

Statistical Requirements Compendium

2008 edition

Statistical Requirements Compendium

2008 edition

How to obtain EU publications

Our priced publications are available from EU Bookshop (<http://bookshop.europa.eu>), where you can place an order with the sales agent of your choice.

The Publications Office has a worldwide network of sales agents. You can obtain their contact details by sending a fax to (352) 29 29-42758.

Europe Direct is a service to help you find answers to your questions about the European Union

Freephone number (*):

00 800 6 7 8 9 10 11

(* Certain mobile telephone operators do not allow access to 00 800 numbers or these calls may be billed.)

More information on the European Union is available on the Internet (<http://europa.eu>).

Luxembourg: Office for Official Publications of the European Communities, 2008

ISBN 978-92-79-07842-2

ISSN 1977-0375

Cat. No. KS-RA-08-005-EN-N

Theme: General and regional statistics

Collection: Methodologies and working papers

© European Communities, 2008

Eurostat is the Statistical Office of the European Communities. Its mission is to provide the European Union with high-quality statistical information. For that purpose, it gathers and analyses figures from the national statistical offices across Europe and provides comparable and harmonised data for the European Union to use in the definition, implementation and analysis of Community policies. Its statistical products and services are also of great value to Europe's business community, professional organisations, academics, librarians, NGOs, the media and citizens.

Eurostat's publications programme consists of several collections:

- **News releases** provide recent information on the Euro-Indicators and on social, economic, regional, agricultural or environmental topics.
- **Statistical books** are larger A4 publications with statistical data and analysis.
- **Pocketbooks** are free of charge publications aiming to give users a set of basic figures on a specific topic.
- **Statistics in focus** provides updated summaries of the main results of surveys, studies and statistical analysis.
- **Data in focus** present the most recent statistics with methodological notes.
- **Methodologies and working papers** are technical publications for statistical experts working in a particular field.

Eurostat publications can be ordered via the EU Bookshop at <http://bookshop.europa.eu>.

All publications are also downloadable free of charge in PDF format from the Eurostat website <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat>. Furthermore, Eurostat's databases are freely available there, as are tables with the most frequently used and demanded short- and long-term indicators.

Eurostat has set up with the members of the 'European statistical system' (ESS) a network of user support centres which exist in nearly all Member States as well as in some EFTA countries. Their mission is to provide help and guidance to Internet users of European statistical data. Contact details for this support network can be found on Eurostat Internet site.

Foreword to the 2008 edition

The Statistical Requirements Compendium is a well-established reference document for the *acquis communautaire* in statistics. The Compendium is a tool for producers of official statistics, which summarises the key reference information for European statistical production.

Eurostat updates this Compendium every year to take into account new legislation and other developments relevant for European official statistics.

The structure of the 2008 edition of the Compendium generally follows the annual Statistical Work Programme of the Commission for 2008 which was adopted on the basis of the new multiannual Community Statistical Programme 2008 to 2012 (Decision 1578/2007/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of 11 December 2007). Compared to the Statistical Work Programme of the Commission for 2007 which was the basis for the 2007 edition of the Compendium, the 2008 Statistical Work Programme introduces a new numbering system and a new structure of themes and modules (see Annex I for detailed correspondence).

For each theme and module that is relevant for European official statistics producers, the 2008 edition of the Compendium provides:

- a description and the key priorities for 2008 of the statistical theme,
- the relevant legal acts with the Official Journal reference and other documents relevant for compilation of statistics such as agreements between Eurostat and Member States,
- the data requirements – i.e. the data sets to be provided by European statistics producers to Eurostat,
- methodological information.

The electronic version of this Compendium can be downloaded from Eurostat's Website at <http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu>. For obtaining a paper copy or in order to suggest improvements of this publication please write to ESTAT-E4-REQUESTS@ec.europa.eu.

This publication was produced by Eurostat unit E-4 – Statistical cooperation with European and Mediterranean countries, with the assistance of Mr Osman Orhanli, in close cooperation with all subject matter units of Eurostat. The help and support of the subject matter units was indispensable for the compilation of this publication.

Arunas Butkevicius
Head of Unit Eurostat E-4
June 2008

Module 2.01.03	Accounts of institutional sectors.....	75
Module 2.01.04	Supply/use and input/output tables.....	76
Module 2.01.06	Regional accounts	78
Theme 2.02	Quarterly accounts	80
Module 2.02.01	Quarterly national accounts.....	81
Module 2.02.02	Quarterly sector accounts.....	83
Theme 2.03	Monetary and financial statistics	84
Module 2.03.01	Financial accounts – methodology.....	85
Module 2.03.02	Financial accounts – data production.....	86
Module 2.03.03	Money and finance	87
Theme 2.04	Government finance statistics.....	90
Module 2.04.01	Government finance statistics - Methodology	91
Module 2.04.02	Government finance statistics – Data production	93
Module 2.04.03	Statistics on public deficit and debt	95
Theme 2.05	Monitoring own resources.....	97
Module 2.05.01	Monitoring own resources GNI.....	98
Module 2.05.02	Monitoring own resources value added tax (VAT)	100
Theme 2.06	Prices	102
Module 2.06.01	Harmonised consumer price indices	103
Module 2.06.02	Spatial price comparisons	106
Module 2.06.03	Remuneration and contribution to the pension scheme of EC officials.....	108
Theme 2.07	Trade in goods	109
Module 2.07.01	Methodology	110
Module 2.07.04	Trade in goods: Data production.....	113
Module 2.07.05	Trade in goods: Electronic data dissemination.....	116
Module 2.07.06	Trade in goods: Publication of aggregated data.....	119
Module 2.07.07	Trade in goods: Analysis and quality	122
Theme 2.08	Trade in services and balance of payments	125
Module 2.08.01	Balance of payments: Methodology, Meetings	126
Module 2.08.02	Quarterly balance of payments	128
Module 2.08.03	Foreign direct investment	130
Module 2.08.04	International trade in services	132
Module 2.08.05	Balance of payments of the Community institutions	134
Module 2.08.06	Foreign affiliates statistics (outward).....	135
DOMAIN 3 – Business statistics		137
Theme 3.01	Annual business statistics	137
Module 3.01.01	Production of structural business statistics	138
Module 3.01.02	Development of structural business statistics	142
Module 3.01.03	Prodcom.....	144
Theme 3.02	Short-term business statistics.....	145
Module 3.02.01	Short-term business statistics	146
Theme 3.03	Energy.....	150
Module 3.03.01	Structural statistics of energy	151
Module 3.03.02	Short-term statistics of energy.....	153
Module 3.03.03	Energy prices.....	154
Module 3.03.04	Special actions in support of the new Community energy policies	156
Theme 3.04	Transport	157
Module 3.04.01	Information system on transport statistics, indicators and voluntary data collections.....	158

Module 3.04.02	Passenger mobility and road traffic data	160
Module 3.04.03	Road freight transport statistics	161
Module 3.04.04	Rail transport statistics	163
Module 3.04.05	Maritime and inland waterways transport statistics	165
Module 3.04.06	Aviation transport statistics	168
Module 3.04.08	Transport safety statistics	170
Theme 3.05 Tourism		171
Module 3.05.01	Tourism statistics	172
Theme 3.06 Business registers		174
Module 3.06.01	Business registers and statistical units	175
DOMAIN 4 – Statistics on agriculture, forestry and fisheries		176
Theme 4.01 Agricultural production		176
Module 4.01.01	Crop products statistics	177
Module 4.01.02	Livestock, meat and eggs statistics	183
Module 4.01.03	Milk and dairy products statistics.....	188
Theme 4.02 Agricultural structures		190
Module 4.02.01	Agricultural structures.....	191
Theme 4.03 Land use and land cover		193
Module 4.03.01	Land use and remote sensing	194
Theme 4.04 Agricultural accounts and prices		195
Module 4.04.01	Agricultural accounts and prices.....	196
Theme 4.05 Forestry statistics		198
Module 4.05.01	Forestry statistics	199
Theme 4.06 Fisheries statistics		201
Module 4.06.01	Fisheries statistics.....	202
Theme 4.07 Agri-environmental statistics		205
Module 4.07.01	Agri-environmental statistics.....	206
Theme 4.08 Rural development and maritime policy statistics		207
Module 4.08.01	Rural Development statistics.....	208
DOMAIN 5 – Multi-domain statistics		209
Theme 5.01 Statistics for business cycle analysis		209
Module 5.01.01	Euroindicators	210
Module 5.01.02	Eurotrend – Improvement of PEEIs	211
Theme 5.02 Lisbon strategy and sustainable development		212
Module 5.02.01	Structural indicators: production and dissemination	213
Module 5.02.02	Sustainable development indicators: production and dissemination	214
Theme 5.03 Environment statistics and accounts		215
Module 5.03.02	Statistics on waste and hazardous substances – Data Centre "Waste"	216
Module 5.03.03	Statistics on water, air and climate change (Kyoto protocol).....	218
Module 5.03.04	Environmental accounts and environmental expenditure statistics – Data centres: "Natural Resources" and "Products"	220
Module 5.03.05	Integrated environmental reporting and management of databases, regional environment statistics, Medstat.....	222
Theme 5.04 Regional and urban statistics		224
Module 5.04.01	Regional indicators	225
Module 5.04.02	Development of regional indicators	238

Module 5.04.03	Urban statistics	239
Module 5.04.04	Infra-regional information system (SIRE)	240
Module 5.04.05	Management of the NUTS classification	242
Theme 5.05 Geographical and local information		244
Module 5.05.01	Geographical information system (GISCO)	245
Theme 5.06 Science, technology and innovation.....		247
Module 5.06.01	Statistics on science and technology.....	248
Module 5.06.02	Statistics on innovation	250
Theme 5.07 Information society.....		251
Module 5.07.01	Statistics on information and communication technologies	252
Module 5.07.02	Postal Statistics	254
 DOMAIN 6 – Support for statistical outputs		255
Theme 6.01 Statistical coordination and classifications.....		255
Module 6.01.02	Classifications	256
Module 6.01.03	Classifications for trade in goods statistics	258
Theme 6.11 Data security and statistical confidentiality		260
Module 6.11.01	Data security and data protection	261
Module 6.11.02	Coordination for statistical confidentiality – Statistical confidentiality Committee	263
Module 6.11.03	Legal aspects of confidentiality	266
Annex I - Conversion from the 2007 to the 2008 structure of the Annual Statistical Programme.....		268
Annex II - How to find statistics legal acts in the Directory of Community legislation (EUR-Lex)		272
Annex III - List of abbreviations.....		278

Introduction

The Statistical Requirements Compendium is a tool for producers of official statistics. The Compendium summarises the key reference information for European statistical production.

The presentations of the statistical themes and modules in the Compendium are made from the perspective of a statistics provider in a country. This means that in general only those modules are included where there is a legal basis that influences the way statistics are produced in countries implementing the European Statistical System or where there are obligations to provide data to Eurostat.

The presentation is organised according to domains divided into themes and modules. The structure generally follows the Statistical Work Programme of the Commission for 2008. Each theme and module, that is relevant for European official statistics providers, is presented as follows.

Theme N.NN XXXX

(Number and title of the theme)

Description

This section describes the content of the theme.

Key priorities

This section outlines the key priorities for the theme.

Module N.NN.NN XXXX

(Number and title of the module, for each module coming under a given theme)

1. Module description

This section describes the content of the module.

2. Legal Basis

This section includes the legal acts, formal agreements and other basic reference documents relevant for the statistical work coming under a given module.

Legal acts:

This sub-section contains all legislation published in the Official Journal that is relevant for the production of the statistics. These are Directives, Regulations, Decisions, Resolutions or Recommendations approved by the European Council and Parliament or by the European Commission.

Agreements:

This sub-section contains all kinds of agreements (i.e. Member States Agreements reached within Eurostat Working Groups etc.) and Gentlemen's agreements.

Other basis:

This sub-section contains all other documents that are considered as relevant for the production of the statistics in the particular area. The sub-section also includes legislation under preparation such as Draft Council Regulations or Proposals for a Regulation / Directive. It can also be Communications from the Commission to the European Parliament and Council, EU Action plans, Programs, Strategies and Memoranda. This sub-section may also include other relevant documents such as documents and minutes of Eurostat Working Groups, Manuals, Reference Guides, Handbooks or Web pages.

3. Data requirements

This section lists all datasets that are to be provided from National Statistics Offices to Eurostat via eDAMIS, the Eurostat single entry point for data. Registered users can access eDAMIS at <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/edamis>

Each data set description includes the code and the name of the data set. *Timeliness* usually means the number of days between the end of the reference period and the deadline for the transmission of the data to Eurostat. *Periodicity* expresses the length of the period, for which the data is collected (e.g. 2 – Every two years, A – Annually, B – Bi-annually, Q – Quarterly, M – Monthly, etc.).

4. Methodology

This section presents documents or links to interest groups that are useful for the production of the statistics for the particular module. Documents can be minutes of Working Groups, White Papers, statistical methodological manuals, etc. In general, this section contains material that is mainly for information whereas material presented under "other basis" in the section 2. *Legal Basis* implies a degree of obligation. However, there is not always a clear borderline so that e.g. methodological manuals may be found in either this section or in section 2.

5. International Cooperation

This section lists international organisations that in cooperation with Eurostat produce statistics for the particular module.

Basic Legal Acts

Responsible unit: **A-4: Legal, institutional and international affairs**
Contact person: Pierre BISCHOFF , Tel: +352 4301 38561

- Council Regulation (EC) No 1588/90 of 11 June 1990 on the transmission of data subject to statistical confidentiality to the Statistical Office of the European Communities
OJ L 151 of 15.6.1990, p. 1-4
- Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 of 17 February 1997, on Community Statistics (Statistical Law)
OJ L 52, 22.2.1997, p. 1-7
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 831/2002 of 17 May 2002, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, concerning access to confidential data for scientific purposes
OJ L 133, 18.5.2002, p. 7 – 9
- Commission Decision No 97/281/EC of 21 April 1997, on the role of Eurostat as regards the production of Community statistics
OJ L 112, 29.4.1997, p. 56 – 57
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1104/2006 of 18 July 2006, amending Regulation (EC) No 831/2002 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, concerning access to confidential data for scientific purposes
OJ L 197, 19.7.2006, p. 3-4
- Decision No 1578/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2007 on the Community Statistical Programme 2008 to 2012
OJ L 344, 28.12.2007, p. 15–43

Other basis:

- Communication from the Commission of 25 May 2005 to the European Parliament and to the Council on the independence, integrity and accountability of the national and Community statistical authorities, together with the Commission Recommendation on the same subject (COM/2005/0217 final)

DOMAIN 1 – Demographic and social statistics

Theme 1.01 Population

Description

Developments in demographic and migration statistics are driven by an increased policy focus on the long-run socioeconomic impacts of demographic change and by EU action towards harmonised immigration policies and a common European asylum system. The underlying priority here is to enhance the policy relevance of population statistics and analyses. National and regional series of internationally comparable population projections, based on a harmonised methodology, are being prepared to an established timetable. New legal frameworks for migration and asylum statistics, and for population and housing censuses, are being prepared and will be implemented. Ongoing developments in the statistics on residence permits and on measures against unauthorised entry and stay will serve to better inform coordination in the fields of immigration, external border control and the prevention of illegal migration.

Key priorities 2008

There will be major investment in improving the quality, coverage, completeness, international comparability, timeliness and dissemination of our demographic data series and indicators. Explicit policy demands connected with the economic and social issues of global ageing underline the necessity of revising population projections and releasing the results in 2008. Detailed methodological and technical work covering all aspects of the 2011 Population and Housing Censuses — including state-of-the art dissemination technology — will be a key priority for 2008 and 2009. The legislation on migration statistics that is expected to come into force in 2007 (with implementation measures in 2008) will provide a comprehensive legal framework for the continuing improvement of statistics relevant to the management of migration flows into the EU and to the free movement of persons within an enlarged Union. Residence-permit statistics on the authorised migration of non-EU citizens for reasons of employment, education and training, and family reunification will be developed. An important aspect of this work will be to meet the needs for statistics to allocate funds to Member States under the EU's Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows programme.

Module 1.01.01 Demography, census and projections

Responsible unit: **F-1: Demographic and migration statistics**
Contact person: Giampaolo LANZIERI, Tel: +352 4301 35336

1. Module Description

Production of high quality and policy-relevant annual demographic statistics at national level and population statistics at regional level.

Preparation and realisation of the Community Programmes for population and housing censuses every 10 years.

Production of independent and high quality population projections on fixed dates (currently every three years). Methodological support to countries/organisations in the field of population projections.

2. Legal Basis

Agreements:

- Joint UNECE/Eurostat "Recommendations for the 2010 Censuses of Population and Housing".
Comments: the Recommendations should be applied for the censuses conducted about the turn of the decade;
Date of adoption: 2006;
Publication: published on the UNECE website.

- Council of Europe, UNSD and Eurostat Agreement.
Comments: Eurostat carries out four demographic data collections per year: "Rapid" (deadline 15 May), concerning the main demographic data; "Joint" (deadline 15 September), collection of detailed demographic data; "Nowcast" (deadline 15 November), gathering the latest available monthly data for the purpose of a timely estimate of the total population at the beginning of the following year; "Regional" (deadline 15 December), for those countries which have agreed with the EC a regional breakdown (NUTS). The Rapid and Joint data collections are carried out by Eurostat also on behalf of the Council of Europe; the Joint data collection is carried out in cooperation with UNSD too.
This Gentlemen's agreement on a series of tables was first concluded in 1985, last revised in 2006 (for the Rapid and Nowcast questionnaires) and 2008 (for the Joint questionnaire). A revised version is thus adopted from 2007 for the Rapid and Nowcast questionnaires and from 2008 for the Joint questionnaire.

Time of obligation: continuous.

Periodicity: 3 times per year (Rapid, Joint and Nowcasting data collections).

Date of adoption: 1985.

Publication: none.

Participant countries: 50 countries and territories: EU Member States (27 countries, plus Metropolitan France) + EFTA Countries (4) + EC Candidate Countries (3), Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Kosovo under UNSCR 1244, Russia, San Marino, Serbia and Ukraine;

Official data providers: NSIs.

3. Data Requirements

DEMONAT_RAPID_A: Rapid questionnaire on demographic statistics

DEMONAT_JOINT_A: Joint questionnaire on demographic statistics

DEMONAT_NOWCAST_A: Monthly live births, deaths, immigrants and emigrants

4. Methodology

- "Demographic statistics: Definitions and methods of collection in 31 European countries" available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-CC-03-005

- "Methodology for the calculation of Eurostat's demographic indicators" available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-CC-04-004

Methodology is being updated for demography (new publication will be available in 2009) and for projections (new publication will be available in 2008).

5. International Cooperation

UNSD, Council of Europe.

Module 1.01.02 Migration and asylum

Responsible unit: **F-1: Demographic and migration statistics**
Contact person: David THOROGOOD, Tel: +352 4301 35487

1. Module Description

Production of monthly, quarterly and annual statistics on international migration and asylum.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 July 2007 on Community statistics on migration and international protection and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 311/76 on the compilation of statistics on foreign workers, OJ L 199 of 31.07.2007, p. 23-29.

Agreements:

- "EURASIL - Network of Asylum practitioners" chaired by the Commission, established in July 2002 following the decision of by the Committee of the Permanent Representatives (Coreper II) on 6 March to cease the activities of the CIREA group (Centre for Information, Discussion and Exchange on Asylum).

Comments: collection of asylum statistics - asylum applications, decisions on asylum applications, applications of unaccompanied minors, returns of rejected applicants, grants of temporary protection;
Time of obligation: continuous;

Periodicity: asylum applications and decisions - monthly, returns of rejected applicants - quarterly, applications of unaccompanied minors - annually, temporary protection - collected in the case of mass influx;

Publication: statistics is published on Eurostat's web page as a part of free dissemination database;

Participant countries: EU27, Iceland, Norway;

Official data providers: Ministries of Home Affairs and Justice and related agencies;

Use of the statistics: asylum statistics is used by DG JLS for the allocation of money to Member States from the European Refugee Fund (Council Decision 2000/596/EC available on: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:32000D0596:EN:HTML>) and DG JLS Integration Fund (European Parliament document A6-0419/2006 available on: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P6-TA-2006-0583+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN&language=EN>).

Dublin II statistics is used by DG JLS and presented during Dublin II Contact Committee meetings. Council Regulation 343/2003 (available on: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:32003R0343:EN:HTML>), known as the Dublin II legislation, clarifies which Member State is responsible for assessing an application for asylum; the legislation makes provision for an asylum applicant to be transferred to another Member State if it can be shown that they should have instead sought asylum there.

- CIREFI Agreement.

Comments: collection of statistics on topics related to illegal migration - refusals of entry, illegally present aliens apprehended, removed aliens etc;

Time of obligation: continuous;

Periodicity: monthly for the 1st quarter 2007, then moving to a yearly data collection for 2008

Production of statistics by Eurostat - initial phase began October 1998 (this followed earlier statistical work on this topic by the Council); second phase - additional variables, more participating countries - began September 2000;

Date of adoption: CIREFI working group, group established by Council Decision 30/11/92 - published in OJ 19 9 96 C 274/50;

Publication: Agreement not published;

Participant countries: currently: EU27, Iceland, Norway, Applicant Countries;

Official data providers: Ministries of Justice and Home Affairs. Police Authorities;

Use of the statistics: support the policy development in this area, and monitoring of major changes in migration pressure and illegal immigration.

- Collection of statistics on residence permits.

Comments: annual pilot collections of data relating to residence permits and other permissions to reside – immigration category/reason for permit issue, citizenship, age, sex, permit duration;

Periodicity: annual.

Production of statistics by Eurostat - Initial corrections in 2005 and 2006. They will be revised for 2007 to take into account new legislation for migration statistics;

Participant countries: EU27;

Official data providers: Ministries of Justice and Home Affairs;

Use of the statistics: support to policy development. Monitoring of effects of transitional measures for migrants from/to the new Member States.

3. Data Requirements

a) Joint Annual Migration Data Collection

The Joint Annual Migration Data Collection will consist of following established tables for the 2008 data collection (2007 reference year data). As part of the implementation of Regulation 862/2007, significant changes will be made for the collection undertaken in 2009 (2008 reference year).

MIGR_1_MajorCat: Table 1: Major categories of inflows and outflows

Timeliness: Periodicity: A

MIGR_2abc_immiprv: Table 2: Long-term immigration by country of last residence and age

Timeliness: Periodicity: A

MIGR_3abc_immictz: Table 3: Long-term immigration by citizenship and age

Timeliness: Periodicity: A

MIGR_4abc_eminxt: Table 4: Long-term emigration by country of next residence and age

Timeliness: Periodicity: A

MIGR_5abc_emictz: Table 5: Long-term emigration by citizenship and age

Timeliness: Periodicity: A

MIGR_6_acqctz: Table 6: Acquisition of citizenship

Timeliness: Periodicity: A

MIGR_7abc_popctz: Table 7: Usually resident population by citizenship and age on 1st January

Timeliness: Periodicity: A

MIGR_8abc_popctb: Table 8: Usually resident population by country of birth and age on 1st January

Timeliness: Periodicity: A

MIGR_9abc_wpctzage: Table 9: Workers by citizenship and age group on 1st January

Timeliness: Periodicity: A

MIGR_10_wpctzna: Table 10: Workers by economic activity and broad group of citizenship and sex on 1st January

Timeliness: Periodicity: A

MIGR_11_wpctzreg: Table 11: Workers by citizenship and region on 1 January

Timeliness: Periodicity: A

MIGR_12_wpctznar: Table 12: Workers by economic activity, broad group of citizenship and region on 1st January

Timeliness: Periodicity: A

MIGR_13abc_apctzage: Table 13: Main characteristics of the labour force by broad group of citizenship and age group on 1 January

Timeliness: Periodicity: A

b) Asylum statistics data collection

Monthly Table A1 Applicants for international protection by age, sex and citizenship

Monthly Voluntary sub-table: A1. New asylum applicants by age, sex and citizenship

Monthly Table A2 Persons who are the subject of applications for international protection pending at the end of reference period by age, sex and citizenship

Monthly Table A3 Applications for international protection withdrawn by age, sex and citizenship

Quarterly Table A4 Rejected applicants for international protection by age, sex and citizenship

Quarterly Table A5 Persons granted refugee status at first instance by age, sex and citizenship

Quarterly Table A6 Persons granted subsidiary protection status at first instance by age, sex and citizenship

Quarterly Table A7 Persons granted temporary protection at first instance by age, sex and citizenship

Quarterly Table A8 Persons granted authorisation to stay for humanitarian reasons at first instance by age, sex and citizenship

Quarterly Table A9 Withdrawals at first instance by type of status withdrawn and by citizenship

Annual Table A10 Applicants for international protection considered to be unaccompanied minors by age, sex and citizenship

Annual Table A11 Rejected applicants for international protection, final decisions by age, sex and citizenship

Annual Table A12 Persons granted refugee status, final decisions by age, sex and citizenship

Annual Table A13 Persons granted subsidiary protection status, final decisions by age, sex and citizenship

Annual Table A14 Persons granted temporary protection, final decisions by age, sex and citizenship

Annual Table A15 Persons granted authorisation to stay for humanitarian reasons, final decisions by age, sex and citizenship

Annual Table A16 Resettled persons by age, sex and citizenship

Annual Table A17 Withdrawals, final decisions by type of status withdrawn and by citizenship

c) Statistical data on the application of the Dublin Regulation (the format and final content of this data collection is not yet fixed).

Annual Table 1a Statistical data on the application of the Dublin Regulation: Incoming requests

Annual Table 1b Statistical data on the application of the Dublin Regulation: Incoming requests accepted

Annual Table 1c Statistical data on the application of the Dublin Regulation: Incoming requests refused

Annual Table 1d Statistical data on the application of the Dublin Regulation: Incoming requests – transferred

Annual Table 2a Statistical data on the application of the Dublin Regulation: Outgoing requests

Annual Table 2b Statistical data on the application of the Dublin Regulation: Outgoing requests accepted

Annual Table 2c Statistical data on the application of the Dublin Regulation: Outgoing requests refused

Annual Table 2d Statistical data on the application of the Dublin Regulation: Outgoing requests – transferred

d) EIL – Statistics on enforcement of immigration legislation (Replaces the former 'CIREFI' data collection)

Annual table Y1 Third country nationals refused at the border, by citizenship and by grounds for refusal

Annual table Y2 Third country nationals found to be illegally present by citizenship and disaggregated by age and sex

Annual table Y3 Third country nationals, who are subjected to an obligation to leave and those who actually left the territory, following a decision or an act under art. 7.1.a

e) Residence permits data collection

The details below refer to the probable structure and content of the residence permit data collection to be undertaken during 2008 (2007 reference year data). However, minor changes may occur in 2008 and later years as part of the implementation on Regulation 862/2007.

Annual Table 1 Grants of permission to stay issued to third-country nationals for reasons related to family formation and reunification

Annual Table 1a Joining an EU citizen - Grants of permission to stay issued to third-country nationals for reasons related to family formation and reunification

Annual Table 1b Joining a non-EU citizen - Grants of permission to stay issued to third-country nationals for reasons related to family formation and reunification

Annual Table 2a Permissions valid for less than 12 months - Grants of permission to stay issued to third-country nationals for reasons related to education and study

Annual Table 2b Permissions valid for 12 months or more - Grants of permission to stay issued to third-country nationals for reasons related to education and study

Annual Table 3a Permissions valid for less than 12 months - Grants of permission to stay issued to third-country nationals for reasons related to remunerated activities

Annual Table 3b Permissions valid for 12 months or more - Grants of permission to stay issued to third-country nationals for reasons related to remunerated activities

Annual Table 4 Grants of permission to stay issued to third-country nationals for other reasons

Annual Table 5a Permissions valid for less than 12 months - Grants of permission to stay issued to third-country nationals on the occasion of a person changing immigration status or reason to stay

Annual Table 5b Permissions valid for 12 months or more - Grants of permission to stay issued to third-country nationals on the occasion of a person changing immigration status or reason to stay

Annual Table 6a Permissions valid for less than 12 months - The number of valid permissions to stay at the end of the reference period held by third-country nationals

Annual Table 6b Permissions valid for 12 months or more - The number of valid permissions to stay at the end of the reference period held by third-country nationals

Annual Table 7 Population of third-country nationals having long-term legal resident status at the end of the reference period under Council Directive 2003/109/EC of 25 November 2003 concerning the status of third-country nationals who are long-term residents

4. Methodology

Statistical definitions based on EU legislation on immigration and asylum matters, and on the United Nations 'recommendations on statistics of international migration', are implemented through Regulation 862/2007.

Member States remain free to make use of any appropriate data sources according to availability and national practice, but must apply the statistical definitions in Regulation 862/2007.

5. International Cooperation

UNSD, UNECE, ILO, UNHCR, IOM.

Theme 1.02 Labour market

Description

Labour market statistics provide short-term and structural descriptions of the labour market in monetary and nonmonetary terms as well as in a time-use context. The focus is on both the supply (actual participation in its various dimensions, labour reserve, inactive persons) and demand side (job vacancies). The statistics cover the European Union, the euro area, Member States, candidate countries and EEA/EFTA countries. They support the conduct and coordination of policies in the fields of employment and economic and monetary policy. They also help the Commission to define, implement and monitor labour market policies within the revised Lisbon strategy and the European employment strategy.

For the medium term, the focus is on improving labour statistics in terms of coverage and quality by: adapting and strengthening the labour force survey process so that it can better meet user demands for pertinent and timely data; improving the coherence and integration of employment statistics; further developing the structural indicators and the principal European economic indicators for the labour market; fully implementing job vacancy statistics; and consolidating and improving the integrated system of earnings and labour cost statistics.

Key priorities 2008

The Labour Force Survey as the centrepiece of European employment statistics will be subject to a comprehensive quality assurance exercise covering methodological and practical issues as well as coherence with other sources. Data from the 2008 LFS ad hoc module will be collected, data for the 2007 module will be disseminated and the specifications for the 2010 module will be adopted. The calculation of comparable monthly unemployment rates will be further improved. The implementing regulation for the quarterly job vacancy statistics will be finalised to provide the underpinning for the regular collection of comparable data. The production and dissemination of more and timely data on labour costs and earnings should be ensured. Action will be taken to improve the coverage of short-term labour cost statistics. The first results of the 2006 Structure of Earnings Survey will be published. Particular attention will be devoted to strengthening analytical capacities. In cooperation with Member States, ways will be explored as to how cooperation on the analysis of labour market data can be organised and strengthened. The updated methodology for the new round of Time Use Surveys (TUS) will form the common ground for this key data collection.

Module 1.02.01 Employment and unemployment

Responsible unit: **F-2: Labour market statistics**
Contact person: Sylvain JOUHETTE, Tel: +352 4301 34290

1. Module Description

The module is composed of the following parts:

- The Labour Force Survey (LFS), which covers 32 countries on a quarterly basis and produces statistics on labour market characteristics based on individual data from households and persons. The LFS is completed with yearly modules on aspects of the labour market needed for policy purposes;
- Employment estimates, which are based on quarterly data on employment from national accounts with breakdowns from the LFS;
- Harmonised unemployment rates, estimated on a monthly basis from LFS unemployment data and trends derived from monthly registers;
- Job vacancy statistics which include quarterly and yearly data on job vacancies using several breakdowns;
- Industrial disputes statistics on a yearly basis.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 of 9 March 1998, on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community
OJ L 77, 14.3.1998

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1571/98 of 20 July 1998, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 on the organisation of labour force sample survey in the Community
OJ L 205, 22.7.1998

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1575/2000 of 19 July 2000, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 on the organization of a labour force sample survey in the Community concerning the codification to be used for data transmission from 2001 onwards
OJ L 181, 20.7.2000

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1897/2000 of 7 September 2000, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 on the organization of labour force sample survey in the Community concerning the operational definition of unemployment
OJ L 228, 8.9.2000

- Regulation (EC) No 1991/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 October 2002, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 on the organisation of labour force sample survey in the Community
OJ L 308, 9.11.2002

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 2104/2002 of 28 November 2002, adapting Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community and Commission Regulation (EC) 1575/2000 implementing Council Regulation (EC) 577/98 as far as the list of education and training variables and their codification to be used for data transmission from 2003 onwards are concerned
OJ L 324, 29.11.2002

- Regulation (EC) No 2257/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2003, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community to adapt the list of survey characteristics
OJ L 336, 23.12.2003

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 384/2005 of 7 March 2005, adopting the programme of ad hoc modules, covering the years 2007 to 2009, for the labour force sample survey provided for by Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98
OJ L 61, 8.3.2005

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 430/2005 of 15 March 2005, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community concerning the codification to be used for data transmission from 2006 onwards and the use of a sub-sample for the collection of data on structural variables
OJ L 71, 17.3.2005

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 341/2006 of 24 February 2006, adopting the specifications of the 2007 ad hoc module on accidents at work and work-related health problems provided for by Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 and amending Regulation (EC) No 384/2005
OJ L 55, 25.2.2006, p. 9-13

- Regulation (EC) No 1893/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006, establishing the statistical classification of economic activities NACE Revision 2 and amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3037/90 as well as certain EC Regulations on specific statistical domains
OJ L 393, 30.12.2006

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 102/2007 of 2 February 2007, adopting the specifications of the 2008 ad hoc module on the labour market situation of migrants and their immediate descendants, as provided for by Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 and amending Regulation (EC) No 430/2005
OJ L 28, 3.2.2007, p. 3-7

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 973/2007 of 20 August 2007, amending certain EC Regulations on specific statistical domains implementing the statistical classification of economic activities NACE Revision 2
OJ L 216, 21.8.2007, p. 10-16

- Regulation (EC) No 1372/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2007, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community
OJ L 315, 3.12.2007, p. 42-43

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 207/2008 of 5 March 2008, adopting the specifications of the 2009 ad hoc module on the entry of young people into the labour market provided for by Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98
OJ L 62, 6.3.2008, p. 4-8

Other basis:

- EU LFS regulations available on:
http://circa.europa.eu/irc/dsis/employment/info/data/eu_lfs/LFS_MAIN/LFS/lfs_regulations.htm

3. Data Requirements

JVC_01_A: Annual vacancy data with economic activity, regional and occupational breakdowns
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: A

JVC_01_Q: Quarterly vacancy data broken down by economic activity
Timeliness: 75 Periodicity: Q

LFS_ADHOC_N: Labour Force Survey. Ad-hoc transmissions - non-periodic
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: A

LFS_A_A: Annual Labour Force Survey
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: A

LFS_Q_Q: Quarterly Labour Force Survey
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

STRIKES_A_A: Statistics on Industrial Disputes-Annual
Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

UNEMPLOY_M_M: Unemployment Statistics-Monthly
Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: M

4. Methodology

- Methodology on the LFS available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/irc/dsis/employment/info/data/eu_efs/index.htm (section 9)

- Monthly "Unemployment news release" contains methodology for calculation of monthly unemployment rates

- Methodology on Job vacancy statistics available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/irc/dsis/jobvacancy/info/data/home_page.htm.htm

- Methods and definitions on industrial disputes is available at the ILO website, 'Sources & Methods'/volume 7 – strikes and lockouts, <http://laborsta.ilo.org>

5. International Cooperation

OECD, ILO, UN.

Module 1.02.02 Earnings and labour costs

Responsible unit: **F-2: Labour market statistics**
Contact person: Didier DUPRE, Tel: +352 4301 35034

1. Module Description

The module includes multi-annual, yearly and short term statistics on earnings and labour costs and indicators on labour taxation. Structural statistics consists of the four-yearly Labour Cost Survey (LCS) and the Structure of Earnings Survey (SES), based on legal acts and annual statistics on labour costs, gross and net earnings, minimum wages and tax wedge variables basically provided by the Member States under gentleman's agreements in collaboration with the OECD. The core of short-term statistics is the Labour Cost Index (LCI), also based on legal act. Revision of the methodology of the gender pay gap will be implemented in 2008 based on the SES 2006 data for the GPG 2006 and annual estimates for the GPG 2007. Dissemination of the Structure of Earnings Survey microdata for research purposes has been initiated in 2007. The NACE Rev 2 classification will be implemented from the LCS 2008 and SES 2010 surveys onwards.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Regulation (EC) No 530/1999 of 9 March 1999, concerning structural statistics on earnings and on labour costs
OJ L 63, 12.3.1999
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1726/1999 of 27 July 1999, implementing Council Regulation (EC) 530/1999 concerning structural statistics on earnings and labour costs as regards the definition and transmission of information on labour costs
OJ L 203, 3.8.1999
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1916/2000 of 8 September 2000, on implementing Council Regulation (EC) 530/1999 concerning structural statistics on earnings and on labour costs as regards the definition and transmission of information on structure of earnings
OJ L 229, 9.9.2000
- Regulation (EC) No 450/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 February 2003, concerning the labour cost index
OJ L 69, 13.3.2002
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1216/2003 of 7 July 2003, implementing Regulation (EC) No 450/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the labour cost index
OJ L 169, 8.7.2003
- Corrigendum to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1216/2003 of 7 July 2003 implementing Regulation (EC) No 450/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the labour cost index (OJ L 169, 8.7.2003)
OJ L 186, 25.7.2003
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1738/2005 of 21 October 2005, amending Regulation (EC) No 1916/2000 as regards the definition and transmission of information on the structure of earnings
OJ L 279, 22.10.2005
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1737/2005 of 21 October 2005, amending Regulation (EC) No 1726/1999 as regards the definition and transmission of information on labour costs
OJ L 279, 22.10.2005
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 698/2006 of 5 May 2006, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 530/1999 as regards quality evaluation of structural statistics on labour costs and earnings
OJ L 121, 6.5.2006, p. 30-35

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 224/2007 of 1 March 2007, amending Regulation (EC) No 1216/2003 as regards the economic activities covered by the labour cost index
OJ L 64, 2.3.2007, p. 23–24

Agreements:

- Agreement of 01/01/1995, several data transmission agreements done in the relevant Working Group meetings.

- SPC Agreement of 29/05/1998, Gentlemen's agreement.

Comments: CEIS on the basis of SPC 98/29/5: "Transmission to Eurostat of priority short-term economic indicators for the ECB: commitment of the NSIs Prices and cost statistics 7 and 8.

Other basis:

- Integrated system of earnings and labour cost statistics (SPC/2003/49/7)

3. Data Requirements

LACOST_A_4: Labour costs survey table A national data

Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: 4

LACOST_B_4: Labour costs survey table B size classes data

Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: 4

LACOST_C_4: Labour costs survey table C regional data

Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: 4

LCI_INDEX_Q: Labour Cost Indices-Quarterly

Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: Q

LCI_WEIGHT_A: Labour Cost Index - Weight

Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

STR_EARA_A: Structure of earnings Survey table A reporting units

Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: 4

STR_EARB_A: Structure of earnings survey table B employees

Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: 4

4. Methodology

See legal acts

5. International Cooperation

OECD, ILO, ECB.

Module 1.02.03 Database on labour market policy measures

Responsible unit: **F-2: Labour market statistics**
Contact person: Sabine GAGEL, Tel. +352/4301-36734

1. Module Description

Database containing yearly data on expenditure and participants of the different labour market policy interventions, which include nine categories: (1) labour market services, (2) training, (3) job rotation and job sharing, (4) employment incentives, (5) supported employment and rehabilitation, (6) direct job creation, (7) start-up incentives, (8) out-of-work income maintenance and support and (9) early retirement. Source for policy indicators to contribute to the monitoring of the Employment Guidelines.

2. Legal Basis

Agreements:

- Member States Agreement of 01/01/2000 and reiterated each year in the Labour Market Working Group

- Labour Market Policy database

Comments: Methodological Manual available in English-German-French;

Time of obligation: continuous;

Periodicity: yearly;

Date of adoption: 2000; revised methodology of June 2006

Publication: "Labour Market Policy - Expenditure and participants" (annual publication; last edition: data 2005);

Participant countries: 27 countries of EU + Norway;

Official data providers: Ministries of Labour or Employment, in some countries National Statistical Institutes are associated.

'LMP - Labour Market Policies' available on: <http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/labour/home>

3. Data Requirements

Labour Market Policy Statistics: Details on data provided (expenditure, participants and metadata) can be obtained from the LMP Questionnaire included in the LMP Methodology (Revision of June 2006).

Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: A - It is aimed to make data available at the date Y+1

4. Methodology

- "Labour market policy database - Methodology - Revision of June 2006" available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-BF-06-003 or http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KS-BF-06-003/EN/KS-BF-06-003-EN.PDF

5. International Cooperation

Since 2005 the data collection is coordinated with the OECD (i.e. starting with reference year 2004). Eurostat collects LMP data for EU Member States and Norway and shares the results with OECD; OECD collects data for OECD countries which are not EU countries according to the Eurostat methodology. There are some deviations in the coverage of category 1 – Labour market services.

Module 1.02.04 Time use and reconciliation of work and family life

Responsible unit: **F-2: Labour market statistics**
Contact person: Luis DEL BARRIO, Tel: +352 4301 35065

1. Module Description

The aim of the Time Use survey (TUS) is to fill a number of gaps in the statistical information available in the social domain. In particular the TUS aims to provide information on the possibilities of reconciling professional and family life – information about the gender division of paid and unpaid work. TUS can also shed light total working hours, mobility and leisure time. Reconciliation between work and family life includes statistics about care of children and other dependants and other statistics to describe hindrances for reconciliation of work and family life. In particular: An ad-hoc LFS module on the reconciliation between work and family life is available since 2006.

2. Legal Basis

Agreements:

- Time Use Surveys, Gentlemen's agreement.

Comments: Member States, EFTA countries and Phare Candidate Countries have continuously discussed and commented on draft proposals for the Time Use Survey methodology. All countries carrying out Time Use Surveys seem to be interested in adapting their surveys to the Guidelines released in September 2000 in order to get internationally comparable data. These guidelines are under revision and a new version will probably be approved in 2008;

Reference: CIRCA site 'Time Use Surveys Group'.

3. Data Requirements

TIME-USE: Time Use Survey (TUS)

Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: 5 to 10 years

4. Methodology

- "Guidelines on harmonised European time use survey" available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-CC-04-007

5. International Cooperation

ILO, OECD, UN.

Theme 1.03 Education and lifelong learning

Description

This theme concerns the production of statistical information on education and lifelong learning from specific data sources on education and training systems, vocational training in enterprises and adult learning. This information is complemented by relevant information from other ESS sources not specific to education, covering areas like human capital, education and social inclusion, or the transition from school to working life.

The indicators produced are used in benchmarking exercises like the structural indicators, the follow-up of the Report on the Concrete Future Objectives of the Education and Training Systems (Education and Training 2010), the European Employment Strategy, benchmarking of the European Research Area, the Social Agenda, and sustainable development.

Cooperation has been developed with other international organisations (UNESCO Institute for Statistics, OECD, ILO), specialised EU agencies like the European Training Foundation (ETF) or the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP), and the Eurydice information network established by DG EAC.

Key priorities 2008

The main priority is improving production processes and the quality of data, including the relevance, comparability, coherence, cost-effectiveness and timeliness of the statistics and indicators disseminated on education, training and lifelong learning. The draft regulation on education and lifelong learning proposed by the Commission in 2005 will contribute to this objective and should be followed up. Data from the surveys on education and training in enterprises (continuing vocational training survey, CVTS) as well as the adult education survey (AES) will continue to be processed during 2008, and the analysis of these data is a priority. The improvement of data and metadata disseminated through NewCronos remains an ongoing objective. The Commission communication (COM(2007) 61 final) on a coherent framework of indicators and benchmarks for monitoring progress towards the Lisbon objectives in education and training as well as the Council Conclusions of 25 May 2007 provide input for consolidating Eurostat sources on education statistics. Specific demands will be addressed, in particular concerning data on special needs education, on higher education in the Bologna process context and on mobility. Therefore, a major task will be the continued improvement of the statistical infrastructure needed for providing comparable education and training data used in benchmarking processes. Cooperation with the Commission (including the JRC — CRELL), international organisations, and specialised EU agencies will be rationalised and improved in areas of common interest.

Module 1.03.01 Education statistics

Responsible unit: **F-4: Education, science and culture statistics**
Contact person: Lene MEJER, Tel: +352 4301 35423

1. Module Description

This module includes the annual collection and validation of data from administrative sources on initial education and training systems (formal or regular education) and the dissemination of the relevant statistics and indicators. The data collection includes 2 basic flows: The UOE data collection which is a joint activity of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics, OECD and Eurostat. Internationally comparable data are collected on key aspects of education systems including enrolments, new entrants, graduates, educational personnel and educational expenditure. The 1997 version of the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED 97) is used. The specific breakdowns include level of education (including programme destination and orientation according to the ISCED definitions), sex, age, mode (full-time/part-time), type of institution (public/private), field of education, nationality, sources of funding and nature of expenditure.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Resolution No 94/C 374/01 of 5 December 1994, on the quality and attractiveness of vocational education and training
OJ C 374, 30.12.1994
- Council Decision No 253/2000/EC of 24 January 2000, establishing the second phase of the Community action programme in the field of education 'Socrates'
OJ L 28, 3.2.2000
- Council Conclusions No: 05/C 141/01 of 24 May 2005, on new indicators in education and training
OJ C 141, 10.6.2005
- Regulation No 452/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2008 concerning the production and development of statistics on education and lifelong learning
OJ L 145, 4.6.2008

Other basis:

- Communication from the Commission of 21 February 2007 on a coherent framework of indicators and benchmarks for monitoring progress towards the Lisbon objectives in education and training (COM/2007/0061 final)

See at: http://ec.europa.eu/education/policies/2010/objectives_en.html#measuring

- Documents related to Education statistics available on:

<http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/edtcslibrary?l=/public&vm=detailed&sb=Title>

This site includes methodological documentation on the UOE data collection (the shared UNESCO/OECD/Eurostat data collection on education and training statistics), information on CVTS (Continuous Vocational Training Survey), - on education data coming from the Labour Force Survey, - on culture statistics, - on publications as well as a number of other issues related to education statistics.

