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# **HICP Compliance Monitoring**

## **Follow-up report**

### **Germany**

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## **1. Recommendations and the progress made by the NSI**

- **The outlet sample should be reviewed more systematically in order to ensure that all types of outlets are correctly represented in the HICP.**

Work on this recommendation is still ongoing. Destatis has carried out a project on methodological improvement of explicit and implicit outlet type weighting. Within the scope of this project, Destatis analysed outlet type weighting, outlet type classification and sampling method. The work was completed mid-2018.

- **Research should be carried out into the detection of alternative data sources in order to ensure monthly collection of prices for the maintenance and repair of the dwelling, garden maintenance and household services.**

Work on this recommendation is still ongoing. Research into the detection of alternative data sources in order to ensure monthly collection of prices for the maintenance and repair of the dwelling and garden maintenance has been so far carried out without success. Further research is necessary.

Prices for domestic services and household services have been collected monthly via the internet since 2015. Additionally, a pilot survey is carried out, which in case of success will lead to an extension of the sample by further series.

## **2. Additional measures that improved the quality of the German HICP**

Germany has improved the methodology for the classification of administered prices and introduced web scraping techniques for price collection.

## **3. Conclusion**

Germany has made progress on the implementation of measures increasing the relevance and reliability of the German HICP. Eurostat encourages Germany to implement further measures in the near future.