



COLLABORATION  
IN RESEARCH AND METHODOLOGY  
FOR OFFICIAL STATISTICS

# The CROS portal

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Research and Methodology  
for Official Statistics

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- Collaboration in ESS modernisation projects
- Collaboration in official statistics: methodology/research/innovation communities
- Promotion and dissemination of activities and results to general public
- Management of major research and innovation events (NTTS, MEETS Conference, ESS Big Data event, ...)

# What could a CROS community do ?

- Share documents internally
- Prepare meetings
- Formally exchange of views
- Use informal discussion forum
- Publish, promote activities to the ESS and the general public



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**CROS**  
Collaboration in Research and Methodology for Official Statistics

TOPIC - GROUPS - EVENTS - NEWS - HELP - User panel

**In Focus**

**The ESS Seasonal Adjustment helpdesk**

**2016 Workshop on access to administrative sources**

**A number of research opportunities for official statistics have been identified in the 2016-2017...**  
*Horizon 2020*

**News** READ MORE NEWS

- First call for papers to NTTS 2017**  
7 June 2016
- Eurostat organises a session on innovation in official statistics at RSS 2016**  
7 June 2016
- Workshop on access to administrative sources - registration open**  
18 May 2016

**Events** SEE ALL EVENTS

- 20 June 2016 to 23 June 2016** *Geneva, Switzerland*  
**Fifth International Conference on Establishment Surveys (ICESV)**
- 29 June 2016 to 1 July 2016** *Tartu, Estonia*  
**Mobile Tartu 2016**
- 6 July 2016 to 7 July 2016** *Valencia, Spain*  
**1st International Conference on Advanced Research Methods and Analytics**

**COMMUNITY**

**Big data**

This space aims to provide information on relevant initiatives on big data in the context of official statistics.

Major service, event or opportunity in Focus

Projects or groups promoted to the homepage slider

Promoting announcements

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# Share documents internally and prepare meetings

## Joint DIME ITDG Plenary 24/25 February 2016

Members of the group can edit pages or upload documents

Members of the group can take an active role in setting the agenda



Pages and documents can be public or private to the Group members. It's up to the Group administrator to decide.

### DIME - Directors of Methodology

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#### JOINT DIME/ITDG PLENARY

24/25 February 2016, Eurostat, Luxembourg, room (Quetelet).

Invitation were sent on the 12 of January 2016.

Docs were made available on the 1 Feb 2016.

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# Exchanges of views (1)

## Written consultation on CPA update

As indicated in the letter of the Eurostat Director for *Methodology; corporate statistical and IT services*, the DIME is invited to express its opinion towards the ESSC regarding [CPA version 2.1](#) and its [accompanying legal act](#). Details on the update are provided in the [executive summary](#).

### Directors Group consultation

Members of the group are invited to express their opinion via a web form.

Your name \*

Country \*

Please express your opinion in your capacity of DIME member: \*

- I have a FAVOURABLE opinion on CPA version 2.1 and the accompanying legal act
- I have a favourable opinion on CPA version 2.1 and the accompanying legal act on the condition that the following COMMENTS are taken into account
- I have an UNFAVOURABLE opinion on CPA version 2.1 and the accompanying legal act on the basis of the below comments

Please provide your comments on CPA version 2.1 and the accompanying legal act:

SUBMIT




Web form is also a tool for surveys and data collection (e.g. user survey, event registration, call for papers)

# Exchanges of views (2)

## NTTS 2013 reflections and feedback

**NTTS 2013:**  
Discussion is organised  
via the forum facility of  
CROS

 Forum is set up by the Group administrator.  
It can be public or private to the Group members

Quick reply First unread Last post 3 posts / 1 new

Mon, 03/11/2013 - 16:54 #1

MartinKarlberg

### NTTS 2013 reflections and feedback

#### Introduction

NTTS 2013 participants (or any interested registered CROS portal users) are welcome to post their reflections and feedback concerning the conference.

#### What could I post here?

As long as you respect normal [netiquette](#), all contributions, ranging from practical aspects on conference logistics, via comments to particular interventions to forward-looking reflections on the way ahead concerning research related to official statistics (including, but not limited to, ideas for Horizon 2020). Reactions to other contributions are of course also most welcome, so that a true discussion could take place.