3. Data Requirements

EDUCAT_A_A: Education statistics - annual

Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: A

EDUCAT_FIN_A: Education statistics finance- annual

Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

- ISCED available on: http://www.uis.unesco.org/ev_en.php?ID=3813_201&ID2=DO_TOPIC
- UOE data collection instruments (see link above)

5. International Cooperation

Principally with UNESCO, OECD

Module 1.03.02 Vocational training statistics

Responsible unit: **F-4: Education, science and culture statistics**
Contact person: Lene MEJER, Tel: +352 4301 35423

1. Module Description

This module includes the following activities:

Continuing Vocational Training Survey: This is an enterprise survey which has been carried out in 1994 and 2000 and will continue as a regular 5-yearly survey. CVTS1 and 2 collected information exclusively on continuing vocational training financed by enterprises and organised through external and internal courses as well as on training measures 'beyond' these courses. Information is collected on volume and incidence of participation as well as on cost of training. The 2005 edition of CVTS will collect basic information on initial vocational training in enterprises.

Adult Education Survey: This is a project for a European household survey focusing on information on the volume and incidence of participation of adults in any kind of continuing education and training, including informal forms of learning. The focus at this stage is the development of the methodology and classifications for this survey. Development of methodology and production of statistics using the results of the education variables in household surveys like the Labour Force Survey or the European Union - Statistics on Income and Living Conditions. Development, quality evaluation and use of ad hoc modules in household surveys like the LFS or the EU-SILC. Support to policy DGs for the use of indicators related to this area and for the development of relevant statistical projects.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Resolution No 94/C 374/01 of 5 December 1994, on the quality and attractiveness of vocational education and training
OJ C 374, 30.12.1994
- Council Decision No 1999/382/EC of 26 April 1999, establishing the second phase of the Community vocational training action programme 'Leonardo da Vinci'
OJ L 146, 11.6.1999
- Regulation (EC) No 1552/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 September 2005, on statistics relating to vocational training in enterprises
OJ L 255, 30.9.2005
- Commission Regulation No 198/2006/EC of 3 February 2006, implementing Regulation (EC) No 1552/2005 of the European Parliament and the Council on statistics relating to vocational training in enterprises
OJ L 32, 4.2.2006
- Regulation No 452/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2008 concerning the production and development of statistics on education and lifelong learning
OJ L 145, 4.6.2008

Agreements:

- SPC Agreement of 01/12/1998, Education and Training Statistics Working Group decision and Work Programmes adopted by the SPC, Directors of Social Statistics approval for implementation plan of the AES.

Other basis:

- Documents related to Education statistics available on:
<http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/edtcslibrary?l=/public&vm=detailed&sb=Title>

This site includes methodological documentation on the UOE data collection (the shared UNESCO/OECD/Eurostat data collection on education and training statistics), information on CVTS (Continuous Vocational Training Survey), - on education data coming from the Labour Force Survey, - on culture statistics, - on publications as well as a number of other issues related to education statistics.

3. Data Requirements

CVTS_3_A5: Continuing vocational training survey - Third survey with reference year 2005
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: 5

4. Methodology

- VET (Vocational Education and Training) methodology
- CVTS (Continuing Vocational Training Survey) methodology

5. International Cooperation

UNESCO, OECD

Theme 1.04 Culture

Description

This theme covers all statistics relating to culture and cultural industries. A definition of the cultural domain was prepared by EC LEG-Culture and adopted by the SPC in 1999. A methodology to identify cultural employment by matching economic sectors (NACE) and occupations (ISCO) has been developed and now data are available annually from the EU-Labour Force Survey. Methodological work on cultural participation has also been carried out and its recommendations could be implemented through surveys to obtain comparative results at EU level. A study concerning statistics on private expenditure on culture will help in the future exploitation of the Household Budget Surveys. Finally, the basic elements of a methodology to cover public expenditure on culture have been produced, but further development is required before the methodology can be used for the collection of data through a specific administrative data collection. Economic statistics on cultural industries are available from the EU-Structural Business Statistics database but the coverage of this sector is very limited at the moment.

Cooperation with the UNESCO Institute for Statistics is essential in this area, while the Council of Europe will be informed and involved when necessary. OECD activities in this area should also be looked at.

Key priorities 2008

Given the renewed interest by the Council in statistics on culture in the context of the Lisbon strategy, it is planned to continue or restart the work already initiated by the LEG, WG and TF on culture statistics. Both methodological work and data production, mainly based on existing data, will be proposed. Methodological work should also include progress on the definitions of the cultural and creative industries. Proposals will be drawn up to improve the harmonisation of the different fields of cultural statistics. Close cooperation with all Member States and with international organisations is required in this development work.

Module 1.04.01 Culture statistics

Responsible unit: **F-4: Education, science and culture statistics**
Contact person: Marta BECK-DOMZALSKA, Tel: +352 4301 33123

1. Module Description

This module includes three distinct domains in the broad area of culture: cultural employment, participation in cultural activities and expenditure on culture. The intention is currently to develop these areas within a broader reference framework which will be complemented with a “cultural industries” approach. The objective is to establish a sustainable system for the production of policy relevant statistics on culture.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Resolution No 95/C 327/01 of 07 December 1995, on the promotion of statistics on culture and economic growth
OJ C 327, 7.12.1995

- Council Resolution No 97/C 36/04 of 20 January 1997, on the integration of cultural aspects into Community actions
OJ C 36, 5.2.1997

Agreements:

- Eurostat LEG-culture Agreement.

Comments: during 1999 the Eurostat Leadership Group (LEG) on cultural statistics came to a successful end. Main outcomes were:

- i) Common core of cultural domains, unanimously considered as such, was identified and adopted;
- ii) National and international classifications were analysed in detail and specific proposals were developed with respect to the use of NACE and ISCO;
- iii) The identification and selection of key variables together with the development of a set of indicators relating to cultural employment, financing and participation.

- Working Group Agreement on cultural statistics agreement of 31/03/2000.

Comments: as a follow-up of the LEG, the Working Group (WG) on Cultural Statistics consisting of representatives of all the EU was set up within Eurostat. The WG has supported and monitored developments in cultural statistics and encouraged Member States to get involved in the production of comparable data at European level. Task Forces on cultural employment, cultural participation and expenditure and finance were created and prepared their reports. First meeting of the WG was on March 2000 and the last one in March 2004;

Time of obligation: not applicable;

Periodicity: not applicable.

- Additional information available on:

<http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/edtcs/library?l=/public/culture&vm=detailed&sb=Title>

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

- The LEG final report provides the methodological foundations and indicates the necessary tools needed for a coherent system of EU cultural statistics. Available on:

<http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/edtcs/library?l=/public/culture&vm=detailed&sb=Title>

5. International Cooperation

UIS/UNESCO, OECD

Theme 1.05 Health and safety

Description

Under the revised partnership on public health statistics, including a new strand on morbidity statistics, activities will continue on developing, collecting, analysing and disseminating a consistent set of statistics on public health (i.e. the statistical component of the health information required by the forthcoming Community Public Health Programme 2007–2013 and the future health strategy) and on health and safety at work, in order to answer the needs of the Community strategy on health and safety at work 2007–2012. In addition, work in 2008 will focus on improving the quality of meta-information and on data for health and safety indicators, as part of the structural, sustainable development, social inclusion and European Community Health indicators (ECHI). In particular, the focus will be on the core set (ECHI short list) and then progressively on their regional elements as well as on the streamlined indicator portfolios of the Open Method of Coordination (OMC) for the area of health care and long-term care, along with other sets of indicators such as the contextual indicators on disability and social integration.

Key priorities 2008

The emphasis will be on further implementation of the European Health Interview Survey (EHIS) and the System of Health Accounts (SHA) and on the analysis of the 2007 Labour Force Survey ad hoc module on accidents at work and work-related health problems, as well as the first dissemination of these data. A major task in 2008 will be the follow-up of the discussions in the EP and Council of the proposal for a Regulation on Community statistics on public health and health and safety at work as well as the launching of preparatory work for further implementing measures. The revision of the SHA methodology together with OECD and WHO, full harmonisation of the SILC part on health, further improvement of the quality of data and meta-data, and the analysis and dissemination of statistics on health care resources, hospital activities, causes of deaths and on accidents at work (ESAW) and on occupational diseases (EODS), including causes/exposures, will also be a high priority. Furthermore, pilot data collections on morbidity statistics and health labour accounts (HLA) will be prepared. Under the coordination of a joint steering committee with DG SANCO, Eurostat will assist in the improvements to the European Health Survey System (EHSS) (finalisation of the health part for the European Households Survey pilot test and of the disability survey module).

Module 1.05.01 Public health

Responsible unit: F-5: Health and food safety statistics
Contact person: Hartmut BUCHOW, Tel: +352 4301 34990

1. Module Description

Within the ESS activities will be continued on further developing – through Partnership Health and in cooperation with international organisations – the statistical element of health information in order to respond to the specific requirements inter alia those that result from the second Programme of Community action in the field of Health 2008-2013 and the resulting health strategy, covering health status (including disability, morbidity and mortality), health determinants and health resources.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Decision No 1350/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2007 establishing a second programme of Community action in the field of health (2008-13)
OJ L 301, 20.11.2007

Agreements:

- Eurostat Working Group on Public health, Agreement of 01/01/1998 on Public Health statistics.
Comments: compilation of statistics on public health is done on a 'gentlemen's agreement' basis mainly through decisions taken at the Eurostat Working Group on Public health.

At regular intervals the SPC and the DSS (Directors of Social Statistics) are informed on the work on public health statistics achieved through the Partnership on Health statistics and are asked for advice/approval;

General information (description): causes of death statistics (CoD), Health care statistics (CARE), Health Interview survey data (HIS), Morbidity statistics (MORB);

Time of obligation and periodicity: for CoD and Care (expenditure health care data: System of Health Accounts (SHA) and non-expenditure health care data): 1x/year, for HIS; once in 1999, 2002 and 2004, every 5 years for the EHIS from 2008 onwards;

Publication: in TG and/or WG documents, detailed tables (e.g., "Health in Europe: results from surveys 1997-2000") and Panoramas (e.g., Key figures on Health and Atlas on Mortality), as well as Pocket books (e.g., "Health in Europe – data 1998-2003" – 2005 edition);

Participant countries: 27 EU, Candidate Countries (HR, TR), Switzerland, Norway and Iceland, and whenever possible CARDS countries;

Official data providers: NSIs and/or Ministries of Health and/or Institutes of Public Health.

Documents and information available on: <http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/health/home>

3. Data Requirements

COD_A_A: Causes of Death
Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

HCARE_A_A: Health care
Timeliness: 240 Periodicity: A

HEALTH_RES_A: Health Resources
Timeliness: 120 Periodicity: A

HIS_A_A: Health interview survey
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

- For CoD: data collection according to list of 65 causes

- For HIS data collection on 4 survey modules (on health status, health care utilisation and health determinants, as well as background demographic and socio-economic information) constituting the EHIS
- For CARE non expenditures: data collection on health care resources and on hospital activity (according to the ISHMT classification), using common definitions together with OECD
- For CARE expenditures: 5 tables according to the SHA methodology and ICHA classifications, joint data collection with OECD and WHO
- All methodologies available on Circa Health Statistics, folder "methodology"

5. International Cooperation

WHO (parallel data collection for CoD in the ACCs, Candidate Countries and CARDS, same classification ISHMT for the hospital discharges data collection), OECD (SHA inter alia).

Module 1.05.02 Health and safety at work

Responsible unit: **F-5: Health and food safety statistics**
Contact person: Hartmut BUCHOW, Tel: +352 4301 34990

1. Module Description

The Community strategy on health and safety at work 2002-2006 and the further strategy 2007-2012 require the full implementation of the European Statistics on Accidents at Work (ESAW) and of European Occupational Diseases Statistics (EODS) and further developments on their socio-economic costs and indicators on quality of work and work-related health problems.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Resolution No 88/C 28/01 of 21 February 1987, on safety, hygiene and health at work
OJ C 28, 3.2.1988
- Council Directive No 89/391/EEC of 12 June 1989, introduction of measures to encourage improvements in the safety and health of workers at work
OJ L 183, 29.6.1989
- Council Resolution No 95/C of 27 March 1995, on the transposition and application of Community social legislation
OJ C 168, 4.7.1995
- Council Resolution No 2002/C of 3 June 2002, on a new Community strategy on health and safety at work (2002-2006)
OJ C 161, 5.7.2002
- Commission Recommendation No 2003/670/EC of 19 September 2003, concerning the European schedule of occupational diseases
OJ L 238, 25.9.2003
- Council Resolution No 2007/C of 25 June 2007 on a new Community strategy on health and safety at work (2007-2012)
OJ C 145, 30.6.2007
- Decision No 1578/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2007, on the Community Statistical Programme 2008 to 2012
OJ L 344, 28.12.2007

Agreements:

- Member States Agreement of 01/01/1993, European Statistics on Accidents at Work – ESAW.
Comments: data on accidents at work: case by case data on cases of recognised accidents at work reported during the reference year, 13 variables until 2000 reference year on the victim, his/her enterprise and the injury, from 2001 onwards 23 variables including 9 new variables on the causes and circumstances of the accidents and a weighting variable. A sub-project provides similar data on commuting accidents (accidents that occur on the journey between home and the place of work) from 1996 reference year;
Time of obligation: continuous;
Periodicity: annual;
Date of adoption: ESAW Phase 1 1993; ESAW Phase 2 1996; ESAW Phase 3 16/10/2000;
Publication: no legal act published. The methodology agreed is published, see point 4 below;
Participant countries: ESAW: EU27 + NO + CH;
Official data providers: Social Security or Insurance Federation Institutions and/or Labour Ministries in Finland and Austria the data from these Institutions is officially submitted to Eurostat by the NSI.

- Member States Agreement of 01/01/1995, European Occupational Diseases Statistics – EODS.
Comments: Data on occupational diseases: case by case data on cases of recognised occupational diseases during the reference year, from 2001 onwards 12 variables on the victim, his/her enterprise, the medical diagnosis, the exposure and the severity;
Time of obligation: continuous;
Periodicity: annual;
Date of adoption: EODS Pilot project: 1995, EODS Phase 1 14/09/2000;
Publication: no legal act published. The methodology agreed is published, see point 4 below;
Participant countries: EODS: EU26 (except D) + CH (in near future);
Official data providers: Social Security or Insurance Federation Institutions and/or Labour Ministries in Finland and Austria the data from these Institutions is officially submitted to Eurostat by the NSI.

3. Data Requirements

ESAW_A_A: European Statistics on Accidents at Work
Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

EODS_A_A: European Occupation Diseases Statistics
Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

- 'European Statistics on Accidents at Work - Specifications for case-by-case data - ESAW Phase 2 on Work Accidents in Europe - Reference year 1998 - Eurostat E3 - October 2000' - (last version available in DE/EN/ES/FR/IT)

- 'European Statistics on Accidents at Work - Appendix - Specifications for table data - ESAW Phase 2 on Work Accidents in Europe - Reference year 1998 - Eurostat E3 - October 2000' - (last version available in DE/EN/ES/FR/IT)

- 'European Statistics on Accidents at Work - ESAW Commuting Accidents - Reference year 1998 - Eurostat E3 - October 2000' - (last version available in DE/EN/ES/FR/IT)

- 'Classification of the causal agents of the occupational diseases (in all official European languages) – EODS', Eurostat Working Paper series, Population and social conditions - 3/2000/E/n°18 (includes all 11 languages)

- 'European Occupational Diseases Statistics (EODS), Phase 1 methodology', Eurostat Working Paper series, Population and social conditions - 3/2000/E/n°19, (available in EN/DE/ ES/FR/IT)

- 'European statistics on accidents at work - Methodology - 2001 Edition', DG Employment and social affairs - Health and safety at work series - in co-publication with Eurostat - KE-42-02-569-XX-C (XX=language, all 11 languages available)

- ESAW Phase 3 and EODS Phase 1 methodology are described in publications mentioned above

- All methodologies (including publications describing ESAW Phase 3 and EODS Phase 1 methodologies) available on: <http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/hasaw/library>

5. International Cooperation

ILO

Theme 1.06 Distribution of incomes and living conditions

Description

Statistics on the distribution of income and on living conditions are based on two data sources, the household budget surveys (HBS) and the EU survey on income and living conditions (SILC).

EU-SILC, the new reference data source for EU statistics on income and social exclusion in all EU countries and in Norway and Iceland, will be used to calculate the different sets of indicators (structural, Laeken and pensions) used in the report to the Spring Council and for the streamlined Open Method of Coordination (OMC) on social inclusion and on pensions.

In the medium term, the focus will be on extending geographical coverage by including new Member States.

Key priorities 2008

In 2008, the 2005 data from the household budget surveys for all Member States will be disseminated.

The EU-SILC data collection will be undertaken in 32 countries and the cross-sectional data from the 2007 round will be made available. For the first time, the income concept will include non-monetary components, providing more comparable information. The longitudinal SILC micro-data will be available for 25 Member States plus Norway and Iceland for research purposes. A Commission regulation on the 2010 list of target secondary variables will be prepared and adopted. An EU quality report covering both cross-sectional and longitudinal components will be produced.

Priority will be given to improving the comparability and development of statistical analysis.

Module 1.06.01 Household budget surveys (HBS)

Responsible unit: **F-3: Living conditions and social protection statistics**
Contact person: Peter Paul BORG, Tel: +352 4301 37848

1. Module Description

Sample survey covering 230 000 households, which collects cross-sectional data on household expenditure and living conditions. Data are collected on the basis of a Gentlemen's agreement and are available in New Cronos and on CD-ROM.

2. Legal Basis

Other basis:

- HBS/151-B/2003/EN - Update for methodological recommendations for harmonisation for the HBS round of 2005 available on:

<http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/hbs/library?l=/rounds2005&vm=detailed&sb=Title>

- Data transmission for the HBSs round 2005, HBS-153-03-EN_2005

- The participation in the HBS round of 2005 and the main methodological guidelines of this data collection were agreed by Eurostat, the Member States and the Candidate Countries in the HBS Working Group meeting of 05-06 May 2003 and later updated in.

- "Household Budget Surveys in the EU - Methodology and Recommendations for Harmonisation – 2003" available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/hbs/library?l=/documentation/methodology_1999&vm=detailed&sb=Title

3. Data Requirements

HBS_PAC_N: Household Budget Survey
Timeliness: 1080 Periodicity: S

4. Methodology

- "Household Budget Surveys in the EU - Methodology and Recommendations for Harmonisation – 2003" available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/hbs/library?l=/documentation/methodology_1999&vm=detailed&sb=Title

5. International Cooperation

None

Module 1.06.02 Income, social inclusion and living conditions

Responsible unit: **F-3: Living conditions and social protection statistics**
Contact person: Jean-Marc MUSEUX, Tel: +352 4301 35021
 Jean THILL (Data transmission), Tel: +352 4301 33867

1. Module Description

EU-SILC is the reference data source for EU analysis of income distribution and social exclusion. This annual survey covering about 200.000 households, collects cross-sectional and longitudinal data on income, level of education, labour market, family situation and other living conditions. SILC was launched in 2003/2004/2005 depending on the country and is currently carried out in 27 countries (25 Member States plus Norway and Iceland). It is based on Regulation N° 1177/2003 of the Council and European Parliament and on implementing Commission regulations. One new Commission regulation on the annual module is developed each year. SILC has a cross-sectional and a longitudinal component. From March 2007, a user-friendly database containing micro-data is available for research projects.

The EU-SILC data are used to produce indicators of poverty, social exclusion and pensions. The domain is used for the structural indicators exercise and in the context of the Open Method of coordination on inclusion (NAPs, Laeken indicators and Joint Inclusion Report). Data are available in New Cronos.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 June 2003, concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC)
OJ L 165, 3.7.2003
- Regulation (EC) No 1553/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 September 2005, amending Regulation No. 1177/2003 concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC)
OJ L 255, 30.9.2005
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1982/2003 of 21 October 2003, implementing Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC) as regards the sampling and tracing rules
OJ L 298, 17.11.2003
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1981/2003 of 21 October 2003, implementing Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC) as regards the fieldwork aspects and the imputation procedures
OJ L 298, of 17.11.2003
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1980/2003 of 21 October 2003, implementing Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC) as regards definitions and updated definitions
OJ L 298 of 17.11.2003
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 676/2006 of 2 May 2006, amending Regulation (EC) No 1980/2003 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC) as regards definitions and updated definitions
OJ L 118, 3.5.2006, p.3-3

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1983/2003 of 7 November 2003, implementing Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC) as regards the list of target primary variables
OJ L 298, 17.11.2003

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 28/2004 of 5 January 2004, implementing Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC) as regards the detailed content of intermediate and final quality reports
OJ L 5, 9.1.2004

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 16/2004 of 6 January 2004, implementing Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC) as regards the list of target secondary variables relating to the "intergenerational transmission of poverty"
OJ L 4, 8.1.2004

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 13/2005 of 6 January 2005, implementing Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC) as regards the list of target secondary variables relating to 'social participation'
OJ L 5, 7.1.2005

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 315/2006 of 22 February 2006, implementing Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC) as regards the list of target secondary variables relating to housing conditions
OJ L 52, 23.2.2006

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 215/2007 of 28 February 2007, on implementing Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC) as regards the list of target secondary variables relating to over-indebtedness and financial exclusion
OJ L 62, 1.3.2007, p. 8–15

Agreements:

- Statistical Programming Committee Agreement of 2000, recommendations on statistics on poverty and social exclusion.
Time of obligation: continuous;
Participant countries: EU Member States;
Official data providers: NSIs.
Statistical Programming Committee Agreement of 2000.

- Statistical Programming Committee Agreement of 1998, recommendations on statistics on poverty and social exclusion.
Time of obligation: continuous;
Participant countries: EU Member States;
Official data providers: NSIs.
Statistical Programming Committee Agreement of 1998.

Other basis:

- Lisbon European Council, March 2000, implementing an open method of coordination in the field of social inclusion

- Laeken European Council, December 2001, implementing an open method of coordination in the field of pensions adequacy, sustainability and modernity

- EU Sustainable Development Strategy

3. Data Requirements

SILC_CD_A: Cross-sectional Household Register
Timeliness: 330 Periodicity: A

SILC_CH_A: Cross-sectional Household Data
Timeliness: 330 Periodicity: A

SILC_CP_A: Cross-sectional Personal Data
Timeliness: 330 Periodicity: A

SILC_CR_A: Cross-sectional Personal Register
Timeliness: 330 Periodicity: A

SILC_LD_A: Longitudinal household register
Timeliness: 450 Periodicity: A

SILC_LH_A: Longitudinal household data
Timeliness: 450 Periodicity: A

SILC_LP_A: Longitudinal personal data
Timeliness: 450 Periodicity: A

SILC_LR_A: Longitudinal personal register
Timeliness: 450 Periodicity: A

SILC_X_A: Intermediate Quality Report
Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

SILC_X_A: Final Quality Report
Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

INC-POV-SOCIAL-A: Income, poverty and social exclusion - Laeken indicators of monetary poverty
Timeliness: 270 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

- Description of EU-SILC methodology and target variables (document SILC065) available on:
<http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/eusilc/library?l=/silc/method/variables>

- "Poverty statistics in the late 1980's - research based on micro-data" - CA-83-94-636-EN-C (also available in French)

- "European social statistics - Income, poverty and social exclusion: 2nd report - Data 1994-1997" available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-BP-02-008

- "Continuity of Indicators during the transition between ECHP and EU-SILC" available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-CC-05-006

- Laeken indicators methodology (version 05/08/2005) available on:
<http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/soipase/library>

- Pensions indicators methodology (version 29/05/2006) available on:
<http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/soipase/library>

- "Material deprivation in the EU - Issue number 21/2005" available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-NK-05-021

Income poverty measurements:

Total household disposable income is equivalised using 'modified-OECD' scale and attributed to each individual member.

60% of national equivalised median income per person is used as main reference point.

5. International Cooperation

UN

Theme 1.07 Social protection

Description

The ongoing work on the European system of integrated social protection statistics (ESSPROS) includes collecting quantitative and qualitative data on the core system and on the numbers of pension beneficiaries. Implementation of the ESSPROS data collection in the new Member States will be a priority in future years. Another important challenge is the launch of the pilot data collection on net social benefits. If the results are positive, the module on net social benefits will be implemented from 2010. The analytic use of social protection data is to be strengthened by producing user-oriented analyses and by improving online dissemination. This medium-term strategy can only be achieved through reinforced cooperation with policy users, Member States and other international organisations (OECD and ILO in particular).

Key priorities 2008

For the ESSPROS project, 2008 will be the first year of implementation of the EP and Council regulation adopted on 22 March 2007 for the annual data collections on the core system (both quantitative and qualitative data) and on pension beneficiaries, with improvements in terms of timeliness and coverage. In addition, the pilot data collection on net social benefits will be launched in 2008.

Module 1.07.01 Social protection (ESSPROS)

Responsible unit: **F-3: Living conditions and social protection statistics**
Contact person: Teresa BENTO, Tel: +352 4301 32056

1. Module Description

Database on social protection expenditure, receipts and social benefits classified by functions: sickness/health care, disability, old age, survivors, family/children, unemployment, housing and social exclusion, others. Data available in a yearly publication and in New Cronos. Qualitative information and data from the module on the number of pensions beneficiaries are also annually collected. A feasibility study for a data collection on net expenditures is in development.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Regulation (EC) No 458/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 April 2007, on the European system of integrated social protection statistics (ESSPROS)
OJ L 113, 30.4.2007, p. 3–8

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1322/2007 of 12 November 2007 implementing Regulation (EC) No 458/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European system of integrated social protection statistics (ESSPROS) as regards the appropriate formats for transmission, results to be transmitted and criteria for measuring quality for the ESSPROS core system and the module on pension beneficiaries.
OJ L 294; 13.11.2007, p.5-10

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 10/2008 of 8 January 2008 implementing Regulation (EC) No 458/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European system of integrated social protection statistics (ESSPROS) as regards the definitions, detailed classifications and updating of the rules for dissemination for the ESSPROS core system and the module on pension beneficiaries (1)
OJ L 5; 9.1.2008, p.3-13

Other basis:

- ESSPROS Manual.

Time of obligation: continuous;

Periodicity: yearly;

Participant countries: 27 countries of EU + Iceland, Norway, Switzerland;

Official data providers: National Statistical Institutes and Ministries of Labour or other bodies - depending on countries.

ESSPROS group available on: <http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/esspros/home>

3. Data Requirements

SESPROS-QD-A¹: ESSPROS data on expenditure and receipts

Timeliness: Periodicity: A

SESPROS-QI-A: Annual updating of ESSPROS qualitative information

Timeliness: Periodicity: A

SESPROS-PB-A¹: Data on pension beneficiaries

Timeliness: Periodicity: A

¹ Including Quality Report

4. Methodology

- ESSPROS Manual

5. International Cooperation

OECD, ILO, NOSOSCO.

Theme 1.08 Consumer protection

Description

In recent years, following the high priority given to consumer protection policy, Eurostat has made efforts to regularly produce a Panorama publication 'Consumers in Europe: facts and figures' (published in 2002, 2005 and 2007). In addition, DG SANCO has received support on statistical methodology for fields both covered and not covered by Eurostat, for example on services of general interest, the safety of products and services, energy, and consumer satisfaction. For demands concerning detailed price statistics, an inter-service Task Force has been created and has started its work.

Key priorities 2008

In 2008, priority will be given to the preparation of the fourth issue of the Panorama in the EU series 'Consumers in Europe: facts and figures', including data from the 2005 HBS surveys. For soft statistics developed by public/private bodies (other than the European Statistical System), methodological assistance will be given. For official statistics (e.g. detailed prices, cross-border consumption expenditure, business-to-consumer activities), an action plan will be developed, incorporating the conclusions of the inter-service Task Force on detailed prices. Finally, initial ideas will be developed for a module on consumer protection issues to be included in the new EHS project.

Module 1.08.01 Consumer protection

Responsible unit: **F-3: Living conditions and social protection statistics**
Contact person: Peter Paul BORG, Tel: +352 4301 37848

1. Module Description

Domain aiming at disseminating data through the 'Consumer in Europe' publication.

2. Legal Basis

None

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

- Guidelines for data collection established under a Community action programme on injury prevention (Decision No 372/1999/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 February 1999)

- Methodology for EHLASS (European Home and Leisure Accidents)

5. International Cooperation

ECE, UN.

Theme 1.09 Food safety

Description

Work on food safety statistics will continue in order to obtain statistical indicators for monitoring food safety within the EU. Cooperation will be continued with DG AGRI, reinforced with DG SANCO and developed with other Commission services, where relevant, such as DG FISH, DG ENV and DG TRADE, and with the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), the European Centre for Disease Control (ECDC) and the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Key priorities 2008

Work will focus on the areas already started in previous years in line with the priorities identified by the Working Group on Food Safety Statistics. More precisely, work will continue on the further development of the database on control and monitoring activities, in particular the harmonisation of the agreed indicators through the development of harmonised data dictionaries and definitions. The possibilities of collecting data for a limited set of food consumption indicators to respond to policy needs will continue to be analysed, including the possibility of launching a pilot data collection. The quality and availability of data on products from organic farming will be improved and ways of collecting statistics on GM products will continue to be explored. The database created in 2004 to hold all the data already available to Eurostat concerning food safety issues will be permanently updated and enriched with data on the production of food products with distinctive marks and on control and monitoring activities. Cooperation with ECDC and EFSA will continue in order to analyse the possibility of constructing relevant indicators on the impact of food safety on human health.

Module 1.09.01 Food safety statistics: cross-cutting issues

Responsible unit: **F-5: Health and food safety statistics**
Contact person: Ana Maria MARTINEZ PALOU, Tel: +352 4301 35730

1. Module Description

On the basis of article 153 of the Treaties and the EC Regulation 178/2002 (the "Food Law"), the Commission has put in place a series of rules, norms and guidelines on food safety. The statistical work on this field consists of defining a set of relevant indicators on food safety, putting in place a data base with existing data i.e. on results of food control and monitoring activities, and on products with distinctive marks as well as establishing a methodology for the collection of comparable data i.e. on food consumption. The data base 'From farm to fork' will be further developed and the potential impact of changes in related classifications (NACE, CPA, PRODCOM, CN) will be addressed.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002, laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety
OJ L 31, 1.2.2002

Other basis:

- Eurostat Working Group on Food safety statistics and related Task Forces: Work developments are discussed at the regular meetings of the Working group (at least once a year).

At regular intervals the SCAS (Standing Committee for Agricultural Statistics) is informed on work carried out on food safety statistics and its development;

General information (description): The scope of the project covers the whole food chain (from farm to fork). Several priority areas were identified at the first meeting of the working group (April 2003). These are: products with distinctive marks (organic products, PDO/PGI/TSG products, and GM-based products), statistics on control and monitoring activities, food consumption statistics. A reflection group set up in June 2005 identified future development areas like the "impact of food safety in human health". Development of statistical work on these areas is made with the help of relevant Task forces;

Publication: in TF and/or WG documents in CIRCA Interest Group "Food safety statistics" available on <http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/Home/main>, domain FOOD containing main indicators of the food production-consumption chain, pocketbook "Food: From farm to fork statistics", several Statistics in Focus, etc. All available on Eurostat website under "Agriculture and fisheries":
<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu>;

Participant countries: 27 EU, Candidate Countries (HR, MK, TR), EFTA Countries;
Official data providers: NSIs and/or Ministries of Agriculture and/or Ministries of Health and/or responsible national Food authorities.

3. Data Requirements

See Modules 1.09.02, 1.09.03 and 1.09.04

4. Methodology

None

5. International Cooperation

None

Module 1.09.02 Statistics on control and monitoring activities

Responsible unit: **F-5: Health and food safety statistics**
Contact person: Ana Maria MARTINEZ PALOU, Tel: +352 4301 35730

1. Module Description

The statistics on Control and monitoring activities have been identified as a priority area. They include the following domains: Food and feed controls, controls on pesticide residues, veterinary medicines, zoonoses, TSE, contaminants, animal welfare.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004, on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules
OJ L 165, 30.4.2004, p. 1–141
- Corrigendum to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules (OJ L 165, 30.4.2004)
OJ L 191, 28.5.2004
- Council Directive 76/895/EEC of 23 November 1976 relating to the fixing of maximum levels for pesticide residues in and on fruit and vegetables
OJ L 340, 9.12.1976
- Council Directive 86/362/EEC of 24 July 1986 on the fixing of maximum levels for pesticide residues in and on cereals
OJ L 221, 7.8.1986
- Council Directive 90/642/EEC of 27 November 1990 on the fixing of maximum levels for pesticide residues in and on certain products of plant origin, including fruit and vegetables
OJ L 350, 14.12.1990
- Council Directive 96/23/EC of 29 April 1996 on measures to monitor certain substances and residues thereof in live animals and animal products and repealing Directives 85/358/EEC and 86/469/EEC and Decisions 89/187/EEC and 91/664/EEC
OJ L 125, 23.5.1996
- Directive 2003/99/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 November 2003 on the monitoring of zoonoses and zoonotic agents, amending Council Decision 90/424/EEC and repealing Council Directive 92/117/EEC
OJ L 325, 12.12.2003

Other basis:

Data on control and monitoring activities: extracted from annual reports provided by the countries to DG SANCO or to the European Food Safety Authority.

3. Data Requirements

Data collected by DG Sanco and EFSA (annual reports)

4. Methodology

- Common glossary of control and monitoring activities

- Typology of sampling strategies
- Classification of control and monitoring activities
- Practical definitions of variables

5. International Cooperation

None

Module 1.09.03 Food consumption statistics

Responsible unit: **F-5: Health and food safety statistics**
Contact person: Ana Maria MARTINEZ PALOU, Tel: +352 4301 35730

1. Module Description

Food consumption statistics will serve two main purposes: to use in the context of risk assessments for 'food safety' and to monitor policies, actions and programmes on 'health and nutrition'. The overall aim is to develop a methodology for statistical data on food consumption in order to assist in the evaluation, monitoring and orientation of health and food safety policies of the EU.

2. Legal Basis

No specific legal basis, 5-years programme only

3. Data Requirements

First list of indicators for priority substances and priority foods and nutrients has been established.

4. Methodology

The methodology is being developed.

5. International Cooperation

None

Module 1.09.04 Statistics on products with distinctive marks (including organic production and farming)

Responsible unit: **F-5: Health and food safety statistics**
Contact person: Ana Maria MARTINEZ PALOU, Tel: +352 4301 35730

1. Module Description

The Statistics on products with distinctive marks include three domains: Organic production and farming, PDO/PGI products (PDO: Protected Denomination of Origin; PGI: Protected Geographical Indication) and GM (genetically modified) based products.

A regular data collection is established for 'organic production and farming', which will be further consolidated in the context of the Council Regulation 834/2007.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 2082/92 of 14 July 1992, on certificates of specific character for agricultural products and foodstuffs
OJ L 208, 24.7.1992
- Council Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92 of 14 July 1992, on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs
OJ L 208, 24.7.1992
- Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 of 28 June 2007, on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 (shall apply as from 1 January 2009)
OJ L 189, 20.7.2007

Other basis:

Data on organic production and farming: transmitted directly to DG AGRI and to Eurostat.

Comments: Data on PDO/PGI/TSG products: voluntary data collection agreed at the meeting held 3-4 December 2004.

3. Data Requirements

a) The data on "Organic production and farming" are jointly collected by DG AGRI and ESTAT:

Number of registered organic operators (producers, transformers and importers) at the end of the reference year and new during the year)

Timeliness: 1st July year n+1 Periodicity: A

Organic crop area (fully converted and under conversion) and organic crop production

Timeliness: 1st July year n+1 Periodicity: A

Organic livestock

Timeliness: 1st July year n+1 Periodicity: A

Production of organic products from animal origin

Timeliness: 1st July year n+1 Periodicity: A

Number of organic operators (transformers and production value) by economic activity

Timeliness: 1st July year n+1 Periodicity: A

b) The data on "PDO/PGI products" are collected by DG AGRI and ESTAT:
Number of certified products

Number of producers

Volume and value of the sold production

4. Methodology

The methodology is still being further developed.

5. International Cooperation

None

Theme 1.10 Crime and criminal justice

Description

Work on a system of European statistics on crime and criminal justice follows the strategy set out in the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee on developing a comprehensive and coherent EU strategy to measure crime and criminal justice, an EU Action Plan 2006- 2010 (COM(2006) 437).

Key priorities 2008

Work will continue on implementing the EU Action Plan 2006-2010 to develop a system of European statistics on crime and criminal justice. The existing data collection will be extended up to the reference year 2006 and associated metadata will be progressively developed. Specific studies of selected crime types will be launched as a guide to assessing — and where possible improving — the comparability of national data. The ongoing activities of the Working Group on Statistics on Crime and Criminal Justice will be coordinated with the development of indicators by the DG JLS Expert Group. The output of the Expert Group will be examined with a view to identifying methodologies for further statistical collections. A European survey module on victimisation — developed by Eurostat in 2007 — will be translated and tested in Member States and the groundwork laid for providing recommendations concerning the implementation of such a survey module as provided for under the Action Plan.

Module 1.10.01 Administrative data on crime and criminal justice

Responsible unit: **F-5: Health and food safety statistics**
Contact person: Marleen DE SMEDT, Tel: +352 4301 33673

1. Module Description

The objective is to develop Community statistics for an enlarged EU in the area of crime and criminal justice, according to an Action Plan approved by the Commission for the period 2006-2010 (see below under Legal Basis).

Full information (data, metadata, methodology, background information, etc) is available on the Eurostat website at

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=3073,67701349,3073_67745354&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL

2. Legal Basis

Other basis:

- Guidelines under a Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee - Developing a comprehensive and coherent EU strategy to measure crime and criminal justice : an EU Action Plan 2006-2010 (COM/2006/0437 final) available on:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:52006DC0437:EN:NOT>

3. Data Requirements

Data on crimes recorded collected by the police (total crime, homicide, violent crime, robbery, domestic burglary, theft of motor vehicles, drug trafficking), prison populations and numbers of police officers, collected annually from contact points in Member States.

4. Methodology

- Methods and definitions agreed with other international organisations (see below) provided with data request and available on Eurostat website (see link above under Module Description).

5. International Cooperation

Close collaboration on methodology and data collection with European Sourcebook of Crime and Criminal Justice Statistics, United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC), European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control (HEUNI) and European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Abuse (EMCDDA).

Module 1.10.02 EU victimisation survey module

Responsible unit: **F-5: Health and food safety statistics**
Contact person: Marleen DE SMEDT, Tel: +352 4301 33673

1. Module Description

The objective is to provide information on crime victimisation at EU level by developing a victimisation survey module.

2. Legal Basis

Other basis:

- The political requirement is defined in a Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee - Developing a comprehensive and coherent EU strategy to measure crime and criminal justice : an EU Action Plan 2006-2010 (COM/2006/0437 final) available on:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:52006DC0437:EN:NOT>

3. Data Requirements

The current objective is to collect data on safety and security issues (such as household security), common property crimes, 'new ' crime types including credit card fraud, and violence (self-completion). Exact contents of the survey module, and other details including periodicity etc, will be decided after piloting in Member States.

4. Methodology

Agreed by the Eurostat Working Group on Crime and Criminal Justice in line with the principles established by the UNODC/UNECE task force (see below).

5. International Cooperation

Close collaboration with United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC), United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control (HEUNI) and with the joint UNODC/UNECE task force.

Theme 1.11 Discrimination

Description

Using available data as far as possible, a framework will be developed for the collection of statistics on the extent and impact of discrimination with the aim of establishing a basis for monitoring the implementation of Community antidiscrimination legislation and action programmes.

Key priorities 2008

Work on discrimination statistics will focus on examining available data and studies, e.g. within a Working Group on data on discrimination steered by DG EMPL, with a view to gradually establishing a common methodology for regular data collection.

Module 1.11.01 Discrimination statistics

Responsible unit: **F-4: Health and food safety statistics**
Contact person: Marleen DE SMEDT, Tel: +352 4301 33673

1. Module Description

The objective is to develop a general framework for the regular collection of statistics on equality/the extent and the impact of discrimination on the different grounds referred to in the EU Equality Directives, but in particular focussing on discrimination because of 'religion or belief', 'sexual orientation' and 'race or ethnicity'.

2. Legal Basis

Community Statistical Programme 2008-2012.

3. Data Requirements

As agreed by the Directors of Social Statistics at their last meeting of September 2007, a Task Force (TF) on equality statistics is established. This TF, which will have its first meeting on 5-6 May 2008, will examine existing data and proposed indicators on equality and it will tackle specific methodological issues.

4. Methodology

The abovementioned TF will develop a framework for methodological work to be undertaken and will start work on some priority actions such as on establishing classifications or examining the possibility for a EU survey module on perceived/experienced discrimination.

5. International Cooperation

Work is coordinated with actions of other organisations active in the field, in particular the Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) and the Council of Europe.

Theme 1.12 Other work in the field of demographic and social statistics

Description

This theme includes four distinct cross-cutting fields of social statistics: social reporting, gender statistics, youth statistics and the new European System of Social Statistical Survey Modules (EHS).

In the field of social reporting, Eurostat is and will remain together with DG EMPL an active co-author of the report 'The social situation in the European Union'. In addition to a holistic view, this report has a special focus that changes from one edition to another. Eurostat also produces the statistical pocketbook 'Living conditions in Europe'.

The aim of gender statistics is to describe the different roles of women and men in society. A gender perspective should be integrated within all statistics on individuals. The strategy is to increase data collection by sex, to develop gender statistics, and to work towards a more extensive presentation of gender statistics.

The political interest in youth is growing and the need to base policy in this area on solid statistical and sociological analysis is obvious. At EU level, harmonised statistical data sources are numerous but should be better exploited. These harmonised data will be gathered and presented in a user-friendly publication.

The EHS (European System of Social Statistical Survey Modules) project aims to rationalise the existing household surveys and to reinforce the general social statistics infrastructure so that Eurostat is better able to respond to new Commission demands.

Key priorities 2008

For the module 'Social reporting' the main priority is the production of the 2008 edition of the report 'The social situation in the European Union' together with DG EMPL. In addition, a new edition of the pocketbook 'Living conditions in Europe' is being produced. Care will be taken to ensure that the social indicators presented in these publications are fully consistent with the structural indicators and the indicators developed by the indicator subgroups of the employment and social protection committees.

In gender statistics, the key priority is to ensure that the gender aspect is incorporated into all statistics on individuals in Eurostat. The provision of coherent and timely data on the gender pay gap remains a priority. Furthermore, an analysis of the sources for data and indicators on the care of dependent adults is planned.

In youth statistics, the key priority is to ensure proper preparation of the publication on young people.

The EHS project will be tested in a pilot exercise in 2008. In parallel, the sampling and fieldwork aspects of the project will be developed and the recommended EU schema will be used.

Module 1.12.01 Social reporting

Responsible unit: **F-3: Living conditions and social protection statistics**
Contact person: Jukka PIIRTO, Tel: +352 4301 34251

1. Module Description

Domain aiming at presenting a balanced overview of social statistics disseminated in two publications:

- a) 'The social situation in the European Union', which is a Commission report prepared jointly by Eurostat and the Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

2005-2006 edition

- Product details
The complete version
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KE-AG-06-001
The overview version
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KE-AP-06-001
- The publication itself
The complete version (The statistical portraits and annexes are in pp. 49–169 = pp. 51/176 – 171/176)
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KE-AG-06-001/EN/KE-AG-06-001-EN.PDF
The overview version (The statistical portraits and annexes in pp. 21–55 = pp. 24 (23 of 60) – 58 (57 of 60))
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KE-AP-06-001/EN/KE-AP-06-001-EN.PDF

- b) The Eurostat statistical pocketbook 'Living conditions in Europe'

2007 edition (Data 2002–2005)

- Product details
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-76-06-390
- The publication itself
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KS-76-06-390/EN/KS-76-06-390-EN.PDF

2. Legal Basis

- a) The Treaty establishing the European Community, Part three 'Community policies', Title XI 'Social policy, education, vocational training and youth', Chapter 1 'Social provisions':

Objectives for social policy: The first paragraph of the first article (Article 136) in this chapter prescribes objectives for social policy:

"The Community and the Member States, having in mind fundamental social rights such as those set out in the European Social Charter signed at Turin on 18 October 1961 and in the 1989 Community Charter of the Fundamental Social Rights of Workers, shall have as their objectives the promotion of employment, improved living and working conditions, so as to make possible their harmonisation while the improvement is being maintained, proper social protection, dialogue between management and labour, the development of human resources with a view to lasting high employment and the combating of exclusion."

