)	European production and market statistics by NACE Rev.1	1994-2000q4	09 Jan 2002

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Domains	Collections	Data range ¹	Last update
EBT: European Business Trends - Monthly and Quarterly Short Term Statistics	Industry (NACE Rev.1 C-E) Construction (NACE Rev.1 F) – Building and Civil Engineering Activities Trade and Other Services (NACE Rev.1 G-K)	1958-2001m12 1954-2001m12 1985-2001q04	29 Jan 2002 29 Jan 2002 26 Jan 2002
STEEL Iron and Steel data	Iron and steel monthly statistics Iron and steel Yearbook 1999	1987-2001m12 1987-1999	21 Dec 2001 15 Sep 2000
COINS: Communications Statistics	Communications statistics covering postal services and telecommunication services -Telecommunication services (NACE Rev.1 64.20) - Post and courier services (NACE Rev.1 64.1)	1980 -2001 1980 -2000	23 Jan 2002 23 Jan 2002
TOUR: Tourism Statistics	 Capacity of collective tourist accommodation: local units on national territory Occupancy in collective accommodation establishments: domestic and inbound tourism Tourism demand: domestic and outbound tourism (excluding day-trips) 	1994-2000 1994-2001m10 1994-2001q3	23 Jan 2002 23 Jan 2002 23 Jan 2002
TOUR oth: Tourism - Central and Eastern European Countries (CEEC), Mediterranean countries (MED)	 data for Central and Eastern European Countries (CEEC) data for Mediterranean countries (MED) 	1985-2000 1990-2000q4	11 Oct 2001 08 May 2001
AUVIS: Audiovisual Services	 Audiovisual Statistics covering production and distribution markets, cinema exhibitions, video, sound recording markets, cable operating and satellite <i>Quest:</i> Questionnaire 2000 <i>Auv old:</i> Old questionnaire data from 1980-1998 	1997-2001 1980-1998	07 Jan 2002 11 Jan 2002
INFOSOC: Information Society Statistics	 Data from miscellaneous sources Structural Indicators 	1977-2001 1991-2001	02 Aug 2001 16 Jan 2002
Assoc: Trade Association Database	NON OFFICIAL statistical data covering a large number of industrial activities and services. Provided by European professional associations. Gathered at the 2 digits level of the NACE Rev.1 classification of economic activities, to which they refer.	1983-2001	20 Jun 2001

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<u>SBS</u>: The following tables have been renamed in the domain SBS:

Collection ENTERPR:

ENTER à ENTER MS * ENTER Là ENT L MS ENV EXP à EN EX MS OWNER à OWNER MS PRELIM à PRELI MS Collection SIZCLASS: **CONSTRUC** à CONST MS INDUSTRY à INDUS MS SERVICES à SERVI MS TRADEMPL à TRADE MS TRADT MS TRADTURN à Collection DTPROD: SBS_RET à SB RE MS SBS WHOL à SB WH MS

There is also a new table in the collection ENTERPR that is called ENTER_CC. This table is for the moment empty.

* The reason why there is no data beyond NACE 45 is due to the fact that the current Structural Business Statistics Regulation does not require the countries to send data on enterprise births and deaths for trade or services. I would like to emphasize that the data that is currently there is not at all harmonised, and the project to develop data on business demography is ongoing. New harmonised data should be available by the end of this year.

SBS/Region: There are changes in this domain:

- NUTS 95 MS replaces EX-REG (1985-1999)
- NUTS 99 MS is a new table which contains the same data as the former table (1995-1999)

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<u>SBS/Credstat</u>: there is a new group available in this domain:

c_serie7 Annual enterprise statistics: ECB data on balance sheet items

with the following two tables:

- c_bl_cur Balance sheet items broken down by currency
- c_bl_sec Balance sheet items broken down by sector of the counterparty

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<u>Auvis</u>: There has been a name change in theme 4/AUVIS. The collection Q_2000 is now named QUEST - Audiovisual services (Questionnaire 2000-2001). The tables and contents have not been changed. There is a new table available in QUEST: GAMES Video games.

