

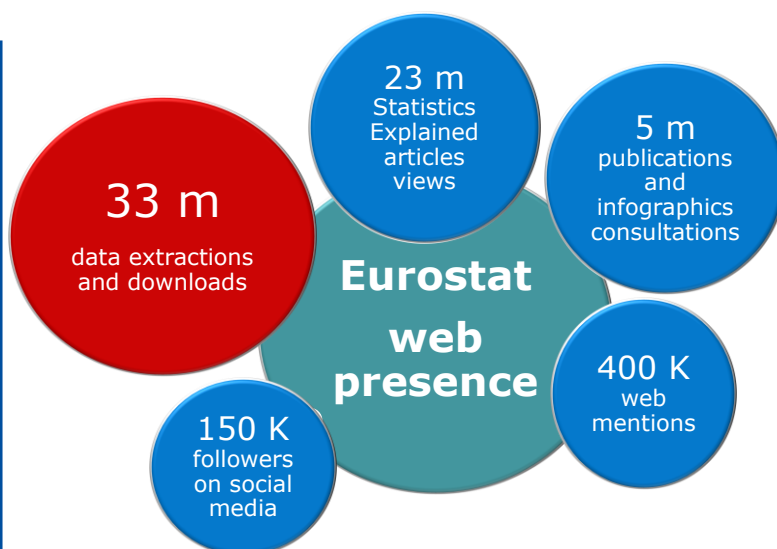
## 20.10.2018: European Statistics Day

Tomorrow, European Statistics Day is being celebrated for the third time.

*'The European Statistics Day emphasises the value of official statistics in society and complements the United Nations' World Statistics Day, which takes place every five years', says **Mariana Kotzeva, Director-General of Eurostat**. "Statistics help policymakers, businesses and European citizens take informed decisions. Reliable and trustworthy official statistics are needed more than ever at a time of increasing fake news and disinformation around us.'*

For more than 60 years, the statistical authorities of the European Union's Member States have been working together with **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union (EU)**, in the European Statistical System, to produce reliable and comparable data. European statistics present two main features that make them irreplaceable. They give comparable data for each Member State and their regions, helping to illustrate the similarities and differences within the EU, and as a result they can provide aggregates for the euro area and the EU.

Official European statistics can answer many questions. Is society heading in the direction promised by politicians? Is unemployment up or down? Are there more CO<sub>2</sub> emissions compared to ten years ago? How many women go to work? How does your country's economy perform compared to other EU Member States?



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Eurostat celebrates European Statistics Day with a range of new and updated publications. Come and explore the data and publications on the Eurostat website!



'[Key figures on Europe - statistics illustrated](#)' provides you with a selection of interesting key statistics on the EU. Drawing from the rich collection of data available at Eurostat, it provides insight into the current situation and recent development in the EU with regard to people and society, the economy and business, and the environment and natural resources. Compared to previous editions, the new publication offers more visualisations, innovative data presentation formats and shorter texts, aiming to better respond to the needs of users.

It is complemented with a digital publication '[Key figures on Europe - statistics visualised](#)' that allows the further exploration of the statistical picture of the EU through interactive visualisation tools, easy to understand and to play with. Readers can learn more about the situation of their country, see how it has developed over time and compare it to other EU Member States.

The updated multilingual digital publication '[The life of women and men in Europe](#)', first issued for European Statistics Day in 2017, helps better understand the diversity and characteristics of the life of Europeans.

For European Statistics Day, Eurostat has updated a set of [infographics](#) portraying each EU Member State, and a visualisation about the feelings provoked by statistics.

To promote the awareness of sound statistics among young students, Eurostat and 15 National Statistical Institutes are launching the second edition of the [European Statistics Competition](#). As of today, registrations open [here](#) across 15 of the EU Member States. This is a competition for schools, in which students compete against each other by solving statistical problems, searching for data and producing statistical analyses.

### Background

European official statistics are developed, produced and disseminated through the [European Statistical System \(ESS\)](#). The ESS functions as a network in which Eurostat's role is to lead the way in the harmonization of statistics in close cooperation with the national statistical authorities.

[The European Statistical Advisory Committee \(ESAC\)](#) is the voice of the user needs in the European Statistical System. Its members are mainly users, respondents, researchers, social partners and representatives of civil society.

### For more information

#### European Statistics Day

Eurostat publication '[Key figures on Europe - statistics illustrated](#)' in [PDF](#) (both PDF version and printed copies available in English, French and German)

Eurostat digital publication '[Key figures on Europe - statistics visualised](#)' (available in English)

Eurostat digital publication '[The life of women and men in Europe](#)' (available in 22 languages)

#### European Statistics Competition

[Themes in the Spotlight](#) page with a set of EU and country infographics and an interactive visualisation on statistics.

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