Reporting on progress in achieving the objectives for social policy: Later in this chapter, the first paragraph of the Article 143 prescribes:

"The Commission shall draw up a report each year on progress in achieving the objectives of Article 136, including the demographic situation in the Community. It shall forward the report to the European Parliament, the Council and the Economic and Social Committee."

Together with other yearly reports of the Commission the report 'The social situation in the European Union' responds to Article 143.

The document 'European Union - Consolidated versions of the Treaty on European Union and of the Treaty establishing the European Community' (Official Journal C 321E of 29 December 2006) is available from:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/treaties/index.htm>

The two paragraphs quoted above can be found in the pages 106 and 110.

b) The Treaty of Lisbon amending the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Community, signed at Lisbon, 13 December 2007. This treaty is undergoing ratification.

The two paragraphs quoted above remain as such in the Treaty of Lisbon.

3. Data Requirements

No specific requirements to this module.

Elsewhere in this document the modules of the themes Population, Labour market, Education, Health and safety, Distribution of incomes and living conditions and Social protection (and some macro-economic statistics modules) describe their specific data requirements. The social reporting module uses the data which are available from these demographic and social statistics (and some macro-economic statistics) modules.

4. Methodology

The balanced overview of the social statistics is given using the commonly agreed EU indicators (e.g. the structural indicators).

Elsewhere in this document the modules of the themes Population, Labour market, Education, Health and safety, Distribution of incomes and living conditions and Social protection (and some macro-economic statistics modules) describe their specific methodologies. The social reporting module implicitly uses the methodologies which are used in these demographic and social statistics (and some macro-economic statistics) modules.

5. International Cooperation

None

Module 1.12.02 Gender statistics

Responsible unit: **F-2: Labour market statistics**
Contact person: Didier DUPRÉ, Tel, +352 4301 35034
 Simone CASALI (Gender Pay Gap), Tel: +352 35572

1. Module Description

Gender statistics is an integrated part of all statistics on individuals. If possible, data on individuals are at present collected by sex in all subject areas. Gender pay gap in particular measures the pay differentials between women and men. In developing new statistical areas the gender perspective will be taken into account. Eurostat will co-operate with other DGs and international organisations (ILO, OECD, UNECE) in order to develop indicators and to collect data subdivided by sex. It is expected to have a more systematic breakdown of all statistics on individuals by sex and to have a more extensive presentation of gender statistics.

2. Legal Basis

None

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

None

5. International Cooperation

ECE, UN.

Module 1.12.04 EHS (European system of social statistical survey modules)

Responsible unit: **F-3: Living conditions and social protection statistics**
Contact person: Elodie CARMONA, Tel: +352 4301 38317

1. Module Description

EHS has been developed since 2005 in the prospect of both quickly fulfilling the new Commission needs and rationalizing the existing and future households data collections in the field of social statistics.

EHS is conceived as a system of household survey modules. The recommended schema would comprise regular annual modules (a module on the core social variables (socio-demographic background), a module corresponding to the current ICT survey and a short module on health made of a selection of indicators from the comprehensive European Health Interview Survey), the regular 5-year comprehensive Adult Education Survey (AES) and new ad hoc one-off modules to respond to new policy needs from Commission DGs.

2. Legal Basis

a) For the ICT module:

Legal acts:

- Regulation (EC) No 808/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 concerning Community statistics on information society
OJ L 143, 30.4.2004

b) For the AES module:

Legal acts:

- Regulation No 452/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2008 concerning the production and development of statistics on education and lifelong learning
OJ L 145, 4.6.2008

Agreements:

- SPC Agreement of 01/12/1998, Education and Training Statistics Working Group decision and Work Programmes adopted by the SPC, Directors of Social Statistics approval for implementation plan of the AES.

Other basis:

- Communication from the Commission of 21 February 2007 on a coherent framework of indicators and benchmarks for monitoring progress towards the Lisbon objectives in education and training (COM/2007/0061 final).
http://ec.europa.eu/education/policies/2010/objectives_en.html#measuring

c) For the module on health:

Legal acts:

- Decision No 1786/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2002, adopting a programme of Community action in the field of public health (2003-2008).
OJ L 271, 9.10.2002

3. Data Requirements

None.

4. Methodology

- Task Force on Core Social Variables- Final report (2007), Collection Methodologies and working papers (product code KS-RA-07-006).

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-RA-07-006

- Methodological Manual for statistics on the Information Society.

- Adult Education Survey (2005-2007), Manual (version 24.08.2007).

5. International Cooperation

None.

DOMAIN 2 – Macroeconomic statistics

Theme 2.01 Annual economic accounts

Description

Annual national accounts play a fundamental role in the examination of many key policy questions for the European Union. They provide key economic and monetary policy indicators and basic information for the own resources system, the regional and structural funds, the excessive deficit procedure, and the growth and stability pact. The data are used by the Commission and the ECB, as well as by national governments, social partners, financial markets and economic analysts. Annual national accounts also constitute the basis for many structural indicators required by the European Council. As well as providing a wealth of detail, the annual economic accounts provide a solid framework and benchmark for quarterly estimates (Theme 2.02) and calculation of own resources (Theme 2.05).

Harmonised data are compiled and transmitted by all Member States in accordance with the European System of Accounts (ESA95), which is the EU version of the world-level System of National Accounts. Data are transmitted by EU Member States to Eurostat in accordance with the transmission programme set out in annex B of the ESA regulation.

Key priorities 2008

Eurostat and the Member States will continue their methodological work. In particular, they will continue to participate actively in the review of the world-level System of National Accounts (SNA93) and will revise the European System of Accounts (ESA95), which should in general be consistent with the SNA. Assessing the quality of the implementation of important methodological improvements will also be a key task. These methodological improvements include the allocation of FISIM (Financial Intermediation Services Indirectly Measured) among user sectors and industries and improved price and volume measures in national accounts.

Eurostat and the Member States will actively work to ensure the successful implementation of the ESA95 data transmission programme for national and regional accounts. Efforts to further improve data quality will continue to be of particular importance. One focal point here is the quality of labour input data for measuring productivity in the context of the Lisbon strategy. A second focal point is the definition of the scope, limits and context of the future development of the EU KLEMS (EU level analysis of capital (K), labour (L), energy (E), materials (M) and service (S) inputs) dataset in the framework of the European Statistical System. Furthermore, the integration of non-financial and financial accounts will continue to be pursued, along with cooperation with the services responsible for balance of payments and foreign trade statistics. Eurostat will also step up its efforts to produce supply-and-use and input-output tables, in particular with a view to enhancing completeness and quality. In regional accounts, Eurostat will launch a new Task Force on the methodology for compiling regional GDP.

Module 2.01.01 European system of accounts

Responsible unit: **C-1: National accounts: methodology and analysis**
Contact person: Christian RAVETS, Tel: +352 4301 34826

1. Module Description

Active participation in the SNA 93 update (AEG, ISGWNA and Management Group). Update of ESA closely coordinated with Member States.

Implementation of the ESA Regulation. Interpret and update ESA to take account of economic trends and new demand.

Improving the comparability of data between the Member States and other countries and also their usefulness for national and European analyses.

Improving measurement of prices and volumes for EMU analysis and for the Stability and Growth Pact.

Coordination of concepts with other areas of Eurostat whose work is related to national accounts.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 of 25 June 1996, on the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community (ESA95)
OJ L 310, 30.11.1996

- Council Regulation (EC) No 448/98 of 16 February 1998, completing and amending Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) within the European system of national and regional accounts (ESA)
OJ L 58, 27.2.1998

- Commission Decision No 98/715/EC of 30 November 1998, clarifying Annex A to Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 on the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community as concerns the principles for measuring prices and volumes
OJ L 340, 16.12.1998

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 264/2000 of 3 February 2000, on the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to short-term public finance statistics
OJ L 29, 4.2.2000

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1500/2000 of 10 July 2000, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to general government expenditure and revenue
OJ L 172, 12.7.2000

- Regulation (EC) No 2516/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 November 2000, modifying the common principles of the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community (ESA) 95 as concerns taxes and social contributions and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96
OJ L 290, 17.11.2000

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 995/2001 of 22 May 2001, implementing European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No 2516/2000 modifying the common principles of ESA95 as concerns taxes and social contribution
OJ L 139, 23.5.2001

- Regulation (EC) No 2558/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 December 2001, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 as regards the reclassification of settlements under swaps arrangements and under forward rate agreements
OJ L 344, 28.12.2001

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 113/2002 of 23 January 2002, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with regard to revised classification of expenditure according to purpose
OJ L 21, 24.1.2002

- Regulation (EC) No 359/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 February 2002, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 as concerns the use of ESA 95 in the determination of Member States' payments to the VAT-based own resource
OJ L 58, 28.2.2002

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1889/2002 of 23 October 2002, on the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 448/98 completing and amending Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) within the European System of national and regional Accounts (ESA)
OJ L 286, 24.10.2002

- Commission Decision No 2002/990/EC of 17 December 2002, further clarifying Annex A to Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 as concerns the principles for measuring prices and volumes in national accounts
OJ L 347, 20.12.2002

- Regulation (EC) No 1267/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 June 2003, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the time limit for transmission of the main aggregates of national accounts, to the derogations concerning the transmission of the main aggregates of national accounts and to the transmission of employment data in hours worked
OJ L 180, 18.7.2003

- Regulation (EC) No 501/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 March 2004, on quarterly financial accounts for general government
OJ L 81, 19.3.2004

- Regulation (EC) No 1161/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 2005, on the compilation of quarterly non-financial accounts by institutional sector
OJ L 191, 22.7.2005

- Commission Decision No 2006/209/EC of 9 March 2006, granting derogations to bring Member States' statistical systems into conformity with Regulation (EC) No 1161/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council
OJ L 75, 14.3.2006, p. 26-27

Other basis:

- Eurostat Input-Output Manual

- Handbook on prices and volume measurements in national accounts

- Handbook on Quarterly National Accounts, Eurostat 1999

- Additional information available on the "National and Financial Accounts in Eurostat" website:
<http://circa.europa.eu/irc/dsis/nfaccount/info/data/index.htm> and on:
<http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/pnb/library>

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

- ESA 95 and legal acts above
- Handbook on Quarterly National Accounts, Eurostat 1999
- Prices and volume measurements, Handbook
- Eurostat Input-Output Manual

5. International Cooperation

EFTA, OECD, UNECE Geneva, IMF, World Bank, UNSTAT.

Module 2.01.02 National accounts: aggregates

Responsible unit: **C-2: National accounts: production**
Contact person: Ingo KUHNERT, Tel: +352 4301 35234

1. Module Description

Main annual aggregates of non-financial national accounts, annual data on value added, capital formation and labour input by industry, and household consumption by purpose. Data collection, processing, validation and uploading to Eurostat's online database and preparation of publications. Variety of services to users as well as data provision for specific needs of the Commission (Structural Indicators, structural and productivity analyses) and the European Central Bank.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 of 25 June 1996, on the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community
OJ L 310, 30.11.1996
- Council Regulation (EC) No 448/98 of 16 February 1998, completing and amending Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) within the European system of national and regional accounts (ESA)
OJ L 58, 27.2.1998
- Commission Decision No 98/715/EC of 13 November 1998, clarifying Annex a to Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 on the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community as concerns the principles for measuring prices and volumes
OJ L 340, 16.12.1998
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1889/2002 of 23 October 2002, on the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 448/98 completing and amending Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) within the European System of national and regional Accounts (ESA)
OJ L 286, 24.10.2002
- Commission Decision No 2002/990/EC of 17 December 2002, further clarifying Annex A to Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 as concerns the principles for measuring prices and volumes in national accounts
OJ L 347, 20.12.2002
- Regulation (EC) No 1267/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 June 2003, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the time limit for transmission of the main aggregates of national accounts, to the derogations concerning the transmission of the main aggregates of national accounts and to the transmission of employment data in hours worked
OJ L 180, 18.7.2003
- Regulation (EC) No 1161/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 2005, on the compilation of quarterly non-financial accounts by institutional sector
OJ L 191, 22.07.2005
- Regulation (EC) No 1392/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 November 2007, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the transmission of national accounts data
OJ L 324, 10.12.2007

See also Module 2.01.01

ESAP2BRK_2200_A: Cross-classification of gross fixed capital formation by industry and by non-financial fixed asset

Timeliness: 24 months Periodicity: A

ESAP2STK_2600_A: Balance sheets for non-financial assets

Timeliness: 24 months Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

See Module 2.01.01

5. International Cooperation

OECD, ECB, ECE Geneva.

Module 2.01.03 Accounts of institutional sectors

Responsible unit: **C-2: National accounts: production**
Contact person: Denis LEYTHIENNE, Tel: +352 4301 33493

1. Module Description

Production and development of annual non-financial accounts by institutional sector. Compilation and publication of the annual sector accounts of the Member-States. Methodological developments related to the compilation of annual sector accounts and related work of the QSA Task Force. Work on the integration of non-financial and financial accounts.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 of 25 June 1996, on the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community
OJ L 310, 30.11.1996

- Regulation (EC) No 1392/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 November 2007, amending Council Regulation (EC) N. 2223/96 with respect to the transmission of national accounts data.
OJ L 324, 10.12.2007, p. 1–78

3. Data Requirements

ESAP2SEC_0800_A: Non-Financial Accounts by Sector - Annual
Full set of annual accounts for sectors: non-financial corporations, financial corporations, government, households/Npishes and Rest of the World + some geographical breakdown.
Timeliness: 9 months. Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

- Methodological information available on: <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/sectoraccounts>

5. International Cooperation

ECB, OECD.

Module 2.01.04 Supply/use and input/output tables

Responsible unit: C-2: National accounts: production
Contact person: Peter RITZMANN, Tel: +352 4301 33251

1. Module Description

Supply, use and input-output tables. Data collection, processing, validation and uploading to Eurostat's online database and contribution to publications; specific services to users.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 of 25 June 1996, on the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community
OJ L 310, 30.11.1996

- Council Regulation (EC) No 448/98 of 16 February 1998, completing and amending Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) within the European system of national and regional accounts (ESA)
OJ L 58, 27.2.1998

- Commission Decision No 98/715/EC of 13 November 1998, clarifying Annex a to Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 on the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community as concerns the principles for measuring prices and volumes
OJ L 340, 16.12.1998

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1889/2002 of 23 October 2002, on the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 448/98 completing and amending Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) within the European System of national and regional Accounts (ESA)
OJ L 286, 24.10.2002

- Commission Decision No 2002/990/EC of 17 December 2002, further clarifying Annex A to Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 as concerns the principles for measuring prices and volumes in national accounts
OJ L 347, 20.12.2002

- Regulation (EC) No 1392/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 November 2007, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the transmission of national accounts data
OJ L 324, 10.12.2007

Other basis:

- Additional information available on the "National and Financial Accounts in Eurostat" website:
<http://circa.europa.eu/irc/dsis/nfaccount/info/data/index.htm>

3. Data Requirements

ESANA_IOT_1500_A: Supply Table at Basic Prices, including a transformation into purchasers' prices (A60 * P60) EU-ESA95-IO

Timeliness: 36 months Periodicity: A

ESANA_IOT_1600_A: Use Table at Purchaser's Prices (A60 * P60)

Timeliness: 36 months Periodicity: A

ESANA_IOT_1700_5: Symmetric Input/Output table at basic prices, five yearly (P60 * P60)

Timeliness: 36 months Periodicity: 5

ESANA_IOT_1800_5: Symmetric Input/Output table at basic prices for Domestic Output, five yearly (P60 * P60)

Timeliness: 36 months Periodicity: 5

ESANA_IOT_1900_5: Symmetric Input/Output table at basic prices for Imports, five yearly (P60 * P60)

Timeliness: 36 months Periodicity: 5

4. Methodology

- Eurostat Manual of Supply, Use and Input-Output Tables (available on the Eurostat website)

See also Module 2.01.01

5. International Cooperation

OECD, ECB, ECE Geneva.

Module 2.01.06 Regional accounts

Responsible unit: **C-2: National accounts: production**
Contact person: Andreas KRUEGER, Tel: +352 4301 36397

1. Module Description

- Implementation of the ESA95 (chapter 13) methodology:
 - Data collection of regional gross value added (GVA) by industry and estimation of regional GDP
 - Data collection of regional GFCF, compensation of employees and employment
 - Data collection of regional household accounts

for EU Member States and Candidate Countries.

- Assurance of good quality of Regional Accounts.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 of 25 June 1996, on the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community (ESA95)
OJ L 310, 30.11.1996

- Council Regulation (EC) No 448/98 of 16 February 1998, completing and amending Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) within the European system of national and regional accounts (ESA)
OJ L 58, 27.2.1998

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1889/2002 of 23 October 2002, on the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 448/98 completing and amending Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) within the European System of national and region
OJ L 286, 24.10.2002

- Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 of 11 July 2006, laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999
OJ L 210, 31.7.2006

- Regulation (EC) No 1392/2007 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 13 November 2007, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the transmission of national accounts data
OJ L 324, 10.12.2007

Other basis:

- REGIONAL ACCOUNTS METHODS - Gross value-added and gross fixed capital formation by activity (1996) - ISBN 92-827-0159-X

Available in electronic form from the following e-mail address:

ESTAT-REG-ACCOUNTS@ec.europa.eu

- REGIONAL ACCOUNTS METHODS - Household accounts (1996) - ISBN 92-827-8964-0

Available in electronic form from the following e-mail address:

ESTAT-REG-ACCOUNTS@ec.europa.eu

3. Data Requirements

ESAP2REG_1000_A: Tables by industry A6 and by region (NUTSII)-Annual

Timeliness: T+24 months

Periodicity: A

ESAP2REG_1200_A: Tables by industry A6 and by region (NUTSIII)-Annual

Timeliness: T+24 months

Periodicity: A

ESAP2REG_1300_A: Households accounts by region (NUTSII)-Annual

Timeliness: T+24 months

Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

- REGIONAL ACCOUNTS METHODS - Gross value-added and gross fixed capital formation by activity (1996) - ISBN 92-827-0159-X

Available in electronic form from the following e-mail address:

ESTAT-REG-ACCOUNTS@ec.europa.eu

- REGIONAL ACCOUNTS METHODS - Household accounts (1996) - ISBN 92-827-8964-0

Available in electronic form from the following e-mail address:

ESTAT-REG-ACCOUNTS@ec.europa.eu

5. International Cooperation

None

Theme 2.02 Quarterly accounts

Description

Quarterly national accounts play a fundamental role for economic analysis in general, and in particular for the definition of economic policies by governments and by the Commission and for the monitoring of the single currency by the European Central Bank. Quarterly national accounts figures are also relevant for other institutional users, private users and financial markets. Particular attention is paid to the compilation of EU/EA aggregates, which are very important for comparisons with the economies of the US and Japan. To meet user needs, great importance is attached to quality, coverage, timeliness and punctuality and to the full integration of the new Member States.

Harmonised data are compiled by all Member States in accordance with the European System of Accounts (ESA95), which is the EU version of the world-level System of National Accounts. They are transmitted by EU Member States to Eurostat in accordance with the transmission programme set out in annex B of the ESA regulation.

Key priorities 2008

Eurostat and Member States will actively work to ensure the successful implementation of the data transmission programme for the European System of Accounts under ESA 95 for national and regional accounts. Efforts to further improve data quality will continue to be of particular importance. Moreover, efforts will be made to further improve the coordination of release dates for quarterly national accounts with Member States.

Concerning quarterly accounts by institutional sector (QSA), new sets of data will have to be validated as derogations to the Regulation 1161/2005 come to an end. On the methodological side, the emphasis will be on improving the quality of the accounts, for example by analysing discrepancies with the financial sector accounts and with the annual sector accounts. The seasonal pattern of EU and euro-area QSA data will be analysed to see if seasonally adjusted data for the EU and euro area can be published in the future.

Module 2.02.01 Quarterly national accounts

Responsible unit: C-2: National accounts: production
Contact person: Ingo KUHNERT, Tel: +352 4301 35234

1. Module Description

Quarterly main aggregates and GDP flash estimates: Data collection, processing, validation and uploading to Eurostat's online database and preparation of publications, as well as specific services to users and methodological developments. Work related to the reporting PEEI (Principal European Economic Indicators) initiative.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

See Modules 2.01.01 and 2.01.02

3. Data Requirements

ESAP2AGR_0101_Q: Gross value added at basic prices and gross domestic product at market prices - Quarterly

Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: Q

ESAP2AGR_0102_Q: GDP identity from the expenditure side - Quarterly

Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: Q

ESAP2AGR_0103_Q: GDP identity from the income side - Quarterly

Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: Q

ESAP2AGR_0107_Q: Disposable income, saving, net lending/borrowing - Quarterly

Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: Q

ESAP2AGR_0109_Q: Real disposable income - Quarterly

Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: Q

ESAP2AGR_0110_Q: Population and employment - Quarterly

Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: Q

ESAP2AGR_0111_Q: Employment by industry - Quarterly

Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: Q

ESAP2AGR_0117_Q: Final consumption expenditure of households by durability - Quarterly

Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: Q

ESAP2AGR_0120_Q: Exports of goods (fob) and services by Member States of the EU/third countries - Quarterly

Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: Q

ESAP2AGR_0121_Q: Imports of goods (fob) and services by Member States of the EU/third countries - Quarterly

Timeliness: 70 Periodicity: Q

4. Methodology

- The basic methodology is the ESA95 definitions and specifications of national accounts. These conceptual rules have been supplemented by a Handbook giving advice on more practical issues. The handbook is available at

http://epp.eurostat.cec.eu.int/portal/page?_pageid=1073,1135281,1073_1135295&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=CA-22-99-781

See also Module 2.01.01

5. International Cooperation

OECD, ECB, ECE Geneva.

Module 2.02.02 Quarterly sector accounts

Responsible unit: **C-2: National accounts: production**
Contact person: Denis LEYTHIENNE, Tel: +352 4301 33493

1. Module Description

Production and development of quarterly non-financial accounts by institutional sector. Quarterly compilation and publication of European sector accounts. Methodological developments related to the compilation of national and European quarterly sector accounts and related work of the QSA Task Force.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Regulation (EC) No 1161/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 2005, on the compilation of quarterly non-financial accounts by institutional sector
OJ L 191, 22.7.2005, p. 22–28

Other basis:

- Additional information on quarterly sector accounts available on:
<http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/quarterlyaccounts/library>

3. Data Requirements

ESAP2SEC_0801_Q

Full set of quarterly accounts for sectors: non-financial corporations, financial corporations, government, households/Npishes and Rest of the World for the Member States who's GDP at current prices normally represent more than 1% of the EU total. Other Member States have to transmit only government and Rest of the World.

Timeliness: 90 (during transition period ending in July 2008: 95) Periodicity: Q.

4. Methodology

- Methodological information available on:
<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/sectoraccounts>

5. International Cooperation

ECB, OECD

Theme 2.03 Monetary and financial statistics

Description

Monetary and financial indicators include important monthly, quarterly and annual statistics such as interest rates and exchange rates. Eurostat's role is to collect these data, largely from international organisations, and to publish and present them in a timely and suitable way for the benefit of users. Annual financial accounts cover the financial transactions and stocks of all sectors in the economy.

Key priorities 2008

Timely publication of validated monetary and financial indicators and financial accounts is given high priority. The range of monetary and financial indicators available will be enlarged to meet the needs of Commission services. Close cooperation with the ECB will be maintained for the production of these indicators.

Module 2.03.01 Financial accounts – methodology

Responsible unit: **C-3: Public finance**

Contact person: Philippe DE ROUGEMONT, Tel: +352 4301 37065

1. Module Description

Work on methodological issues for financial accounts.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 of 25 June 1996, European System of Regional and National Accounts, completed by its precise transmission programme
OJ L 310, 30.11.1996

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

- European System of Accounts (ESA95).
- Manual on sources and methods for the compilation of ESA95 accounts.

5. International Cooperation

ESA95 is based on SNA93, a worldwide standard. Close cooperation with ECB, OECD, IMF.

Module 2.03.02 Financial accounts – data production

Responsible unit: **C-5: Validation of Public Accounts**
Contact person: John VERRINDER, Tel: +352 4301 34185

1. Module Description

This module deals with the receipt, validation and publication of financial accounts and related data.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 of 25 June 1996, European System of Regional and National Accounts, completed by its precise transmission programme
OJ L 310, 30.11.1996
as amended

- Regulation (EC) No 501/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 March 2004, on quarterly financial accounts for general government
OJ L 81, 19.3.2004

Other basis:

- Additional information available on the “National and Financial Accounts in Eurostat” website:
<http://circa.europa.eu/irc/dsis/nfaccount/info/data/index.htm>

3. Data Requirements

FINA: Annual financial accounts
Timeliness: 270 days after end of the year Periodicity: A

QFAGG: Quarterly Financial Accounts of General Government
Timeliness: 90 days Periodicity: Q

Unquoted shares data
Timeliness: 450 days (voluntary) Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

- European System of Accounts (ESA95).
- Manual on sources and methods for the compilation of ESA95 accounts.

5. International Cooperation

ECB, OECD, IMF.

Module 2.03.03 Money and finance

Responsible unit: **C-5: Validation of Public Accounts**
Contact person: Peter PARLASCA, Tel: +352 4301 33101

1. Module Description

Collection and dissemination of short-term and structural monetary and financial indicators for economic analysis. These data are intended for a range of users: DGs, the Economic and Financial Committee and users outside the Commission and are in most cases provided by the ECB and national central banks. Production in this sector comprises the management of the FAME database (which feeds New Cronos), contributions to general statistical publications and internet web pages.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Recommendation of the European Central Bank for a Council Regulation (EC) concerning the collection of statistical information by the European Central Bank
OJ C 246, 6.8.1998
- Recommendation of the European Central Bank of 16 July 2004, on the statistical reporting requirements of the European Central Bank in the field of balance of payments and international investment position statistics, and the international reserves template (ECB/2004/16)
OJ C 292, 30.11.2004
- Regulation (EC) No 993/2002 of the European Central Bank of 6 June 2002, correcting Regulation ECB/2001/13 concerning the consolidated balance sheet of the monetary financial institutions sector (ECB/2002/4)
OJ L 151, 11.6.2002
- Regulation (EC) No 1746/2003 of the European Central Bank of 18 September 2003, amending Regulation (EC) No 2423/2001 (ECB/2001/13) concerning the consolidated balance sheet of the monetary financial institutions sector (ECB/2003/10)
OJ L 250, 2.10.2003
- Regulation (EC) No 2181/2004 of the European Central Bank of 16 December 2004, amending Regulation (EC) No 2423/2001 (ECB/2001/13) concerning the consolidated balance sheet of the monetary financial institutions sector and Regulation (EC) No 63/2002 (ECB/2001/18) concerning statistics on interest rates applied by monetary financial institutions to deposits and loans vis-à-vis households and non-financial corporations (ECB/2004/21)
OJ L 371, 18.12.2004
- Regulation (EC) No 2423/2001 of the European Central Bank of 22 November 2001, concerning the consolidated balance sheet of the monetary financial institutions sector (ECB/2001/13)
OJ L 333, 17.12.2001
- Regulation (EC) No 63/2002 of the European Central Bank of 20 December 2001, concerning statistics on interest rates applied by monetary financial institutions to deposits and loans vis-à-vis households and non-financial corporations (ECB/2001/18)
OJ L 10, 12.1.2002
- Regulation (EC) No 2174/2002 of the European Central Bank of 21 November 2002, amending Regulation ECB/2001/13 concerning the consolidated balance sheet of the monetary financial institutions sector (ECB/2002/8)
OJ L 330, 6.12.2002

- Council Decision No 2006/856/EC of 13 November 2006, establishing a Committee on monetary, financial and balance of payments statistics (codified version)
OJ L 332, 30.11.2006, p. 21-23

3. Data Requirements

ECB_BSI1_M: Money supply, loans and deposits (monthly)
Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: M

ECB_DD1_O: Long term indicators (daily, monthly, annual)
Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: S

ECB_EYC_D: Euro yield curve (daily)
Timeliness: 2 Periodicity: S

ECB_EXR1EER_M: Effective exchange rates (monthly)
Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: M

ECB_EXR1_D: Exchange rates (daily)
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: S

ECB_EXR1_M: Exchange rates (Monthly, Quarterly, Annual)
Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: M

ECB_FMD2_M: Financial market data (monthly)
Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: M

ECB_IIP_A: International investment position (annual)
Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: A

ECB_IRS1_M: Interest Rates for accession countries
Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: M

ECB_MIR1_M: MFI Interest Rates statistics (monthly)
Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: M

ECB_RA_M: Consolidated reserves (monthly)
Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: M

ECB_RIR_M: Retail Interest Rates
Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: M

ECB_SEC_M: Securities (monthly)
Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: M

ESAP2GOV_0200_A: Main aggregates of General Government
Timeliness: 240 Periodicity: A

ESAP2GOV_0900_A: Taxes and Social Contribution
Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

ESAP2CFG_1100_A: Expenditure of General Government by function
Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

ESAP2STP_25XX_Q: Short Term Public Financial Statistics
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

ESAP2QFA_2700_Q: Quarterly Financial accounts for General Government
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

ESAP2DBT_2800_Q: General Government Debt - Quarterly
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

4. Methodology

- ECB Guideline 2/05/03 on reporting requirements of ECB in balance of payments and IIP statistics - ECB/2003/7

- ECB Guideline 6/2/2003 on certain statistical reporting requirements and procedures of the ECB in money and banking statistics - ECB/2003/2

5. International Cooperation

ECB, OECD, IMF.

Theme 2.04 Government finance statistics

Description

Government finance statistics cover financial and non-financial data relating to government expenditure, revenue and financing. These data are reported on a quarterly and annual basis to Eurostat, are validated and published, and are usually the subject of Statistics in Focus and other publications. Eurostat has a central role in the assessment of debt and deficit data for the excessive deficit procedure (EDP), and to this end works closely with Member States to ensure the quality and methodological soundness of these data.

Key priorities 2008

The assessment of the official EDP notification, transmitted twice per year by Member States, and the timely dissemination of key government data are a priority.

Module 2.04.01 Government finance statistics - Methodology

Responsible unit: **C-3: Public finance**
Contact person: Luca ASCOLI, Tel: +352 4301 32707

1. Module Description

- Further development of public finance statistics including methodological work concerning annual and infra-annual information on government finance statistics. Annual and quarterly data are based on ESA95 rules. Infra-annual data are based on direct information and should be consistent with annual data.

- Participation in the 1993 SNA and the ESA 1995 reviews

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Regulation (EC) No 1392/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 November 2007 amending Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the transmission of national accounts data

- Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 of 25 June 1996, on the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community (ESA95)
OJ L 310, 1.11.1996

- Council Regulation (EC) No 448/98 of 16 February 1998, completing and amending Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) within the European system of national and regional accounts (ESA)
OJ L 58, 27.2.1998

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1500/2000 of 10 July 2000, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to general government expenditure and revenue
OJ L 172, 12.7.2000

- Regulation (EC) No 2516/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 November 2000, modifying the common principles of the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community (ESA) 95 as concerns taxes and social contributions and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96
OJ L 290, 17.11.2000

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 995/2001 of 22 May 2001, implementing European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No 2516/2000 modifying the common principles of ESA95 as concerns taxes and social contribution
OJ L 139, 23.5.2001

- Regulation (EC) No 2558/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 December 2001, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 as regards the reclassification of settlements under swaps arrangements and under forward rate agreements
OJ L 344, 28.12.2001

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 113/2002 of 23 January 2002, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with regard to revised classification of expenditure according to purpose
OJ L 21, 24.1.2002

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1889/2002 of 23 October 2002, on the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 448/98 completing and amending Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) within the European System of national and regional Accounts (ESA)
OJ L 286, 24.10.2002

Other basis:

- Information available on Eurostat website for 'Government Finance Statistics':

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=2373,47631312,2373_58674332&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL

3. Data Requirements

See Module 2.04.02

4. Methodology

- ESA 95 and legal acts above
- Manual on sources and methods for the compilation of ESA95 financial accounts, Eurostat 2002
- Manual on compilation of taxes and social payments on a quarterly basis, Eurostat 2002
- Manual on quarterly non-financial accounts for general government, Eurostat 2006
- Manual on sources and methods for the compilation of COFOG, Eurostat 2007

5. International Cooperation

OECD, IMF, ECB.

Module 2.04.02 Government finance statistics – Data production

Responsible unit: **C5: Validation of Public Finance**
Contact person: Eduardo BARREDO-CAPELOT, Tel: +352 4301 35402

1. Module Description

- Reception, processing and dissemination of non-financial government finance statistics.
- These statistics are annual and quarterly.
- Government Finance Statistics integrated tables are produced twice per year based on transmitted data.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 of 25 June 1996, on the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community
OJ L 310, 30.11.1996
- Regulation (EC) No 1267/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 June 2003, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the time limit for transmission of the main aggregates of national accounts, to the derogations concerning the transmission of the main aggregates of national accounts and to the transmission of employment data in hours worked
OJ L 180, 18.7.2003
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 264/2000 of 3 February 2000, on the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to short-term public finance statistics
OJ L 29, 4.2.2000
- Regulation (EC) No 1221/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 June 2002, on quarterly non-financial accounts for general government
OJ L 179, 9.7.2002
- Council Regulation (EC) N° 1222/2004 of 28 June 2004 concerning the compilation and transmission of data on the quarterly government debt
OJ L 233, 2.7.2004
- Regulation (EC) N° 1392/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 November 2007 amending Council Regulation (EC) N° 2223/96 with respect to the transmission of national accounts data
OJ L 324, 10.12.2007

3. Data Requirements

ESA Table 2: Main aggregates of general government (expenditure and revenue)
Timeliness: 90/270 days Periodicity: B

ESA Table 9: Detailed taxes and social contributions
Timeliness: 270 days Periodicity: A

ESA Table 11: Functional classification of government expenditure (COFOG)
Timeliness: 365 days Periodicity: A

ESA Table 25: Short term public finance statistics
Timeliness: 90 days Periodicity: Q

ESA Table 28: Quarterly government debt
Timeliness: 90 days Periodicity: Q

4. Methodology

See Module 2.04.01

A full description of methodology, legal basis, and data, is provided in the GFS dedicated section of Eurostat's web site at

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=2373,47631312,2373_58674332&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL

5. International Cooperation

OECD, IMF, ECB.

Module 2.04.03 Statistics on public deficit and debt

Responsible unit: **C-3: Public finance**
Contact person: Luca ASCOLI, Tel: +352 4301 32707

1. Module Description

- Monitoring of statistics in connection with the protocol on the excessive deficit procedure (EDP), annexed to the Union Treaty: validation of debt and deficit notifications.

- Development of a set of decisions and recommendations, which are usually the outcome of Task Forces, implementing the methodological framework. These decisions are codified in the manual on government debt and deficit, which is updated regularly. Further guidance is often needed for clarifying ESA95 principles in the field of public finance and to address "creative accounting". This involves notably monitoring of financial sector innovation and evaluation of the impact of new financial instruments on debt and deficit.

- Collection and dissemination of EDP related data.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Regulation (EC) No 2103/2005 of 12 December 2005, amending Regulation (EC) No 3605/93 as regards the quality of statistical data in the context of the excessive deficit procedure
OJ L 337, 22.12.2005

- Council Regulation (EC) No 3605/93 of 22 November 1993, on the application of the protocol on the excessive deficit procedure annexed to the treaty establishing the European Community. This regulation has subsequently been amended, notably in 2005
OJ L 332, 31.12.1993

- Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 of 25 June 1996, on the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community (ESA95)
OJ L 310, 30.11.1996

- Council Regulation No: 448/98/EC of 16/02/1998: OJ: L 058 of 27/02/1998, completing and amending Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) within the European system of national and regional accounts (ESA)

- Council Regulation (EC) No 475/2000 of 28 February 2000, amending Regulation (EC) No 3605/93 on the application of the Protocol on the excessive deficit procedure annexed to the Treaty establishing the European Community
OJ L 58, 3.3.2000

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1500/2000 of 10 July 2000, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to general government expenditure and revenue
OJ L 172, 12.7.2000

- Regulation (EC) No 2516/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 November 2000, modifying the common principles of the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community (ESA) 95 as concerns taxes and social contributions and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96
OJ L 290, 17.11.2000

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 995/2001 of 22 May 2001, implementing European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No 2516/2000 modifying the common principles of (ESA 95) as concerns taxes and social contribution
OJ L 139, 23.5.2001

- Regulation (EC) No 2558/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 December 2001, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 as regards the reclassification of settlements under swaps arrangements and under forward rate agreements
OJ L 344, 28.12.2001

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 351/2002 of 25 February 2002, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 3605/93 as regards references to ESA 95
OJ L 55, 26.2.2002

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1889/2002 of 23 October 2002, on the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 448/98 completing and amending Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) within the European System of national and regional Accounts (ESA)
OJ L 286, 24.10.2002

Other basis:

- Information available on Eurostat website:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=2373,47631312,2373_58674332&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL

3. Data Requirements

GEN_GOVT: Government deficit and debt - biannual 3 and 9 months

Timeliness: 90/270 Periodicity: B

4. Methodology

- ESA 95 and legal acts above

- ESA95 Manual on government deficit and debt, Eurostat 2002 together with new chapters on capital injections, pension schemes, long-term contracts and securitisation operations (available on Eurostat web-site)

- Eurostat Decisions and methodological advice (available on the Eurostat website)

5. International Cooperation

OECD, IMF, ECB.

Theme 2.05 Monitoring own resources

Description

National accounts data play a prominent role in calculating the contributions by the Member States to the EU budget.

For the VAT-based “third” resource, Member States’ VAT receipts are adjusted using detailed national accounts data to correct for the fact countries do not all apply the harmonised EU VAT rules properly, having different rates and coverage of products. Every year, Member States provide a detailed VAT declaration including the calculation of several adjustment factors based on national accounts. In cooperation with DG BUDG, Eurostat carries out a detailed verification of the figures and the calculations.

Gross National Income (formerly Gross National Product) constitutes the basis for allocating the GNI-based “fourth” resource. Together with the GNI Committee, Eurostat verifies the reliability, comparability and exhaustiveness of the data provided each year by countries.

Together, the VAT-based and the GNI-based resources represent about 80% of EU budget receipts.

Key priorities 2008

During 2008, the quality of the national accounts data used for budgetary purposes needs to be verified and further improved in the ways listed below, based on the new inventories of data sources and methods for compiling gross national income (GNI) transmitted by the Member States by the end of 2006. All Member States will also have compiled or should compile process tables and integrate them in their GNI inventories. The process tables will increase the transparency and quality of GNI inventories. The EU-10 will have to be fully integrated within the system. Bulgaria and Romania will start preparing the GNI inventories so that they can be included in the system. Eurostat will continue to analyse and assess GNI inventories in 2008. It will also carry out a more direct verification of the data provided in the annual GNI questionnaires. The Commission will verify the declarations from about eleven Member States for the VAT-based resource.

Module 2.05.01 Monitoring own resources GNI

Responsible unit: **C-1: National accounts: methodology and analysis**
Contact person: Gerald WEBER, Tel: +352 4301 37444

1. Module Description

Examination of the comparability, representativeness and exhaustiveness of Member States' GNI in the context of the own resources system. Task defined by the Council Regulation 1287/2003 on the harmonisation of statistical bases and methods for the computation of GNI. Steps to be taken to improve the comparability, representativeness and exhaustiveness of Member States' GNI. Improvements to statistical bases.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Commission Decision No 98/527/EC, Euratom of 24 July 1998, on the treatment for national accounts purposes of VAT fraud (the discrepancies between theoretical VAT receipts and actual VAT receipts)
OJ L 234, 21.8.1998
- Commission Decision No 98/501/EC, Euratom of 24 July 1998, concerning certain specific transactions identified within the work on the protocol of the Excessive Deficit Procedure, for the application of Article 1 of Council Directive 89/130/EEC, Euratom on the harmonisation of the compilation of GNP at market prices
OJ L 225, 12.8.1998
- Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1026/1999 of 10 May 1999, determining the powers and obligations of agents authorised by the Commission to carry out controls and inspections of the Communities' own resources
OJ L 126, 20.5.1999
- Council Decision No 2000/597/EC, Euratom of 29 September 2000, on the system of the European Communities' own resources
OJ L 253, 7.10.2000
- Council Regulation (EC) No 1287/2003 of 15 July 2003, on the harmonisation of gross national income at market prices (GNI Regulation)
OJ L 181, 19.7.2003
- Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 116/2005 of 26 January 2005, on the treatment of repayments of VAT to non-taxable persons and to taxable persons for their exempt activities, for the purposes of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1287/2003 on the harmonisation of gross national income at market prices
OJ L 24, 27.1.2005
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1722/2005 of 20 October 2005, on the principles for estimating dwelling services for the purpose of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1287/2003 on the harmonisation of gross national income at market prices
OJ L 276, 21.10.2005
- Commission Decision No 94/168/EC, Euratom of 22 February 1994, on measures to be taken for the implementation of Council Directive 89/130/EEC, Euratom on the harmonization of the compilation of gross national product at market prices
OJ L 77, 19.3.1994

Other basis:

- Recommendations adopted by the GNI Committee on specific conceptual ESA 95 issues:
 - The measurement of gross fixed-capital formation in software;
 - The measurement of insurance services;
 - The treatment of import duties paid by non-residents (The "Rotterdam effect" on import duties);
 - The measurement of imputed social contributions;
 - The treatment of the correction in favour of the United Kingdom.

- In addition the GNI Committee adopted recommendations produced by the following Task Forces:
 - Task Force on entertainment, literary and artistic originals;
 - Task Force on consumption of fixed capital for public infrastructure;
 - Task Force on reinvested earnings on foreign direct investment.

Not all documents of the GNI Committee are publicly accessible. In order to obtain the text of the above recommendations please contact Paolo PASSERINI: paolo.passerini@ec.europa.eu

- Additional information available on the "National and Financial Accounts in Eurostat" website: <http://circa.europa.eu/irc/dsis/nfaccount/info/data/index.htm> and on: <http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/pnb/library>

3. Data Requirements

GNI_A_A: Gross National Income Questionnaire
Timeliness: 265 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

Defined by the legal acts above

5. International Cooperation

Joint Programme with EFTA

Module 2.05.02 Monitoring own resources value added tax (VAT)

Responsible unit: **C-1: National accounts: methodology and analysis**
Contact person: Andreas DOLLT, Tel: +352 4301 33286

1. Module Description

Examination and verification of the calculation of the Weighted Average Rate (Art. 4 of Regulation 1553/89) and adjustments necessary due to different national flat-rate VAT schemes for farmers. Statistical analyses of the information contained in the VAT statements drawn up by the Member States (in general the Ministries of Finance with support by the National Statistical Institutes).

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom) No 1553/89 of 29 May 1989: on the definitive uniform arrangements for the collection of own resources accruing from value added tax
OJ L 155, 7.6.1989
- Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 of 25 June 1996, on the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community (ESA95)
OJ L 310, 30.11.1996
- Council Regulation (EC) No 448/98 of 16 February 1998, completing and amending Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) within the European system of national and regional accounts (ESA)
OJ L 58, 27.2.1998
- Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1026/1999 of 10 May 1999, determining the powers and obligations of agents authorised by the Commission to carry out controls and inspections of the Communities' own resources
OJ L 126, 20.5.1999
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1500/2000 of 10 July 2000, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to general government expenditure and revenue
OJ L 172, 12.7.2000
- Council Decision No 2000/597/EC, Euratom of 29 September 2000, on the system of the European Communities' own resources
OJ L 253, 7.10.2000
- Regulation (EC) No 2516/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 November 2000, modifying the common principles of the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community (ESA) 95 as concerns taxes and social contributions and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96
OJ L 290, 17.11.2000
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 113/2002 of 23 January 2002, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with regard to revised classification of expenditure according to purpose
OJ L 21, 24.1.2002
- Regulation (EC) No 359/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 February 2002, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 as concerns the use of ESA 95 in the determination of Member States' payments to the VAT-based own resource
OJ, L 58, 28.2.2002
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1889/2002 of 23 October 2002, on the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 448/98 completing and amending Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the

allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) within the European System of national and regional Accounts (ESA)
OJ L 286, 24.10.2002

3. Data Requirements

VAT-A: VAT Base calculation for own resources, on the basis of art. 7 of Regulation 1553/89. Annual, before 31 July

Timeliness: 210

Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

- Defined by Council Regulation No 1553/89 above (statistical and non-statistical topics)

- ESA-95 for National Accounts data

5. International Cooperation

None

Theme 2.06 Prices

Description

The harmonised index of consumer prices (HICP) is the key inflation indicator for the conduct of monetary policy by the European Central Bank (ECB) within the euro zone and for the assessment of convergence. Two important aims are to improve its quality in the medium term through the adoption of further minimum standards and to develop indices for owner-occupied housing.