Publications issued from October 1 2001 to January 31 2002					
TITLES	Highlights				
STATISTICS IN FOCUS					
N°32/2001 Structural Business Statistics http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Public/datashop/print- catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&collection=02- Statistics%20in%20Focus&product=KS-NP-01-032I-EN	High-Technology Industries: Key manufacturing sectors.				
N°33/2001 Developments for retail trade http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Public/datashop/print- catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&collection=02- Statistics%20in%20Focus&product=KS-NP-01-033I-EN	Results during the first quarter of 2001.				
N°34/2001 Information Society Statistics http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Public/datashop/print- catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&collection=02- Statistics%20in%20Focus&product=KS-NP-01-034I-EN	4 million persons employed in the ICT sector in the EU.				
N°35/2001 Developments for output prices <u>http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Public/datashop/print-</u> <u>catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&product=KS-NP-01-035I-EN</u>	Results during the second quarter of 2001.				
N°36/2001 Latest developments for the production index of total industry (excluding construction) http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Public/datashop/print- catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&search=quick&sorted_by=date&query_s tring=KS-NP-01-036	Results during the second quarter of 2001.				
N°37/2001 Information Society Statistics http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Public/datashop/print- catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&collection=02- Statistics%20in%20Focus&product=KS-NP-01-037I-EN	Rapid growth of Internet and mobile phone usage in Candidate Countries in 2000.				
N°38/2001 Developments for retail trade http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Public/datashop/print- catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&collection=02- Statistics%20in%20Focus&product=KS-NP-01-038I-EN	Results during the second quarter of 2001.				
N°39/2001 Developments for construction in the second quarter of 2001 http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Public/datashop/print- catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&collection=02-	EU output down 0.6% compared to Q1-2001.				
Statistics% 20in% 20Focus&product=KS-NP-01-039I-EN N°40/2001 Distributive trades statistics http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Public/datashop/print- catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&collection=02- Statistics% 20in% 20Focus&product=KS-NP-01-040I-EN	Retail in Europe.				
N°41/2001 Developments for labour input indicators during the second quarter of 2001 <u>http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Public/datashop/print-catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&collection=02-</u>	Industrial employment down by 0.2% in the EU				
Statistics%20in%20Focus&product=KS-NP-01-041I-EN N°42/2001 Developments for output prices http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Public/datashop/print- product/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&product=KS-NP-01-042I- EN&type=first	Results during the third quarter of 2001.				
Statistics in focus - Theme 4: Industry, trade and services -	These small publications				
Annual subscription 2002: Paper http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Public/datashop/print- catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&collection=02- Statistics%20in%20Focus&product=VAZC0002-EN	summarize the main results of statistical surveys, studies and analysis.				

Publications issued from October 1 2001 to January 31 2002					
TITLES	Highlights				
N°43/2001 Distributive trades statistics <u>http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Public/datashop/print-</u> <u>catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&collection=02-</u> <u>Statistics%20in%20Focus&product=KS-NP-01-043I-EN</u>	Online retailing - a challenge for the retail sector				
N°1/2002 Distributive trades statistics http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Public/datashop/print- catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&collection=02- Statistics%20in%20Focus&product=KS-NP-02-001N-EN	Employment and productivity in distributive trades				
N°2/2002 Developments for retail trade <u>http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Public/datashop/print-</u> <u>catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&collection=02-</u> Statistics% 20in% 20Focus&product=KS-NP-02-002N-EN	Results during the third quarter of 2001				
N°3/2002 Latest developments for the production index of total industry (excluding construction) http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Public/datashop/print- catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&collection=02- Statistics% 20in% 20Focus&product=KS-NP-02-003N-EN	Results during the third quarter of 2001				
N°4/2002 Cinema statistics http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Public/datashop/print- catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&collection=02- Statistics%20in%20Focus&product=KS-NP-02-004N-EN	Growth in cinema-going continues in 2000 and 2001				