#### What will happen with my contributions?

1. Everything you post here will be visible in the public domain (together with your username), meaning that this could stimulate further discussion and reactions among colleagues.  
*Moreover, depending on the volume and nature of the contributions received - and the resources available to process them at the NTTS secretariat:*
2. If a pattern is discerned in the feedback received, this might be used during the planning of NTTS 2015 (possibly in combination with a structured satisfaction survey to confirm or contradict perceived patterns)
3. If a pattern is discerned in terms of forward-looking reflections, this might be used in the context of e.g. the Horizon 2020 Research Framework Programme.

# First steps to start with CROS

## ... if you don't have a CROS account

- Apply for an account
- At the same time:  
apply for membership in groups you are interested in

## ... if you already have a CROS account

- **if you would like to join a public group**  
Click on "join group" for the Community in question
- **if you would like to join a private group**  
The membership is by invitation only, please contact the Group Administrator

## ... if you want to create a Community

- Please contact the CROS portal team via the contact form on the CROS portal page footer. (fast set-up!)





# CROS Portal contents

## TOPIC

- A to Z: Statistical topics in alphabetical order
- Communities in different statistical topics according to the Generic Activity Model for Statistical Organizations - V 1.0 (GAMSO).

## GROUPS

General interest groups, ESS governance groups, on-going and finished ESSnet projects, Centres of Excellence, ESS.VIP projects, ...

**EVENTS:** conferences (NTTS, meets conference, ...) Workshops and other event related to statistics

**NEWS:** Relevant information to communicate to the CROS communities

# CROS – a collaborative portal (1)

## General distribution of roles

### The Portal administrator

- manage the common parts of the portal
- manage applications for portal membership

### The Group\* administrator

- manages applications for membership for the group
- is responsible for publication of the project pages/documents
- may publish news, events and newsletters, set up FAQs and a project discussion forum

*\* Group: people who manage a TOPIC (DIME, Seasonal Adjustment, ...) or an ESSnet project (EGR, MEMOBUST, ...)*

# CROS – a collaborative portal (2)

## General distribution of roles

### The Group member

- add private pages and documents to the project "book"
- participate in the project's internal discussion forum (*if any*)

### Anonymous user:

- who does not have a CROS Portal account. The user can see all **public** information but can't write any comment on public pages.

# CROS portal functionalities (1)

- ***Book page:***

Group members can create book pages in their own communities. These pages can be an interface for sharing documents, announcing news, providing information related to communities. They can also update information by editing and deleting book pages.

- ***Document:***

Group members can upload documents to the CROS Portal for their own communities.

Documents could be in various format such as excel, word, pdf, etc. (up to 60 MB)  
The CROS portal provides an easy facility for managing versioning of documents.

## CROS portal functionalities (2)

- ***Forum:***

Group administrator can create a discussion forum and members can participate to discussions about related issues. Can be public or private to the group members

- ***FAQ:***

Group administrator can create Frequently Asked Questions on specific topics and disseminate them on the CROS Portal to the general public or to the community members.

- ***Newsletter:***

Newsletters on important events regarding specific topics or activities (such as conferences) can be prepared and published on CROS Portal. Members only receive the newsletters they have signed up for.

# CROS portal functionalities (3)

- ***Event:***

Announcements of organised events (such as conferences, meetings, workshops, etc.)

- ***News:***

Announcements such as calls for papers, meetings, new publications

- ***Web form:***

Web forms could be used for various purposes. For example these forms can be used to build surveys on different topics. Especially they are very useful to register or submit abstract for conferences.

- ***In Focus:***

Some important events or activities may be published on headline of CROS-Portal using focus content.

# Other Facilities

- ***Notification:***

You can be informed whenever there is a change to a relevant page if you have subscribed to that page. This can be done simply by clicking at the bottom of the page in question.

You are also **automatically** notified whenever new pages or documents are uploaded for your community.

- ***Comment:***

You can freely express your personal ideas by making comments on pages related to several topics.

- ***Searching on CROS-Portal:***

- You can use the search engine located at the top right for general purposes
- you can use the "repository" tool located on the User panel menu for searching documents
- you can use the "find people" tool for looking members on CROS-Portal
- you can use the "find experts" tool to consult the expertise of colleagues.



# Thanks for your attention

**The CROS portal team**

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