Purchasing power parities (PPPs) are necessary for the allocation of the structural funds by the Commission (DG REGIO) and for general economic policy and analysis. The PPP process is laid down in a forthcoming European Parliament and Council Regulation to be approved in 2007. The strategic priority for 2008 is to undertake assessments of countries' sources and methods on the basis of quality reports.

The specific indicator, the correction coefficients and the pension contribution rate are requested by the Commission for the annual adjustment of the salaries of officials of the Community institutions.

Key priorities 2008

In the field of price statistics, timely data production will continue to be a top priority for the monthly harmonised index of consumer prices (HICP, including flash estimates) in 2008. The major priorities for HICP development will be owner-occupied housing and quality adjustment and sampling. There will also be emphasis on enhancing communication concerning HICPs and inflation measurement and on monitoring the compliance of national HICPs with standards and requirements.

Concerning purchasing power parities (PPPs), it is important to produce PPPs for 2007 and revise the PPPs for 2005 and 2006. Eurostat will need to carry out two consumer goods price surveys and prepare capital goods price surveys for 2009, to make initial assessments of countries' sources and methods, to bring the new PPP database and software tool into full operation and to undertake a review of the process for consumer goods price surveys and of the methodology for their construction.

Eurostat will also calculate the correction coefficients, the specific indicator, the Brussels International Index, and the pension contribution rate and liability. In addition, it will develop, improve and clarify the Article 64/65/83 methodology and reorganise the Article 64/65 database. It will develop pension forecasts and restructure the pension database and will develop the long-term care insurance project. Finally, it will launch the development of the common database on extra-EU parities.

Module 2.06.01 Harmonised consumer price indices

Responsible unit: **D-4: Price statistics**
Contact person: Tatiana MRLIANOVA, Tel: +352 4301 37495

1. Module Description

To develop, implement and monitor compliance with the standards to meet the needs of the economic, fiscal and monetary authorities of the EU as required by the EU Treaty and Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 on harmonized indices of consumer prices (HICP); compile and release timely HICPs and euro area flash estimates.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 of 23 October 1995, concerning harmonized indices of consumer prices
OJ L 257, 27.10.1995, p.1
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1749/96 of 9 September 1996, on initial implementing measures for Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 concerning harmonized indices of consumer prices
OJ L 229, 10.9.1996, p.3
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 2214/96 of 20 November 1996, concerning harmonized indices of consumer prices, transmission and dissemination of sub-indices of the harmonized consumer prices
OJ L 296, 21.11.1996, p.8
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 2454/97 of 10 December 1997, laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation No 2494/95 as regards minimum standards for the quality of HICP weightings
OJ L 340, 11.12.1997, p.24
- Council Regulation (EC) No 1687/98 of 20 July 1998, amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 1749/96 concerning the coverage of goods and services of the harmonised index of consumer prices
OJ L 214, 31.7.1998, p.12
- Council Regulation (EC) No 1688/98 of 20 July 1998, amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 1749/96 concerning the geographic and population coverage of the harmonised index of consumer prices
OJ L 214, 31.7.1998, p.23
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 2646/98 of 9 December 1998, laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 as regards minimum standards for the treatment of tariffs in the Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices
OJ L 335, 10.12.1998, p.30
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1617/1999 of 23 July 1999, laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 - as regards minimum standards for the treatment of insurance in the Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices and modifying Commission Regulation (EC) No 2214/96
OJ L 192, 24.7.1999, p.9
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1749/1999 of 23 July 1999, amending Regulation (EC) 2214/96 concerning the sub-indices of the harmonized indices of Consumer Prices
OJ L 214, 13.8.1999, p.1
- Council Regulation (EC) No 2166/1999 of 8 October 1999, laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 as regards minimum standards for the treatment of

products in the health, education and social protection in the Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices
OJ L 266, 14.10.1999, p.1

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 2601/2000 of 17 November 2000, laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 as regards the timing of entering purchaser prices into the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices
OJ L 300, 29.11.2000, p.14

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 2602/2000 of 17 November 2000, laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 as regards minimum standards for the treatment of price reductions in the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices
OJ L 300, 29.11.2000, p.16

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1920/2001 of 28 September 2001, laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 as regards minimum standards for the treatment of service charges proportional to transaction values in the harmonised index of consumer prices and amending Regulation (EC) No 2214/96
OJ L 261, 29.9.2001, p.46

- Corrigendum to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1920/2001 of 28 September 2001 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 as regards minimum standards for the treatment of service charges proportional to transaction values in the harmonised index of consumer prices and amending Regulation (EC) No 2214/96 (OJ L 261 of 29.9.2001)
OJ L 295, 13.11.2001

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1921/2001 of 28 September 2001, laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 as regards minimum standards for revisions of the harmonised index of consumer prices and amending Regulation (EC) No 2602/2000
OJ L 261, 29.9.2001, p.49

- Corrigendum to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1921/2001 of 28 September 2001 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 as regards minimum standards for revisions of the harmonised index of consumer prices and amending Regulation (EC) No 2602/2000 (OJ L 261 of 29.9.2001)
OJ L 295, 13.11.2001

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1708/2005 of 19 October 2005, laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 as regards the common index reference period for the harmonised index of consumer prices, and amending Regulation (EC) No 2214/96
OJ L 274, 20.10.2005

- Commission Recommendation No 881/2005/EC of 8 December 2005, on the treatment in the Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices of certain issues concerning health care reforms within the framework of Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 and specific implementing measures relating hereto (EC) No 2005/881
OJ L 324, 10.12.2005, p. 94

- Council Regulation (EC) No 701/2006/EC of 25 April 2006, laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 as regards the temporal coverage of price collection in the harmonised index of consumer prices
OJ L 122, 9.5.2006, p. 3

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1334/2007 of 14 November 2007 amending Regulation (EC) No 1749/96 on initial implementing measures for Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 concerning harmonised indices of consumer prices
OJ L 296, 15.11.2007, p. 22-26

Agreements:

- SPC Agreement of 01/12/1998: Compendium of HICP reference documents, p. 347

Treatment of rejected price observations and HICP guideline for implementation from December 1998

- SPC Agreement of 01/12/1998: Compendium of HICP reference documents, p. 349
Treatment of data processing equipment and notably PCs in HICPs and HICP guideline for implementation from December 1998

Other basis:

- Report from the Commission to the Council on harmonization of consumer price indices in the European Union (COM/98/0104 final)

- Report from the Commission to the Council on harmonization of consumer price indices in the European Union (COM/2000/0742 final)

3. Data Requirements

Member States shall transmit the HICPs to the Commission (Eurostat) within a period which shall not exceed thirty days from the end of the calendar month to which the indices relate. The weightings of the HICP shall be updated with a frequency sufficient to meet the comparability requirement as required by the EU Treaty and Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 of 23 October 1995 on harmonized indices of consumer prices (HICP). Data to be provided is:

- Harmonised indices of consumer prices – monthly indices

- Harmonised indices of consumer prices – annual item weights (usually by 12 February of the year).

4. Methodology

- Eurostat Working Group on 'Consumer Price Indices Harmonisation' and related Task Forces

- HICP website, under the methodology:

- HICP Short guide for users
- HICP Compliance Monitoring
- Owner-Occupied Housing

- Technical notes on the HICP and MUICP in Eurostat News Release 21/97 of 05/03/1997, Eurostat Memo 8/98 of 04/05/1998, and Memo 02/2000 of 18/02/2000

- On the computation of Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices (HICPs) – “Compendium of HICP reference documents (2/2001/B/5)”, p. 175. Available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-AO-01-005

- SDDS base page and Summary methodology, including country specific information

- COICOP/HICP Classification, including Special Aggregates definitions

- Frequently Asked Questions and support: hicp-methods@ec.europa.eu

5. International Cooperation

EU NSIs, ECB, DG ECFIN, EEA, OECD, EFTA, Accession and Candidate Countries.

Module 2.06.02 Spatial price comparisons

Responsible unit: **C-1: National accounts: methodology and analysis**
Contact person: Paul KONIJN, Tel: +352 4301 33438

1. Module Description

To establish, analyse and annually publish timely Purchasing Power Parities (PPPs) of the EU Member States and certain other European countries at the level of GDP and its components, in order to obtain reliable volume and price level comparisons across countries for economic analysis and the allocation of Structural Funds as specified in Council Regulations (EC) No 1260/99 and 1267/99.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Regulation (EC) No 1445/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2007 establishing common rules for the provision of basic information on Purchasing Power Parities and for their calculation and dissemination
OJ L 336, 20.12.2007, p. 1 - 24

- Council Regulation (EC) No 1164/94 of 16 May 1994, instituting the cohesion funds
OJ L 130, 25.5.1994

- Council Regulation (EC) No 1267/1999 of 21 June 1999, establishing an Instrument for Structural Policies for Pre-accession
OJ L 161, 26.6.1999

- Council Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 of 21 June 1999, laying down general provisions on the Structural Funds
OJ L 161, 26.6.1999

Agreements:

- Member States Agreement,
The Statistical Programme of the European Communities 2008-2012 stipulates: "Work on drawing up the principal aggregates of the accounts in terms of purchasing power parities will be continued"

Other basis:

- 'Eurostat-OECD Methodological manual on purchasing power parities' available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073.46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-BE-06-002

3. Data Requirements

PPP_CNSTR_2: Survey - Construction
Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: 2

PPP_CPIS_A: CPI Data
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: A

PPP_EQIPM_2: Survey - Equipment Goods
Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: 2

PPP_FBETO_3: Survey - Food, Drinks and Tobacco
Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: 3

PPP_FRHEA_3: Survey - Furniture and Health
Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: 3

PPP_HOGAR_3: Survey - House and Garden
Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: 3

PPP_PERAP_3: Survey - Personal Appearance
Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: 3

PPP_RENTS_A: Survey - Rents
Timeliness: 240 Periodicity: A

PPP_SALAR_A: Survey - Salaries
Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

PPP_SPATI_N: Spatial Adjustment Factors
Timeliness: 30 Periodicity A

PPP_SRVIC_3: Survey - Services
Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: 3

PPP_TIPS_A: Tips Data
Timeliness: 240 Periodicity: A

PPP_TREHO_3: Survey - Transport, Restaurants and Hotels
Timeliness: 30 Periodicity: 3

PPP_VAT_A: VAT Data
Timeliness: 240 Periodicity: A

PPP_WEIGH_A: GDP Weights
Timeliness: 240 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

- 'Eurostat-OECD Methodological manual on purchasing power parities' available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-BE-06-002

5. International Cooperation

OECD, UN, World Bank, EFTA.

Module 2.06.03 Remuneration and contribution to the pension scheme of EC officials

Responsible unit: **D-5: Remuneration and pensions**
Contact person: Jean-Claude ROMAN, Tel: +352 4301 33548

1. Module Description

To provide the Commission and other EU institutions with timely and reliable information, analyses and explanations required under the Staff Regulations for the purposes of adjusting at least annually: salaries of EU officials, correction coefficients within and outside the EU, contributions and liability related to the pension scheme of European officials.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 31/2005 of 20 December 2004, adjusting, with effect from 1 July 2004, the remuneration and pensions of officials and other servants of the European Communities and the correction coefficients applied thereto
OJ L 8, 12.1.2005

3. Data Requirements

Standard Remuneration Questionnaire (Art 65 Working Group)

4. Methodology

- The Working Party on Article 65 of the Staff Regulations, composed of experts from national bodies providing data, examine all the statistical problems concerning specific indicators and approve related methodological documents
- The Working Party on Article 64 of the Staff Regulations, composed of experts from NSIs, examine all statistical problems concerning the Brussels international index and the correction coefficients and approve related methodological documents
- The Working Party on Article 83 of the Staff Regulations, composed of experts from national bodies, examine all the statistical problems concerning the actuarial assessment of the pension scheme of the official of the EC and approve related methodological documents
- Methodological documents are available on CIRCA

5. International Cooperation

Secretariat Inter Organisations (SIO) and Joint Pension Administrative Section (JPAS) for the Coordinated Organisations (OCDE, NATO, ESA...), European Patent Office, EUROCONTROL, UN.

Theme 2.07 Trade in goods

Description

Statistics on international trade in goods comprise data on trade between the Member States (Intrastat) and data on trade with non-member countries (Extrastat). This statistical information is of essential importance for European economic and trade policies as well as for the analysis of market developments in individual commodities. The statistics contain detailed data broken down by reporting Member States and partner countries, by commodities according to the Combined Nomenclature and SITC, by mode of transport, and by type of preference in the case of imports. Development work concentrates on making available to users harmonised statistics that meet the requirements in terms of quality and timeliness and are relevant and appropriate to user needs, including the new needs arising in connection with EMU and the changing international environment. The concepts and methods are designed to integrate statistics on international trade in goods within the general statistical system at Community and international level and to respond to changes in the administrative environment. At the same time, methodological principles and tools based on the latest technological developments are being developed with the aim of minimising the reporting burden on businesses and enhancing data quality. The data are collected, processed and disseminated in accordance with the relevant Community legislation (Extrastat and Intrastat Regulations).

Key priorities 2008

Continuing efforts will be made to ensure that the deadlines for the transmission of monthly aggregated and detailed data from Member States are fully met. The quality of statistical data will be assessed regularly on the basis of the Quality Reports. The objective will be to further harmonise the data collection, processing and adjustment methods in the Member States so as to ensure better quality statistics. The critical project on the simplification of intra-Community trade statistics will continue, but attention will be given to maintaining the needed detail in key priority areas. An indepth analysis of the simplification options and their impact on the reporting burden, data quality and timeliness will be performed. The potential for linking trade and other business statistics will be further explored. The network set up under the Edicom II programme for electronic data collection, validation and dissemination will be consolidated and further extended. The new Council and Parliament Regulation concerning Extrastat will be sent after adoption by the Commission to the Council and Parliament for its final adoption in the codecision procedure. The regulation will adjust the system of extra-Community trade statistics to bring it into line with the new developments in the Customs Code and new user requirements. The efforts to modernise statistics on international trade in goods will be supported by the new programme for the modernisation of European enterprise and trade statistics (MEETS), which includes simplification of Intrastat, studies on linking trade and other business statistics, and the implementation of new Extrastat legislation in the Member States. Cooperation with new Member States, candidate countries and third countries will continue under the statistical cooperation programmes.

Module 2.07.01 Methodology

Responsible unit: **G-2:** International trade statistics - methodology and classification

Contact person: Clemens SCHROETER, Tel. +352 4301 35532

1. Module Description

Methodology: To prepare, adapt and update the Intrastat and Extrastat legislation taking account of the evolution of the needs, the economic and administrative environment (VAT, customs) , in close link with requirements from other statistical domains (in particular BOP and national accounts); To follow up the application of this legislation by the Member States; To ensure the internal/external communication and information on this legislation; To propose all studies or programs which could improve the statistical methods.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

INTRASTAT

- Regulation (EC) No 638/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004, on Community statistics relating to the trading of goods between Member States and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 3330/91
OJ L 102, 7.4.2004

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1982/2004 of 18 November 2004, implementing Regulation (EC) No 638/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics relating to the trading of goods between Member States and repealing Commission Regulations (EC) No 1901/2000 and (EEC) No 3590/92
OJ L 343, 19.11.2004

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1915/2005 of 24 November 2005, amending Regulation (EC) No 1982/2004 with regard to the simplification of the recording of the quantity and specifications on particular movements of goods
OJ L 307, 25.11.2005

EXTRASTAT

- Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 of 22 May 1995, on the statistics relating to the trading of goods by the Community and its Member States with non-member countries
OJ L 118, 25.5.1995

- Council Regulation (EC) No 476/97 of 13 March 1997, amending, with respect to statistical territory, Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 on the statistics relating to the trading of goods by the Community and its Member States with non-member countries
OJ L 75, 15.3.1997

- Council Regulation (EC) No 374/98 of 12 February 1998, amending Articles 6 and 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 on the statistics relating to the trading of goods by the Community and its Member States with non-member countries
OJ L 48, 19.2.1998

- Regulation (EC) No 1882/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 September 2003, adapting to Council Decision 1999/468/EC the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers laid down in instruments subject to the procedure referred to in Article 251 of the EC Treaty
OJ L 284, 31.10.2003

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1917/2000 of 7 September 2000, laying down certain provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 as regards statistics on external trade
OJ L 229, 9.9.2000

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1669/2001 of 20 August 2001, amending Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1917/2000 laying down certain provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 as regards statistics on external trade
OJ L 224, 21.8.2001

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 179/2005 of 2 February 2005, amending Regulation (EC) No 1917/2000 with regard to the transmission of data to the Commission
OJ L 30, 3.2.2005

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1949/2005 of 28 November 2005, amending Regulation (EC) No 1917/2000 with regard to specific movements and the exclusion of trade relating to repair transactions
OJ L 312, 29.11.2005

COMMODITY NOMENCLATURE

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of 23 July 1987, on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff
OJ L 256, 7.9.1987, p. 1–675

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 3528/89 of 23 November 1989, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff
OJ L 347, 28.11.1989, p. 1–1

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 3845/89 of 18 December 1989, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the common customs tariff
OJ L 374, 22.12.1989, p. 2–2

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 of 12 October 1992, establishing the Community Customs Code
OJ L 302, 19.10.1992, p. 1–50

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 1969/93 of 19 July 1993, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff
OJ L 180 of 23.7.1993, p. 9–9

- Council Regulation (EC) No 254/2000 of 31 January 2000, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and the Common Customs Tariff
OJ L 28, 3.2.2000, p. 16–18

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1549/2006 of 17 October 2006, amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff
OJ L 301, 31.10.2006, p. 1–880

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1214/2007 of 20 September 2007, amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff
OJ L 286, 31.10.2007, p. 1–894

NOMENCLATURE OF COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1833/2006 of 13 December 2006, on the nomenclature of countries and territories for the external trade statistics of the Community and statistics of trade between Member States
OJ L 354, 14.12.2006, p. 19–28

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

"Statistics on the trading of goods - User guide" available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-BM-06-001

5. International Cooperation

Working groups with UNSD, WTO, OECD, EFTA.

Module 2.07.04 Trade in goods: Data production

Responsible unit: **G-3: International trade statistics - Production**
Contact person: Xavier RUTTEN, Tel. +352 4301 34240 (collection)
 Evangelos PONGAS, Tel. +352 4301 34723 (Comext)

1. Module Description

Ensure the regular collection, validation and storage of detailed intra and extra trade data in the European Union area. Continue and extend the collection and the integration of worldwide information into the Comext database. Main areas covered are Phare, Tacis and Med countries, information collected by international organisations (IMF, UN, EFTA, etc.) and important EU partners (USA, Japan, Canada, China, etc.).

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

INTRASTAT

- Regulation (EC) No 638/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004, on Community statistics relating to the trading of goods between Member States and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 3330/91
OJ L 102, 7.4.2004

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1982/2004 of 18 November 2004, implementing Regulation (EC) No 638/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics relating to the trading of goods between Member States and repealing Commission Regulations (EC) No 1901/2000 and (EEC) No 3590/92
OJ L 343, 19.11.2004

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1915/2005 of 24 November 2005, amending Regulation (EC) No 1982/2004 with regard to the simplification of the recording of the quantity and specifications on particular movements of goods
OJ L 307, 25.11.2005

EXTRASTAT

- Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 of 22 May 1995, on the statistics relating to the trading of goods by the Community and its Member States with non-member countries
OJ L 118, 25.5.1995

- Council Regulation (EC) No 476/97 of 13 March 1997, amending, with respect to statistical territory, Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 on the statistics relating to the trading of goods by the Community and its Member States with non-member countries
OJ L 75, 15.3.1997

- Council Regulation (EC) No 374/98 of 12 February 1998, amending Articles 6 and 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 on the statistics relating to the trading of goods by the Community and its Member States with non-member countries
OJ L 48, 19.2.1998

- Regulation (EC) No 1882/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 September 2003, adapting to Council Decision 1999/468/EC the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers laid down in instruments subject to the procedure referred to in Article 251 of the EC Treaty
OJ L 284, 31.10.2003

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1917/2000 of 7 September 2000, laying down certain provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 as regards statistics on external trade
OJ L 229, 9.9.2000

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1669/2001 of 20 August 2001, amending Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1917/2000 laying down certain provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 as regards statistics on external trade
OJ L 224, 21.8.2001

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 179/2005 of 2 February 2005, amending Regulation (EC) No 1917/2000 with regard to the transmission of data to the Commission
OJ L 30, 3.2.2005

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1949/2005 of 28 November 2005, amending Regulation (EC) No 1917/2000 with regard to specific movements and the exclusion of trade relating to repair transactions
OJ L 312, 29.11.2005

COMMODITY NOMENCLATURE

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of 23 July 1987, on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff
OJ L 256, 7.9.1987, p. 1–675

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 3528/89 of 23 November 1989, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff
OJ L 347, 28.11.1989, p. 1–1

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 3845/89 of 18 December 1989, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the common customs tariff
OJ L 374, 22.12.1989, p. 2–2

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 of 12 October 1992, establishing the Community Customs Code
OJ L 302, 19.10.1992, p. 1–50

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 1969/93 of 19 July 1993, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff
OJ L 180 of 23.7.1993, p. 9–9

- Council Regulation (EC) No 254/2000 of 31 January 2000, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and the Common Customs Tariff
OJ L 28, 3.2.2000, p. 16–18

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1549/2006 of 17 October 2006, amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff
OJ L 301, 31.10.2006, p. 1–880

NOMENCLATURE OF COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1833/2006 of 13 December 2006, on the nomenclature of countries and territories for the external trade statistics of the Community and statistics of trade between Member States
OJ L 354, 14.12.2006, p. 19–28

3. Data Requirements

Member States transmit statistics on the value and quantity of imports and exports of goods according to Combined Nomenclature subheadings by partner country.

Timeliness:

- extra and intra-EU aggregated statistics within 40 days after the reference month;
- extra-EU detailed statistics within 42 days after the reference month;
- intra-EU detailed statistics within 70 days after the reference month.

Periodicity: monthly.

4. Methodology

"Statistics on the trading of goods - User guide" available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-BM-06-001

5. International Cooperation

Working groups with UNSD, WTO, OECD, EFTA.

Module 2.07.05 Trade in goods: Electronic data dissemination

Responsible unit: **G-3: International trade statistics - Production**
Contact person: Xavier RUTTEN, Tel. +352 4301 34240 (collection)
Evangelos PONGAS, Tel. +352 4301 34723 (Comext)

1. Module Description

Ensure the regular dissemination of detailed intra and extra trade data in the European Union area. Continue and extend the collection and the integration of worldwide information into the Comext database. Main areas covered are Phare, Tacis and Med countries, information collected by international organisations (IMF, UN, EFTA, etc.) and important EU partners (USA, Japan, Canada, China, etc.). Improve the services offered from the Comext Support team by: - Improving the timelines of direct replies, organising regular courses, improving the quality and the presentation of data and insuring regular classification updates in the system, Integration into Comext system of relevant metadata, aggregated information (global series derived data: seasonally adjusted, trends etc.) and user manuals. Initiate the implementation of the network foreseen by XT-Net, especially in the fields of validation, transmission and distributive management of data, further development and maintenance of IT tools (XT-Net Edit, XT-Net Publish, XT-Assist, Internet Comext browser, CD-ROM system, Comext internet site), supporting and co-ordinating activities for the collection of primary data with the use of modern technologies in the frame of Intrastat (XT-Net, On-line/Off-line data collection tools, CN search).

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

INTRASTAT

- Regulation (EC) No 638/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004, on Community statistics relating to the trading of goods between Member States and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 3330/91
OJ L 102, 7.4.2004

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1982/2004 of 18 November 2004, implementing Regulation (EC) No 638/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics relating to the trading of goods between Member States and repealing Commission Regulations (EC) No 1901/2000 and (EEC) No 3590/92
OJ L 343, 19.11.2004

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1915/2005 of 24 November 2005, amending Regulation (EC) No 1982/2004 with regard to the simplification of the recording of the quantity and specifications on particular movements of goods
OJ L 307, 25.11.2005

EXTRASTAT

- Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 of 22 May 1995, on the statistics relating to the trading of goods by the Community and its Member States with non-member countries
OJ L 118, 25.5.1995

- Council Regulation (EC) No 476/97 of 13 March 1997, amending, with respect to statistical territory, Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 on the statistics relating to the trading of goods by the Community and its Member States with non-member countries
OJ L 75, 15.3.1997

- Council Regulation (EC) No 374/98 of 12 February 1998, amending Articles 6 and 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 on the statistics relating to the trading of goods by the Community and its Member States with non-member countries
OJ L 48, 19.2.1998

- Regulation (EC) No 1882/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 September 2003, adapting to Council Decision 1999/468/EC the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers laid down in instruments subject to the procedure referred to in Article 251 of the EC Treaty
OJ L 284, 31.10.2003

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1917/2000 of 7 September 2000, laying down certain provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 as regards statistics on external trade
OJ L 229, 9.9.2000

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1669/2001 of 20 August 2001, amending Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1917/2000 laying down certain provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 as regards statistics on external trade
OJ L 224, 21.8.2001

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 179/2005 of 2 February 2005, amending Regulation (EC) No 1917/2000 with regard to the transmission of data to the Commission
OJ L 30, 3.2.2005

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1949/2005 of 28 November 2005, amending Regulation (EC) No 1917/2000 with regard to specific movements and the exclusion of trade relating to repair transactions
OJ L 312, 29.11.2005

COMMODITY NOMENCLATURE

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of 23 July 1987, on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff
OJ L 256, 7.9.1987, p. 1–675

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 3528/89 of 23 November 1989, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff
OJ L 347, 28.11.1989, p. 1–1

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 3845/89 of 18 December 1989, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the common customs tariff
OJ L 374, 22.12.1989, p. 2–2

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 of 12 October 1992, establishing the Community Customs Code
OJ L 302, 19.10.1992, p. 1–50

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 1969/93 of 19 July 1993, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff
OJ L 180 of 23.7.1993, p. 9–9

- Council Regulation (EC) No 254/2000 of 31 January 2000, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and the Common Customs Tariff
OJ L 28, 3.2.2000, p. 16–18

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1549/2006 of 17 October 2006, amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff
OJ L 301, 31.10.2006, p. 1–880

NOMENCLATURE OF COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1833/2006 of 13 December 2006, on the nomenclature of countries and territories for the external trade statistics of the Community and statistics of trade between Member States
OJ L 354, 14.12.2006, p. 19–28

3. Data Requirements

Member States transmit statistics on the value and quantity of imports and exports of goods according to Combined Nomenclature subheadings by partner country.

Timeliness:

- extra and intra-EU aggregated statistics within 40 days after the reference month;
- extra-EU detailed statistics within 42 days after the reference month;
- intra-EU detailed statistics within 70 days after the reference month.

Periodicity: monthly.

4. Methodology

"Statistics on the trading of goods - User guide" available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-BM-06-001

5. International Cooperation

Working groups with UNSD, WTO, OECD, EFTA.

Module 2.07.06 Trade in goods: Publication of aggregated data

Responsible unit: **G-3: International trade statistics - Production**
Contact person: Gilberto GAMBINI, Tel. +352 4301 35806

1. Module Description

Dissemination of the main intra- and extra-EU and euro-area aggregates. Data must be accessible on all available media (press release, publications, Internet).

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

INTRASTAT

- Regulation (EC) No 638/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004, on Community statistics relating to the trading of goods between Member States and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 3330/91
OJ L 102, 7.4.2004

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1982/2004 of 18 November 2004, implementing Regulation (EC) No 638/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics relating to the trading of goods between Member States and repealing Commission Regulations (EC) No 1901/2000 and (EEC) No 3590/92
OJ L 343, 19.11.2004

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1915/2005 of 24 November 2005, amending Regulation (EC) No 1982/2004 with regard to the simplification of the recording of the quantity and specifications on particular movements of goods
OJ L 307, 25.11.2005

EXTRASTAT

- Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 of 22 May 1995, on the statistics relating to the trading of goods by the Community and its Member States with non-member countries
OJ L 118, 25.5.1995

- Council Regulation (EC) No 476/97 of 13 March 1997, amending, with respect to statistical territory, Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 on the statistics relating to the trading of goods by the Community and its Member States with non-member countries
OJ L 75, 15.3.1997

- Council Regulation (EC) No 374/98 of 12 February 1998, amending Articles 6 and 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 on the statistics relating to the trading of goods by the Community and its Member States with non-member countries
OJ L 48, 19.2.1998

- Regulation (EC) No 1882/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 September 2003, adapting to Council Decision 1999/468/EC the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers laid down in instruments subject to the procedure referred to in Article 251 of the EC Treaty
OJ L 284, 31.10.2003

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1917/2000 of 7 September 2000, laying down certain provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 as regards statistics on external trade
OJ L 229, 9.9.2000

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1669/2001 of 20 August 2001, amending Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1917/2000 laying down certain provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 as regards statistics on external trade
OJ L 224, 21.8.2001

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 179/2005 of 2 February 2005, amending Regulation (EC) No 1917/2000 with regard to the transmission of data to the Commission
OJ L 30, 3.2.2005

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1949/2005 of 28 November 2005, amending Regulation (EC) No 1917/2000 with regard to specific movements and the exclusion of trade relating to repair transactions
OJ L 312, 29.11.2005

COMMODITY NOMENCLATURE

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of 23 July 1987, on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff
OJ L 256, 7.9.1987, p. 1–675

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 3528/89 of 23 November 1989, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff
OJ L 347, 28.11.1989, p. 1–1

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 3845/89 of 18 December 1989, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the common customs tariff
OJ L 374, 22.12.1989, p. 2–2

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 of 12 October 1992, establishing the Community Customs Code
OJ L 302, 19.10.1992, p. 1–50

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 1969/93 of 19 July 1993, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff
OJ L 180 of 23.7.1993, p. 9–9

- Council Regulation (EC) No 254/2000 of 31 January 2000, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and the Common Customs Tariff
OJ L 28, 3.2.2000, p. 16–18

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1549/2006 of 17 October 2006, amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff
OJ L 301, 31.10.2006, p. 1–880

NOMENCLATURE OF COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1833/2006 of 13 December 2006, on the nomenclature of countries and territories for the external trade statistics of the Community and statistics of trade between Member States
OJ L 354, 14.12.2006, p. 19–28

3. Data Requirements

Member States transmit statistics on the value and quantity of imports and exports of goods according to Combined Nomenclature subheadings by partner country.

Timeliness:

- extra and intra-EU aggregated statistics within 40 days after the reference month;
- extra-EU detailed statistics within 42 days after the reference month;
- intra-EU detailed statistics within 70 days after the reference month.

Periodicity: monthly.

4. Methodology

"Statistics on the trading of goods - User guide" available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-BM-06-001

5. International Cooperation

Working groups with UNSD, WTO, OECD, EFTA.

Module 2.07.07 Trade in goods: Analysis and quality

Responsible unit: **G-3: International trade statistics - Production**
Contact person: Karo NUORTILA, Tel. +352 4301 34802

1. Module Description

To assess and improve the quality of trade statistics, defined according to the standard model of quality used within the ESS. Main elements are: Timeliness of data: the action includes the assessment of the Member States' compliance with the current regulations in terms of deadlines for data transmission as well as a reflexion on the evolution of these legal deadlines in order to better answer the users' needs; Accuracy of data: this action includes follow-up of control and correction procedures (including outliers' detection), adjustments for missing trade for intra and extra-EU trade (below the thresholds and non response, statistical value), bilateral analysis of mirror flows, and treatment of confidentiality; Comparability: this action includes the follow-up of mirror exercises carried out by the Member States (comparability over space) and of the changes in definitions, coverage or methods implemented at national level (comparability over time); Coherence: work on the CIF/FOB adjustment ratio is necessary to produce an extra-EU trade balance more coherent with Balance of Payments and National Accounts; Relevance: data must be adapted to user needs; Improve and generalise the use of trade registers; Develop interoperability and links with business registers; The quality of trade data (identification of non-response) and the production of advanced estimation (estimation of missing trade) at national level are directly linked to the existence and quality of trade registers; Link with general business registers is a way to produce new indicators (analysis by activity sector, effect of trade on employment, etc.) with a limited investment.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

INTRASTAT

- Regulation (EC) No 638/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004, on Community statistics relating to the trading of goods between Member States and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 3330/91
OJ L 102, 7.4.2004

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1982/2004 of 18 November 2004, implementing Regulation (EC) No 638/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics relating to the trading of goods between Member States and repealing Commission Regulations (EC) No 1901/2000 and (EEC) No 3590/92
OJ L 343, 19.11.2004

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1915/2005 of 24 November 2005, amending Regulation (EC) No 1982/2004 with regard to the simplification of the recording of the quantity and specifications on particular movements of goods
OJ L 307, 25.11.2005

EXTRASTAT

- Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 of 22 May 1995, on the statistics relating to the trading of goods by the Community and its Member States with non-member countries
OJ L 118, 25.5.1995

- Council Regulation (EC) No 476/97 of 13 March 1997, amending, with respect to statistical territory, Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 on the statistics relating to the trading of goods by the Community and its Member States with non-member countries
OJ L 75, 15.3.1997

- Council Regulation (EC) No 374/98 of 12 February 1998, amending Articles 6 and 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 on the statistics relating to the trading of goods by the Community and its Member States with non-member countries
OJ L 48, 19.2.1998

- Regulation (EC) No 1882/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 September 2003, adapting to Council Decision 1999/468/EC the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers laid down in instruments subject to the procedure referred to in Article 251 of the EC Treaty
OJ L 284, 31.10.2003

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1917/2000 of 7 September 2000, laying down certain provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 as regards statistics on external trade
OJ L 229, 9.9.2000

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1669/2001 of 20 August 2001, amending Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1917/2000 laying down certain provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 as regards statistics on external trade
OJ L 224, 21.8.2001

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 179/2005 of 2 February 2005, amending Regulation (EC) No 1917/2000 with regard to the transmission of data to the Commission
OJ L 30, 3.2.2005

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1949/2005 of 28 November 2005, amending Regulation (EC) No 1917/2000 with regard to specific movements and the exclusion of trade relating to repair transactions
OJ L 312, 29.11.2005

COMMODITY NOMENCLATURE

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of 23 July 1987, on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff
OJ L 256, 7.9.1987, p. 1–675

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 3528/89 of 23 November 1989, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff
OJ L 347, 28.11.1989, p. 1–1

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 3845/89 of 18 December 1989, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the common customs tariff
OJ L 374, 22.12.1989, p. 2–2

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 of 12 October 1992, establishing the Community Customs Code
OJ L 302, 19.10.1992, p. 1–50

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 1969/93 of 19 July 1993, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff
OJ L 180 of 23.7.1993, p. 9–9

- Council Regulation (EC) No 254/2000 of 31 January 2000, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and the Common Customs Tariff
OJ L 28, 3.2.2000, p. 16–18

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1549/2006 of 17 October 2006, amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff
OJ L 301, 31.10.2006, p. 1–880

NOMENCLATURE OF COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1833/2006 of 13 December 2006, on the nomenclature of countries and territories for the external trade statistics of the Community and statistics of trade between Member States

OJ L 354, 14.12.2006, p. 19–28

3. Data Requirements

Member States transmit statistics on the value and quantity of imports and exports of goods according to Combined Nomenclature subheadings by partner country.

Timeliness:

- extra and intra-EU aggregated statistics within 40 days after the reference month;
- extra-EU detailed statistics within 42 days after the reference month;
- intra-EU detailed statistics within 70 days after the reference month.

Periodicity: monthly.

4. Methodology

"Quality Report on International Trade Statistics" available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-AS-06-001

5. International Cooperation

Working groups with UNSD, WTO, OECD, EFTA.

Theme 2.08 Trade in services and balance of payments

Description

An information service of high quality is required to implement EU policies on competitiveness and growth, solidarity, economic and social cohesion, external projection and sustainable development. Other relevant policies are enlargement, the Commission's bilateral relations, the management of regional agreements and the completion of the internal market. The following statistics are of crucial importance here: 1) international trade in services; 2) foreign direct investment; 3) foreign affiliates (FATS); 4) balance of payments (BoP) of the EU; 5) BoP of candidate countries; 6) BoP of the European Institutions; 7) remittances. Key customers are the ECB and Commission services dealing with trade policy, economic monitoring and external relations. Member States' BoP compilers are also customers for the EU Institutions' BoP. Ensuring the consistency of the BoP with National Accounts and Foreign Trade is crucial. The raising of reporting thresholds will have a significant influence on the compilation of BoP statistics. Consequently, many Member States are currently revising their BoP collection systems. Work will be pursued in the coming years — through the implementation of the BoP regulation — to ensure that Member States keep on providing good quality data to Eurostat and the ECB. It is also strategically important to implement the new regulation on foreign affiliates statistics. Key methodological activities are carried out in active cooperation and coordination with international organisations such as the ECB, IMF, OECD and WTO.

Key priorities 2008

During 2008, work will continue to ensure and enhance the availability and quality of balance-of-payments and related statistics to meet user requirements, notably the Commission's strategic objectives and new challenges. Following the implementation and updating of Regulation (EC) 184/2005, the production of statistics on balance of payments, international trade in services, and foreign direct investment will be pursued, improved and extended to the enlarged Union and candidate countries. This will support the Commission's priorities for 2008 regarding prosperity, competitiveness and growth, solidarity, economic and social cohesion, external projection and sustainable development. In addition, the implementation of the Regulation on the structure and activity of foreign affiliates will provide important indicators for responding to the challenge of globalisation. Enhanced cooperation with National Accounts, Foreign Trade Statistics and the ECB will foster greater statistical consistency. Concerning the Single European Area, the likely increase in the statistical reporting thresholds from January 2008 will require significant development work to ensure that the quality of BoP data can be maintained. Particular attention will be given to the methods for the collection of data on "workers' remittances", to support the Commission's policy on solidarity. The methodological background will continue to be strengthened, namely by finalising the important work on the revision of the Balance of Payments Manual and of the OECD benchmark definition of Foreign Direct Investment.

Module 2.08.01 Balance of payments: Methodology, Meetings

Responsible unit: **C-4: Balance of payments**
Contact person: Maria-Helena FIGUEIRA, Tel: +352 4301 34730

1. Module Description

Raison d'être:

Activities to provide support to data quality to better serve: trade policy, single currency policy, economic policy and globalisation, EU bilateral relations and regional agreements, employment policy, competition policy, monitoring enlargement, internal market policy, analysis by products/activities (transport, tourism, telecommunications, audiovisual, financial services, etc), budgetary policy.

Scope:

Management of "Balance of payments Committee" created by BOP regulation. Quality support: development of local data base; preparation of methodological documents for the BOP Working Group/Committee and technical groups; active co-ordination with the European Central Bank (Statistics Committee and Working Group on External Statistics); improvement of methodology and data collection systems via active participation in technical groups steered by Eurostat; development of statistical legislation; participation in development of EU quarterly accounts by institutional sector; coordination with IMF (IMF Committee), OECD, WTO & UN (Intersecretariat work on trade in services - UN/IMF/OECD/WTO).

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 January 2005, on Community statistics concerning balance of payments, international trade in services and foreign direct investment
OJ L 35, 8.2.2005, p. 23–55

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 601/2006 of 18 April 2006, implementing Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the format and the procedure for the transmission of data
OJ L 106, 19.04.2006

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 602/2006 of 18 April 2006, adapting Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council through the updating of data requirements
OJ L 106, 19.04.2006

Other basis:

- Most of the relevant documentation is included in the Metadata pages of Eurostat Balance of Payments site: http://europa.eu/estatref/info/sdds/en/bop/bop_base.htm or <http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/bop/library?!=/&vm=detailed&sb=Title>

- Work is developed by the BOP Working Group, see at:
<http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/bop/library?!=/&vm=detailed&sb=Title>

- The BOP regulation No 184/2005 foresees the drafting of regular quality reports by Member States on the BOP data transmitted to Eurostat. The legal act, specifying quality standards, contents and periodicity of such reports is under preparation.

3. Data Requirements

Reporting on methodological issues in the framework of Task Forces or other initiatives to improve BOP methodology and to exchange national experience- Future: reporting on BOP data quality.

4. Methodology

- IMF manual - 5th Edition
 - BOP Vademecum (update November 2006)
 - OECD Benchmark Definition of Foreign Direct Investment
 - Report of the Task Force on Foreign Direct Investment
 - Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services
 - European statistics code of practice
 - Task Force reports on: Travel, Asymmetries between Balance of Payments and Foreign Trade Statistics, BOP Quality, Quarterly Sector Accounts and Rest-of-the-World.
- See at: <http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/zdsis/bop/home>

5. International Cooperation

ECB, IMF, WTO, OECD, BIS, UNCTAD.

Module 2.08.02 Quarterly balance of payments

Responsible unit: **C-4: Balance of payments**
Contact person: Maria-Helena FIGUEIRA, Tel: +352 4301 34730

1. Module Description

Raison d'être:

Economic policy - convergence criteria; Monitoring of single monetary policy; Monitoring of enlargement; compilation of quarterly sectoral accounts.

Scope:

Production of Quarterly and annual Balance of Payments of the EU and Euro-zone (in co-operation with ECB responsible for the Euro-zone quarterly BOP), European Institutions, EU Member States, Candidate Countries and Euro-indicators; New Cronos, Euro-indicators, structural indicators and Yearbook; Estimate of Annual Current Account of EU (Statistics in Focus) with a geographical breakdown (2 reporters, 12 posts, 5 partners); Quarterly Press Release in co-ordination with ECB.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 January 2005, on Community statistics concerning balance of payments, international trade in services and foreign direct investment
OJ L 35, 8.2.2005, p. 23–55

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 601/2006 of 18 April 2006, implementing Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the format and the procedure for the transmission of data
OJ L 106, 19.04.2006

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 602/2006 of 18 April 2006, adapting Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council through the updating of data requirements
OJ L 106, 19.04.2006

Other basis:

- Most of the relevant documentation is included in the Metadata pages of Eurostat Balance of Payments site: http://europa.eu/estatref/info/sdds/en/bop/bop_base.htm or <http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=/&vm=detailed&sb=Title>

This includes:

- IMF manual - 5th Edition
- BOP Vademecum (update December 2007) available on: http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=/basic_documents/bop_vademecum_2007&vm=detailed&sb=Title
- Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services
- OECD Benchmark Definition of Foreign Direct Investment
- Report of the Task Force on Foreign Direct Investment
- Task Force reports on: Travel, Asymmetries between Balance of Payments and Foreign Trade Statistics and BOP Quality

- Work is developed by the BOP Working Group, see at:

<http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=/&vm=detailed&sb=Title>

3. Data Requirements

BOP_EUR_Q: Euro Indicators

Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: Q

BOP_Q_Q: Quarterly Balance of Payments
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

4. Methodology

- IMF manual - 5th Edition

- BOP Vademecum (update November 2006)

- Task Force reports on: Travel, Asymmetries between Balance of Payments and Foreign Trade Statistics, BOP Quality, Quarterly Sector Accounts and Rest-of-the-World.

See at: <http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/bop/home>

5. International Cooperation

ECB, IMF, WTO, OECD, BIS, UNCTAD.

Module 2.08.03 Foreign direct investment

Responsible unit: **C-4: Balance of payments**
Contact person: Maria-Helena FIGUEIRA, Tel: +352 4301 34730

1. Module Description

Raison d'être:

Implementation of EU trade policy, trade negotiations (Art. 133 Treaty & General Agreement on Trade in Services - GATS), measure impact of globalisation and effectiveness/opening of internal market, economic policy (convergence criteria), monitoring enlargement, EU bilateral relations, regional agreements, analysis by activities (transport, tourism, telecomm. ,. . .); Significant input for national accounts & GNI.

Scope:

FDI: Production of annual FDI for EU, EU Member States, Euro-area, Candidate Countries, Norway, Switzerland, USA, Japan - flows, stocks, income (60 activities and 250 geographical partners); New Cronos; structural indicators (Market integration-FDI intensity); Statistics in Focus, news releases and tailor made studies; Publication: "EU FDI yearbook"; international methodological activities (EU, IMF, OECD, UN, WTO).

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 January 2005, on Community statistics concerning balance of payments, international trade in services and foreign direct investment
OJ L 35, 8.2.2005, p. 23–55

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 601/2006 of 18 April 2006, implementing Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the format and the procedure for the transmission of data
OJ L 106, 19.04.2006

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 602/2006 of 18 April 2006, adapting Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council through the updating of data requirements
OJ L 106, 19.04.2006

Other basis:

- Most of the relevant documentation is included in the Metadata pages of Eurostat Balance of Payments site: http://europa.eu/estatref/info/sdds/en/bop/bop_base.htm or <http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=/&vm=detailed&sb=Title>

This includes:

- IMF manual - 5th Edition
- BOP Vademecum (update December 2007) available on: http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=/basic_documents/bop_vademecum_2007&vm=detailed&sb=Title
- Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services
- OECD Benchmark Definition of Foreign Direct Investment
- Report of the Task Force on Foreign Direct Investment
- Task Force reports on: Travel, Asymmetries between Balance of Payments and Foreign Trade Statistics and BOP Quality

- Work is developed by the BOP Working Group, see at: <http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=/&vm=detailed&sb=Title>

3. Data Requirements

BOP-FDI-P-A: Foreign Direct Investment, Positions, annual. BOP Vademecum tables Y7-2 and Y8-2
Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

BOP_FDI: Balance Of Payments - Foreign Direct Investments
Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

- IMF manual - 5th Edition

- OECD Benchmark Definition of Foreign Direct Investment

- Report of the Task Force on Foreign Direct Investment

- BOP Vademecum (update December 2007) available on:
http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=/basic_documents/bop_vademecum_2007&vm=detailed&sb=Title

- Information available on: <http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/bop/home>

5. International Cooperation

ECB, IMF, WTO, OECD, BIS, UNCTAD.

