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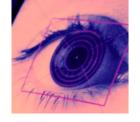
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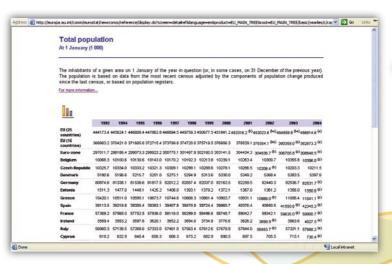






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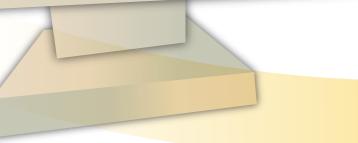






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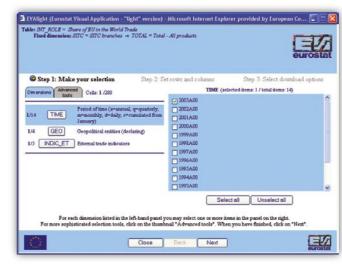
Key EU policies indicators are pre-defined tables and include 'short term economic data' available for the euro zone, the EU and the Member States, 'Long term indicators' on many areas of life and 'Structural indicators' covering the domains of employment, innovation, research, economic reform, social cohesion, and the environment.



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The data are available in multidimensional tables. The dimensions of the tables cover countries, units, variables, periodicity, etc.



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Statistics on the external trade of the European Union and on trade between the Member States are based on the combined nomenclature and cover some 11 000 products traded each year with some 250 partner countries.

Data are updated monthly and can be extracted with a specific tailor-made browser for 'external trade data'. More advanced functionalities (queries) are available after registration.

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