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PANORAMA SERIES					
Monthly panorama of European business - Annual subscription 2001/2002 http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Publi c/datashop/print- catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&colle ction=04- Panorama%20of%20the%20EU&produc t=VPA0C002-EN http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Publi c/datashop/print- catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&colle ction=04- Panorama%20of%20the%20EU&produc t=VPA0F0EN	Comb. Paper/ PDF Paper + PDF	EN/FR/DE	The Monthly panorama of European business is a tool to follow the evolution of the short-term trends, structure and activities of European enterprises. The publication includes: an industrial commentary; monthly statistics on the evolution of the business cycle in mining, manufacturing and energy; a commentary and statistics concerning construction; comments tables and graphs on retail trade, new car registrations and tourism; an in- depth study of two economic activities (industrial or services) within the European Union.		
Monthly panorama of European business - Annual subscription 2002 http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Publi c/datashop/print- catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&colle ction=04- Panorama%20of%20the%20EU&produc t=KS-33-00-025-3A-Z-EN	CD- ROM	EN/FR/DE	This CD-ROM contains an electronic version (in PDF format) of the Monthly panorama of European business. The publication has the objective of furnishing readers with an instrument which will allow them to follow the evolution of short-term business and show the most recent trends in the structure of European business. In addition, this CD-ROM contains the latest monthly data of short- term business trends across all Member States for a wide range of industrial and service activities. These data are provided in spreadsheet format (MS Excel 5.0) and as text files.		

METHODS AND NOMENCLAT	URES		
Business Methods http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Publi c/datashop/print- catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&colle ction=05-Methodologies- Nomenclatures&product=CA-24-99- 897N-EN	HTML	EN	A Guide to European Business Statistics Methodology. On the CIRCA Server.
http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Publi c/datashop/print- catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&colle ction=05-Methodologies- Nomenclatures&product=BusMeth-EN			

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TITLES	Pages	Language	Highlights		
Short-term statistics http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Publi c/datashop/print- catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&colle ction=05-Methodologies- Nomenclatures&product=KS-41-01-058- I-EN	PDF	EN	Improving timeliness and cooperation. (Only in electronical form).		
DETAILED TABLES	<u></u>	Γ			
Statistics on audiovisual services http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Publi c/datashop/print- catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&colle ction=06- Detailed%20Tables&product=KS-40-01- 351N-EN	PDF	EN	This publication aims to provide comprehensive statistical information on the audiovisual sector in the EU, EFTA and some important non-European OECD countries. The 127 statistical tables presented in this publication include 3 levels of information: statistics covering the period 1980-1999, information on the various sources used, methodological information for each tables.		
Iron and steel - Monthly	PDF	EN/FR/DE	This monthly statistical document presents		
statistics - Annual subscription2001/2002http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Public/datashop/print-catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&collection=06-Detailed% 20Tables&product=VOA0F03A-ENhttp://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Public/datashop/print-catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&collection=06-Detailed% 20Tables&product=VOA0F03A-EN	Comb. Paper/ PDF Paper + PDF	EN/FR/DE	short-term economic statistics (monthly) on the production of pig-iron, crude steel, rolled finished products, production indices, new orders, deliveries and orders in hand, external trade in ECSC iron and steel products, consumption and receipts of scrap and the number of short-time workers.		
<u>A-02-EN</u> Tourism trends in	Paper	EN	This special issue on Tourism in the		
Mediterranean countries (MED) http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Publi c/datashop/print- catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&colle ction=06- Detailed%20Tables&product=KS-40-01- 666C-EN http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Publi c/datashop/print- catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&colle ction=06- Detailed%20Tables&product=KS-40-01- 666N-EN	236 PDF	EN	Mediterranean area contains a summary chapter on tourism in this region (EU 15 plus the 12 Mediterranean partner countries) and a chapter for each of the partner countries, with a detailed analysis of the evolution of tourism over the past decade, the importance of tourism in terms of the economy, etc. Each country chapter is structured as follows: I. General situation and key indicators: development and impact of tourism; II. Tourism Supply: Infrastructure and perspectives; III. Tourism Demand: Domestic, inbound and outbound; IV. Future trends and perspectives.		