Module 2.08.04 International trade in services

Responsible unit: **C-4: Balance of payments**
Contact person: Maria-Helena FIGUEIRA, Tel: +352 4301 34730

1. Module Description

Raison d'être: Implementation of EU trade policy, trade negotiations (Art. 133 of Treaty & General Agreement on Trade in Services - GATS), economic policy (convergence criteria), completion of internal market, monitoring enlargement, EU bilateral relations, regional agreements, analysis by products (transport, tourism, telecomm, audiovisual, financial services), significant input for national accounts and GNI.

Scope: Production of annual ITS and its geographical breakdown for the EU, EU Member States, Euro area, Candidate Countries, Norway, USA, Japan (50 posts and about 100 geographical partners); New Cronos and structural indicators (trade integration of services); Statistics in Focus, news releases and tailor made studies; publication "EU International Trade in Services"; international methodological activities (EU, IMF, OECD, UN, WTO).

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 January 2005, on Community statistics concerning balance of payments, international trade in services and foreign direct investment
OJ L 35, 8.2.2005, p. 23–55

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 601/2006 of 18 April 2006, implementing Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the format and the procedure for the transmission of data
OJ L 106, 19.04.2006

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 602/2006 of 18 April 2006, adapting Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council through the updating of data requirements
OJ L 106, 19.04.2006

Other basis:

- Most of the relevant documentation is included in the Metadata pages of Eurostat Balance of Payments site: http://europa.eu/estatref/info/sdds/en/bop/bop_base.htm or <http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=/&vm=detailed&sb=Title>

This includes:

- IMF manual - 5th Edition
- BOP Vademecum (update December 2007) available on: http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=/basic_doucments/bop_vademecum_2007&vm=detailed&sb=Title
- Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services
- OECD Benchmark Definition of Foreign Direct Investment
- Report of the Task Force on Foreign Direct Investment
- Task Force reports on: Travel, Asymmetries between Balance of Payments and Foreign Trade Statistics and BOP Quality

- Work is developed by the BOP Working Group, see at: <http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=/&vm=detailed&sb=Title>

3. Data Requirements

BOP_ITS_A: Balance Of Payments - International Trade in Services

Timeliness: 275 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

- IMF manual - 5th Edition

- BOP Vademecum (update December 2007) available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=/basic_documents/bop_vademecum_2007&vm=detailed&sb=Title

- Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services

- Task Force reports on: Travel and BOP Quality

- Information available on: <http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/bop/home>

5. International Cooperation

ECB, IMF, WTO, OECD, BIS, UNCTAD.

Module 2.08.05 Balance of payments of the Community institutions

Responsible unit: **C-4: Balance of payments**
Contact person: Maria-Helena FIGUEIRA, Tel: +352 4301 34730

1. Module Description

Raison d'être: Economic policy - convergence criteria, single monetary policy, Budgetary policy, BOP of the Community Institutions is necessary to compile the EU BOP, as they are considered as an additional Member State (reporter). The information is requested by EU Member States to compile their own Balance of Payments; Compilation of National Accounts data.

Scope: Monthly, annual and quarterly production of Balance of Payments (BOP) of the European Union Institutions - presentation of resources and expenditure of the Institutions following the BOP scheme: Supply of data to EU Member States, ECB and IMF; New Cronos, Publication of Statistics in Focus, Analysis, public reports or specific "tailor made" studies and requests, Participation in the relevant Task Forces and Working Groups.

2. Legal Basis

Other basis:

- Most of the relevant documentation is included in the Metadata pages of Eurostat Balance of payments site: http://europa.eu/estatref/info/sdds/en/bop/bop_euinst_sm.htm or http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=/european_institutions&vm=detailed&sb=Title
This includes:

- Balance of payments of the EU Institutions
- Future steps-EU Institutions Compilation Guide
- Table of correspondence BOP - budget codes

Work is developed by the BOP Working Group, see at:

<http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=/&vm=detailed&sb=Title>

3. Data Requirements

None, but BOP EUI data available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1996,45323734&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&screen=welcomeref&open=/bop/bop_euinst&language=en&product=EU_MASTER_balance_of_payments&root=EU_MASTER_balance_of_payments&scrollto=0

4. Methodology

- IMF manual - 5th Edition

- BOP Vademecum (update December 2007) available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=/basic_documents/bop_vademecum_2007&vm=detailed&sb=Title

5. International Cooperation

ECB, IMF, WTO, OECD, BIS, UNCTAD.

Module 2.08.06 Foreign affiliates statistics (outward)

Responsible unit: **C-4: Balance of payments**
Contact person: Maria-Helena FIGUEIRA, Tel: +352 4301 34730

1. Module Description

Raison d'être: Implementation of EU trade policy, trade negotiations (Art. 133 Treaty and General Agreement on Trade in Services - GATS), measure impact of globalisation and effectiveness/opening of internal market, economic policy (convergence criteria) and measure effect of FDI on employment, monitoring enlargement, EU bilateral relations, regional agreements, analysis by activities (transport, tourism, telecomm, etc.).

Scope: Production of annual outward FATS for EU Member States: employment and turnover (30 activities and 70 geographical partners); New Cronos and tailor made studies. Drafting of the Recommendations Manual on Foreign Affiliates Statistics (FATS). International methodological activities (EU, IMF, OECD, UN, WTO).

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Regulation (EC) No 716/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2007, on Community statistics on the structure and activity of foreign affiliates
OJ L 171, 29.6.2007, p. 17–31

Other basis:

- Most of the relevant documentation is included in the FATS Metadata pages of Eurostat Balance of payments site: http://europa.eu.int/estatref/info/sdds/en/bop/bop_fats_sm.htm#top

This includes:

- FATS Recommendations Manual available on http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=/fats/24-25_september/recommendations_1/ EN_1.0_&a=d
- BOP Vademecum (update December 2007) available on: http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=/basic_documents/bop_vademecum_2007&vm=detailed&sb=Title
- Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services

- Development work is made by the Foreign Affiliates Statistics Joint Working Group, see at: <http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/bop/library?l=/fats/>

3. Data Requirements

BOP_FATS: Outward Foreign Affiliates Statistics broken down by sector and by geographical area

Timeliness: 640 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

- FATS Recommendation Manual
- BOP Vademecum (update December 2007)
- Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services
- IMF manual - 5th Edition
- OECD Benchmark Definition of Foreign Direct Investment

5. International Cooperation

ECB, WTO, OECD.

DOMAIN 3 – Business statistics

Theme 3.01 Annual business statistics

Description

Structural Business Statistics (SBS) contain detailed data covering all business activities, broken down to the 4-digit level of the NACE Rev 1.1 activity classification, by size classes and by regions (2-digit NUTS). A large number of variables are provided. The data are collected according to the provisions of the SBS Regulation. The medium-term strategy is to achieve full implementation in all current and future Member States of all the annexes to the Regulation, assure the quality of the data, re-engineer methods and sources for the data collection, as well as adapt the legal framework to new user demands, concerning in particular services statistics, business demography and statistics on foreign affiliates.

Inward FATS comprise a number of characteristics for the structure and activity of the foreign affiliates in the reporting country that are needed for evaluating the extent of globalisation of the EU economy and the effectiveness of the internal market. The medium-term strategy will focus on full implementation of the requirements of the new FATS Regulation.

Prodcom covers production statistics in value and volume of about 4 500 products defined in an annually revised Prodcom list. Its medium-term strategy will be oriented towards quality improvements with emphasis on completeness of EU aggregates as well as further methodological harmonisation.

Key priorities 2008

For Structural Business Statistics, improvements in timeliness and completeness are key priorities. A more effective data transmission and production system and the continuation of the quality action plan are aimed at achieving these objectives. The preparations for introducing NACE Rev 2 in 2008 will require considerable work. Also the new CPA will have an impact on work. Implementation of the recast of the SBS Regulation and of the Regulation on statistics on foreign affiliates will continue. The development programme will continue focusing on two main areas: (1) pilot actions and ad hoc surveys to respond to new user needs and (2) implementing a programme for re-engineering business statistics that will be focused on reducing the burden on business through smarter ways of collecting data.

The priority for Prodcom in 2008 will be to develop publications that depend on complete EU data. Efforts will continue to ensure harmonisation of Prodcom data delivered to Eurostat and ways to minimise the burden on businesses will be further examined.

For both SBS and Prodcom, the amount of confidential EU aggregates is a major user complaint and it must be minimised, among other things, by using rounding methods.

Module 3.01.01 Production of structural business statistics

Responsible unit: **G-1: Structural business statistics**
Contact person: Petra SNEIJERS, Tel: +352 4301 35024

1. Module Description

The objective is to collect, process and publish all statistical data laid down in the Structural Business Statistics regulation (58/97) and its amendments, collect, process and publish all statistical data laid down in the regulation on steel statistics adopted by the Council and the Parliament in 2003, ensure high quality output and apply a high service ethos to main users in EU institutions. Structural business statistics (SBS) form one of the basic statistical tools for measuring and monitoring the Union's competitiveness and entrepreneurship and it covers all market activities in industry and services (NACE C – K). Economic and employment variables are collected annually at a detailed level.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 of 20 December 1996, concerning structural business statistics
OJ L 14, 17.1.1997
- Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 410/98 of 16 February 1998, amending Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 concerning structural business statistics
OJ L 52, 21.2.1998
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 2701/98 of 17 December 1998, concerning the series of data to be produced for structural business statistics
OJ L 344, 18.12.1998
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 2702/98 of 17 December 1998, concerning the technical format for the transmission of structural business statistics
OJ L 344, 18.12.1998
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 2700/98 of 17 December 1998, concerning the definitions of characteristics for structural business statistics
OJ L 344, 18.12.1998
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1225/1999 of 27 May 1999, concerning the definitions of characteristics for insurance services statistics
OJ L 154, 19.6.1999
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1227/1999 of 28 May 1999, concerning the technical format for the transmission of insurance services statistics
OJ L 154, 19.6.1999
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1228/1999 of 28 May 1999, concerning the series of data to be produced for insurance services statistics
OJ L 154, 19.6.1999
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1618/1999 of 23 July 1999, concerning the criteria for the evaluation of quality of structural business statistics
OJ L 192, 24.7.1999
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1614/2002 of 6 September 2002, adjusting Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 to economic and technical developments and amending Commission Regulations (EC) No 2700/98, (EC) No 2701/98 and (EC) No 2702/98
OJ L 244, 12.9.2002

- Regulation (EC) No 2056/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 November 2002, amending Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 concerning structural business statistics
OJ L 317, 21.11.2002

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1670/2003 of 1 September 2003, implementing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 with regard to the definitions of characteristics for structural business statistics and amending Regulation (EC) No 2700/98 concerning the definitions of characteristics for structural business statistics
OJ L 244, 29.9.2003

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1669/2003 of 1 September 2003, implementing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 with regard to the series of data to be produced for structural business statistics and amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 2701/98 concerning the series of data to be produced for structural business statistics
OJ L 244, 29.9.2003

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1668/2003 of 1 September 2003, implementing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 with regard to the technical format for the transmission of the structural business statistics and amending Commission Regulation No 2702/98 concerning the technical format for the transmission of structural business statistics
OJ L 244, 29.9.2003

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1667/2003 of 1 September 2003, implementing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 with regard to derogations to be granted for structural business statistics
OJ L 244, 29.9.2003

- Regulation (EC) No 48/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 December 2003, on the production of annual Community statistics on the steel industry for the reference years 2003-2009
OJ L 7, 13.1.2004

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 772/2005 of 20 May 2005, concerning the specifications for the coverage of the characteristics and the definition of the technical format for the production of annual Community statistics on steel for the reference years 2003 to 2009
OJ L 128, 21.5.2005

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 963/2007 of 14 August 2007 implementing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 with regard to derogations to be granted for structural business statistics
OJ L 213, 15.8.2007

Other basis:

- 'Methodological manual for Pension funds statistics' (August 2001) available on:
http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/statmanuals/files/EMBS_pension_aug_2001_en.pdf

- 'Methodological manual for Credit institutions statistics' (June 2003) available on:
http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/statmanuals/files/EMBS_credit_jun_2003_en.pdf

- 'Methodological manual for Insurance Services statistics' (December 2000) available on:
http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/statmanuals/files/EMBS_insurance_dec_2000_manual_en.pdf
http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/statmanuals/files/EMBS_insurance_dec_2000_annexes_en.pdf

- Collection of information concerning national methodologies available on:
http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nomenclatures/index.cfm?TargetUrl=LST_NOM_DTL&StrNom=NA_T_SBS&StrLanguageCode=EN&IntPcKey=18599332&StrLayoutCode=HIERARCHIC&CFID=16361340&CFTOKEN=27efa92-000c719c-9e86-1464-9edc-839b11f70072&jsessionid=ee30c4e4ddc863417242

3. Data Requirements

Structural Business Statistics Annex 1 – horizontal module – preliminary data – annual
Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

Structural Business Statistics Annex 1 – horizontal module – final data – annual
Timeliness: 480 Periodicity: A

Structural Business Statistics Annex 2 – industry – preliminary data – annual
Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

Structural Business Statistics Annex 2 – industry – final data – annual
Timeliness: 480 Periodicity: A

Structural Business Statistics Annex 3 – distributive trades – preliminary data – annual
Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

Structural Business Statistics Annex 3 – distributive trades – final data – annual
Timeliness: 480 Periodicity: A

Structural Business Statistics Annex 4 – construction – preliminary data – annual
Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

Structural Business Statistics Annex 4 – construction – final data – annual
Timeliness: 480 Periodicity: A

Structural Business Statistics Annex 5 – insurance services – annual
Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

Structural Business Statistics Annex 6 – credit institutions – annual
Timeliness: 300 Periodicity: A

Structural Business Statistics Annex 7 – pension funds– annual
Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

For details on the series to be provided see Commission Regulation No 2701/98/EC concerning the series of data to be produced for structural business statistics as amended by:

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 2701/98 of 17 December 1998, concerning the series of data to be produced for structural business statistics
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1228/1999 concerning the series of data to be produced for insurance services statistics
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1614/2002 adjusting Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 to economic and technical developments and amending Commission Regulations (EC) No 2700/98, (EC) No 2701/98 and (EC) No 2702/98
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1669/2003 implementing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 with regard to the series of data to be produced for structural business statistics and amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 2701/98 concerning the series of data to be produced for structural business statistics

Steel Statistics

SBSS_S10_A: Steel statistics - Yearly statistics on the steel and cast iron scrap balance sheet - annual

Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

SBSS_S2A_A: Steel Statistics - Annual statistics on the Fuel and Energy Consumption broken down by type of plant – annual

Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

SBSS_S2B_A: Steel Statistics - Annual statistics on the Balance Sheet for Electrical Energy in the Steel Industry – annual
Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

SBSS_S3A_A: Steel Statistics - Enquiry on Investments in the Iron and Steel Industry – annual
Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

SBSS_S3B_A: Steel Statistics - Annual statistics on capacity – annual
Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

- 'Methodological manual for Pension funds statistics' (August 2001) available on:
http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/statmanuals/files/EMBS_pension_aug_2001_en.pdf

- 'Methodological manual for Credit institutions statistics' (June 2003) available on:
http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/statmanuals/files/EMBS_credit_jun_2003_en.pdf

- 'Methodological manual for Insurance Services statistics' (December 2000) available on:
http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/statmanuals/files/EMBS_insurance_dec_2000_manual_en.pdf
http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/statmanuals/files/EMBS_insurance_dec_2000_annexes_en.pdf

- Collection of information concerning national methodologies available on:
http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nomenclatures/index.cfm?TargetUrl=LST_NOM_DTL&StrNom=NA_T_SBS&StrLanguageCode=EN&IntPckKey=18599332&StrLayoutCode=HIERARCHIC&CFID=16361340&CFTOKEN=27efa92-000c719c-9e86-1464-9edc-839b11f70072&jsessionid=ee30c4e4ddc863417242

5. International Cooperation

OECD, UN Geneva, Voorburg Group, a number of other international bodies.

Module 3.01.02 Development of structural business statistics

Responsible unit: **G-1: Structural business statistics**
Contact person: Axel BEHRENS, Tel: +352 4301 35142

1. Module Description

The objective is to develop structural business statistics further by covering new elements of business statistics and balance them in relation to present requirements in order to maximize the response to users' requirements while recognizing the priorities and constraints of partners and of enterprises in Member States. Key projects are the full implementation of the recast of the SBS regulation and the FATS Regulation, in particular the development of a regular data collection for business demography and business services and statistics on foreign affiliates. New projects relate to international sourcing, the market services of the health sector and entrepreneurship indicators. In addition to that a programme on the modernisation of European enterprise and trade statistics (MEETS) has been developed. MEETS will take the form of a Decision of the EP and the Council. It has been adopted by the Commission in July 2007 and is currently under discussion in EP and Council. Adoption is foreseen for late 2008.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Regulation (EC) No 295/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2008, concerning structural business statistics
OJ L 97, 9.4.2008, p. 13–59.
- Regulation (EC) No 716/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2007, on Community statistics on the structure and activity of foreign affiliates
OJ L 171, 29.6.2007, p. 17–31.

See also Module 3.01.01

3. Data Requirements

SBSBD_1H1_A: SBS - Development Project on BD - Harmonised Data Collection by NACE Activity and Legal Form (voluntary data collection that will become compulsory as soon as the new Council and EP Regulation on SBS is implemented)

Timeliness: 660 Periodicity: A

SBSBD_1J1_A: SBS - Development Project on BD - Harmonised Data Collection by NACE Activity and Employee Size Class (voluntary data collection that will become compulsory as soon as the new Council and EP Regulation on SBS is implemented)

Timeliness: 660 Periodicity: A

SBSBS_BS13_A: SBS - Development Project on BS - Business Services: SBS variables by economic activity (voluntary data collection that will become compulsory as soon as the new Council and EP Regulation on SBS is implemented)

Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

SBSBS_BS42_A: SBS - Development Project on BS - Business Services: turnover by residence of the client and economic activity (voluntary data collection that will become compulsory as soon as the new Council and EP Regulation on SBS is implemented)

Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: A

SBSFATS_1G1_A: SBS - Development Project on FATS - Foreign Affiliates - Annual Business Statistics by Nationality of Ownership (voluntary data collection that will become compulsory as soon as the new Council and EP Regulation on FATS is implemented)

Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

SBSFATS_1GA1_A: SBS - Development Project FATS - Annual Business Statistics by Nationality of Ownership (level 2) and Activity (level 3) (voluntary data collection that will become compulsory as soon as the new Council and EP Regulation on FATS is implemented)

Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

SBSFATS_1GB1_A: SBS - Development Project FATS - Annual Business Statistics by Nationality of Ownership (level 3) and Activity (total) (voluntary data collection that will become compulsory as soon as the new Council and EP Regulation on FATS is implemented)

Timeliness: 720 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

- Dedicated website available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=2293,59872848,2293_61474721&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL

5. International Cooperation

None

Module 3.01.03 Prodcum

Responsible unit: **G-1: Structural business statistics**
Contact person: Brian WILLIAMS, Tel: +352 4301 33593

1. Module Description

The objective is to collect, process and publish data on manufactured goods in accordance with the Council Regulation 3924/91 and implementation regulations. The PRODCOM system receives data on the value and volume of production of about 5000 products. Eurostat publishes the national data and also calculates and publishes EU totals, together with the related Foreign Trade data. Data is reported annually for all products.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 3924/91 of 19 December 1991, on the establishment of a community survey of industrial production
OJ L 374, 31.12.1991
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 912/2004 of 29 April 2004, implementing Council Regulation (EEC) No 3924/91 on the establishment of a Community survey of industrial production
OJ L 163, 30.4.2004
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 210/2004 of 29 May 2004, establishing for 2004 the "Prodcum list" of industrial products provided for by Council Regulation (EEC) No 3924/91
OJ L 45, 30.4.2004
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 317/2006 of 22 December 2005, establishing for 2005 the "Prodcum list" of industrial products provided for by Council Regulation (EEC) No 3924/91
OJ L 60, 1.3.2006
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 294/2007 of 20 February 2007, establishing for 2006 the "Prodcum list" of industrial products provided for by Council Regulation (EEC) No 3924/91
OJ L 83, 23.3.2007
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1165/2007 of 3 September 2007 establishing for 2007 the "Prodcum list" of industrial products provided for by Council Regulation (EEC) No 3924/91
OJ L 268, 12/10/2007

3. Data Requirements

PRODCOM_A_A: Industry Production Annual Survey
Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

- SDDS documentation
- Prodcum User Guide
- Report on the national methodologies (January 2000)

5. International Cooperation

UNSD

Theme 3.02 Short-term business statistics

Description

Short-term business statistics comprise monthly and quarterly economic indicators, such as the index of industrial production, output prices, construction production, retail trade turnover, etc. for the Member States, the EU and the euro area. The indicators cover eight out of nineteen Principal European Economic Indicators and almost half of Eurostat's regular News Releases. These data are closely followed by economic analysts in the Commission and the European Central Bank, as well as in national governments and in the private sector and financial markets.

The constant requirement is to make the data rapid but reliable while at the same time limiting the statistical reporting burden on enterprises.

Historically, such short-term statistics are mainly related to manufacturing and construction; in the years ahead the main challenge is to develop and consolidate the short-term data on service activities.

Key priorities 2008

During 2008 the main priority will be to maintain a rapid and reliable supply of indicators and to improve and consolidate the quality of the data. Analysis of revisions will be used to identify and then resolve any problem areas.

At the end of 2008, the first fairly complete set of producer price indices for services will become available, following the ending of derogations allowed by EC Regulation 1158 in 2005. During the year, Eurostat will pursue with Member States ways to ensure efficient and reliable collection of price data on services.

The introduction of the new NACE Rev 2 for data from January 2009 will require significant preparatory work during 2008 in Member States, both individually and collectively. As well as establishing the new series, it will be necessary to create historical time series on the new classification.

The Regulation requires Member States to conduct pilot studies on the feasibility and cost of certain possible additional or different indicators. In the light of the results, the Commission must decide before August 2008 whether to propose adoption of these indicators.

The Regulation requires the Commission to transmit by August 2008 a report to the European Parliament and Council on the statistics compiled pursuant to the STS Regulation, in particular the relevance and quality and the revision of these indicators. The report will also address the cost of the statistical system and the burden on businesses arising from the Regulation, in relation to the benefits. It will report on best practices for reducing the burden on businesses and indicate ways to reduce the burden and costs.

Module 3.02.01 Short-term business statistics

Responsible unit: **D-3: Short-term statistics**
Contact person: Szymon BIELECKI, Tel: +352 4301 35705

1. Module Description

The objective is to collect process and publish all statistical data laid down in the Short-term Statistics regulation (1165/98 and later amendments), covering key indicators, such as production index, producer prices, new orders and turnover for industry, construction, trade and services. The follow-up of national action plans, which have been established to permit a complete implementation of this regulation, will be carried out. An amendment regulation was approved in July 2005 with the aim of improving timeliness and extending the indicators. A major objective of the STS work is oriented towards quality.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 of 19 May 1998, concerning short-term statistics
OJ L 162, 5.6.1998
- Regulation (EC) No 1158/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 2005, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics
OJ L 191, 22.7.2005
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1503/2006 of 28 September 2006, implementing and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics as regards definitions of variables, list of variables and frequency of data compilation
OJ L 281, 12.10.2006
- Regulation (EC) No 1893/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 establishing the statistical classification of economic activities NACE Revision 2 and amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3037/90 as well as certain EC Regulations on specific statistical domains
OJ L 393, 30.12.2006
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 606/2001 of 23 March 2001, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics as regards derogations of Member States
OJ L 92, 2.4.2001
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1502/2006 of 28 September 2006, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics as regards derogations to be granted to Member States
OJ L 281, 12.10.2006
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 586/2001 of 26 March 2001, on implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics as regards the definition of Main Industrial Groupings (MIGS)
OJ L 86, 27.3.2001
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 656/2007 of 14 June 2007, amending Regulation (EC) No 586/2001 on implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics as regards the definition of Main Industrial Groupings (MIGS)
OJ L 155, 15.6.2007
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 657/2007 of 14 June 2007, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics as regards the establishment of European sample schemes
OJ L 155, 15.6.2007

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 472/2008 of 29 May 2008, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics as regards the first base year to be applied for time series in NACE Rev. 2 and, for time series prior to 2009 to be transmitted according to NACE Rev. 2, the level of detail, the form, the first reference period, and the reference period
OJ L 140, 30.5.2008

Other basis:

- "Methodology of short-term business statistics - Interpretation and guidelines" available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KS-BG-06-001/EN/KS-BG-06-001-EN.PDF

- "Methodology of short-term business statistics - Associated documents" available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KS-BG-06-002/EN/KS-BG-06-002-EN.PDF

- "Methodological guide for developing producer prices indices for services" available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KS-BG-06-003/EN/KS-BG-06-003-EN.PDF

3. Data Requirements

STSCONS_EMPL_M: Short-Term Statistics on Construction - Employment (Number or Index, Employees or Persons Employed)
Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: M

STSCONS_EMPL_Q: Short-Term Statistics on Construction - Employment (Number or Index, Employees or Persons Employed)
Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: Q

STSCONS_HOUR_M: Short Term Statistics on Construction - Hours Worked (Number or Index, average or sum)
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: M

STSCONS_HOUR_Q: Short Term Statistics on Construction - Hours Worked (Number or Index, average or sum)
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

STSCONS_EARN_M: Short Term Statistics on Construction - Gross Wages and Salaries
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: M

STSCONS_EARN_Q: Short Term Statistics on Construction - Gross Wages and Salaries
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

STSCONS_ORD_M: Short Term Statistics on Construction - Orders (New Orders or Stock of Orders, value or deflated)
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: M

STSCONS_ORD_Q: Short Term Statistics on Construction - Orders (New Orders or Stock of Orders, value or deflated)
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

STSCONS_PERM_M: Short Term Statistics on Construction - Building (or Dwelling) Permits (starts or completion)
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: M

STSCONS_PERM_Q: Short Term Statistics on Construction - Building (or Dwelling) Permits (starts or completion)
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

STSCONS_PRIC_M: Short Term Statistics on Construction - Output Prices or Input, Labour or Material Costs
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: M

STSCONS_PRIC_Q: Short Term Statistics on Construction - Output Prices or Input, Labour or Material Costs
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

STSCONS_PROD_M: Short Term Statistics on Construction - Production Index. (Volume of Production)
Timeliness: 45 Periodicity: M

STSCONS_PROD_Q: Short Term Statistics on Construction - Production Index. (Volume of Production)
Timeliness: 45 Periodicity: Q

STSIND_EARN_M: Short Term Statistics on Industry - Gross Wages and Salaries
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: M

STSIND_EARN_Q: Short Term Statistics on Industry - Gross Wages and Salaries
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

STSIND_EMPL_M: Short-Term Statistics on Industry - Employment (Number or Index, Employees or Persons Employed)
Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: M

STSIND_EMPL_Q: Short-Term Statistics on Industry - Employment (Number or Index, Employees or Persons Employed)
Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: Q

STSIND_HOUR_M: Short Term Statistics on Industry - Hours Worked (Number or Index, Total)
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: M

STIND_HOUR_Q: Short Term Statistics on Industry - Hours Worked (Number or Index, Total)
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

STSIND_ORD_M: Short Term Statistics on Industry - New Orders (Total, Domestic, Non-Domestic Total, Non-Domestic Euro Area, Non-Domestic Non-Euro-Area)
Timeliness: 50 Periodicity: M

STSIND_ORD_Q: Short Term Statistics on Industry - New Orders (Total, Domestic, Non-Domestic Total, Non-Domestic Euro Area, Non-Domestic Non-Euro-Area)
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: Q

STSIND_PRIC_M: Short Term Statistics on Industry – Prices (Output Prices: Total, Domestic, Non-Domestic Total, Non-Domestic Euro Area, Non-Domestic Non-Euro-Area, Import Prices: Total, Euro-area, Non-Euro-Area)
Timeliness: 35 Periodicity: M

STSIND_PROD_M: Short Term Statistics on Industry - Production Index (Volume of Production)
Timeliness: 40 Periodicity: M

STSIND_PROD_Q: Short Term Statistics on Industry - Production Index (Volume of Production)
Timeliness: 40 Periodicity: Q

STSIND_TURN_M: Short Term Statistics on Industry - Turnover (Total, Domestic, Non-Domestic Total, Non-Domestic Euro Area, Non-Domestic Non-Euro-Area)
Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: M

STSIND_TURN_Q: Short Term Statistics on Industry - Turnover (Total, Domestic, Non-Domestic Total, Non-Domestic Euro Area, Non-Domestic Non-Euro-Area)
Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: Q

STSOTHER_OTH_M: Short Term Statistics - Other Indicators Not Covered Elsewhere
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: M

STSOTHER_OTH_Q: Short Term Statistics - Other Indicators Not Covered Elsewhere
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: Q

STSRTD_EMPL_M: Short Term Statistics on Retail Trade - Employment (Number of Persons Employed or Employees)
Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: M

STSRTD_EMPL_Q: Short Term Statistics on Retail Trade - Employment (Number of Persons Employed or Employees)
Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: Q

STSRTD_TURN_M: Short Term Statistics on Retail Trade - Turnover (Value or Deflated)
Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: M

STSRTD_TURN_Q: Short Term Statistics on Retail Trade - Turnover (Value or Deflated)
Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: Q

STSSERV_EMPL_M: Short Term Statistics on Services - Employment (Number of Persons Employed or Employees)
Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: M

STSSERV_EMPL_Q: Short Term Statistics on Services - Employment (Number of Persons Employed or Employees)
Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: Q

STSSERV_PRIC_Q: Short Term Statistics on Services - Prices (Output Prices) - Quarterly
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

STSSERV_TURN_M: Short Term Statistics on Services - Turnover (Value or Deflated)
Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: M

STSSERV_TURN_Q: Short Term Statistics on Services - Turnover (Value or Deflated)
Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: Q

4. Methodology

- 'Methodology of short-term business statistics - Interpretation and guidelines' available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KS-BG-06-001/EN/KS-BG-06-001-EN.PDF

- 'Methodology of short-term business statistics - Associated documents' available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KS-BG-06-002/EN/KS-BG-06-002-EN.PDF

- 'Methodological guide for developing producer prices indices for services' available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KS-BG-06-003/EN/KS-BG-06-003-EN.PDF

5. International Cooperation

OECD, IMF, ECB.

Theme 3.03 Energy

Description

Europe's future depends on having a secure, affordable and ecologically sustainable energy supply. The aim of this theme is to provide the EU with a high-quality statistical service in the field of energy. The processes and projects under this theme address the following policy areas: security of supply (short-term disruption and longer-term dependence, including the geopolitical dimension), the environmental impact of energy use, and the internal market for energy, including competition in network industries. The aim of recent and future work is to provide high-quality and timely statistics (annual energy balance sheets, short-term and structural statistics on energy quantities, energy prices for enterprises and households), allowing these policies to be evaluated. Priority EU and national policies and technologies such as combined heat and power, renewable energy sources, energy-environment integration, carbon emission inventories, and effectiveness of competition in network industries will be closely monitored.

Key Priorities 2008

Regular collection and dissemination of annual and monthly statistics on energy quantities and of half-yearly energy price statistics will continue. The energy database (SIRENE) will be improved to allow better evaluation of CO₂ emission inventories. In addition the following specific actions will be implemented: evaluation of the implementation of the Energy Statistics Regulation and of the revised Price Transparency Directive 90/377/EEC; improvement of the energy efficiency indicators for the domestic sector (providing grants to Member States from the Intelligent Energy for Europe Programme); improvement of the external trade statistics on natural gas, addressing the country of origin and destination issue (providing grants to Member States).

Follow-up of the legislative proposals arising from the Energy Package to define statistical needs, in particular for renewables, is also a priority for 2008.

Module 3.03.01 Structural statistics of energy

Responsible unit: **G-4: Energy statistics**
Contact person: Antigone GIKAS, Tel: +352 4301 34374

1. Module Description

Structural data. Global energy balance sheets and balance sheets by source of energy for the Union, Member States, EEA and Candidate countries on an annual basis.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Directive 2001/77/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 September 2001, on the promotion of electricity produced from renewable energy sources in the internal electricity market
OJ L 283, 27.10.2001
- Directive 2003/30/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 May 2003, on the promotion of the use of biofuels or other renewable fuels for transport
OJ L 123, 17.5.2003
- Directive 2004/8/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 February 2004, on the promotion of cogeneration based on a useful heat demand in the internal energy market and amending Directive 92/42/EEC
OJ L 52, 21.2.2004
- Directive 2006/32/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2006, on energy end-use efficiency and energy services and repealing Council Directive 93/76/EEC
OJ L 114, 27.4.2006
- Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on energy statistics (COM(2006)0850 - C6-0035/2007 - 2007/0002(COD))
Adopted by the European Parliament on 12 March 2008

3. Data Requirements

ENERGY_ELECT_A: Electricity and Heat Statistics
Timeliness: 11 months Periodicity: A

ENERGY_NTGAS_A: Natural Gas Statistics
Timeliness: 11 months Periodicity: A

ENERGY_PETRO_A: Oil Statistics
Timeliness: 11 months Periodicity: A

ENERGY_SOLID_A: Solid Fuels Statistics
Timeliness: 11 months Periodicity: A

ENERGY_RENEW_A: Renewable energy and wastes statistics
Timeliness: 11 months Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

- 'Energy Statistics Manual', prepared jointly by the International Energy Agency/OECD and Eurostat/European Commission, Edition 2004
- 'Energy consumption in households', ISBN 92-828-7589-X, Catalogue number CA-24-99-243-EN-C, Eurostat, Edition 1999

- 'Energy consumption in the services sector – Surveys of EU Member States' (2002 Edition) available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-43-02-042

5. International Cooperation

OECD-IEA, UNECE

Module 3.03.02 Short-term statistics of energy

Responsible unit: **G-4: Energy statistics**
Contact person: Antigone GIKAS, Tel: +352 4301 34374

1. Module Description

Collect and compile statistics for individual sources of energy for the Union, the Member States, EEA and Candidate countries on a monthly basis.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on energy statistics (COM(2006)0850 - C6-0035/2007 - 2007/0002(COD))
Adopted by the European Parliament on 12 March 2008

3. Data Requirements

Short-term statistics of energy (M-1):

ENERGY_ELEC1_M: Short Term Electricity statistics (SEG_ele)
Timeliness: 1 month Periodicity: M

ENERGY_PETRO_M: Oil statistics (Joint Oil Data Initiative - JODI)
Timeliness: 25 days Periodicity: M

ENERGY_NTGAS_M: Short Term Gas Statistics (SEG_gas)
Timeliness: 1 month Periodicity: M

Short-term statistics of energy (M-3):

ENERGY_ELEC3_M: Electricity Statistics
Timeliness: 3 months Periodicity: M

ENERGY_MOSPG_M: Monthly Oil and Natural Gas Statistics (MOS)
Timeliness: 3 months Periodicity: M

ENERGY_SOLID_M: Solid Fuels Statistics
Timeliness: 3 months Periodicity: M

4. Methodology

- 'Energy Statistics Manual', prepared jointly by the International Energy Agency/OECD and Eurostat/European Commission (2004 Edition)

- 'Joint Oil Data Initiative Manual', prepared jointly by the International Energy Forum Secretariat (IEFS) and its partners in the Joint Oil Data Initiative (JODI) – the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), the Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat), the International Energy Agency (IEA), the Latin American Energy Organisation (OLADE), the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), (2006 Edition)

5. International Cooperation

OECD-IEA, UNECE, OPEC, OLADE, APEC, IEFS.

Module 3.03.03 Energy prices

Responsible unit: **G-4: Energy statistics**
Contact person: Antigone GIKAS, Tel: +352 4301 34374

1. Module Description

Collection of data on energy prices, particularly gas and electricity prices. Monitoring of taxation. Summary of pricing systems.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Directive No 90/377/EEC of 29 June 1990, Community procedure to improve the transparency of gas and electricity prices charged to industrial end-users
OJ L 185, 17.7.1990

- Commission Decision No 2007/394/EC of 7 June 2007 amending Council Directive 90/377/EEC with regard to the methodology to be applied for the collection of gas and electricity prices charged to industrial end-users (Text with EEA relevance)
OJ L 148, 9.6.2007

Agreements:

- Member States and Norway Agreement of 17/07/1990, Agreement for submission of domestic gas and electricity prices.

Comments: collection of domestic gas and electricity prices for several groups of standard consumers defined according their annual consumption;

Time of obligation: continuous;

Periodicity: twice per year: prices are collected on 1st January and 1st July;

Date of adoption: same as Directive 90/377 (17/07/1990);

Publication: same as Directive 90/377 (17/07/1990);

Participant countries: All Member States plus Norway;

Official data providers: Same as Directive 90/377.

3. Data Requirements

Prices:

ENERGY_PRELI_S: Energy Prices: Electricity industry, semester

Timeliness: 2 months Periodicity: B

ENERGY_PRELH_S: Energy Prices: Electricity households, semester

Timeliness: 2 months Periodicity: B

ENERGY_PRGAI_S: Energy Prices: Gas industry, semester

Timeliness: 2 months Periodicity: B

ENERGY_PRGAH_S: Energy Prices: Gas households, semester

Timeliness: 2 months Periodicity: B

Price systems:

ENERGY_PSELE_2: Price Systems: electricity per 2 years

Timeliness: 2.5 months Periodicity: every two years

ENERGY_PSGAS_2: Price Systems: gas per 2 years

Timeliness: 2.5 months Periodicity: every two years

4. Methodology

Industrial users:

- Gas prices to be collected and compiled according to the methodology described in Annex I of Commission Decision No 2007/394/EC of 7 June 2007 amending Council Directive 90/377/EEC with regard to the methodology to be applied for the collection of gas and electricity prices charged to industrial end-users (Text with EEA relevance),
OJ L 148, 9.6.2007, pages 12 and 13.

- Electricity prices to be collected and compiled according to the methodology described in Annex II of Commission Decision No 2007/394/EC of 7 June 2007 amending Council Directive 90/377/EEC with regard to the methodology to be applied for the collection of gas and electricity prices charged to industrial end-users (Text with EEA relevance)
OJ L 148, 9.6.2007, pages 14, 15 and 16.

Domestic users

- Gas and electricity prices data collection is based on a voluntary agreement and complements the data collection of gas and electricity prices for industrial users; Data to be collected and compiled according to the methodology described in Eurostat information note of 21st June 2007 addressed to Member States and titled 'Data collection methodology of gas and electricity prices for household users'.

5. International Cooperation

None

Module 3.03.04 Special actions in support of the new Community energy policies

Responsible unit: **G-4: Energy statistics**
Contact person: Antigone GIKAS, Tel: +352 4301 34374

1. Module Description:

Actions implemented, in collaboration with the Member States, in order to extend the coverage and improve quality of national statistical systems, with reference to a) effectiveness of competition and integration of gas/electricity markets b) renewable energy sources c) energy efficiency d) cogeneration [regular annual CHP statistics collection has been incorporated in the Annual Electricity and Heat data collection – see flow ENERGY_ELECT_A under Module 3.03.01] e) carbon dioxide emissions / integration of energy and environment thus reporting on these policy issues at EU and Member States level (including EEA countries).

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Directive 2001/77/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 September 2001, on the promotion of electricity produced from renewable energy sources in the internal electricity market
OJ L 283, 27.10.2001

- Directive 2003/30/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 May 2003, on the promotion of the use of biofuels or other renewable fuels for transport
OJ L 123, 17.5.2003

- Directive 2004/8/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 February 2004, on the promotion of cogeneration based on a useful heat demand in the internal energy market and amending Directive 92/42/EEC
OJ L 52, 21.2.2004

- Directive 2006/32/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2006, on energy end-use efficiency and energy services and repealing Council Directive 93/76/EEC
OJ L 114, 27.4.2006

- Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on energy statistics (COM(2006)0850 - C6-0035/2007 - 2007/0002(COD))
Adopted by the European Parliament on 12 March 2008

3. Data Requirements

Competition Indicators

ENERGY_CIELE_A: Competition Indicators: electricity annual
Timeliness: 10 months Periodicity: A

ENERGY_CIGAS_A: Competition Indicators: gas annual
Timeliness: 10 months Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

None

5. International Cooperation

None

Theme 3.04 Transport

Description

Community transport statistics are required to support the Community transport policy, including the Trans-European Network for Transport (TEN-T). A White Paper and its mid-term review (Keep Europe moving – Sustainable mobility for our continent) set out the European action programme on transport policy. Community transport statistics should constitute a comprehensive transport information system, including first data on flows of vehicles, passengers and goods, then on infrastructure, equipment, mobility, safety, enterprises, investments and employment, as well as on the regional dimension of transport and its impact on the environment. A key objective will be to measure the contribution of each mode of transport, used alone and in combination with others, to the global figures. In particular, it will be necessary to improve the coverage for intermodal transport and for passenger mobility, to consolidate structural, sustainable development, modal split and environmental impact indicators, and develop indicators of quality and performance for all modes of transport. The increasing trends towards optimising the high cost and investment in transport infrastructure will create more needs for statistics on such topics. The progress in the liberalisation of transport will drive the needs for data on transport enterprises. Transport is also an important part of Community regional and environmental policies. The former will increase demands for more spatially broken-down data on transport networks and flows, while the latter will step up demands for data on emissions and on passenger mobility by all modes.

Key priorities 2008

Priorities in transport statistics will continue to stem from monitoring of the Community transport policies: liberalisation, rationalisation, competitiveness of the economy, mobility, impact on the environment, safety, regional development, etc. The main effort will be devoted to improving the quality (coverage, timeliness, relevance, precision, etc.) of data disseminated on each mode of transport. The collection of these data is based on legal acts and voluntary agreements. The first priority will be the full and effective implementation of the legal acts for road freight, rail, inland waterways, maritime and air transport statistics. A major rationalisation of data management will take place. Work on the revision of the existing Directive, dating from 1995, on maritime transport statistics will continue in 2008 with a view to its replacement by a modern Council/EP regulation. Depending on the results of work by a Task Force active in 2007, a project on collection of harmonised data on the volume of road traffic should be launched at Community level. A project on the indicators of quality and performance of different transport modes should also be launched to take into account users' needs. Following the adoption of the Action Plan on Urban Mobility, which is foreseen in early autumn 2008, statistical needs in this field will be identified in co-operation with DG TREN. The reflection on possible simplification of Community transport statistics, reducing the burden on respondents and using administrative sources, commenced with the Member States some years ago, will be pursued with regard to both existing processes and new projects.

Module 3.04.01 Information system on transport statistics, indicators and voluntary data collections

Responsible unit: **G-5: Transport statistics**
Contact person: Hans STRELOW, Tel: +352 4301 34580
Yves MAHIEU, Tel: +352 4301 37656

1. Module Description

The aim is to provide information for every mode of transport in each of the main categories: infrastructure, transport equipment, transport enterprises, economic performance and employment, traffic and transport measurement (including modal split data), energy and environment. The full implementation of the Community acquis in the new Member States and Candidate Countries is a key objective. A further range of statistics is provided from a voluntary data collection based on the Common Questionnaire and Glossary, carried out jointly with UNECE and ITF. Other statistics, such as regional transport indicators, are collected through additional voluntary data collections based on questionnaires and transport modelling exercises. All data are also available in the reference database and in other publications of the Energy and Transport Unit, as well as in the Pocketbook of DG TREN.

2. Legal Basis

Agreements:

- UNECE Agreement, Common questionnaire coordinated with UNECE and ITF.

Comments: Common Questionnaire coordinated with UNECE and ITF

Yearly, data on rail, road, inland waterways and oil pipeline transport, questionnaire collected yearly

Time of obligation:

Periodicity: annual;

Date of adoption: around 1990;

Publication: many horizontal publications like the Panorama of Transport as well as the Eurostat dissemination database;

Participant countries: all UNECE member countries (includes EU, EEA, ITF);

Official data providers: CNA (Competent National Authorities) like statistical offices or transport ministries.

The terminology can be found in the "Glossary For Transport Statistics". This glossary is translated to all current EU Member States languages as well as Russian. The glossary (yet only in EN/FR/RU) is available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&_product_code=KS-BI-03-002, <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp6/transstatglossmain.html> or <http://www.cemt.org/online/glossaries/index.htm>

Other basis:

- Regional questionnaire.

