

# EUROSTAT QUALITY GRADING SYSTEM

Source data	ESS or abbreviation of other sources (EEA, OECD, ...)			
Quality concept	Rating			Comments
	<i>high</i>	<i>medium</i>	<i>acceptable</i>	
Frequency of dissemination	<b>Every year</b>	<b>Every 2 years</b>	<b>Every 3+ years</b>	Indicators based on models: applies to the statistical input data as the frequency of running the model is not decisive for rating.
Timeliness (T = reference year)	<b>T+1 year</b>	<b>T+2 years</b>	<b>&gt; T+2 years</b>	Indicators based on models: applies to the statistical input data as the time of running the model is not decisive for rating.
Reference Area	<b>All EU MS</b>  Data for all EU MS and EU aggregate available	<b>&gt; 75 % EU MS and EU-aggregate</b>  EU MS data represent at least 75% of EU total and EU aggregate available	<b>&lt; 75 % EU MS or no EU aggregate</b>  EU MS data represent less than 75% of EU total or EU aggregate not available  <b>Only EU aggregate</b>  No EU MS data available	Rating based on coverage according to the most recent data points.  Data on EFTA & candidate countries are also desirable.  The rating level "acceptable applies also to the few particular cases, where only data at EU level are available but no disaggregation by EU Member States.  Rating does not apply to a limited number of indicators which do not refer to individual countries (e.g. "Ocean acidity").
Comparability - geographical	<b>All EU MS</b>  Data comparable between all EU MS	<b>&gt; 75 % EU MS</b>  Data comparable between EU MS representing at least 75% of EU total	<b>&lt; 75 % EU MS</b>  Data comparable between EU MS representing less than 75% of EU total	Rating based on comparability according to the most recent data points.  Rating does not apply to a limited number of indicators which do not refer to individual countries (e.g. "Ocean acidity").
Time Coverage (in years)	<b>&gt; 10 years</b>	<b>5 to 10 years</b>	<b>&lt; 5 years</b>	Rating based on years between first data point and most recent data point presenting EU-aggregates.  Rating applies only to indicators with at least 2 data points.
Comparability - over time (number of data points)	<b>&gt; 4 data points</b>	<b>3 to 4 data points</b>	<b>&lt; 3 data points</b>	Rating based on number of data points from last methodological break.  Rating applies only to indicators with at least 2 data points.

not available = no information available for grading