Publications issued from October 1 2001 to January 31 2002					
TITLES	Pages	Language	Highlights		
Energy — Monthly statistics – Annual subscription 2002 http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Publi c/datashop/print- catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&colle ction=06- Detailed%20Tables&product=VVD0C03 A-02-EN	Comb. Paper/ PDF	EN/FR/DE	The latest monthly statistics available in Eurostat for energy are presented for each Member State and Norway. The statistics for the corresponding months in the previous years are also included, as well as the annual statistics for the two preceding years as summed-up from the statistics of individual months in these years. Additionally, the total numbers for the EU- 15 and the euro zone are given. The main form of presenting the data is a detailed table, but there are also some graphs.		
Europroms - European production and market statistics - EU-15 Prodcom/Combined Nomenclature - Annual subscription 2002 http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Publi c/datashop/print- catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&colle ction=06- Detailed%20Tables&product=OCEP001 G-02-EN	CD- ROM	EN/FR/DE/ ES	This Europroms CD-ROM provides for the first time detailed and comparable data on the production, external trade, and markets of almost 4 400 industrial products in the European Union. Data are available for the period 1993 to 2001.		
Special feature on banking http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Publi c/datashop/print- catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&colle ction=06- Detailed%20Tables&product=KS-39-01- 998N-EN	PDF	EN	The present publication is the third comprehensive publication on credit institutions in the European Economic Area and Switzerland. It focuses mainly on the period 1997-1999, and, for some characteristics, longer time series are included.		
Tourism – Europe, Central European countries, Mediterranean countries (MED) http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Publi c/datashop/print- catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&colle ction=06- Detailed%20Tables&product=KS-41-01- 599N-EN http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Publi c/datashop/print- catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&colle ction=06- Detailed%20Tables&product=KS-41-01- 599C-EN	48 PDF	EN/FR	The publication gives an overview on recent trends and key figures in the EU Member States, the EFTA countries, the candidate countries and the MED partner countries. The publication is defined to give information to a broader public, but can also be seen as a first approach for information to people working in the tourism sector.		

Publications issued from October 1 2001 to January 31 2002						
TITLES	Pages	Language	Highlights			
Special feature on insurance and pension funds http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Publi c/datashop/print- catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&colle ction=06- Detailed%20Tables&product=KS-39-01- 990N-EN	PDF	EN	The 'Special feature on insurance and pension funds' is the fourth comprehensive report on the insurance sector and it includes for the second time statistics on supplementary pension funds. The publication includes data for all available reference years up to the 1999 reference year.			
KEY INDICATORS	KEY INDICATORS					
Distributive trade in Europe Pocket book http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Public /datashop/print- catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&collec tion=03- Key%20Indicators&product=KS-AK-01- 001-3A-C-EN	141	DE/EN/FR	This publication gives a brief overview of business statistics for motor trade, wholesale trade and retail trade activities in Europe.			
Information society statistics – Pocketbook http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Public /datashop/print- catalogue/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&collec tion=03- Key%20Indicators&product=KS-39-01- 304C-EN		EN	This publication provides a statistical overview on key data on the Information Society in the European Union and, for comparison, also the USA and Japan. It also contains data on other European countries, in particular the Candidate Countries.			

Publications to be issued during February, March, and April 2002							
	Pages	Language	Planned date				
PANORAMA SERIES							
Distributive trade in Europe	Paper/ CD-ROM	EN/FR/DE	March				
METHODS AND NOMENCLATURES	8						
Methodological Manual of Short-term Statistics	PDF 250	EN/FR/DE	February/March				
NACE Rev. 1.1	Paper 155	12 languages	1 st quarter				
CPA 2002	Paper 250	12 languages	1 st quarter				
DETAILED TABLES	·						
e-Europe – Trends 2001	Paper +PDF 150	EN	1 st quarter				
Iron & Steel, Yearly statistics	120	EN/FR/DE	1 st quarter				
STATISTICS IN FOCUS							
Audio-visual statistics – Sound recordings	8	EN/FR/DE	February				
Tourism and regional statistics	8	EN/FR/DE	1 st quarter				
Tourism and employment	8	EN/FR/DE	1 st quarter				
SBS – breakdown by legal forms	8	EN/FR/DE	Postponed, 2 nd quarter				
Communications statistics –	8	EN/FR/DE	April				
Telecommunication and post + courier	0						
Computer services	8	EN/FR/DE	March				
SBS in Phare Countries	8	EN/FR/DE	Postponed, 2 nd quarter				
Forms of trading	8	EN/FR/DE	Postponed, 2 nd quarter Title subject to change				
Self-service retailing	8	EN/FR/DE	Postponed, 2 nd quarter Title subject to change				
SME –key figures	8	EN/FR/DE	Postponed, 2 nd quarter				
KEY INDICATORS	,I						
Business in Europe – Pocket book	50	EN/FR/DE	February				