Comments: yearly, data on road and railways infrastructures, inland waterways, vehicle stocks and road accidents are currently collected in Member States and Candidate Countries;

Time of obligation:

Periodicity: annual;

Publication: Eurostat's reference database, Regional Year Book, Statistics in focus;

Official data providers: CNA (Competent National Authorities) like statistical offices or transport ministries.

3. Data Requirements

REGION_TRANS_A: Regional Transport Statistics

Timeliness: 240 Periodicity: A

TRP_YBOOK_A: Common Questionnaire on Transport Statistics

Timeliness: 330 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

- 'Glossary For Transport Statistics' mentioned above
- UNECE, ITF and Eurostat cooperation, see at:
<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp6/transstatiwgmission.html>

5. International Cooperation

ITF, UNECE.

Module 3.04.02 Passenger mobility and road traffic data

Responsible unit: **G-5: Transport statistics**
Contact person: Luis Antonio DE LA FUENTE, Tel: +352 4301 35583

1. Module Description

The objective of this module is to provide statistics on passenger mobility, with particular emphasis on the measurement of road passenger volumes and personal mobility indicators. A non-harmonised database incorporating results from existing national surveys has been established and is regularly updated. The implementation of a regular data collection on Vehicle-Km for the measurement of the volumes of road traffic has also been defined as a priority for this module. In 2008 a voluntary data collection exercise with a common methodology will start with the objective of having the biggest geographical coverage as possible.

2. Legal Basis

Other basis:

- A harmonised EU survey in long-distance mobility (Dateline project) was carried out in 2001-2002, within the 5th R&D Framework Programme. See at: <http://www.dateline-project.org/>
- Eurostat has a project aimed to collect and update of a non-harmonised database with the latest available information and results from the national travel surveys. This also includes a methodological analysis of the results of such surveys and the dissemination of the main existing results on passenger mobility in a Statistics in focus
- The official data providers are the CNA (Competent National Authorities) like statistical offices or transport ministries.
- In 2008, Eurostat will launch a voluntary exercise for the collection of Vehicle-Kilometre (VKm) data on road traffic under a common methodological framework. This would allow building a common framework to produce road VKm every year, particularly for car transport, based essentially on existing sources and evolving towards a regular and harmonised data collection system.

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

- Eurostat methodological report on passenger mobility available on: http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/transport/library?l=/passengers_mobility/5_methodology&vm=detailed&sb=Title
- UNECE Working Group on Volume of Road traffic available on: <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp6/transstatac5agenda.html>
- Document presented on the December 2007 meeting of Coordination Committee for Statistics on Transport (CCST-2007-8.4-EN) available on: http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/transport/library?l=/transport_glossary/meeting_documents/year_2007/ccst_december_2007/documents_en&vm=detailed&sb=Title

5. International Cooperation

ECMT, UNECE.

Module 3.04.03 Road freight transport statistics

Responsible unit: **G-5: Transport statistics**
Contact person: Simo PASI, Tel: +352 4301 32035

1. Module Description

The objective of this module is to provide harmonised statistics on the transport of goods by road. From 1999 onwards, data are collected under Council Regulation 1172/98, which replaces the former Directives. Council Regulation 1172/98 specifies a wider range of variables, collected through sample surveys in different Member States, and provides for the transmission to Eurostat of individual survey data records for vehicles, journeys and goods transport operations. It also covers cross-trade and cabotage operations. Eurostat validates and processes these data in order to generate the tables that can be disseminated. From 2008 onwards (reference year) loading and unloading of road freight are recorded at regional level (NUTS-3) for both national and international operations.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/98 of 25 May 1998, on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of goods by road
OJ L 163, 6.6.1998
(This regulation have replaced Directives 78/546 and 89/462)
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 2691/1999 of 17 December 1999, on the rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No.1172/98 on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of goods by road
OJ L 326, 18.12.1999
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 2163/2001 of 7 November 2001, concerning the technical arrangements for data transmission for statistics on the carriage of goods by road
OJ L 291, 8.11.2001
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 6/2003 of 30 December 2002, concerning the dissemination of statistics on the carriage of goods by road
OJ L 1, 4.1.2003
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 642/2004 of 6 April 2004, on precision requirements for data collected in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/98 on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of goods by road
OJ L 102, 7.4.2004
- Regulation (EC) No 1893/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the statistical classification of economic activities NACE revision 2 and amending Council regulation (EEC) No 3037/90 as well as certain EC Regulations on specific statistical domains (NACE Rev 2) – Article 13
OJ L 393, 30.12.2006
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 105/2007 amending the annexes to Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS 2006).
OJ L 39, 10.2.2007
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 833/2007 of 16 July 2007 ending the transitional period provided for in Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/98 on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of goods by road
OJ L 185, 17.7.2007
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1304/2007 amending Council Directive 95/64/EC, Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/98, Regulations (EC) No 91/2003 and (EC) No 1365/2006 of the European

Parliament and of the Council with respect to the establishment of NST 2007 as the unique classification for transported goods in certain transport modes (NST 2007)
OJ L 290, 8.11.2007

3. Data Requirements

ROAD_A1_Q: Vehicle-Related Variables
Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: Q

ROAD_A2_Q: Journey-Related Variables
Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: Q

ROAD_A3_Q: Goods-Related Variables
Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: Q

ROAD_ST_Q: Road Transport - Supplementary Tables (B)
Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: Q

4. Methodology

- 'Reference manual for the implementation of Council Regulation No 1172/98/EC on statistics on the carriage of goods by road' (2003 Edition) available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073.46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-BI-03-001

- The publication of a new edition is underway and it is already available on CIRCA:

http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/transport/library?l=/03_road/5_methodology/methodology_statistics&vm=detailed&sb=Title

- NST 2007: standard goods classification for transport statistics (Eurostat) – migration from NST/R to NST 2007 from the beginning of 2008

- NUTS, nomenclature of territorial units for statistics (Eurostat): NUTS 2006 is applied from the beginning of 2008 (reference year):

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KS-RA-07-020/EN/KS-RA-07-020-EN.PDF

5. International Cooperation

ALPNET working group

Module 3.04.04 Rail transport statistics

Responsible unit: **G-5: Transport statistics**
Contact person: Anna BIALAS-MOTYL, Tel: +352 4301 36407

1. Module Description

The objective of this module is to provide harmonised statistics on the rail transport. The Regulation 91/2003 of the European Parliament and Council covers passenger as well as freight transport by rail, together with rail safety. In 2008, the progress of the implementation of the Regulation in the Member States will be monitored. Some changes in the Annex H and the definitions in the Article 3 of the Regulation are foreseen in order to harmonise the accident data collection with the Safety Directive 2004/49/EEC. Attention will be given to the structure and data quality on regional passenger and freight transport and traffic flows on the rail network delivered in 2007/2008 for the first time. The data will be published in Eurostat's dissemination tables mid-2008.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1192/2003 of 3 July 2003, amending Regulation (EC) No 91/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on rail transport statistics
OJ L 167, 4.7.2003

- Regulation (EC) No 91/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2002, on rail transport statistics
OJ L 14, 21.1.2003

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 332/2007 of 27 March 2007, on the technical arrangements for the transmission of railway transport statistics
OJ L 88, 29.3.2007, p. 16–28

Other basis:

- Rail statistics toolbox, including the 'Guidelines' document available on:
http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/transport/library?l=/02_rail/5_methodology/guidelinessfors912003_spr&vm=detailed&sb=Title

3. Data Requirements

RAIL_A_A: Rail Transport Statistics - Table A1-9 - Annual goods, detailed
Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: A

RAIL_B_A: Rail Transport Statistics - Table B1-2 - Annual goods, simplified
Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: A

RAIL_C_A: Rail Transport Statistics - Table C1-5 - Annual passengers, detailed
Timeliness: 240 Periodicity: A

RAIL_D_A: Rail Transport Statistics - Table D1-2 - Annual passengers, simplified
Timeliness: 240 Periodicity: A

RAIL_E_Q: Rail Transport Statistics - Table E1-2 - Quarterly goods
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

RAIL_F_5: Rail Transport Statistics - Table F1-4 - Regional goods
Timeliness: 360 Periodicity: 5

RAIL_G_5: Rail Transport Statistics - Table G1-3 - Traffic on network
Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: 5

RAIL_H_A: Rail Transport Statistics - Table H1-4 - Accidents
Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: A

RAIL_I_A: Rail Transport Statistics - Table I1 - Undertakings (confidential data)
Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

- Guidelines for the implementation of the Regulation (EC) No 91/2003 - Draft - V.5.1 (8 February 2006) ("Reference Manual" for Competent National Authorities of rail transport statistics)

- Glossary for transport statistics available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-BI-03-002

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 105/2007 amending the annexes to Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS). (for 2010 reference year Annex F data collection);

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1304/2007 of 7 November 2007 amending Council Directive 95/64/EC, Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/98, Regulations (EC) No 91/2003 and (EC) No 1365/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council with respect to the establishment of NST 2007 as the unique classification for transported goods in certain transport modes (starting from 2008 reference year).

5. International Cooperation

UN Geneva, UIC (International Union of Railways).

Module 3.04.05 Maritime and inland waterways transport statistics

Responsible unit: **G-5: Transport statistics**
Contact person: Luis Antonio DE LA FUENTE (IW), Tel: +352 4301 35583
Alessio SCIAN (IW), Tel: +352 4301 33098
Giuliano AMERINI (Sea), Tel: +352 4301 34122

1. Module Description

SEA TRANSPORT: The objective of this part of module 485 is to provide harmonised statistics on the transport of goods and passengers by sea, under Directive 95/64. From 2000, these data are now supplied and disseminated regularly for all Member States. There is continuing work to improve the quality and coverage of the data, and to extend the use of EDI for data transmission to Eurostat. In 2006 a Task Force was established to adapt data collection to present user needs: this will lead to changes in legislation as well as some methodological clarifications.

INLAND WATERWAYS TRANSPORT: The objective of this part of module is to provide harmonised statistics on the transport of goods by inland waterways. This data collection is based on a new framework legal basis adopted in 2006 (Regulation 1365/2006) that has modernised this process and has allowed including in its scope the specific issue of container transport. The new regulatory framework is in force from reference year 2007. The main task in the coming period will be the correct implementation of the new methodology and its consolidation.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Directive No 95/64/EC of 8 December 1995, statistical returns in respect of carriage of goods and passengers by sea
OJ L 320, 30.12.1995
- Commission Decision No 98/385/EC of 13 May 1998, on rules for implementing Council Directive 95/64/EC on statistical returns in respect of carriage of goods and passengers by sea
OJ L 174, 18.6.1998
- Commission Decision No 2000/363/EC of 28 April 2000, on rules for implementing Council Directive 95/64/EC on statistical returns in respect of carriage of goods and passengers by sea
OJ L 132, 5.6.2000
- Commission Decision No 2001/423/EC of 22 May 2001, on arrangements for publication or dissemination of the statistical data collected pursuant to Council Directive 95/64/EC on statistical returns in respect of carriage of goods and passengers by sea
OJ L 151, 7.6.2001
- Commission Decision No 2005/366/EC of 4 March 2005, implementing Council Directive 95/64/EC on statistical returns in respect of carriage of goods and passengers by sea and amending Annexes thereto
OJ L 123, 17.5.2005
- Regulation (EC) No 1365/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 September 2006, on statistics of goods transport by inland waterways and repealing Council Directive 80/1119/EEC
OJ L 264, 25.9.2006
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 425/2007 of 19 April 2007, implementing Regulation (EC) No 1365/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on statistics of goods transport by inland waterways
OJ L 103, 20.4.2007

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1304/2007 of 7 November 2007, amending Council Directive 95/64/EC, Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/98, Regulations (EC) No 91/2003 and (EC) No 1365/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council with respect to the establishment of NST 2007 as the unique classification for transported goods in certain transport modes.
OJ L 290, 8.11.2007

Other basis:

- Draft version (October 2005) of the reference manual "methodology on maritime statistics", available on:
http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/statcanwestbalkan/library?l=/publications_data/manuals&vm=detailed&sb=Title

- Glossary for transport statistics available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-BI-03-002

- Reference Manual on Inland Waterways Transport Statistics – Version 1 available on:
http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/transport/library?l=/inland_waterways/5_methodology&vm=detailed&sb=Title

3. Data Requirements

IWW_D1_Q: Transport by nationality of vessels
Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: Q

IWW_D2_Q: Container transport by nationality of vessels
Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: Q

IWW_A1_A: Goods transport by type of goods
Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: A

IWW_A2_A: Transport of dangerous goods (optional dataset)
Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: A

IWW_B1_A: Transport by nationality of the vessel and type of vessel
Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: A

IWW_B2_A: Vessel traffic (optional dataset)
Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: A

IWW_C1_A: Container transport by type of goods
Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: A

IWW_E1_A: Goods transport (reduced data provision)
Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: A

MRTM_A1_Q: Maritime - Seaborne transportation in main Euro ports by port, cargo type and relation
Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: Q

MRTM_A2_Q: Maritime - Non-unit load seaborne transportation in main Euro ports by port, cargo type and relation
Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: Q

MRTM_A3_A: Maritime - Data for ports for which detailed statistics are not required
Timeliness: 240 Periodicity: A

MRTM_B1_A: Maritime - Seaborne transportation in main Euro ports by port, cargo type, goods type and relation
Timeliness: 240 Periodicity: A

MRTM_C1_Q: Maritime - Unit load seaborne transportation in main Euro ports by port, cargo type, relation and loaded status

Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: Q

MRTM_D1_Q: Maritime - Passenger transportation in main European ports by relation

Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: Q

MRTM_E1_A: Maritime - Seaborne transportation in main Euro ports by port, cargo type, relation and nationality of ship registration

Timeliness: 240 Periodicity: A

MRTM_F1_Q: Maritime - Euro port ship traffic by port, vessel type and size, loading or discharging cargo

Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: Q

MRTM_F2_Q: Maritime - Euro port ship traffic in main ports by port, vessel type and size, loading or discharging cargo

Timeliness: 150 Periodicity: Q

4. Methodology

- Glossary for transport statistics available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-BI-03-002

- Annexes of Regulation 425/2007 and Directive No 95/64/EC (extended by the Commission Decisions)

- Reference Manual on Inland Waterways Transport Statistics – Version 1 available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/transport/library?l=/inland_waterways/5_methodology&vm=detailed&sb=Title

- United Nations LOCODES (for ports)

- Methodology on maritime transport statistics

5. International Cooperation

ESPO (European Sea Ports Organisation).

Commission Central pour la Navigation du Rhin (CCNR) and Danube Commission

Module 3.04.06 Aviation transport statistics

Responsible unit: **G-5: Transport statistics**
Contact person: Luis Antonio DE LA FUENTE, Tel: +352 4301 35583

1. Module Description

The objective of this module is to provide harmonised statistics on air transport. This data collection is based on a legal basis adopted in 2003 (Regulation 437/2003) that defined the obligation for all Member States to provide the data and for Eurostat to disseminate them. The general objective is to consolidate the database so that it meets the requirements of detailed information of the Commission, national administrations and operators of the air transport sector. Work aimed at bringing about the necessary harmonisation on the origin/destination definitions and national airport traffic statistics will continue in collaboration with the Member States and the relevant international and professional organisations of the sector. Eurostat will aim to produce tonne-km and passenger-km statistics using data based on the Regulation.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1358/2003 of 31 July 2003, implementing Regulation (EC) No 437/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of passengers, freight and mail by air and amending Annexes I and II thereto
OJ L 194, 1.8.2003

- Regulation (EC) No 437/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 February 2003, on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of passengers, freight and mail by air
OJ L 66, 11.3.2003

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 546/2005 of 8 April 2005, adapting Regulation (EC) No 437/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the allocation of reporting-country codes and amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 1358/2003 as regards the updating of the list of Community airports
OJ L 91, 9.4.2005

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 158/2007 of 16 February 2007, amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 1358/2003 as regards the list of Community airports
OJ L 49, 17.2.2007, p. 9–20

Other basis:

- Reference Manual on Air Transport Statistics - Version 4 available on:
http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/transport/library?l=/06_aviation/5_methodology&vm=detailed&sb=Title

3. Data Requirements

AIR_A1_A: Flight stages database
Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

AIR_A1_M: Flight stages database
Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: M

AIR_A1_Q: Flight stages database
Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: Q

AIR_B1_A: On flight origin destination database
Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

AIR_B1_M: On flight origin destination database
Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: M

AIR_B1_Q: On flight origin destination database
Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: Q

AIR_C1_A: 'Airports' database
Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

AIR_C1_M: 'Airports' database
Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: M

AIR_C1_Q: 'Airports' database
Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: Q

4. Methodology

- Reference Manual on Air Transport Statistics – Version 4 available on:
http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/transport/library?l=/06_aviation/5_methodology&vm=detailed&sb=Title
- Glossary for transport statistics available on:
http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/transport/library?l=/06_aviation/6sglossaries&vm=detailed&sb=Title
- Annex I of the implementing Commission Regulation 1358/2003
- ICAO airport, airline, aircraft classifications

5. International Cooperation

ATA, ICAO, EUROCONTROL, AEA (Association of European Airlines).

Module 3.04.08 Transport safety statistics

Responsible unit: **G-5: Transport statistics**
Contact person: Hans STRELOW, Tel: +352 4301 34580

1. Module Description

The objective of this module is to provide statistics on transport safety in general and in particular on road accidents. This module covers inter alia work done for the Community database on road accidents (CARE). This is a joint DG TREN-Eurostat project, in which Eurostat's role is at present limited to assisting with the processing of data supplied by Member States under Council Decision 93/704. From 2000 standard statistical indicators on road safety can be generated from the CARE database, using the CARE-Plus common variables. Since 2002, the new CARE-2 database has opened further possibilities for exploitation of CARE data for statistical purposes. In addition, Eurostat publishes safety statistics comparing different modes of transport. These data are obtained from a voluntary questionnaire linked to the Common Questionnaire (see Module 481) and, from 2004, from the Regulation on rail transport statistics. Eurostat supports DG TREN in the Safety Net project.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Decision No 93/704/EC of 30 November 1993, on the creation of a community database on road accidents
OJ L 329, 30.12.1993

Other basis:

- UNECE and ITF do some data collection but in a completely different form compared to the Council Decision.

Part of the terminology used is the same and this terminology can be found in the "Glossary For Transport Statistics". This glossary is translated to all current EU Member States languages as well as Russian. The glossary (yet only in EN/FR/RU) is available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-BI-03-002, <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp6/transstatglossmain.html> or <http://www.cemt.org/online/glossaries/index.htm>

3. Data Requirements

CARE_ROAD_A: Community database on road accident
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

- CARE documentation from DG TREN

5. International Cooperation

None

Theme 3.05 Tourism

Description

Tourism is an important economic activity in the European Union with high potential for contributing to economic growth and higher employment. It comprises a wide variety of products and activities and many different stakeholders are involved with many decentralised areas of competence, often at regional and local levels.

Currently, statistics are collected on the supply of and demand for tourist accommodation, as well as on economic aspects related to tourism behaviour. The legal basis for this data collection will need to be updated in order to ensure the quality of the data collection in terms of relevance, comparability, completeness and freshness of the data.

Key priorities 2008

Improvements in the quality of tourism statistics will continue to be given high priority. This concerns all aspects of quality, but in particular the relevance, comparability, completeness and timeliness of the data. In order to strengthen quality, Council Directive 95/57 is in the process of being updated.

Tourism Satellite Accounts will be another priority with a major methodological project for the EU Member States kicking off in 2008.

In addition to this, other aspects such as employment in tourism and sustainable tourism are becoming increasingly important in the work of the tourism project.

International cooperation will continue, such as cooperation with the World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) on the revision of the UN recommendations on tourism statistics and the updating of the TSA Recommended Methodological Framework, both to be submitted to the UN Statistical Commission for adoption in early 2008.

Module 3.05.01 Tourism statistics

Responsible unit: **F-6: Information society and tourism statistics**
Contact person: Christophe DEMUNTER, Tel: +352 4301 36565

1. Module Description

Tourism is an important economic activity in the European Union with a high potential of contributing to higher employment. It comprises a wide variety of products and destinations and many different stakeholders are involved with much decentralised areas of competence often at regional and local levels.

Currently, statistics are collected on the supply of tourist accommodation – capacity as well as occupancy and on the demand for tourism. The legal basis for this data collection (Council Directive 95/57 and its related Commission Decision) is undergoing an updating process in order to ensure the quality of the data collection in terms of relevance, comparability, comprehensiveness and freshness of the data. The renewed legal base, i.e. a Regulation of the Council and the European Parliament on Tourism Statistics is expected to be adopted by the end of the 2009.

Besides the core part of the module linked to the legal requirements, Eurostat is also continuing its work on Tourism Satellite Accounts, via a large-scale project running in 2008 and 2009, on indicators for sustainable and competitive tourism and on estimates for tourism employment on the basis of the LFS.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Directive No 95/57/EC of 23 November 1995, on collection of statistical information in the field of tourism
OJ L 291, 6.12.1995
- Commission Decision No 1999/35/EC of 9 December 1998, on the procedures for implementing Council Directive 95/57/EC on the collection of statistical information in the field of tourism
OJ L 9, 15.1.1999
- Commission Decision No 2004/883/EC of 10 December 2004, adjusting the Annex to Council Directive 95/57/EC on the collection of statistical information in the field of tourism as regards country lists
OJ L 373, 21.12.2004

3. Data Requirements

TOUR_CAP_A: Tourism Capacity-Annual
Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

TOUR_DEM_A: Tourism Demand-Annual
Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

TOUR_DEM_Q: Tourism Demand-Quarterly
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: Q

TOUR_OCC_A: Tourism Occupancy-Annual
Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

TOUR_OCC_M: Tourism Occupancy-Monthly
Timeliness: 90 Periodicity: M

4. Methodology

- Dedicated section on tourism statistics within the Eurostat website:
<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/tourism> (click 'Methodology')

- Business Methods available on:

[http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nomenclatures/index.cfm?TargetUrl=LST_NOM&StrGroupCode=L
EX_MANUAL&StrLanguageCode=EN](http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nomenclatures/index.cfm?TargetUrl=LST_NOM&StrGroupCode=L
EX_MANUAL&StrLanguageCode=EN)

5. International Cooperation

OECD, UNWTO.

Theme 3.06 Business registers

Description

The objectives of this theme are to harmonise the national statistical business registers (BRs), to monitor the quality of the registers and to develop them further by adapting the existing legal framework to meet new demands. The new demands come mainly from several areas of statistics related to globalisation, and a European register of multinational enterprise groups (MNEs) and their constituent units, the EuroGroups register, is under construction to serve as basic infrastructure for globalisation statistics.

Measures used to achieve the objectives include legal acts, the implementation of which is monitored, a recommendations manual giving guidance for the implementation and further development of BRs, and studies on best practices. The theme also covers definition of appropriate statistical units for the European statistical system and standardisation of the application of the main statistical units used in the production system: local units, enterprises and enterprise groups, the last-mentioned both at resident and multinational level.

Key priorities 2008

Based on the pilot experiment carried out in 2006 and further data acquisition and enlargement of the IT technical environment in 2007, the EuroGroups project will continue in full scale and the system will be extended to be able to host data for more MNEs and all Member States.

A Commission regulation specifying the mandatory exchanges of MNE data between Eurostat and the National Statistical Institutes will be adopted. Possibilities for extending the exchange of data to the central banks will be explored.

The annual survey on business registers will be adapted to NACE Rev 2. It covers all Member States, EFTA and candidate countries.

Module 3.06.01 Business registers and statistical units

Responsible unit: **G1: Structural business statistics (Business registers, Prodcom and SBS)**

Contact person: Arto LUHTIO, Tel: +352 4301 34466

1. Module Description

Same as Theme description (only one module).

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 696/93 of 15 March 1993, statistical units for the observation and analysis of the production system in the European Community
OJ L 76, 30.3.1993

- Regulation (EC) No 177/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 February 2008 establishing a common framework for business registers for statistical purposes and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 2186/93
OJ L 61, 5.3.2008

3. Data Requirements

Annual inquiry eDAMIS model: BUSREG_A_A_CC_2007_0000.XLS

Business registers - Annual data - Periodicity: Yearly - CC: country code - Year

Timeliness: 0 – (0000_V1.XLS if corrections)

4. Methodology

- Business Registers for Statistical Purposes: Methodological Recommendations. Chapters 1-21. The revised version of the Manual is available in September 2003 in 11 EU languages on:

<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon>

- Drafts for revised and new chapters (1-23) and Glossary available in English on BRnet (members only):

<http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/brnet/info/data/home.htm>

5. International Cooperation

Joint UNECE/Eurostat/OECD business register seminars convene every second year, next 2009 (see UNECE web site).

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers, a UN city group (former International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames) convenes every second year, next 2008 in Paris. Meeting documents available on:

<http://circa.europa.eu/irc/dsis/businesssurvey/info/data/links.htm>

DOMAIN 4 – Statistics on agriculture, forestry and fisheries

Theme 4.01 Agricultural production

Description

Crop production statistics cover (on the basis of existing legislation) the field of cereal production and the other productions resulting from field crops, the production of fruits and vegetables, the supply balance sheets of wine (on a legal basis) and of other crop products. Animal statistics cover (on the basis of existing legislation) livestock surveys as well as meat, milk and eggs statistics. The crop and animal statistics not only play a key role in the design, implementation and monitoring of the common agricultural policy (CAP) but also contribute to ensuring food and feed safety in the European Union.

These statistics (mainly short-term statistics) and the derived production forecasts provide key information for day-to-day market management. The Agricultural Information System (AGRIS) plays an important role in validating the consistency and coherence of these statistics.

Key priorities 2008

The collection, validation and dissemination of crop and animal statistics will be modernised and simplified. New legislation for crop products statistics will be finalised and the work programme for wine, fruit and vegetable statistics will be reviewed in the light of the reformed common market organisations.

The implementation of a new Regulation integrating the three former "meat and livestock" directives dating back to 1993 is scheduled for January 2008.

Module 4.01.01 Crop products statistics

Responsible unit: **E-2: Agriculture and Fisheries Statistics**
Contact person: Fausto CARDOSO, Tel: +352 4301 35017

1. Module Description

Crop products statistics cover: the field of cereal production, of the other productions resulting from field crop, of the fruits and vegetables and the supply balance sheets for a large number of crop products. They also include two specialised surveys, one on vineyards with a basic survey every 10 years and an annual one on changes, and fruit trees plantations every 5 years. The work programme focuses on improving the quality of statistical data provided to the users. When possible, Gentlemen's Agreements are to be replaced by Community legislation, simplification of existing Community legislation, widening the domain (fruit and vegetables), the validation and dissemination of the data, documentation of the methods and updating metadata information.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

I. Legal acts direct managed by Eurostat:

A - Cereals and main crops:

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 837/90 of 26 March 1990, concerning statistical information to be supplied by the Member States on cereals production
OJ L 88, 3.4.1990

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 959/93 of 5 April 1993, concerning statistical information to be supplied by Member States on crop products other than cereals
OJ L 98, 24.4.1993

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 2197/95/EC of 18 September 1995, amending the annexes to Council Regulations 837/90 and 959/93 concerning statistics to be supplied by the Member States on cereal production and 959/93 concerning statistical information to be supplied by Member States on crop products other than cereals
OJ L 221, 19.9.1995

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 296/2003 of 17 February 2003, amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 959/93 concerning statistical information to be supplied by Member States on crop products other than cereals
OJ L 43, 18.2.2003

B - Vineyard:

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 357/79 of 5 February 1979, statistical surveys of areas under vines
OJ L 54, 5.3.1979

- Commission Decision No 79/491/EEC of 17 May 1979, laying down a code and standard rules for the transcription of the data of the basic surveys of areas under vines
OJ L 129, 28.5.1979

- Commission Regulation No 991/79/EEC of 17 May 1979, setting out a schedule of tables and laying down the definitions relating to basic statistical surveys of areas under vines and repealing Regulations No 143 and No 26/64/EEC
OJ L 129, 28.5.1979

- Commission Decision No 80/763/EEC of 8 July 1980, laying down additional provisions concerning statistical surveys of areas under vines
OJ L 213, 16.8.1980

- Commission Decision No 80/765/EEC of 8 July 1980, laying down a code and standard rules for the transcription into a machine-readable form of the data relating to intermediate statistical surveys of areas under vines
OJ L 213, 16.8.1980

- Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2802/85 of 7 October 1985, amending Regulation No 991/79 as regards the tables relating to basic statistical surveys of areas under vines
OJ L 265, 8.10.1985

- Council Regulation (EC) No 3205/93 of 16 November 1993, amending Regulation No 357/79 on statistical surveys of areas under vines
OJ L 289, 24.11.1993

- Commission Decision No 80/764/EEC of 8 July 1980, establishing the schedule of tables and definitions relating to intermediate statistical surveys of areas under vines
OJ L 213, 16.8.1980

- Council Regulation (EC) No 2329/98 of 22 October 1998, amending Regulation (EEC) No 357/79 on statistical surveys of areas under vines
OJ L 291, 30.10.1998

- Commission Decision No 99/661/EC of 9 September 1999, amending Decisions 79/491/EEC and 80/765/EEC laying down a code and standard rules for the transcription into a machine-readable form of the data of the basic surveys and the data relating to intermediate statistical surveys of areas under vines
OJ L 261, 7.10.1999

- Commission Decision No 2003/654/EC of 8 September 2003, laying down a code and standard rules for the transcription into a machine-readable form of the data relating to intermediate statistical surveys of areas under vines
OJ L 230, 16.9.2003

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1402/2003 of 1 August 2003, setting out a schedule of tables and laying down the definitions relating to basic statistical surveys of areas under vines
OJ L 199, 7.8.2003

- Commission Decision No 2006/717/EC of 4 September 2006, laying down a code and standard rules for the transcription into a machine-readable form of the data of the basic surveys of areas under vines
OJ L 294, 25.10.2006, p. 59-71

C - Orchards:

- Council Directive No 76/625/EEC of 20 July 1976, concerning the statistical surveys to be carried out by the Member States in order to determine the production potential of plantation of certain species of fruit trees
OJ L 218, 11.8.1976

- Parliament and Council Directive No 2001/109/EC of 19 December 2000, concerning the statistical surveys to be carried out by the Member States in order to determine the production potential of plantations of certain species of fruit trees
OJ L 13, 16.1.2001

- Commission Decision No 2002/38/EC of 27 December 2001, setting out the survey parameters and laying down the code and standard rules for the transcription, in machine-readable form, of the data relating to the surveys on plantations of certain species of fruit trees
OJ L 16, 18.1.2002

- Commission Decision No 2006/128/EC of 3 February 2006, amending Directive 2001/109/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Decision 2002/38/EC concerning the statistical surveys carried out on plantations of certain species of fruit trees
OJ L 51, 22.2.2006

D - Wine Supply Balance Sheet:

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1282/2001 of 28 June 2001, laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 as regards the gathering of information to identify wine products and to monitor the wine market and amending Regulation (EC) No 1623/2000
OJ L 176, 29.6.2001

II. Legal acts not directly managed by Eurostat:

A - Olive production and olive register:

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 154/75 of 21 January 1975, establishment of a register of olive cultivation in the Member States producing olive oil
OJ L 19, 24.1.1975

- Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2276/79 of 16 October 1979, laying down detailed rules for the drawing up of a register of olive cultivation in the Member States producing olive oil
OJ L 262, 18.10.1979

- Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1279/89 of 10 May 1989, amending Regulation No 2276/79 laying down detailed rules for the drawing up of a register of olive cultivation in the Member States producing olive oil
OJ L 127, 11.5.1989

- Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2159/92 of 23 July 1992, on the financing of expenditure for the establishment and updating of the register of olive cultivation
OJ L 217, 31.7.1992

B - Wine Common Market organisation and vineyard register:

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 2392/86 of 24 July 1986, establishing a community vineyard register
OJ L 208, 31.7.1986

- Commission Regulation (EEC) No 649/87 of 3 March 1987, laying down detailed rules for the establishment of a community vineyard register
OJ L 62, 5.3.1987

- Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1097/89 of 27 April 1989, amending Regulation No 649/87 laying down detailed rules for the establishment of a community vineyard register
OJ L 116, 28.4.1989

- Council Regulation (EC) No 1596/96 of 30 July 1996, amending Regulation No 86/2392 establishing a Community vineyard register
OJ L 206, 16.8.1996

- Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 of 17 May 1999, on the common organisation of the market in wine
OJ L 179, 14.7.1999

III. Gentlemen Agreements:

- Member States Agreement of 1990, current statistics on fruit and vegetables (Gentlemen's Agreement).

Comments: Crop production statistics Current statistics on fruit and vegetables;

General information (description): areas and production;
Time of obligation: continuous;
Periodicity: yearly
Publication: Eurostat;
Participant countries: EU and Candidate Countries;
Official data providers: NSIs, Ministries of agriculture.

- Member States Agreement of 1988, supply balance sheet (Gentlemen's Agreement).
Comments: Crop production supply balance sheets;
Time of obligation: continuous;
Periodicity: yearly;
Participant countries: Member States and Candidate Countries;
Official data providers: NSIs, Ministries of agriculture.

- Member States Agreement of 1990, early estimates on Crop Production (Gentlemen's Agreement).
Comments: it's a system based on exchange of information between Eurostat (model Agromet) and early data from the Member States;
Time of obligation: continuous;
Periodicity: monthly, during the growing season period;
Participant countries: EU-Countries;
Official data providers: NSIs, Ministries of agriculture.

3. Data Requirements

A - Cereals and main crops- production:

CROPROD_CERARA1_A Cereal Production Statistics Area-Provisional-
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: A

CROPROD_CERARA2_A Cereal Production Statistics Area- Final
Timeliness: Y+1 Periodicity: A

CROPROD_CERP1_A Cereal Production Statistics Production and yield- First estimates
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: A

CROPROD_CERP2_A Cereal Production Statistics Production and yield- Provisional
Timeliness: Y+1 Periodicity: A

CROPROD_CERP3_A Cereal Production Statistics-Production and yield- Final
Timeliness: Y+1 Periodicity: A

CROPROD_OTHARA1_A Crop production statistics Other crops- Area- Provisional
Timeliness: Y+1 Periodicity: A

CROPROD_OTHARA2_A Crop Production Statistics Other crops- Area-Final
Timeliness: Y+1 Periodicity: A

CROPROD_PULSE1_A Crop Production Statistics Pulses-Production and yield-First estimates-
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: A

Crop CROPPROD_RSLCPY_A Crop Production Statistics Root crops, Soya, Linseed and cotton-
Production and yield- First estimates
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: A

Crop CROPPROD_RSUNPY_A Crop Production Statistics Rape and sunflower- Production and yield-
First estimates-
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: A

CROPROD_OTHYP2_A Crop Production Statistics Other Crops- Production and yield- provisional.
Timeliness: Y+1 Periodicity: A

CROPPROD_OTHYP3_A Crop Production Statistics Other crops-Production and yield - Final

Timeliness: Y+1 Periodicity: A

CROPROD_REGION_A Cereals and other crops- Regional

CROPROD_EARLY_A Crop Early Estimates

Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: M (Feb-Sept)

B - Fruit and vegetable and ornamental plants- production:

CROPROD_FVEARLY_A Fruit and Vegetable – Early estimates

Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: M (Apr. to Nov.)

FLOWERS_PLANTS_3 Ornamental Plants-triennial

Timeliness: Y+1 Periodicity: every 3 years

C - Vineyard:

VITIS_BASICSURVEY Vineyard basic survey

Timeliness: Y+1 Periodicity: every 10 years

VITIS_TAB5_A Vineyard survey table 5 areas

Timeliness: Y+1 Periodicity: A

VITIS_TAB6_A Vineyard survey table 6 grub, (re)planted

Timeliness: Y+2 Periodicity : A

VITIS_TAB7_A Vineyard survey table 7, wine production

Timeliness: Y+1 Periodicity: A

VITIS_TAB8_A Vineyard survey table 8, forecast on 5 years

Timeliness: Y+1-4 Periodicity : Every 5 years

D - Orchard:

FRUCTUS_N_N Fruit Tree Plantation Survey

Timeliness: Y+1 Periodicity: Every 5 years

E - Supply Balance Sheet:

CROP_SBSCERE_P_A Cereals Supply Balance Sheet (provisional)

Timeliness: Y+1 Periodicity: A

CROP_SBSCERE_D_A Cereals Supply Balance Sheet (final)

Timeliness: Y+1 Periodicity: A

CROP_SBSCERE_P_A Cereals Supply Balance Sheet (provisional)

Timeliness: Y+1 Periodicity: A

CROP_SBSCROP_D_A Crop Products Supply Balance Sheet (final)

Timeliness: Y+1 Periodicity: A

CROP_SBSDP_A Dried Pulse Supply Balance Sheet

Timeliness: Y+1 Periodicity: A

CROP_SBSFRVE_A Fruit and Vegetable Supply Balance Sheet

Timeliness: Y+1 Periodicity: A

CROP_SBSOILC_A Oilcakes Supply Balance Sheet

Timeliness: Y+1 Periodicity: A

CROP_SBSOILS_A Oilseeds, Oils and Fats Supply Balance Sheet
Timeliness: Y+2 Periodicity: A

CROP_SBSOILS_VEG_A Vegetable Oils and Fats Supply Balance Sheet
Timeliness: Y+1 Periodicity: A

CROP_SBSPOTA_P_A Potatoes Supply Balance Sheet (provisional)
Timeliness: Y+1 Periodicity: A

CROP_SBSPOTA_D_A Potatoes Supply Balance Sheet (final)
Timeliness: Y+1 Periodicity: A

CROP_SBSRICE_P_A Rice Supply Balance Sheet (provisional)
Timeliness: Y+1 Periodicity: A

CROP_SBSRICE_D_A Rice Supply Balance Sheet (final)
Timeliness: Y+2 Periodicity: A

CROP_SBSSUGA_P_A Sugar Supply Balance Sheet (provisional)
Timeliness: Y+1 Periodicity: A

CROP_SBSSUGA_D_A Sugar Supply Balance Sheet (final)
Timeliness: Y+2 Periodicity: A

CROP_WIN1511_A Wine Supply Balance Sheet 1511
Timeliness: Y+1 Periodicity: A

CROP_WIN1503_A Wine Supply Balance Sheet 1503 Yearly
Timeliness: Y+3 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

- Crop production statistics- Community methodological reports: cereals in Europe (November 1994); cereals in Europe - Supplement (September 1996); crops in Europe (December 1996), Eurostat

- Crop production statistics - Methodological Handbook of current statistics on crop production (ASA/PE611)

- "Crop production - Glossary 2001" available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-CI-01-001-1F

- Agromet/EECP Statistical predicting probabilistic model working from current statistics and weather conditions, results sent to the Member States monthly, forecasts reviewed by the Member States according to their own data

- Supply balance sheets- Current statistics, trade statistics, and technical coefficients

- Supply balance sheets- Community methodological handbooks : ASA/PE/635 - Generalities (2001), ASA/PE/636 - Cereals (2002), ASA/PE/637 - Rice (2002), ASA/PE/642 – Sugar (2002), ASA/PE/638 - Dried pulses (2002), ASA/PE/639 - Potatoes and Potato starch (2002), ASA/PE/640- vegetables (2002), ASA/PE/641 –Fruits (2002), ASA/PE/644 –Wine (2002).

5. International Cooperation

None

Module 4.01.02 Livestock, meat and eggs statistics

Responsible unit: **E-2: Agricultural and fisheries statistics**
Contact person: Johan SELENIUS, Tel: +352 4301 37322

1. Module Description

Under this module statistics related to meat and eggs production are covered including: cattle, pig, sheep and goats livestock surveys, meat production, trade of live animals, production forecasts, supply balance sheets, eggs for hatching and trade of chicks.

A draft Regulation updating the three directives on pigs, cattle, and sheep and goats (93/23/EEC, 93/24/EEC and 93/25/EEC) has been approved by the Commission and is under consideration by the Council.

Activities include the handling of data delivered by the Member States, Acceding and Candidates countries, data validation and the update of metadata.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Corrigendum to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1351/87 of 15 May 1987 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1868/77 laying down detailed rules of application for Regulation (EEC) No 2782/75 on the production and marketing of eggs for hatching and of farmyard poultry chicks (OJ L 127, 16.5.1987)
OJ L 159, 19.6.1987

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 3791/85 of 20 December 1985, adapting certain Regulations relating to the eggs and poultry sector consequent upon the accession of Spain and Portugal
OJ L 367, 31.12.1985

- Commission Decision No 2000/554/EC of 6 September 2000, authorising the Republic of Austria to make use of the register of bovine animals to partially replace surveys of bovine livestock (Only the German text is authentic)
OJ L 235, 19.9.2000

- Commission Decision No 2000/380/EC of 29 May 2000, authorising the Republic of Austria to carry out only two pig surveys a year (Only the German text is authentic)
OJ L 139, 10.6.2000

- Commission Decision No 98/718/EC of 4 December 1998, authorising France, Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom to conduct only two pig surveys per year (Only the English, French, German and Italian texts are authentic)
OJ L 342, 17.12.1998

- Corrigendum to Commission Decision No 2004/412/EC authorising Austria to make use of the system established by Title I of Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council to replace surveys of bovine livestock (OJ L 151, 30.4.2004)
OJ L 208, 10.6.2004

- Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2773/90 of 27 September 1990, amending Regulation (EEC) No 1868/77 laying down detailed rules of application for Regulation (EEC) No 2782/75 on the production and marketing of eggs for hatching and of farmyard poultry chicks
OJ L 267, 29.9.1990

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 2782/75 of 29 October 1975, production and marketing of eggs for hatching and of farmyard poultry chicks
OJ L 282, 1.11.1975

Comments: Eggs (not under the responsibility of Eurostat, but DG AGRI)

- Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1868/77 of 29 July 1977, laying down detailed rules of application for Regulation No 2782/75 on the production and marketing of eggs for hatching and of farmyard poultry chicks
OJ L 209, 17.8.1977
- Council Regulation (EEC) No 3485/80 of 22 December 1980, amending, consequent upon the accession of Greece, Regulation (EEC) No 2782/75 on the production and marketing of eggs for hatching and of farmyard poultry chicks
OJ L 365, 31.12.1980
- Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3759/85 of 23 December 1985, amending certain Regulations in the eggs and poultry meat sectors by reason of the accession of Spain and Portugal
OJ L 356, 31.12.1985
- Council Regulation (EEC) No 3494/86 of 13 November 1986, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2772/75 on marketing standards for eggs and Regulation (EEC) No 2782/75 on the production and marketing of eggs hatching and of farmyard poultry chickens
OJ L 323, 18.11.1986
- Council Regulation (EEC) No 3987/87 of 22 December 1987, amending various Regulations securing the joint implementation of the common organisation of the markets in the eggs and poultry meat sectors as a consequence of the introduction of the combined nomenclature
OJ L 376, 31.12.1987
- Council Directive No 93/25/EEC of 1 June 1993, statistical surveys to be carried out on sheep and goat stocks, Directive as amended by the 1994 Act of Accession
OJ L 149, 21.6.1993
- Council Directive No 93/23/EEC of 1 June 1993, statistical surveys to be carried out on pig production, Directive as amended by the 1994 Act of Accession
OJ L 149, 21.6.1993
- Council Directive No 93/24/EEC of 1 June 1993, statistical surveys to be carried out on bovine animal production, Directive as amended by the 1994 Act of Accession
OJ L 149, 21.6.1993
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 3239/94 of 21 December 1994, amending various Regulations in the eggs and poultry meat sectors in view of the accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden
OJ L 338, 28.12.1994
- Council Regulation (EC) No 2916/95 of 21 December 1994, concerning the common organization of the markets in poultry meat and eggs and the common system of trade for ovalbumin and lactalbumin
OJ L 305, 19.12.1995
- Commission Decision No 97/394/EC of 6 June 1997, establishing the minimum data required for the data bases on animals and animal products brought into the Community
OJ L 164, 21.6.1997
- Council Directive No 97/77/EC of 16 December 1997, concerning statistical surveys to be carried out on pig, bovine animal and sheep and goat production
OJ L 10, 16.1.1998
- Commission Decision No 2002/442/EC of 10 June 2002, authorising Belgium to carry out only two pig surveys a year
OJ L 152, 12.6.2002
- Commission Decision No 2004/747/EC of 26 October 2004, laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Directive 93/25/EEC on the statistical surveys to be carried out on sheep and goat stocks
OJ L 329, 4.11.2004

- Commission Decision No 2004/761/EC of 26 October 2004, laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Directive 93/24/EEC as regards the statistical surveys on cattle population and production
OJ L 337, 13.11.2004

- Commission Decision No 2004/760/EC of 26 October 2004, laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Directive 93/23/EEC as regards the statistical surveys on pig population and production
OJ L 337, 13.11.2004

- Commission Decision No 2005/105/EC of 3 February 2005, authorising Sweden to make use of the system established by Title I of Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council to replace surveys of bovine livestock
OJ L 33, 5.2.2005

- Commission Decision No 2005/415/EC of 1 June 2005, authorising Malta to make use of the system established by Title I of Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council to replace surveys of bovine livestock
OJ L 141, 4.6.2005

- Commission Decision No 2005/422/EC of 3 June 2005, authorising France to make use of the system established by Title I of Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 to replace the May survey of bovine livestock
OJ L 143, 7.6.2005

- Commission Decision No 2005/445/EC of 13 June 2005, authorising Belgium to carry out only two pig surveys a year
OJ L 154, 17.6.2005

Agreements:

- Member States Agreement of 1990, supply balance sheets of meat and milk.
Comments: information on the production, consumption and external trade of various meats and offals and milk;
Time of obligation: continuous;
Periodicity: annual;
Publication: results currently published with other information on animal products statistics;
Participant countries: all Member States;
Official data providers: NSIs or MA.
For more information please contact
Johan SELENIUS, Eurostat, Unit E-1
E-mail: Johan.Selenius@ec.europa.eu
Tel. (00352) (4301) 37322

- Member States Agreement of 2000, figures on poultry meat production.
Comments: additional to slaughtering figures in number of heads and weight;
Time of obligation: continuous;
Periodicity: monthly for table fowl and turkeys, quarterly for other poultry;
Date of adoption: March 2000, minutes adopted in Oct. 2000;
Participant countries: all Member States;
Official data providers: NSIs or MA.
For more information please contact
Johan SELENIUS, Eurostat, Unit E-1
E-mail: Johan.Selenius@ec.europa.eu
Tel. (00352) (4301) 37322

- Member States Agreement of 1990, supply balance sheets of animal feed.
Comments: information on the production, consumption and external trade of various animal feed;
Time of obligation: continuous;
Periodicity: annual;

Publication: results currently published with other information on animal products statistics;
Participant countries: Member States and Candidate Countries;
Official data providers: NSIs or MA.
For more information please contact
Johan SELENIUS, Eurostat, Unit E-1
E-mail: Johan.Selenius@ec.europa.eu
Tel. (00352) (4301) 37322

3. Data Requirements

ANI_GIPCAT_S: Gross Indigenous Production for Cattle
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: B

ANI_GIPPIGS_Q: Gross Indigenous Production for Pigs
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: Q

ANI_GIPSHGO_A: Gross Indigenous Production for Sheep and Goats
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: A

ANI_HATCHAC_M: Poultry Statistics - Activity of Hatcheries
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: M

ANI_HATSTRU_A: Poultry Statistics - Structure of Hatcheries
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: A

ANI_LSTCATR_A: Livestock - Cattle Regional Breakdown
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: A

ANI_LSTCATS_2: Livestock - Cattle Breakdown by Herd Size Classes
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: 2

ANI_LSTCATT_S: Livestock - Cattle Survey Results
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: B

ANI_LSTPIGR_A: Livestock - Pigs Regional Breakdown
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: A

ANI_LSTPIGS_2: Livestock - Pigs Breakdown by Herd Size Classes
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: 2

ANI_LSTPIGT_Q: Livestock - Pigs Survey Results
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: Q

ANI_LSTSHGO_2: Livestock - Sheep and Goats Regional Breakdown by Herd Size Classes
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: 2

ANI_LSTSHGO_A: Livestock - Sheep and Goats Survey Result
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: A

ANI_LSTSHGR_A: Livestock - Sheep and Goats Regional Breakdown
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: A

ANI_PRODMEA_M: Slaughtering
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: M

ANI_SBSEGGGS_A: Egg Supply Balance Sheet
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: A

ANI_SBSMEAT_A: Meat Supply Balance Sheet
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: A

ANI_TRADCHI_M: Poultry Statistics - Trade of Chicks
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: M

4. Methodology

- Exhaustive survey or representative sampling with a sampling error of max.: 1% of total bovine animals and 1.5% of total cows, 2% of total pigs, 2% of total sheep, 2% of total goats
- Use of the register of bovine animals to replace partially the cattle surveys (granted to Austria) submitted to constraints (see annex of Commission Decision No 2000/554/EC)
- Data from slaughterhouses plus estimates of slaughtering on the farm
- Productions forecasts based on livestock surveys and other sources
- (Fodder balance sheets) Current statistics, trade statistics, technical coefficients, technical surveys
- (Fodder balance sheets) Community methodological handbooks: E/V/001 - Generalities (2001), Animal feed balances (explanatory notes, Doc. ASA/PE/614, March 2001)

5. International Cooperation

None

Module 4.01.03 Milk and dairy products statistics

Responsible unit: **E-2: Agricultural and fisheries statistics**
Contact person: Johan SELENIUS, Tel: +352 4301 37322

1. Module Description

Under this module, statistics related to production of milk are covered: cows, ewes, goats, and buffalos. It concerns: milk collected by dairies (monthly and annually), milk produced in agricultural holdings (farms), the protein content and supply balances sheets. Triennial statistics provide information on the structure of dairies. Activities are handling of data transmitted by the Member States, Acceding and Candidate countries, data validation, elaboration and update of the metadata.

The list of products covered by the survey of dairies is under review.

Activities include the handling of data transmitted by the Member States, Acceding and Candidate countries, data validation, elaboration and update of metadata.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- European Parliament and Council Directive No 2003/107/EC of 5 December 2003, amending Council Directive 96/16/EC on statistical surveys of milk and milk products
OJ L 7, 13.1.2003

- Commission Decision No 1999/309/EC of 23 April 1999, on the 1999 work programme relating to the protein content of the main milk products
OJ L 119, 7.5.1999

- Council Directive No 96/16/EC of 19 March 1996, statistical surveys of milk and milk products
OJ L 78, 28.3.1996

- Commission Decision No 97/80/EC of 18 December 1996, implementation of Council Directive No 96/16 on statistical surveys of milk and milk products
OJ L 24, 25.1.1997

- Commission Decision No 98/325/EC of 24 April 1998, on the 1998 work program relating to the protein content of the main milk products
OJ L 142, 14.5.1998

- Council Decision No 98/582/EC of 6 October 1998, amending Commission Decision 97/80/EC laying down provisions for the implementation of Council Directive 96/16/EC on statistical surveys of milk and milk products
OJ L 281, 17.10.1998

- Commission Decision No 2005/288/EC of 18 March 2005, amending Decision 97/80/EC on provisions for the implementation of Council Directive 96/16/EC on statistical surveys of milk and milk products
OJ L 88, 7.4.2005

Agreements:

- Members States Agreement of 1990, supply balance sheets of meat and milk.

Comments: information on the production, consumption and external trade of various meats and offals and milk;

Time of obligation: continuous;

Periodicity: annual;

Publication: results currently published with other information on animal products statistics;

Participant countries: all Member States;

Official data providers: NSIs or MA.
For the document and for more information please contact
Johan SELENIUS, Eurostat, Unit E-1
E-mail: Johan.Selenius@ec.europa.eu
Tel. (00352) (4301) 37322

3. Data Requirements

ANI-PR-MILK-M: Animal production statistics of milk
Timeliness: 45 Periodicity: M

ANI-PR-MILK-A: Animal production statistics of milk
Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

ANI-BL-MILK-M: Animal production - supply balance of milk
Timeliness: 45 Periodicity: M

ANI-BL-MILK-A: Animal production - supply balance of milk
Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

- Exhaustive surveys, accounting for at least 95% of cow's milk collected. Monthly surveys may be sample surveys. The sampling error must not exceed 1% of the total national collection exhaustive surveys.

- Changes: Increase of the importance of the confidentiality in milk products statistics

5. International Cooperation

Eurostat is represented in the International Dairy Federation.

Theme 4.02 Agricultural structures

Description

Statistics on agricultural structures include the Farm Structure Survey (FSS) as well as the Survey on Agricultural Production Methods (SAPM), the orchards and vineyards surveys and the information required for processing these data. This statistical information plays a key role in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the common agricultural policy (CAP). The EU farm structure surveys are the backbone of the agricultural statistical system. They provide micro-data on the agricultural labour force, land use, livestock, equipment and non-agricultural activities and they are the statistical basis for sample surveys on land use, livestock and agricultural income. The farm typology processed on the FSS is the key used in the farm accountancy data network. The implementation of the new NUTS enables Eurostat to manage regional time series without putting an additional burden on Member States.

Key priorities 2008

Collection, validation and dissemination of the FSS 2007 data and of the 2007 orchards survey will be carried out. Pilot surveys will be launched on fertilisers. The methodology (concepts and definitions) needs to be developed for the future FSS and the SAPM.

Module 4.02.01 Agricultural structures

Responsible unit: **E-1: Farms, agro-environment and rural development**
Contact person: Johan SELENIUS, Tel: +352 4301 37322

1. Module Description

Collection and validation of Farm Structure Survey statistics this data play a key role in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). The mean role is likely to increase over time with enlargement and CAP reform (shift from product to producer support - environmental compliance - rural development. The EU farm structure surveys (FSS) - censuses every ten years and intermediate sample surveys (every three years) in between - are the backbone of the agricultural statistical system. They provide micro data on agricultural labour force, land use, livestock equipment and they are the statistical basis for sample surveys on land use, livestock and agricultural income; The EU farm typology (linked to farm structure survey and farm accountancy data network) has to be revised in accordance with CAP reform.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 571/88 of 29 February 1988, on the organization of Community surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings , last amended by European Parliament and Council Regulation No 1890/2006 of 20/12/2006
OJ L 56, 2.3.1988
- Council Regulation (EC) No 2467/96 of 17 December 1996, amending Regulation (EEC) No 571/1988 on the organization of Community surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings
OJ L 335, 24.12.1996
- Commission Decision No 115/2000/EC of 24 November 1999, relating to the definitions of the characteristics, the list of agricultural products, the exceptions to the definitions and the regions and districts regarding the surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings
OJ L 38, 12.2.2000
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1444/2002 of 24 July 2002, amending Commission Decision 2000/115/EC relating to the definitions of the characteristics, the exceptions to the definitions and the regions and districts regarding the surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings
OJ L 216, 12.8.2002
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 68/2003 of 16 January 2003, concerning the use of information from sources other than statistical surveys and the time limits for the communication of the results for the 2003 survey on the structure of agricultural holdings
OJ L 12, 17.1.2003
- Regulation (EC) No 1435/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 June 2004, amending, as a result of enlargement, Council Regulation (EEC) No 571/88 on the organisation of Community surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings
OJ L 268, 16.8.2004
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 2139/2004 of 8 December 2004, adapting and implementing Council Regulation (EEC) No 571/88 and amending Commission Decision 2000/115/EC with a view to the organisation of Community surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings in 2005 and 2007
OJ L 369, 16.12.2004
- Corrigendum to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2139/2004 of 8 December 2004 adapting and implementing Council Regulation (EEC) No 571/88 and amending Commission Decision 2000/115/EC with a view to the organisation of Community surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings in 2005 and 2007 (OJ L 369, 16.12.2004)
OJ L 244, 20.9.2005

- Commission Decision No 2005/124/EC of 10 February 2005, authorising certain Member States to use information from sources other than statistical surveys for the 2005 survey on the structure of agricultural holdings
OJ L 39, 11.2.2005

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 204/2006 of 6 February 2006, adapting Council Regulation (EEC) No 571/88 and amending Commission Decision 2000/115/EC with a view to the organisation of Community surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings in 2007
OJ L 34, 7.2.2006

- Regulation (EC) No 1890/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006, on amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 571/88 on the organization of Community surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings, as regards the financial framework for the period 2007-2009 and the maximum Community contribution for Bulgaria and Romania
OJ L 386, 29.12.2006

- Commission Decision No 2007/80/EC of 1 February 2007, authorising certain Member States to use information from sources other than statistical surveys for the 2007 survey on the structure of agricultural holdings
OJ L 28, 3.2.2007

Other basis:

- Document CLASSEX 322 (Typology handbook)
For the document and for more information please contact:
Johan SELENIUS, Eurostat, Unit E-1
E-mail: Johan.Selenius@ec.europa.eu
Tel. (00352) (4301) 37322

3. Data Requirements

AGRI_FARMOWV_O: Eurofarm Test Data

AGRI_FARM_A: Results of Farm Structure Surveys
Timeliness: 1080 Periodicity: A

AGRI_SGMCOEF_N: SGM Coefficients

4. Methodology

- Information on the methodology of the structure surveys can be found in "Farm structure - 1999/2000 survey" (2003 Edition) available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-52-03-756-3A

5. International Cooperation

None

Theme 4.03 Land use and land cover

Description

Land cover and land use are of high importance in the definition and evaluation of common agricultural and environment policies. The Lucas project was launched by Decision No 1445/2000/EC dealing with the application of area frame techniques. The objective was to set up area frame surveys for the provision of (a) coherent and harmonised statistics on land use and land cover, (b) early crop area estimates, (c) information on the environment, landscapes and sustainable development, (d) ground evidence for calibration of satellite images, and (e) a register of points for specific surveys.

Key priorities 2008

The report on the Lucas project submitted to the European Parliament and the Council in July 2007 will determine the future development of the area frame surveys. The Lucas survey will be carried out in Bulgaria and Romania in 2008.

Module 4.03.01 Land use and remote sensing

Responsible unit: **E-1: Farms, agro-environment and rural development**
Contact person: Johan SELENIUS, Tel: +352 4301 37322

1. Module Description

Implementation and management of the LUCAS project (Land Use and Land Cover Area frame Surveys) in application of Council Decision 1445/2000/EC and as part of the Eurostat working programme 2008.

The collection and the validation of statistics on land cover/use for agricultural and environmental purposes. Management and validation of the land cover/use statistics by cross-checking different sources (Farm structure survey, the crop statistics and joint Eurostat/OECD questionnaire for environment, which regards the whole EU territory).

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- European Parliament and Council Decision No 786/2004/EC of 21 April 2004, amending Decisions No 1720/1999/EC, No 253/2000/EC, No 508/2000/EC, No 1031/2000/EC, No 1445/2000/EC, No 163/2001/EC, No 1411/2001/EC, No 50/2002/EC, No 466/2002/EC, No 1145/2002/EC, No 1513/2002/EC, No 1786/2002/EC, No 291/2003/EC and No 20/2004/EC with a view to adapting the reference amounts to take account of the enlargement of the European Union
OJ L 138, 30.4.2004

- European Parliament and Council Decision No 2066/2003/EC of 10 November 2003, on the continued application of areal-survey and remote-sensing techniques to the agricultural statistics for 2004 to 2007 and amending Decision 1445/2000/EC
OJ L 309, 26.11.2003

- Parliament and Council Decision No 1445/2000/EC of 22 May 2000, on the application of aerial-survey and remote-sensing techniques to the agricultural statistics for 1999 to 2003
OJ L 163, 4.7.2000

- Commission Decision No 2002/750/EC of 10 September 2002, on the continued application of areal survey and remote sensing techniques to the agricultural statistics for 2002-2003.
OJ L 244, 12.9.2002

3. Data Requirements

Data requirements specified for the LUCAS survey

4. Methodology

- Stratified 2-phase area frame survey carried out adopting a systematic statistical approach

- The complete methodology is described and available in the reference documentation on:
<http://circa.europa.eu/irc/dsis/landstat/info/data/index.htm>

5. International Cooperation

None

Theme 4.04 Agricultural accounts and prices

Description

Economic Accounts for Agriculture (EAA) and prices play a key role in the design, implementation and monitoring of the common agricultural policy (CAP) as well as in the evaluation of the impact of the CAP on the economic and financial situation of the agricultural community. Quarterly price indices will continue to be collected and disseminated. The Agricultural Information System (AGRIS) plays an important role in validating the consistency and coherence of agri-monetary statistics.

Key priorities 2008

Collection, validation and dissemination of agricultural accounts and prices will continue and be further modernised. Particular attention will be given to the implementation of a target methodology for land prices and rents. The outcome of the survey on the income of agricultural households (IAHS) feasibility study will be analysed and the next steps will be decided upon.

PRAG_INDICES_A: Agricultural Indices
Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: A

PRAG_LAND_A: Agricultural Land Prices and Rent
Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: A

PRAG_PRICES_A: Absolute Agricultural Prices
Timeliness: 60 Periodicity: A

PRAG_INDICES_M: Agriculture indices
Timeliness: 45 Periodicity: Q

4. Methodology

- European Parliament and Council Regulation No: 138/2004/EC
- (APS) "Handbook for EU agricultural price statistics"
- (EAA) EUROSTAT: Manual on Economic Accounts for Agriculture and Forestry EAA/EAF 97 (Rev. 1.1), Theme 5 Series Methods and Nomenclatures, Luxembourg, 2000 (available in the eleven official languages).
- (ALI) EUROSTAT: Target methodology for Agricultural Labour Input (ALI) statistics (Rev.1), Theme 5 Series Methods and Nomenclatures, Luxembourg, 2000 (available German, English and French).

5. International Cooperation

FAO and UNECE

Theme 4.05 Forestry statistics

Description

For this theme Eurostat will continue to cooperate extensively with international bodies (FAO, UNECE and ITTO) in the use and development of the Joint FAO/ECE/Eurostat/ITTO Forest Sector Questionnaire (JFSQ), with which annual data on wood and wood-derived products are collected worldwide, thus avoiding any duplication of effort. The responsibility for collection and management of the data is shared; Eurostat is responsible for the replies of the EU Member States and the EFTA countries. This data is the basis for international comparisons and is provided on request to the Commission departments, in particular DG Enterprise, DG Environment and DG Agriculture, to officials working on the EU Forest Action Plan 2007-2011 and to the Ministerial Conference for the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE). It also provides some of the indicators needed for the sustainable management of forests and primary wood-based industries, work which needs to be further developed in the future.

Key priorities 2008

The data provided through the free dissemination (NewCronos) database should be made more user-friendly and attractive. Agreements should be reached with some of the other bodies to establish active links to their databases. However, a key element is the improvement of the timeliness of the data and therefore at least some sub-parts of the JFSQ (i.e. those that are easier to provide data for) should have tighter deadlines than others. In order to achieve this, a reform of the timing and the whole procedure of data collection with the JFSQ may become necessary and must be discussed and agreed between the Commission departments and the international partners that make up the Intersecretariat Working Group on Forest Statistics (IWGFS).

A strategic policy review of the theme will be ready by the end of 2007. 2008 should see the beginning of work in new areas not yet covered by other data providers. Other priorities are to produce attractive short publications and to contribute data to projects under the EU Forest Action Plan 2007-2011 and for the indicators of sustainable forest management.

Module 4.05.01 Forestry statistics

Responsible unit: **E-3: Environment statistics and accounts**
Contact person: Marilise WOLF-CROWTHER, Tel: +352 4301 32872

1. Module Description

In this area, Eurostat works in close cooperation with the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO). Representatives of Eurostat and each of these organizations form the Intersecretariat Working Group on Forest Statistics (IWGFS).

The objectives of the IWGFS are as follows:

- a) to provide a better service to users of statistics;
- b) to collect and disseminate the statistics more efficiently, particularly by avoiding duplication of work.

A result of this cooperation is the joint FAO/ECE/Eurostat/ITTO Forest Sector Questionnaire (JFSQ), with which data on removals of wood from forests, production of wood and wood-based products and foreign trade in these products are collected. The content of the questionnaire is agreed between the organizations and the data, after validation following common rules, are shared by all. Responsibility for collection and management of the data is also shared. EUROSTAT is responsible for the replies of the EU Member States and EFTA countries, UNECE for other ECE countries, ITTO for producers and consumers of tropical timber and FAO for the rest of the world. This data is the basis for international comparisons.

Eurostat also co-operates with the Joint Research Centre (JRC) and the European Environment Agency (EEA) as far as data production and management is concerned.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Resolution of 15 December 1998, on a forestry strategy for the European Union
OJ C 56, 26.2.1999, p. 1–4
- European Parliament resolution on speeding up implementation of the EU action plan on Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT)
OJ C 157E, 6.7.2006, p. 482-484
- Regulation (EC) No 614/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 May 2007, concerning the Financial Instrument for the Environment (LIFE+) - Commission statement
OJ L 149, 9.6.2007

Agreements:

- IWG Agreement of 1990 on Forestry statistics.

Other:

- Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on an EU Forest Action Plan {SEC(2006) 748} (COM/2006/0302 final) available on:
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:52006DC0302:EN:HTML>
- Commission staff working document - Annex to the Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on an EU Forest Action Plan {SEC(2006) 748} (COM/2006/0302 final) available on:
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:52006SC0748:EN:HTML>
- Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on innovative and sustainable forest-based industries in the EU (SEC(2008) 262 and its Annex, Commission staff

working document {COM(2008) 113 final}, available on http://eur-lex.europa.eu/Result.do?arg0=forest-based+industries&arg1=sustainable&arg2=&titre=titre&clang=en&RechType=RECH_mot&Submit=Search

3. Data requirements

Timeliness: 300 days

Periodicity: annual

The structure of the JFSQ is as follows:

- JQ1, JQ2: basic data for all countries on production of and trade in roundwood, sawnwood, wood-based panels and pulp and paper (value and quantity);
- JQ3: basic data for all countries on trade in secondary processed wood and paper products (value);
- EU1, EU2: data for EU and EFTA countries, EU1: trade with countries outside the EU (value and quantity); EU2: removals by type of ownership (quantity);
- ECE/EU Species Trade: data for EU and ECE countries, detailed information on trade by tree species of the temperate zone;
- ITTO1, ITTO2, ITTO3: data for ITTO members, trade in tropical species (quantity and value), market conditions and forecasts.

4. Methodology

Yearly cycle:

- Agreement on the content and explanatory notes of the JFSQ at the beginning of each year within the Intersecretariat Working Group (IWGFS);
- End of March, send out the electronic version of the JFSQ to the countries;
- April: send pre-filled data on foreign trade (COMEXT) to the countries that request it;
- Deadline for answers: May 15;
- 1st validation done by end June. Preliminary data sent to UNECE; reminders sent to late responders and for missing data; production database used: FAME;
- September: reception of missing data and 2nd validation;
- End October: final validated data sent to UNECE; upload into free dissemination database NewCronos;
- December: common final validation by IWGFS; all data now usable by all parties concerned for publication purposes.

5. International cooperation

The work is based on international cooperation, see description under point 1.

Theme 4.06 Fisheries statistics

Description

The work programme in fisheries statistics will concentrate on adaptations necessary to meet the data requirements of the recent revisions of the common fisheries policy (CFP). The further integration of the various aspects of the CFP (resource management, sustainability of fisheries, structural policy, socio-economic impact and market policy) will extend the range of data required, placing greater emphasis on data which have until recently received relatively little attention.

Key priorities 2008

Collection and dissemination of fishery statistics will continue. Data validation techniques will be further developed. New legislation on landings statistics and aquaculture statistics will be implemented. The existing legislation will be scrutinised with a view to ensuring that it is used more efficiently.

Module 4.06.01 Fisheries statistics

Responsible unit: **E-2: Agriculture statistics: production**
Contact person: Franco ZAMPOGNA, Tel: +352 4301 37268

1. Module Description

Provide the European Union with a high quality statistical service in the field of fisheries. This includes the collection of annual data on catches by fishing region, on aquaculture production and landings of fishery products. The data are from Member States and other countries through close collaboration with international Fishery organisations. Development work will covers the data on employment in fishery sector, supply balance sheets and sustainable development indicators for fishery.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 2930/86 of 22 September 1986, defining characteristics for fishing vessels
OJ L 274, 25.9.1986
- Council Regulation (EEC) No 3880/91 of 17 December 1991, submission of nominal catch statistics by Member States fishing in the north-east Atlantic
OJ L 365, 31.12.1991
- Council Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 of 17 December 1992, on the common organization of the market in fishery and aquaculture products
OJ L 388, 31.12.1992
- Council Regulation (EEC) No 2018/93 of 30 June 1993, submission of catch and activity statistics by Member States fishing in the north-west Atlantic
OJ L 186, 28.7.1993
- Council Regulation (EEC) No 2104/93 of 22 July 1993, amending Regulation No 1382/91 on the submission of data on the landings of fishery products in Member States
OJ L 191, 31.7.1993
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 109/94 of 19 January 1994, concerning the fishing vessel register of the community
OJ L 19, 22.1.1994
- Council Regulation (EC) No 3259/94 of 22 December 1994, amending Regulation 86/2930 defining the characteristics for fishing vessels
OJ L 339, 29.12.1994
- Council Regulation (EC) No 2597/95 of 23 October 1995, on the submission of nominal catch statistics by Member States fishing in certain areas other than those of the North-Atlantic
OJ L 270, 13.11.1995
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 493/96 of 20 March 1996, amending Regulation 94/109 concerning the fishing vessel register of the Community
OJ L 72, 21.3.1996
- Council Regulation (EC) No 788/96 of 22 April 1996, on the submission by the Member States of statistics on aquaculture production
OJ L 108, 1.5.1996

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1637/2001 of 23 July 2001, amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3880/91 on the submission of nominal catch statistics by Member States fishing in the North-East Atlantic
OJ L 222, 17.8.2001

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1636/2001 of 23 July 2001, amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 2018/93 on the submission of catch and activity statistics by Member States fishing in the North-West Atlantic
OJ L 222, 17.8.2001

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1638/2001 of 24 July 2001, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2597/95 on the submission of nominal catch statistics by Member States fishing in certain areas other than those of the North Atlantic
OJ L 222, 17.8.2001

- Commission Decision No 2005/128/EC of 14 February 2005, granting Italy a partial derogation on the submission of data on the landings of fishery products in Member States
OJ L 43, 15.2.2005

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 448/2005 of 15 March 2005, amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3880/91 on the submission of nominal catch statistics by Member States fishing in the north-east Atlantic
OJ L 74, 19.3.2005

- Regulation (EC) No 1921/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December, on the submission of statistical data on landings of fishery products in Member States and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 1382/91
OJ L 403, 30.12.2006, p. 1-8

Agreements:

- Norway and Iceland Agreement, Statistical Register of Fishing Vessels.
Statistical Register of Fishing Vessels
General information (description): records of individual fishing vessels without identifying characteristics;
Time of obligation: continuous;
Periodicity: annual;
Date of adoption: 1998;
Participant countries: Norway & Iceland;
Official data providers: Norwegian Fisheries Directorate and Icelandic Statistical Office.

3. Data Requirements

FISH_CATCH_A: Fishery captures statistics
Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

FISH_CULTR_A: Fishery Aquaculture Statistics
Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

FISH_LANDG_M: Fishery landings
Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: M

AGR_FISH_A: Agriculture - FISH Annual
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: A

AGR_FISH_M: Agriculture - FISH - Monthly
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: M

AGR_MILK_M: Milk industry activity - Monthly
Timeliness: 0 Periodicity: M

4. Methodology

- Member States provide methodological reports on the way they collect data. These reports are updated regularly and discussed yearly
- (Statistics on fishing fleet) Eurostat updates its Statistical Register of EU Fishing Vessels using extracts from the DG Fish's administrative file (compiled from national submissions under EU legislation)
- Eurostat is using the international standards, definitions and concepts to compile its statistics:
 - (Statistics on fishing fleet) Handbook of Fishery Statistics, FAO, Rome, 1994
 - (Captures statistics) Handbook of Fishery Documents, FAO, Rome, 1994
 - (Landings) Working document FISH/168, Handbook of Fisheries Statistics, FAO, Rome, 1994.
 - (Aquaculture statistics) Handbook of Fisheries Statistics, FAO, Rome, 1994.
 - (Statistics on fishing fleet) Data are received from Iceland and Norway by gentleman's agreement.

5. International Cooperation

CCAMLR, FAO, ICES, NAFO, CECAF, GFCM, OECD

Two official partnership agreements were signed with FAO (2005) and ICES (2003) in the field of statistical cooperation.

Theme 4.07 Agri-environmental statistics

Description

The aim of agri-environmental statistics is to develop and maintain a system of agri-environmental indicators for monitoring the integration of environmental concerns into the CAP. The work is based on the conclusions drawn in Commission Communication COM(2006) 508 and the subsequent comments from the Agriculture and Fishery Council. A memorandum of understanding has been drawn up between DG AGRI, DG ENV, JRC, Eurostat and the EEA to ensure that already available data are fully used and to pool the different skills and resources of these partners, with the long-term objective of setting up a system for and collecting data on the relation between agriculture and environment for the assessment of the impact of the agricultural policy decisions on the environment. The Commission Communication identified three short-term objectives: consolidating the selected set of indicators, extending the coverage to the new Member States and correcting existing weaknesses. Efforts need to be made for the conceptual and methodological improvement of these indicators and for the collection of the necessary data or better access to existing data, in particular at regional level and on the use of inputs in agriculture.

Key priorities 2008

Implement the memorandum of understanding, especially create a first full set of data for the indicators of enough maturity and improving the methodological and conceptual framework for the other. Prepare implementation of the Regulation concerning statistics on plant protection products. Follow-up the studies launched in 2007 to develop statistics on fertilisers.

Module 4.07.01 Agri-environmental statistics

Responsible unit: **E-1: Agriculture statistics: methodology**
Contact person: Johan SELENIUS, Tel: +352 4301 37322

1. Module Description

Coordination of the work on agri-environmental indicators as set up in the Commission Communication on Development of agri-environmental indicators for monitoring the integration of environmental concerns into the common agricultural policy (COM/2006/0508 final); data collection and management; conceptual and methodological improvement of indicators, models and data.

2. Legal Basis

Other basis:

- Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and to the Council on development of agri-environmental indicators for monitoring the integration of environmental concerns into the common agricultural policy (COM/2006/508 final)

3. Data Requirements

Presently being defined, as described in COM/2006/508

4. Methodology

Presently being defined, as described in COM/2006/508

5. International Cooperation

OECD

Theme 4.08 Rural development and maritime policy statistics

Description

The Commission's rural development policy has become the second pillar of the CAP. The Commission services, in close co-operation with Member States, have defined a list of indicators, which address the three main objectives for rural development policy: improve competitiveness of agriculture and forestry; improve environment; enhance the quality of life in rural areas and promote diversification of economic activities through measures targeting the farm sector and other rural actors. Eurostat undertakes the compilation of the statistics focussing mainly on indicators targeting the issue 'enhance the quality of life in rural areas', based entirely on data already available either in Member States or in Eurostat. In addition, Eurostat works with other Commission services and Member States to develop new indicators of rural development within the EU.

In 2007 the Commission proposed a more integrated approach to the development of maritime policy across the EU (COM(2007) 575). One of the key actions defined in the proposal is the improvement of socio-economic data on the maritime economy especially in coastal regions. Good quality information is required to monitor and assess the EU maritime policy and its programmes, to provide contextual information for sustainable coastal and ocean development, and to understand the linkages between socio-economic activities and the environment. In consultation with other Commission services, Eurostat manages the development of a harmonised statistical database that brings together relevant regional and national statistics from different statistical domains.

Key priorities 2008

Rural development data will be integrated into the data base and validated. Further efforts will be made to collect information from the Member States that were missing from the first data collection exercise. The results from the first data collection will be disseminated and the list of indicators will be amended in the light of the experience of the first data collection exercise. A regular data collection exercise will be implemented with the lowest response burden possible for Member States and maximum use will be made of existing data sources. The use of the OECD definition of rural areas, which takes into account commuting time to the next urban centre, will be tested and further indicators will be discussed in close co-operation with DG AGRI and DG REGIO.

The external integrated socio-economic database for maritime statistics, developed in 2008, will be transferred into a Commission production environment and a regular cycle of data compilation will be implemented. The database will be used to produce statistical publications on maritime activities and coastal areas and will be developed further in consultation with the requirements of the Commission services.

Module 4.08.01 Rural Development statistics

Responsible unit: **E-1: Agriculture statistics: methodology**
Contact person: Johan SELENIUS, Tel: +352 4301 37322

1. Module Description

Provide the European Union with high quality statistical information in the field of rural development. Development work covering the collection of appropriate statistics (social, demographic, economic, etc.) to evaluate the sustainable development of rural areas.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 of 20 September 2005, on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)
OJ L 277, 21.10.2005

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

Those already existing in the existing data methodologies related to rural zones.

5. International Cooperation

A task force has been created at the level of the UNECE/FAO/OECD Interservice working group in agricultural statistics.

DOMAIN 5 – Multi-domain statistics

Theme 5.01 Statistics for business cycle analysis

Description

With EMU now in full operation, the availability of an effective system of business cycle statistics is a major priority and a medium/long-term goal for Eurostat in order to provide a high-quality service to Commission economists and to the European Central Bank's policy-makers who have to monitor the cyclical situation in the euro area, in the European Union as a whole and in major economic partner countries. The ability to carry out reliable business cycle analysis, to forecast economic behaviour and to design effective economic and monetary policies strongly depends on the availability and quality of infra-annual statistics, including financial statistics. Eurostat will continue its work to further improve the quality and the coverage of Principal European Economic Indicators (PEEIs, COMM/2002/661).

Traditional compilation approaches will be augmented by means of sophisticated statistical and econometric techniques in order to increase the timeliness, length, frequency and reliability of PEEIs. A Eurostat objective will be to approach the benchmark of performance of the US short-term statistical system in terms of both timeliness and coverage/length. Eurostat will also define and ensure continuous follow-up of a set of production guidelines to increase the harmonisation and comparability of PEEIs. Finally, Eurostat will increase data readability and interpretability by supplying analysts, economists and policy-makers with sophisticated statistical analysis. Eurostat will also invest in the definition and maintenance of a statistical framework for the assessment of the cyclical situation in the euro area, European Union and Member States.

Key priorities 2008

The work in 2008 will focus on monitoring and supplying a set of high-quality short-term indicators (Euroindicators module) in a user-friendly environment in order to facilitate data comparison and analysis, thus making them a prime source for EU/EMU short-term statistics (Euro-indicators/PEEIs special topic). In addition, Eurostat will enhance its capacity in the statistical analysis of the European business cycle (Eurotrend module) and strengthen the cooperation of all bodies involved in business cycle statistics (data producers, compilers of indicators, analysts, research institutes and academics), thus fostering synergies and quality of output. The work on PEEIs and Euroindicators is closely coordinated within Eurostat and thus also with Eurostat working groups.

Key priorities in 2008 will be: (1) integrating traditional methods with more sophisticated econometric techniques, i.e. in the field of flash estimates and back-calculation of Principal European Economic Indicators; (2) strengthening harmonisation by means of definition and implementation of guidelines for the compilation of short-term statistics; (3) defining, also in cooperation with institutional bodies, a comprehensive statistical framework for euro area and European Union business cycle analysis to facilitate real-time economic assessment by economists, policy- and decision-makers; (4) closely monitoring and assessing Principal European Economic Indicators using standard quality reporting techniques adapted to short-term statistics.

Module 5.01.01 Euroindicators

Responsible unit: **D-1: Key indicators for European policies**
Contact person: Rosa RUGGERI CANNATA, Tel: +352 4301 34397

1. Module Description

Statistical indicators for the euro area are needed to provide a useful quantitative perception framework for the business cycle to facilitate public and private decision making and the work of business cycle analysts. Eurostat's Euro-Indicators/PEEIs special topic tries to pull together business cycle relevant information from throughout the European Statistical System (ESS) and present it in adequate form to the business cycle analysts in Finance Ministries and Central Banks and to the analysts' community as a whole: advisers, scientists, media, etc.

2. Legal Basis

Other basis:

- Communication of the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on Eurozone statistics "towards improved methodologies for Eurozone statistics and indicators" (COM/2002/0661 final)

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

See at: <http://www.ec.europa.eu/euroindicators>

5. International Cooperation

OECD, IMF, EFTA.

Module 5.01.02 Eurotrend – Improvement of PEEIs

Responsible unit: **D-1: Key indicators for European policies**
Contact person: Gian Luigi MAZZI, Tel: +352 4301 34351

1. Module Description

Principal European Economic Indicators (PEEIs) still present some gaps in terms of availability, timeliness and length with respect to US similar indicators. The Eurotrend module intends to develop statistical and econometric tools to fill such gaps; in more details it aims at developing flash estimates, back-calculation and estimation of high frequency macroeconomic indicators. Moreover Eurotrend activities will deal with the creation of a European framework for business cycle analysis. Finally it will foster further European Statistical System harmonisation for PEEIs in key areas such as seasonal adjustment, revision and estimation policies.

2. Legal Basis

None

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

See at: <http://www.ec.europa.eu/euroindicators>

5. International Cooperation

None

Theme 5.02 Lisbon strategy and sustainable development

Description

Key policy areas likely to shape the development of the European Union in the coming years include, among other things, two overarching and complementary strategies: whilst the goal of the Lisbon Strategy is for the EU to "become the most competitive and dynamic knowledge-based economy in the world capable of sustainable economic growth with more and better jobs and greater social cohesion", the sustainable development strategy (SDS) concerns the continuous improvement of quality of life, both for current and for future generations, through reconciliation of economic development, social cohesion and protection of the environment. Eurostat produces and disseminates indicators to monitor these two strategies: (i) the structural indicators (SIs), for the Lisbon strategy, are used to underpin the Commission's analysis in the annual progress report to the European Council, and (ii) the sustainable development indicators (SDIs) range across the multiple factors affecting quality of life, including environmental, social, economic and governance issues, and underpin the biannual monitoring report on the sustainable development strategy.

Those sets of indicators have been discussed and agreed at political level. Eurostat aims to continuously monitor, improve and review these indicators in order to be in line with evolving policy requirements.

Key priorities 2008

Eurostat will continue to maintain and improve the sets of SIs and SDIs, in terms of data availability and timeliness, in line with policy developments, with the support of the relevant Working Groups and other Commission departments. The already established SI set will be maintained to monitor the achievements of the evolving strategic objectives. As for the SDIs and following the 2007 review of the set of indicators, the main priority for 2008 will be to consolidate the new set, improving the availability and quality of the most relevant indicators. Eurostat will also investigate the possibility to develop new indicators, through work in the relevant technical working groups and the research community. Eurostat will also continue to improve dissemination of and communication on SIs and SDIs, in particular through the continuous improvement of the dedicated sections of the website, quality profiles, the preparation of the statistical contribution to the 2008 Lisbon annual progress report, and preliminary work on the 2009 SDS monitoring report.

Module 5.02.01 Structural indicators: production and dissemination

Responsible unit: **D-1: Key indicators for European policies**
Contact person: Wolfgang HAUSCHILD, Tel: +352 4301 32107

1. Module Description

The objective of the module is to provide high quality structural indicators and to compile structural indicators for the statistical annex of the Annual Progress Report of the Commission to the European Council, and their dissemination throughout the year.

2. Legal Basis

Other basis:

- For Structural Indicators: Lisbon European Council of 2000 and conclusions of other subsequent Councils available on: http://ec.europa.eu/growthandjobs/index_en.htm

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

None

5. International Cooperation

None

Module 5.02.02 Sustainable development indicators: production and dissemination

Responsible unit: **D-1: Key indicators for European policies**
Contact person: Pascal WOLFF, Tel: +352 4301 33660

1. Module Description

Provision of high quality indicators and statistical information necessary to monitor the implementation and support the communication on the EU Lisbon Strategy, of the EU sustainable development strategy and of other policies related to sustainable development.

2. Legal Basis

Other basis:

- European Council, document 10917/06 of 26 June 2006: "Review of the EU Sustainable Development Strategy (EU SDS) - Renewed Strategy". European Council conclusions of June 2006 on renewed sustainable development strategy

- Communication from Mr Almunia to the Members of the Commission - Sustainable Development Indicators to monitor the implementation of the EU Sustainable Development Strategy (SEC(2005) 161 final)

3. Data Requirements

No data collected under this module, but draws on many other areas of statistics, e.g. economic, social, environment, sectoral, as well as external sources.

4. Methodology

Methodology is described using the SDDS standard description for each indicator

5. International Cooperation

OECD, UNECE, UNCSD, UNSD, EEA.

Theme 5.03 Environment statistics and accounts

Description

The main objective of the work on environment statistics and accounts is to establish comprehensive, reliable and relevant statistics, accounts and indicators needed for developing, implementing and monitoring the Community's environmental policy, in particular the sixth Environment Action Programme (6th EAP), its thematic strategies and the environmental dimensions of the EU sustainable development strategy (SDS) and the Lisbon strategy. The four main policy areas identified by the 6th EAP are climate change; nature and biodiversity; environment and health and quality of life; natural resources and waste. The Treaties and subsequently the 6th EAP also emphasise the need to continue the process of integrating environmental concerns into all relevant policy areas and ensure better and more accessible information on the environment for policy-makers, businesses, the citizen and other stakeholders.

Work on the collection, validation and dissemination of environmental data and the development of indicators will be organised in the framework of the Environmental Data Centres (EDCs) for "Natural Resources", "Products" and "Waste" as agreed by the Group of 4 (Go4) in 2005. At international level, Eurostat actively contributes to the harmonisation of methodologies and statistics on the environment through the Intersecretariat Working Group on Environment Statistics (IWG-ENV) and in Environmental Accounts through the "London Group" and the UN Committee of Experts on Economic-Environmental Accounting (UNCEEA).

Key priorities 2008

The further development and smooth operation of the Eurostat EDCs is a key objective for 2008. Within this framework Eurostat will continue its contribution to the European Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) and efforts to improve statistics on the management of waste and natural resources, setting up an "information hub" on natural resources in the framework of the thematic strategy for resources, and to build up its capacities for monitoring the integrated product policy (IPP) and for developing indicators to measure the environmental impact of resource use. The IT infrastructures of the ten data centres will become increasingly interoperable in 2008, taking into account the relevant parts of the INSPIRE Directive, which is of particular relevance for environmental policy.

Beyond the data centre work, efforts will continue to provide core environmental statistics as a basis for environmental policy-making and to support the thematic strategies of the 6th environment action programme (EAP). Statistics and indicators on water, air, biodiversity, land use, forest and other important areas will be made available to support the European Environment Agency (EEA) and Joint Research Centre (JRC) as the responsible data centres in these areas. The focus of statistical work will be tailored to the concerns of partner DGs.

Other major issues to be further developed include environmental accounts, environmental expenditure, environmental taxes and subsidies, eco-industries, eco-innovation, and production of and trade in environmental goods and services and hazardous substances, in particular chemicals and plant protection products.

Support for major indicator initiatives and for horizontal work areas with a link to the environment will continue. Further development and streamlining of environmental indicators in close cooperation with the other data centre partners and DG Environment has high priority. The discussion on legal cover in core areas of environmental data collection currently based on "gentlemen's agreements" will also be continued.

Module 5.03.02 Statistics on waste and hazardous substances – Data Centre "Waste"

Responsible unit: **E-3: Environment statistics**
Contact person: Karin BLUMENTHAL, Tel: +352 4301 32308
 Wilhelmus KLOEK, Tel: +352 4301 34963

1. Module Description

The module on waste statistics comprises the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 2150/2002 on waste statistics (Generation, recovery and disposal of waste), the establishment and operation of the Environmental Data Centre "WASTE" and the development and maintenance of indicators on the production and management of waste to monitor Community policy on waste.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Regulation (EC) No 2150/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2002, on waste statistics
OJ L 332, 9.12.2002
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 574/2004 of 23 February 2004, amending Annexes I and III to Regulation (EC) No 2150/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste statistics
OJ L 90, 27.3.2004
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 783/2005 of 24 May 2005, amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 2150/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste statistics
OJ L 131, 25.5.2005
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 782/2005 of 24 May 2005, setting out the format for the transmission of results on waste statistics
OJ L 131, 25.5.2005
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1445/2005 of 5 September 2005, defining the proper quality evaluation criteria and the contents of the quality reports for waste statistics for the purposes of Regulation (EC) No 2150/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council
OJ L 229, 6.9.2005

Agreements:

- OECD members Agreement: Agreement with OECD on common data collection (since 1988)
- Technical Arrangement between DG ENV, ESTAT, JRC and EEA on Environmental Data Centres of 14 November 2005
- Agreement with Member States, Candidate Countries and EFTA countries in the annual environment statistics meetings on the separate annual data collection for the structural indicators

Other basis:

- Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and The Committee of the Regions - Taking sustainable use of resources forward - A Thematic Strategy on the prevention and recycling of waste {SEC(2005) 1681} {SEC(2005) 1682} (COM/2005/0666 final)

- General Framework, the Renewed EU Sustainable Development Strategy available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1998,66119021,1998_66292168&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL

- Sixth EU Environmental Action Programme, key area: Natural Resources and Waste, see at: <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/waste/strategy.htm>

3. Data Requirements

WASTE_GENER_A2: Waste Generation by waste category (EWC-Stat) and economic activities (NACE), amounts in 1000 tonnes per year

Timeliness: 540 days Periodicity: once in 2 years

WASTE_RECOV_A2: Waste Recovery total quantities of waste treated by waste category (EWC-Stat) and region (NUTS 1 level), in 1000 tonnes per year

Recovery (excluding energy recovery)

Timeliness: 540 days Periodicity: once in 2 years

WASTE_INCIN_A2: Waste Incineration total quantities of waste treated by waste category (EWC-Stat) and region (NUTS 1 level), in 1000 tonnes per year

Timeliness: 540 days Periodicity: once in 2 years

WASTE_DISPO_A2: Waste Disposal total quantities of waste treated by waste category (EWC-Stat) and region (NUTS 1 level), in 1000 tonnes per year

Disposal (other than incineration)

Timeliness: 540 days Periodicity: once in 2 years

WASTE_REGIO_A2: Waste Facilities - Number and capacity of recovery and disposal operations per region (NUTS2 level)

Timeliness: 540 days Periodicity: once in 2 years

Data collection for the structural indicators on municipal waste: municipal waste generated, landfilled and incinerated; the coverage of the municipal waste collection system

Timeliness: 330 days Periodicity: annually

In the framework of the Environmental Data Centre on waste all waste related information requirements by DG Environment will be collected via this Data Centre in Eurostat. The implementation of organisation of the information streams started in 2007 and will be gradually extended.