FORTHCOMING SEMINARS AND WORKING GROUPS

• Eurostat/Committee meetings:

Until the end of March, the following committee meetings will be held:

- Direction D Internal Meeting, 22 February
- Nomenclatures CPS NACE/CPA, 27 February 1 March
- STS Seminar (2001), 28 February 1 March
- EX-STS Seminar (2001), 25-26 March
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Until the end of March, the following Working Group meetings will be held:

- Communication, 11-12 February
- SBS, 14-15 February
- La mise en œvre du réglement sur les statistiques conjonctorelles, 25 February
- Enterprises Demography, 17-19 April

Until the end of March, the following Task Force meetings will be held:

- Information Society + e-commerce, 13-14 February
- STS Import Prices, 21 February
- FATS, 4-5 March

RECENT SEMINARS

• Working Group Information Society Statistics, 11-12 October 2001

Eurostat presented a strategy document on Information Society statistics, which had been submitted to the SPC meeting in September 2001. Member States agreed to the work programme proposed therein. The rolling two year programme will be updated for the Task Force meeting in February 2002.

Eurostat made an inventory of publications and activities in the field of Information Society statistics available, which will also be regularly updated.

The results of the e-commerce pilot surveys 2001 were examined in the light of the preparation of a new round of surveys in 2002. All 15 Member States will participate in the 2002 e-commerce survey round. A large number of participating countries will carry out the surveys in the first quarter 2002, first results should be available at the end of the second quarter.

The Working Group also looked at the list of variables and the outline for a harmonised household survey on the use of information and communication technologies. 11 Member States will carry out the proposed household surveys on ICT usage, mostly in the second quarter 2002.

Member States were requested to comment in writing on a Eurostat proposal for an interim modification of the breakdown of the NACE and CPA classifications concerning the Information Society domain. The aim is to produce a proposal in 2002 which Member States could then implement on a voluntary basis in order to cover user needs better. The next regular revision of NACE and CPA will take place in 2007.

Eurostat presented the project of preparing a legal basis for Information Society statistics in the form of a framework regulation with modules. Member States were not strongly opposed against the idea of a legal act but asked for further clarifications. Member States were requested to comment on this proposal by the end of November 2001, a more specific proposal will then be presented to the Task Force in February 2002.

The next Working Group meeting will take place 17-18 June 2002, and a Task Force meeting is foreseen for 13-14 February 2002.

• Working Group on Business Demography, 17 October 2001

The main objective of the meeting was to exchange experiences and good practices on the feasibility study on Business Demography statistics and to refine methodology if necessary. Ten Member States, Norway and Switzerland participated in the meeting. The discussions centred on:

the concept of stock of enterprises

tools used for the verification of activity of enterprises

the matching process of different units in order to eliminate enterprise creations or deletions that are not real enterprise births or deaths

imputation of missing variables once activity status has been verified

the transmission format of the data to be delivered from the feasibility study

the outline for the methodological report to be delivered together with the data

It was concluded that no revisions to the methodology are necessary at this stage and that the feasibility study is well under way in the participating countries. An agreement on the transmission format of the data and on the outline of the methodological report was reached. The feasibility study results, both the data and the methodological report, are to be sent to Eurostat by 31 December 2001.

The analysis of the feasibility study results and the subsequent conclusions for the harmonised data collection will be done in the next Working Group on Business Demography to be held 17-19th of April 2002 in Luxembourg.

• FEBI Meeting, 7 November 2001

The 28th meeting of FEBI-FEBS (European trade bodies in industrial and service sectors) took place on 7 November 2001 in Luxembourg under the Chairmanship of Pedro Diaz. Following a summary by the Chairman of current developments in EU business statistics, the meeting considered ways in which future working relationships between Eurostat and FEBI members might be improved. A series of proposals which had emerged from earlier discussion at the FEBI Consultation Group were discussed and agreed: smaller ad hoc meetings on specific issues of interest; Eurostat to provide speakers on statistical issues at individual FEBI meetings; plenary sessions to be reduced to one meeting a year, to be held in November in Luxembourg; and Eurostat to encourage the addition of new members for the Consultation Group.

Discussion on statistical issues for the remainder of the meeting was wide-ranging and touched on the following topics:

Members noted important changes in the sources of data needed to compile balance of payments statistics - these were expected to increase the need for business surveys in this area. A progress report would be put before the November 2002 meeting.

On revisions to NACE and CPA (minor changes agreed for 2002 and a more substantial revision planned from 2007), members were invited to submit proposals for 2007 during the period mid 2002 to mid 2003. An important aim of this work was convergence with North American classification schemes. At the request of members, Eurostat agreed to add a detailed reconciliation of activity and product classifications to the Febinet web site.

On revisions to the Harmonised System (HS), also due for 2007, the main areas of debate concerned means of access by FEBI to early versions of the emerging scheme, how new cut-off threshold would be applied, and how members could establish contact with the lead policy DG (TAXUD).

On labour statistics, members learnt of developments in surveys on Labour Costs and Job Vacancies, and how these related to similar information available from the Household Labour Cost and SBS surveys.

The meeting noted important developments in environmental statistics, and discussed the complex issues facing those compiling relevant indicators and environmental targets.

Prodcom and trade figures were discussed together, with emphasis on improvements arising from the proposed use of the Comext system. Topics discussed included the problems of confidentiality and suppression of results and the relationship between Prodcom and CPA. Eurostat confirmed that members would be kept informed of both Prodcom and trade statistics at future meetings.

Finally, the meeting noted plans for Eurostat dissemination policy, and more specific proposals on the publication of business statistics.

Introduction to the Legal Framework of the European Business Statistics System

The **legal acts of the Council** as well as the corresponding measures for implementation (that have normally the form of **Commission legal acts**) establish the framework for the production of harmonised business statistics.

This legal framework includes:

1. Regulations laying down the statistical framework for EU business statistics

NACE Rev. 1 (Nomenclature of Economic Activities in the European Community)	 Council Regulation (EEC) No 3037/90 of 9 October 1990 Commission Regulation 761/93 of 24 March 1993 	Provides an harmonised statistical nomenclature of economic activities in the EC aligned to the UN international classification
CPA (Classification of Products linked to Economic Activity)	 Council Regulation (EEC) No 3696/93 of 29 October 1993 	Provides a comparable and harmonised product nomenclature (the CPA) articulated with the activities nomenclature NACE Rev.1
Business Registers	 Council Regulation (EEC) No 2186/93 of 22 July 1993 	Co-ordinates at Community level efforts to establish business registers for statistical purposes
Statistical Units	 Council Regulation (EEC) No 696/93 of 15 March 1993 	Clarifies the definitions of units to be used when supplying data to Eurostat

2. Regulations that harmonise the output of the European Union's business statistics

PRODCOM	J	Provides legal basis for the collection of harmonised (industrial) production statistics.

Structural Business Statistics	 Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom)No 58/97 of 20 December 1996 Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom) No 410/98 of 16 February 1998 on insurances 	Provides the framework for Community statistics on the structure and activity of enterprises in industry, services, distributive trades, insurance and construction
Short Term Statistics	 Council Regulation (EEC) No 1165/98 of 19 May 1998 	Provides the legal basis for the establishment of short term business statistics for all sectors of industry
Tourism	Council Directive (EC) No 95/57 of 23 November 1995	Provides the framework for Community statistics on the collection of statistical information in the field of tourism

In addition there are specific legal acts that have been adopted for certain domains such as steel and audio-visual industry.

Finally, a number of Commission Regulations lay down the implementation measures such as definitions, transmission formats, breakdown of results, or quality of the above-metioned Legal Acts.

For any further information related to the legal framework of the European Business Statistics System, please refer to one of the **data-shops**.

You may also find the relevant acts on our *CIRCA-internet site* with the following address

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