4. Methodology

- The Regulation on waste statistics: Article 3 and Annexes

- Data collection manual: Waste generation and treatment available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/pip/library?l=/wastesstatisticsregulat/manual_statistics

5. International Cooperation

OECD, UN, European Environment Agency, Basel Convention (UNEP), WCO.

5. International Cooperation

Common Questionnaire on water with OECD; air data from EEA.

Cooperation with other International Organisations (UNEP, OECD, UNSD, FAO, UNECE, ...) in the Subgroup on Water Statistics of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Environment Statistics (IWG-ENV).

Cooperation with DG ENV, DG JRC and the European Environment Agency (EEA) in the Framework of the Development of 'WISE', the Water Information System for Europe.

Cooperation with the European Water Data Centre hosted by the EEA.

Cooperation with the OECD, UN-SD, UNEP, FAO and UN/ECE in the framework of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Environment Statistics (IWG-ENV)

Module 5.03.04 Environmental accounts and environmental expenditure statistics – Data centres: "Natural Resources" and "Products"

Responsible unit: **E-3: Environmental statistics and accounts**
Contact person: Julio Cesar CABEÇA, Tel: +352 4301 33254

1. Module Description

Development of an integrated set of satellite accounts to analyse the interactions between the economy and the environment: Material Flow Accounts (MFA) / natural resources, NAMEA-air emissions, NAMEA-Energy, NAMEA-Water, NAMEA-Waste, statistics on environmental expenditure, taxes, and eco-industries. Implementation and operation of the Environmental Data Centres for "Natural Resources" and "Products (Integrated Products Policy – IPP)".

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 of 20 December 1996, concerning structural business statistics
OJ L 14, 17.1.1997
- Decision No 2179/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 September 1998, on the review of the European Community programme of policy and action in relation to the environment and sustainable development "Towards sustainability"
OJ L 275, 10.10.1998
- Decision No 1578/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2007 on the Community Statistical Programme 2008 to 2012 (text with EEA relevance)
OJ L 344, 28.12.2007, p. 15-43

Other basis:

- Sixth EU Environmental Action Programme, key area: Natural Resources
- Mid-term review of 6th EU Environmental Action Programme
- Memorandum of understanding between EEA, JRC, DG ENV and Eurostat on the creation of Data Centres (2005) available on: <http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/envirmeet/library?l=/directorsmeeting>
- Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social committee and the Committee of the Regions - Thematic Strategy on the sustainable use of natural resources {SEC(2005) 1683} {SEC(2005) 1684} (COM/2005/0670 final)
- Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament - Directions for the EU on Environmental Indicators and Green National Accounting - The Integration of Environmental and Economic Information Systems (COM/94/670 final)

3. Data Requirements

Environment Expenditure Statistics are collected on the basis of a joint OECD/ Eurostat questionnaire. For each module of environmental accounts, data are collected on the basis of standard tables, to be provided on a voluntary basis.

4. Methodology

- Integrated System of Environmental and Economic Accounting 2003 (SEEA 2003) - published by the United Nations, European Commission (Eurostat), International Monetary Fund, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, and World Bank.

EU methodologies are partly available, or are still being developed based on UN recommendation "System of Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting (SEEA)".

- SERIEE Manual

- EU methodologies have been developed and handbooks produced in areas such as NAMEA-Air emissions, forest accounting, environmental expenditure accounts, environmental taxes or material flow accounts.

5. International Cooperation

OECD, EEA, UNSD. Work co-ordinated with UNCEEA (United Nations Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounts), the London Group on Economic Accounts, and OECD as well as the European Environment Agency.

4. Methodology

As defined in the questionnaires

5. International Cooperation

Integrated Reporting: OECD, UN.

Medstat: UN, European Environment Agency.

Theme 5.04 Regional and urban statistics

Description

One of the key aspects of building the European Union is the correction of social and regional imbalances. This is the primary objective of the Structural Funds. Since their reform in 1988, the Commission has put in place an integrated policy for social and economic cohesion within which regional statistics play an essential role in the decision implementation process: eligibility of zones under regional objectives is defined on the basis of socio-economic criteria with respect to certain thresholds; financial allocations to Member States are decided objectively on the basis of statistical indicators. In addition, evaluation of the impact of Community policies at regional level and the quantification of regional disparities are possible only with access to extensive regional- and urban-based statistics.

A number of departments within the Commission make use of data at the municipality level for the drafting, implementation and evaluation of the policies for which they are responsible, in particular regional, competition and agricultural policy. The nomenclature for local administrative units is a core item for the Commission's spatial infrastructure.

Key priorities 2008

A significant proportion of the human resources allocated to this theme is primarily involved in the regular collection, validation and dissemination of regional indicators across a wide variety of domains (cf. Eurostat reference guide 2007). The primary client for this production is DG REGIO, although the data is also used by many other Commission and external users.

The changes to the NUTS regional classification were adopted in 2006 according to the provisions of the Regulation. In 2007 the groundwork for the delivery of retrospective data was completed for those Member States where changes have been made to the regional classification. This information will be introduced on 1 January 2008, as required by the Regulation. Thus 2008 will require the re-basing of all statistical domains with a regional component and the loading of validated retrospective data, revised where necessary.

The first follow-up production cycle to the Urban Audit exercise will have been completed in 2007 based on an assessment of the requirements agreed with the relevant unit in DG REGIO. In 2008 a more in-depth analysis can be undertaken on the basis of consolidated data.

Finally, based on an analysis of needs and opportunities carried out in 2007, a limited number of new development projects for regional data in key policy areas will be evaluated and authorised for development if appropriate in 2008.

Local (municipality) nomenclature is the basic link between geographic and statistical information. A limited range of statistical data, basically from the population and housing census, will be available to allow aggregation to functional and non-administrative regions which are not part of the NUTS system. The bulk of this work is concerned with the production tasks to make data available to the users. This primarily concerns the updating of the data following the reference base created by the year 2002 census round. The main users are managers of study or development projects (both internal and external) dealing with various aspects of regional infrastructure.

Module 5.04.01 Regional indicators

Responsible unit: **D-2: Regional indicators and geographical information**
Contact person: Berthold FELDMANN, Tel: +352 4301 34401

1. Module Description

Coordination of regional statistics production and publication with DG REGIO. Management of current statistics on employment at regional level for EU Member States and Candidate Countries. Calculation of comparable regional unemployment rates (including long term unemployment) at NUTS level 2 and 3. Management and data collection of the basic statistics at regional level (Population, Migration, Agriculture, Regional SBS, Transport, Science and Technology, Tourism at regional level, Health, Education). Management of the database REGIO (EU, Accession and Candidate Countries). Production of the Regional Yearbook with comments maps and graphs.

2. Legal Basis

Related to each specific sector (see below)

3. Data Requirements

Related to each specific sector (see below)

4. Methodology

Related to the specific sector (see below)

5. International Cooperation

Related to the specific sector (see below)

a) Regional labour market statistics

Contact person: Pedro Jorge MARTINS FERREIRA, Tel: +352 4301 37851
Sylvain JOUHETTE (Data collection and methodology), Tel: 34290

Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 2081/93 of 20 July 1993, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 on the tasks of the Structural Funds and their effectiveness and on coordination of their activities between themselves and with the operations of the EIB and the other existing financial instruments
OJ L 193, 31.7.1993

Agreements:

- Member States Agreement of 1983, Delivery of registered unemployment persons, NUTS 3 level

Other basis:

- "European regional and urban statistics" (2007 Edition) available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-RA-07-005

Data Requirements

Regional labour market data (anonymised personal data)

Methodology

For NUTS level 2 data under the responsibility of unit F2

For NUTS level 3 data under the responsibility of unit D2

International Cooperation

ILO

b) Regional agricultural statistics

Contact person: Teodóra BRANDMÜLLER, Tel: +352 4301 32927

Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 837/90 of 26 March 1990, concerning statistical information to be supplied by the Member States on cereals production
OJ L 88, 3.4.1990
- Council Regulation (EEC) No 571/88 of 29 February 1988, on the organization of Community surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings between 1988 and 1997
OJ L 56, 2.3.1988
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1444/2002 of 24 July 2002, amending Commission Decision 2000/115/EC relating to the definitions of the characteristics, the exceptions to the definitions and the regions and districts regarding the surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings
OJ L 216, 12.8.2002
- Commission Decision No 2000/115/EC of 24 November 1999, relating to the definitions of the characteristics, the list of agricultural products, the exceptions to the definitions and the regions and districts regarding the surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings
OJ L 38, 12.2.2000
- Commission Decision No 97/418/EC of 19 June 1997, amending Annex I of Decision No 89/651/EEC relating to the definitions of the characteristics and to the list of agricultural products regarding the surveys on the structure of agricultural holding
OJ L 177, 5.7.1997
- Commission Decision No 96/170/EC of 15 February 1996, adapting Annex I of Council Regulation (EEC) No 571/88 on the organization of Community surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings between 1988 and 1997 and Commission Decision No 89/651/EEC relating to the definitions of the characteristics and to the list of agricultural products for these surveys
OJ L 47, 24.2.1996
- Commission Decision No 89/651/EEC of 26 October 1989, relating to the definitions of the characteristics and to the list of agricultural products for the surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings during the period 1988 to 1997
OJ L 391, 30.12.1989
- Council Regulation (EC) No 2467/96 of 17 December 1996, amending Regulation (EEC) No 571/88 on the organization of Community surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings
OJ L 335, 24.12.1996
- Directive 2003/107/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 December 2003, amending Council Directive 96/16/EC on statistical surveys of milk and milk products
OJ L 7, 13.1.2004
- Council Regulation (EEC) No 959/93 of 5 April 1993, concerning statistical information to be supplied by Member States on crop products other than cereals
OJ L 98, 24.4.1993
- Council Directive No 93/23/EEC of 1 June 1993, on the statistical surveys to be carried out on pig production
OJ L 149, 21.6.1993

- Commission Decision No 2004/760/EC of 26 October 2004, laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Directive 93/23/EEC as regards the statistical surveys on pig population and production
OJ L 337, 13.11.2004

- Council Directive No 93/24/EEC of 1 June 1993, on the statistical surveys to be carried out on bovine animal production
OJ L 149, 21.6.1993

- Commission Decision No 2004/761/EC of 26 October 2004, laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Directive 93/24/EEC as regards the statistical surveys on cattle population and production
OJ L 337, 13.11.2004

- Council Directive No 93/25/EEC of 1 June 1993, on the statistical surveys to be carried out on sheep and goat stocks
OJ L 149, 21.6.1993

- Commission Decision No 2004/747/EC of 26 October 2004, laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Directive 93/25/EEC on the statistical surveys to be carried out on sheep and goat stocks
OJ L 329, 4.11.2004, p. 14–19

- Council Directive 96/16/EC of 19 March 1996, on statistical surveys of milk and milk products
OJ L 78, 28.3.1996, p. 27–29

Other basis:

- "European regional and urban statistics" (2007 Edition) available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-RA-07-005

Data Requirements

Agricultural Accounts at Regional Level - Annual

Animal Populations at Regional Level

Crop Production at Regional Level Annual

Land Use at Regional Level Annual

Methodology

None

International Cooperation

None

c) Regional business statistics

Contact person: Pedro Jorge MARTINS FERREIRA, Tel: +352 4301 37851
Petra SNEIJERS (Data collection and methodology), Tel: 35024

Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 of 20 December 1996, concerning structural business statistics
OJ L 14, 17.1.1997
- Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 410/98 of 16 February 1998, amending Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 concerning structural business statistics
OJ L 52, 21.2.1998
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 2702/98 of 17 December 1998, concerning the technical format for the transmission of structural business statistics
OJ L 344, 18.12.1998
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 2701/98 of 17 December 1998, concerning the series of data to be produced for structural business statistics
OJ L 344, 18.12.1998
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 2700/98 of 17 December 1998, concerning the definitions of characteristics for structural business statistics
OJ L 344, 18.12.1998
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 2699/98 of 17 December 1998, concerning the derogations to be granted for structural business statistics
OJ L 344, 18.12.1998
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1225/1999 of 27 May 1999, concerning the definitions of characteristics for insurance services statistics
OJ L 154, 19.6.1999
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1228/1999 of 28 May 1999, concerning the series of data to be produced for insurance services statistics
OJ L 154, 19.6.1999
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1227/1999 of 28 May 1999, concerning the technical format for the transmission of insurance services statistics
OJ L 154, 19.6.1999
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1226/1999 of 28 May 1999, concerning the derogations to be granted for insurance services statistics
OJ L 154, 19.6.1999
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1618/1999 of 23 July 1999, concerning the criteria for the evaluation of quality of structural business statistics
OJ L 192, 24.7.1999
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1112/2001 of 6 June 2001, concerning derogations from the provisions of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 in respect of insurance services statistics
OJ L 151, 7.6.2001
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1614/2002 of 6 September 2002, adjusting Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 to economic and technical developments and amending Commission Regulations (EC) No 2700/98, (EC) No 2701/98 and (EC) No 2702/98

OJ L 244, 12.9.2002

- Regulation (EC) No 2056/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 November 2002, amending Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 concerning structural business statistics
OJ L 317, 21.11.2002

Other basis:

- "European regional and urban statistics" (2007 Edition) available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-RA-07-005

Data Requirements

SBS data at NUTS level 2

Methodology

- CIRCA web-site: Business Methods. Especially the following publications
- Business Sources: collection of information concerning national methodologies. Publications available on request from Ms. Petra SNEIJERS
- Methodological manual for Insurance Services statistics - December 2000
- Methodological manual for Credit institutions statistics - October 2000

International Cooperation

OECD, UNECE, Voorburg Group, a number of other international bodies.

d) Transport statistics

Contact person: Pedro Jorge MARTINS FERREIRA, Tel: +352 4301 37851
Anna BIALAS-MOTYL (Data collection and methodology), Tel: 36407

Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 1108/70 of 4 June 1970, introducing an accounting system for expenditure on infrastructure in respect of transport by rail, road and inland waterways
OJ L 130, 15.6.1970
- Council Directive No 80/1119/EEC of 17 November 1980, on statistical returns in respect of carriage of goods by inland waterways
OJ L 339, 15.12.1980
- Council Directive No 80/1177/EEC of 4 December 1980, on statistical returns respect of carriage of goods by rail, as part of regional statistics
OJ L 350, 23.12.1980
- Council Decision No 93/704/EC of 30 November 1993, on the creation of a community database on road accidents
OJ L 329, 30.12.1993
- Council Directive No 95/64/EC of 8 December 1995, on statistical returns in respect of carriage of goods and passengers by sea
OJ L 320, 30.12.1995
- Council Regulation No 1172/98/EC of 25 May 1998, on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of goods by road
OJ L 163, 6.6.1998

Other basis:

- "European regional and urban statistics" (2007 Edition) available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-RA-07-005
- Draft Council Regulation on statistical returns in respect of carriage of passengers, freight and mail by air (CNS 95/0232)

Data Requirements

Regional transport infrastructure data (road, rail, sea, air), statistics on road accidents

Methodology

Glossary for transport statistics. Document prepared by the Intersecretariat Working Group on transport statistics.

International Cooperation

None

e) Regional environment statistics

Contact person: Pedro Jorge MARTINS FERREIRA, Tel: +352 4301 37851
Jürgen FÖRSTER (Data collection and methodology), Tel: 36062

Legal Basis

Other basis:

- The Sixth Community Environment Action Programme 'Environment 2010: Our future, Our choice' (Decision No 1600/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 July)

Data Requirements

NUTS2 regional statistics on waste, wastewater and water

Periodicity: irregular

Methodology

- 2003 OECD/Eurostat Regional Environment Statistics Joint Questionnaire

- 2006 OECD/Eurostat Joint Questionnaire on the Environment

International Cooperation

OECD, EEA, UNSD.

f) Science and technology

Contact person: Pedro Jorge MARTINS FERREIRA, Tel: +352 4301 37851
Bernard FELIX (Data collection and methodology), Tel: 38090

Legal Basis

Agreements:

- Member States Agreement of 01/01/1990,
General framework

Comments: Agreement's description:- provision to Eurostat of the GBAORD and the R&D data by region (NUTS2)- All other R&D data are available at OECD and could be used by Eurostat- Member States apply the community methodology for the development of their statistics - Member States attend all our WPM on R&D and Innovation statistics- Member States participate to methodological development work like for the Community Innovation Survey - Member States participate to the Community Innovation Survey, send individual data and submit a report to Eurostat.- The European Commission might fund part of the cost of CIS.

Other basis:

- "European regional and urban statistics" (2007 Edition) available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-RA-07-005

Data Requirements

Regional data on patents, R&D expenditure and staff

Methodology

- Regional manual - Regional dimension of R&D and Innovation statistics
- Frascati manual - Proposed standard practice for surveys of R&D

International Cooperation

None

g) Tourism statistics at regional level

Contact person: Pedro Jorge MARTINS FERREIRA, Tel: +352 4301 37851
Ulrich SPÖREL (Data collection and methodology), Tel: 38077

Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Directive No 95/57/EC of 23 November 1995, on collection of statistical information in the field of tourism
OJ L 291, 6.12.1995

- Commission Decision No 1999/35/EC of 9 December 1998, on the procedures for implementing Council Directive 95/57/EC on the collection of statistical information in the field of tourism
OJ L 9, 15.1.1999

- Commission Decision No 2004/883/EC of 10 December 2004, adjusting the Annex to Council Directive 95/57/EC on the collection of statistical information in the field of tourism as regards country lists
OJ L 373, 21.12.2004

Other basis:

- "European regional and urban statistics" (2007 Edition) available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-RA-07-005

Data Requirements

Regional data on overnight stays of tourists, infrastructure data (number of beds)

Methodology

- "Eurostat Tourism Statistics. Data Transmission Compendium", December 2000, Unit D1

International Cooperation

None

h) Health

Contact person: Pedro Jorge MARTINS FERREIRA, Tel: +352 4301 37851
Sabine GAGEL (Data collection and methodology), Tel: 36734

Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Decision No 1400/97/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 June 1997, adopting a programme of Community action on health monitoring within the framework for action in the field of public health (1997-2001)
OJ L 193, 22.7.1997

- Decision No 1786/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2002, adopting a programme of Community action in the field of public health (2003-2008)
OJ L 271, 9.10.2002

Agreements:

- Eurostat Working Group on Public health Agreement of 01/01/1998, On Public Health statistics.
Comments: Title/subject: Public Health statistics. Compilation of statistics on public health is done on a 'gentlemen's agreement' basis mainly through decisions taken at the Eurostat Working Group on Public health. At regular intervals the SPC is informed on the work on public health statistics achieved through the Partnership on Health Statistics (which replaced the LEG Health in 2003) and the SPC is asked for advice/approval;

General information (description): Causes of death statistics (CoD), Health care statistics (CARE), Health Interview survey data (HIS);

Time of obligation and periodicity: continuous: for CoD and CARE: 1x/year; limited (start and end date): for HIS; selected items from national HIS: once in 1998, second round 2004; harmonised European Health Interview Survey to be carried out 2007/08, then every 5 years. Minimum European Health Module (MEHM) and some questions on unmet needs of health care collected via SILC (starting with data year 2005);

Publication: in TF and/or WG documents;

Participant countries: 27 EU, CH, NO and IS;

Official data providers: NSIs and/or Ministries of Health and/or Institute of Public Health.

Other basis:

- "European regional and urban statistics" (2007 Edition) available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-RA-07-005

Data Requirements

Regional health care non-expenditure data (number of doctors, dentists, nurses, pharmacists, physiotherapists; hospital beds, hospital discharges); causes of death data.

Methodology

- For CoD: data collection according to list of 65 causes

- For CARE (non-expenditure data): data collection on health care personnel, on hospital beds and on hospital discharges

International Cooperation

OECD, WHO.

i) Education

Contact person: Pedro Jorge MARTINS FERREIRA, Tel: +352 4301 37851
Lene MEJER (Data collection and methodology), Tel: 35423

Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Resolution of 5 December 1994, on the promotion of education and training statistics in the European Union
OJ C 374, 30.12.1994

Agreements:

- Member States Agreement of 1995, On education and training statistics.
Comments: Education and training statistics - Working Group Decision;
Time of obligation: continuous;
Periodicity: annual;
Participant countries: EU;
Official data providers: NSIs + Ministries of Education.

Other basis:

- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the production and development of statistics on education and lifelong learning (COM/2005/0625 final)

- "European regional and urban statistics" (2007 Edition) available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-RA-07-005

Data Requirements

Data on enrolments in education by educational level and gender (UOE collection). Educational attainment and lifelong learning (training) (EU-LFS).

Methodology

- Administrative data: Regional data on participation in education are collected through the UOE data collection (Eurostat specific tables)

- Household data: Regional data on educational attainment and participation in education & training are collected through the LFS

International Cooperation

UNESCO, OECD.

j) Regional demography and migration statistics

Contact person: Torbiörn CARLQUIST, Tel: +352 4301 35453
Giampaolo LANZIERI (Data collection and methodology), Tel: 35336

Legal Basis

Other basis:

- Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 July 2007 on Community statistics on migration and international protection and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 311/76 on the compilation of statistics on foreign workers
OJ L 199, 31.7.2007

- Guidelines and Table programme for the Community Programme of Population and Housing Census in 2001. Vol II" Table Programme

http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/regstat/library?l=/local_territorial&vm=detailed&sb=Title

- Recommendations for a harmonised definition of calculation of surface area of territorial units (Eurostat 1999) available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/regstat/library?l=/surface_area&vm=detailed&sb=Title

- Questionnaire on Annual regional demographic data at NUTS2 level (unless stated differently)

- "European regional and urban statistics" (2007 Edition) available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-RA-07-005

Data Requirements

Regional population and migration data

Methodology

None

International Cooperation

None

Module 5.04.02 Development of regional indicators

Responsible unit: **D-2: Regional indicators and geographical information**
Contact person: Berthold FELDMANN, Tel: +352 4301 34401

1. Module Description

Coordination of Regional Statistics developments to meet policy needs across Eurostat in liaison with Brussels departments (notably DG REGIO). Publication of manuals on the methods and concepts. Development of dissemination products to take account of technical and policy changes in the dissemination environment. Assure high quality Structural Indicators.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 of 11 July 2006, laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999
OJ L 210, 31.7.2006

Other basis:

- "European regional and urban statistics" (2007 Edition) available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-RA-07-005

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

None

5. International Cooperation

OECD

Module 5.04.03 Urban statistics

Responsible unit: **D-2: Regional indicators and geographical information**
Contact person: Teodóra BRANDMÜLLER, Tel: +352 4301 32927

1. Module Description

Update at 3 yearly intervals the database of statistics of urban agglomerations, covering the core city, large urban zones and sub-city districts (Urban Audit data). Progressive development of methodologies and production tools. Follow-up of international work on collecting urban statistics.

2. Legal Basis

Other basis:

- "Urban Audit Methodological Handbook" (2004 Edition) available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-BD-04-002
- "Urban Audit Glossary" (detailed variable definition): obtainable on request

- "European regional and urban statistics" (2007 Edition) available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-RA-07-005

3. Data Requirements

Over 300 variables to measure the quality of life in cities

4. Methodology

Urban Audit Reference Guide - Data 2003-2004
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KS-RA-07-016/EN/KS-RA-07-016-EN.PDF

5. International Cooperation

OECD on the definition of metropolitan areas

Module 5.04.04 Infra-regional information system (SIRE)

Responsible unit: **D-2: Regional indicators and geographical information**
Contact person: Torbiörn CARLQUIST, Tel: +352 4301 35453

1. Module Description

Management and update of an information system containing the regional nomenclature down to the commune level as well as a limited number of statistical variables from the population censuses. Link-up with the geographical information system of the Commission (GISCO). Management of changes in the Local Administrative Units (LAU).

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 May 2003, on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS)
OJ L 154, 21.6.2003
- Regulation (EC) No 1888/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 October 2005, amending Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) by reason of the accession of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia to the European Union
OJ L 309, 25.11.2005
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 105/2007 of 1 February 2007, amending the annexes to Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS)
OJ L 39, 10.2.2007, p. 1-37
- Regulation (EC) No 176/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 February 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) by reason of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union
OJ L 61, 5.3.2008, p. 1-5
- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on population and housing censuses (COM/2007/0069 final - COD 2007/0032)
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:52007PC0069:EN:NOT>

Other basis:

- Guidelines and Table programme for the Community Programme of Population and Housing Census in 2001. Vol II" Table Programme (tables 38-40 are of relevance for the SIRE database)
http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/regstat/library?l=/local_territorial&vm=detailed&sb=Title

3. Data Requirements

Data at the local level from population and housing census (or similar data) every 10 years.
List of LAU with NUTS 3 codes once a year.

4. Methodology

- Information about LAU (Local Administrative Units) available on:
http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nuts/lau_en.html
- Guidelines and Table programme for the Community Programme of Population and Housing Census in 2001. Vol. II: Table Programme (tables 38-40 are of relevance for the SIRE data base)
http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/regstat/library?l=/local_territorial&vm=detailed&sb=Title

- Recommendations for a harmonised definition of calculation of surface area of territorial units (Eurostat 1999) available on:

http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/regstat/library?!=/surface_area&vm=detailed&sb=Title

- "European regional and urban statistics" (2007 Edition) available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-RA-07-005

- "European regional and urban statistics" (2008 Edition) is under preparation in spring 2008.

5. International Cooperation

None

Module 5.04.05 Management of the NUTS classification

Responsible unit: **D-2: Regional indicators and geographical information**
Contact person: Torbiörn CARLQUIST, Tel: +352 4301 35453

1. Module Description

Maintenance of the regional classification NUTS and of statistical territorial nomenclatures of Candidate Countries. Supervision of the NUTS amendments according to the NUTS Regulation every 3 years.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 May 2003, on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS)
OJ L 154, 21.6.2003

- Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 of 11 July 2006, laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999
OJ L 210, 31.7.2006

- Regulation (EC) No 1888/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 October 2005, amending Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) by reason of the accession of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia to the European Union
OJ L 309, 25.11.2005

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 105/2007 of 1 February 2007, amending the annexes to Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS)
OJ L 39, 10.2.2007, p. 1-37

- Regulation (EC) No 176/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 February 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) by reason of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union
OJ L 61, 5.3.2008, p. 1-5

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 11/2008 of 8 January 2008, implementing Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) on the transmission of the time series for the new regional breakdown
OJ L 5, 9.1.2008, p. 13-14

Other basis:

- Publication: Regions in the European Union NUTS 2006/EU27 see at:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-RA-07-020

- Publication: Statistical regions for the EFTA countries and the Candidate countries 2008, see at:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-RA-07-023

- "European regional and urban statistics" (2008 Edition) available on:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-RA-07-024

- Information about NUTS available on: <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nuts/>

3. Data Requirements

List of LAU with NUTS 3 codes once a year.

4. Methodology

See at: <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nuts/>

5. International Cooperation

None

Theme 5.05 Geographical and local information

Description

A large number of departments within the Commission make use of geographical information systems for the drafting, implementation and evaluation of the policies for which they are responsible. This trend will become increasingly evident in the next few years as technology advances and data become more extensively available. Eurostat, as manager of the Commission's reference database, must meet this challenge.

Key priorities 2008

Geographic information has become a key information requirement for the establishment and follow-up of a growing range of Community policies. The launch in 2004 of the INSPIRE legal act, which was adopted in 2007, is a critical step forward in meeting this requirement in a systematic way. In 2008, Eurostat will continue to act as an ongoing internal reference point within Eurostat itself and as a coordinator within the Commission in terms of information and geographic information systems. In addition to this essentially production task (which covers the maintenance and addition of GI coverage), there will be a need to continue progressively developing the technical environment to render it compatible with INSPIRE requirements.

Eurostat, in association with DG JRC and DG ENV, will continue to support the implementation of INSPIRE following the adoption of the Directive. This not only covers infrastructure and drafting of specific regulations as envisaged in the programme of work contained in the INSPIRE financial statement, but also the initiation of operational and decision-making support (in particular the continuing work of the INSPIRE Committee).

Module 5.05.01 Geographical information system (GISCO)

Responsible unit: **D-2: Regional indicators and geographical information**
Contact person: Daniele RIZZI, Tel: +352 4301 38201

1. Module Description

Management, update and extension of the geographical reference database of the Commission (basic topographical and thematic information covering the EU and Pan-Europe). Link-up with statistical databases (SIRE, REGIO, etc.) and with other data sources. Dissemination of geographical data. Modernisation of the GISCO reference database architecture towards an on-line database service. Creation of Intranet/Internet map services combining statistical and geographical information. Promotion of the co-operation between National Statistical Institutes and National Mapping Agencies. Promotion of the geo-referencing of statistical data inside the European Statistical System.

2. Legal Basis

None

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

- The work is carried out on the request of DGs AGRI, TREN, EAC, ENV, FISH, SANCO; high priority
- GISCO concerns the management of a geographical reference database for the Commission

5. International Cooperation

UN, European Environment Agency.

Module 5.05.02 INSPIRE

Responsible unit: **D-2: Regional indicators and geographical information**
Contact person: Daniele RIZZI, Tel: +352 4301 38201

1. Module Description

Eurostat, together with DG Environment and the Joint Research Centre, is involved in the implementation of the INSPIRE Directive which entered into force on 15 May 2007. The cooperation with DG Environment and the JRC for the transposition and implementation of INSPIRE is based on a detailed work programme, whose last version was agreed between the three operational services in May 2007. This work programme contains a detailed set of actions necessary to get to the definition of INSPIRE technical regulations through a bottom-up process implicating European stakeholders from the GI data producer and user communities. In particular, it defines a process where Eurostat and JRC are directly responsible for running 5 working groups aiming at defining the 5 INSPIRE Implementing Rules (Metadata, Data Specifications and Network Services for the JRC, Monitoring & Reporting and Data & Service Sharing for Eurostat).

Eurostat is also responsible for the INSPIRE Committee and is the overall implementation coordinator for INSPIRE. This includes the coordination of the activities necessary to implement INSPIRE within the Commission, through the existing Interservice Committee for Geographic Information (COGI), for which Eurostat has the chairmanship.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts

- Directive No 2007/2/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 March 2007 establishing an Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the European Community (INSPIRE)
OJ-L 108, 25.4.2007

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

None

5. International Cooperation

UN, European Environmental Agency, International initiatives of Spatial Data Infrastructures (e.g. GSDI)

Theme 5.06 Science, technology and innovation

Description

Statistics on science, technology and innovation (STI statistics) mainly cover R&D statistics, including statistics on government budget appropriations and outlays on R&D (GBAORD), innovation statistics (based on the Community innovation surveys/CIS), patent statistics, statistics on human resources in science and technology (HRST statistics), statistics on the career development of doctorate holders (CDH statistics) and statistics on high-tech industries and knowledge-based services.

The activities to be undertaken in 2008 and beyond comprise data production and dissemination in the various domains based on the Commission Regulation on statistics on science and technology (No 753/2004) and the Commission Regulation on statistics on innovation (No 1450/2004). Methodological and development work will be carried out in the areas of R&D statistics (on metadata, data quality, better measuring the internationalisation of R&D, and the development of R&D data for National Accounts), the Community innovation surveys 2006 and 2008, patent statistics (better use of the raw database PATSTAT), CDH statistics (with first results to be produced) and HRST statistics (with better recording of mobility issues). The contents of and reactions to the Commission report on the implementation and further development of STI statistics to be adopted in 2007 will be taken into consideration in this respect. This refers in particular to the envisaged revision of the two Commission Regulations (Nos 753/2004 and 1450/2004) and to the evaluation and consolidation of CDH statistics.

Key priorities 2008

STI statistics are a priority activity also for 2008. The consolidation, quality improvement and further development already ongoing since the adoption of the two Commission Regulations Nos 753/2004 and 1450/2004 will continue. The relevance of the data, responding to strong user demand (mainly from DG RTD, ENTR and REGIO), will be further improved. Main priority actions for 2008 are: for R&D statistics, further improving data quality and better measuring the internationalisation of R&D; for innovation statistics, definition of the CIS 2008, better micro-data use and improvement of CIS micro-data access; for patent statistics, better use of the PATSTAT patent raw database; for CDH statistics, first broader data production and project consolidation; and for statistics on high-tech industries and knowledge-based services, improvement of data quality and the addition of new data sources. Further improvement of the internal data production system (for tabulated and micro-data) as well as of the publication programme will also have to be achieved.

Module 5.06.01 Statistics on science and technology

Responsible unit: **F-4: Education, science and culture statistics**
Contact person: Bernard FELIX, Tel: +352 4301 38090

1. Module Description

Statistics on science and technology cover the R & D data collection as well as the work on Statistics on Human Resources in science and technology, statistics on high tech industries and knowledge based services and statistics on patents, based on the EP/Council Decision 1608/2003/EC and the subsequent Commission Regulations. This legislative framework puts in place several data collections: the collection on R & D statistics, the data compilation of Statistics on Human Resources in Science and Technology, the data collection of statistics on the Career Development of Doctorate Holders and the data compilation of data on high tech industries and knowledge based services, on Venture Capital Investments and on patents (based on PATSTAT coming from the European Patent Office). All these activities are accompanied by methodological manuals such as the Frascati and the Canberra Manual.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Decision No 1608/2003/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 July 2003, concerning the production and development of Community statistics on science and technology
OJ L 230, 16.9.2003

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 753/2004 of 22 April 2004, implementing Decision No 1608/2003/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards statistics on science and technology
OJ L 118, 23.4.2004

Agreements:

- Gentlemen's agreement for additional data collections if needed (e.g. on CDH statistics).
Documentation on the CDH statistics available on:
http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/rdi/library?l=/careers_doctorate&vm=detailed&sb=Title

Other basis:

- Member States apply the community methodology for the production of their statistics. More information available on: <http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/rdi/library>

3. Data Requirements

GBOARD-B: R&D, Gboard statistics (disseminated after 20 months)
Timeliness: 180, 360 Periodicity: B

HIGHTEC-B: Statistics in high tech industries and knowledge based services
Timeliness: 630 Periodicity: B

HRST-A: Human resources in science and technology
Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

PATENT-A: PATENT statistics
Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

BEN-IND-A: Benchmarking indicators
Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: A

RD_ST_N: regular data collection on R&D statistics
Timeliness: Periodicity:

4. Methodology

- Frascati manual
- Canberra manual
- Patent statistics manual
- NABS and FOS classification

5. International Cooperation

OECD, European Patent Office, UNESCO

Module 5.06.02 Statistics on innovation

Responsible unit: **F-4: Education, science and culture statistics**
Contact person: Sergiu Valentin PARVAN, Tel: +352 4301 34158

1. Module Description

Innovation statistics are related to the Community Innovation surveys and provide the only harmonised data source on innovation data in Europe. The module covers regular Community Innovation surveys based on the Commission Regulation 1450/2004. Data collections are organised on the base of the harmonised questionnaire and on the base of the harmonised survey methodology. The methodology is laid down in the Oslo manual.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Decision No 1608/2003/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 July 2003, concerning the production and development of Community statistics on science and technology OJ L 230, 16.9.2003
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1450/2004 of 13 August 2004, implementing Decision No 1608/2003/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the production and development of Community statistics on innovation OJ L 267, 14.8.2004

Other basis:

- Member States participate to methodological development work like for the elaboration of the CIS 2006 and additional pilot studies. More information available on: <http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/rdi/library>
- Member States apply the community methodology for the production of their statistics. More information available on: <http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/dsis/rdi/library>

3. Data Requirements

CIS_CIS4_32: Fourth Community Innovation Survey
Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: 2

CIS_CIS_32: Community Innovation Survey 2006
Timeliness: 540 Periodicity: 2

4. Methodology

- OSLO manual - Proposed guidelines for collecting and interpreting technological innovation data - ISBN 92-64-25464-1 - OECD and Eurostat.
See at: http://europa.eu/estatref/info/sdds/en/inn/inn_base.htm
- CIS4 questionnaire and methodology
- CIS 2006 questionnaire and methodology

5. International Cooperation

OECD

Theme 5.07 Information society

Description

Statistics on the information society are a vital basis for European policy-makers in order to follow the structural changes in the economy. The high political priority given to these statistics is demonstrated by the inclusion of indicators on the information society among the structural indicators, as well as the decision to monitor progress towards the i2010 goals through a system of benchmarking indicators. An important legal basis for action is the European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No 808/2004 concerning Community statistics on the information society and its annual implementing measures. That Regulation has provided a framework for developing a flexible system for collecting statistics on the information society. Cooperation with other international organisations will be reinforced to improve consistency of methods and indicators for better comparability of data at international level. New methodology (e.g. for measuring ICT expenditure and investment, ICT impact assessment by linking data from different sources, and other evolving means of electronic communications) will have to be implemented and current methodology improved in this rapidly changing area.

Key priorities 2008

Priority within information society statistics is attached to timely reporting of the benchmarking indicators linked to the i2010 strategy as well as of structural indicators. Substantial efforts will therefore be made to ensure the execution of Community surveys on ICT usage in enterprises and in households, as well as the validation and the publication of the results. In order to ensure timely reporting of the benchmarking indicators for the future, the measures implementing Regulation (EC) 808/2004 will be adapted for the 2009 and the 2010 survey wave. This work will be accompanied by an update of the methodological manual with recommended guidelines for the two surveys.

Methodological work will concentrate on indicators linked to the i2010 strategy that are not yet collected within the framework of Regulation (EC) 808/2004, particularly as regards theme 4 (impact) and theme 7 (impact of adoption of ICT by business).

In order to continue monitoring the implementation of the (revised) Postal Directive, the collection of data on postal services will be continued and adapted, if necessary.

INFOSOC_HH_A: Information Society Statistics - household survey
Timeliness: 180 Periodicity: A

COINS_TELCOM_A: Telecommunication Services-Annual
Timeliness: 10 Periodicity: A

4. Methodology

- Methodological Manual for statistics on the Information Society

- Business Methods available on:

[http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nomenclatures/index.cfm?TargetUrl=LST_NOM&StrGroupCode=L
EX_MANUAL&StrLanguageCode=EN](http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nomenclatures/index.cfm?TargetUrl=LST_NOM&StrGroupCode=L
EX_MANUAL&StrLanguageCode=EN)

Methodological works in progress:

Annual revisions of the questionnaire according to current developments in a TF and by written consultations; final discussions in March working group.

5. International Cooperation

OECD, ITU, UNECLAC, Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development

DOMAIN 6 – Support for statistical outputs

Theme 6.01 Statistical coordination and classifications

Description

Statistical coordination covers activities which facilitate and make the production and dissemination of statistics more efficient, and activities to coordinate and promote better use of accounting data for statistical purposes. The centralisation of statistical metadata and their dissemination is provided through the new version of Eurostat's metadata server (RAMON), which makes available statistical classifications and the relevant correspondence tables, statistical concepts and definitions, legal acts pertaining to statistics and methodological manuals.

The theme also covers the development, updating and implementation of a harmonised set of central statistical classifications such as the European Classification of Economic Activities (NACE), the Statistical Classification of Products by Activities (CPA) and the International Standard Classification on Occupations (ISCO) for the European Statistical System (ESS).

Key priorities 2008

Key priorities will be to ensure coordination of those statistical domains where more than one Directorate is involved, to keep the metadata server up-to-date and use it as a quality filter when adding new classifications, legal acts, concepts, definitions and methodological manuals, and to increase the number of correspondence tables between classifications.

Other priorities are coordination of the implementation of the revised classifications NACE Rev.2 and CPA 2008 in the statistical production process in Eurostat, including the support and monitoring of this implementation in National Statistical Institutes; coordination within the EU of the revision work of ISCO 08; updating and improvement of the integrated system of classification based on the revised NACE and CPA, and revision or contribution to the revision of related classifications (e.g. COFOG, COICOP).

Adoption of the combined nomenclature (CN) 2009 CN 2009, simplifying the CN and modernising the management tools for the CN are also among the main priorities for 2008.

Module 6.01.02 Classifications

Responsible unit: **0-2: Statistical governance, quality and evaluation**
Contact person: Ana FRANCO LOPES, Tel: +352 4301 33209

1. Module Description

Development, updating and implementation of a harmonised set of central statistical classifications such as the European Classification of Economic Activities (NACE), the Statistical Classification of Products by Activities (CPA) and the International Standard Classification on Occupations (ISCO) for the European Statistical System (ESS).

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 3037/90 of 9 October 1990, on the statistical classification of economic activities in the European Community (NACE)
OJ L 293, 24.10.1990
- Council Regulation (EEC) No 3696/93 of 29 October 1993, on the statistical classification of products by activity in the European Community (CPA)
OJ L 342, 31.12.1993
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1232/98 of 17 June 1998, amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3696/93 on the statistical classification of products by activity (CPA) in the European Economic Community
OJ L 177, 22.6.1998
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 204/2002 of 19 December 2001, amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3696/93 on the statistical classification of products by activity (CPA) in the European Economic Community (CPA)
OJ L 36, 06.2.2002
- Regulation (EC) No 1893/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006, establishing the statistical classification of economic activities NACE Revision 2 and amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3037/90 as well as certain EC Regulations on specific statistical domains
OJ L 393, 30.12.2006, p. 1-39
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 973/2007 amending certain EC Regulations on specific statistical domains implementing the statistical classification of economic activities NACE Revision 2
OJ L 216, 21.8.2007, p. 10-16

Other basis:

- Introductory guidelines to NACE Rev.2 available on RAMON:
<http://circa.europa.eu/irc/dsis/nacecpacon/info/data/en/introductoryguidelinesEN.pdf>
- Revised classification NACE and CPA, the explanatory notes as well as implementation issues available on:
<http://circa.europa.eu/irc/dsis/nacecpacon/info/data/en/index.htm>

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

Four handbooks for the implementation of NACE are available:

- Setting up an implementation plan for NACE Rev. 2
- Implementation of NACE Rev.2 in Business Registers
- Handbook on methodological aspects related to sampling designs and weights estimations
- Handbook on back-casting

5. International Cooperation

UNSD for the NACE and CPA

ILO for the ISCO

Module 6.01.03 Classifications for trade in goods statistics

Responsible unit: **G-2: International trade statistics: methodology and classifications**

Contact person: Jussi ALA-KIHNIA, Tel: +352 4301 38180

1. Module Description

Adapt the nomenclature of goods (CN) to new requirements arising from Community policy and technological and commercial change. Ensure its internal coherence and comparability with other Community and international nomenclatures. As far as practicable, lighten the structure of the CN. Work on the Combined (tariff & statistical) Nomenclature is carried out in close collaboration with DG TAXUD. In addition, the country classification (Geonomenclature) is updated every 1-3 years when the need arises.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1214/2007 of 20 September 2007 amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff

OJ L 286, 31.10.2007

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of 23 July 1987, on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff

OJ L 256, 7.9.1987

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 3528/89 of 23 November 1989, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff

OJ L 347, 28.11.1989

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 3845/89 of 18 December 1989, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff

OJ L 374, 22.12.1989

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 of 12 October 1992, establishing the Community Customs Code

OJ L 302, 19.10.1992

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 1969/93 of 19 July 1993, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff

OJ L 180, 23.7.1993

- Council Regulation (EC) No 254/2000 of 31 January 2000, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and the Common Customs Tariff

OJ L 28, 2.3.2000

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1833/2006 of 13 December 2006, on the nomenclature of countries and territories for the external trade statistics of the Community and statistics of trade between Member States

OJ L 354, 14.12.2006

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

- Update of CN codes 2008 available on:

http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nomenclatures/index.cfm?TargetUrl=LST_CLS_DLD&StrNom=CN_2008&StrLanguageCode=EN&StrLayoutCode=HIERARCHIC

- Geonom 2007/8 publication at:

http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/other_documents/geonom/index.cfm?TargetUrl=DSP_GEONOM#geonom2007

- "Statistics on the trading of goods - User guide" available on:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-BM-06-001

5. International Cooperation

CN: WCO

GEONOM: ISO

Theme 6.11 Data security and statistical confidentiality

Description

Statistical confidentiality is a fundamental principle of Community statistics enshrined in the Treaty (Article 285) and further developed in Council Regulations Nos 90/1588 and 322/97. It entails a particular duty on the part of the Community statistical authority (Eurostat) to adopt and apply specific implementing measures, in conformity with the opinion of the Committee on Statistical Confidentiality, to safeguard the confidentiality of data transmitted by national authorities to Eurostat.

Since 2002, with the entry into force of Commission Regulation No 831/2002 concerning access to confidential data for scientific purposes, a new step forward to satisfy the needs of the scientific community for statistical information has been taken. Eurostat has to implement the principles set out in this Regulation and to meet the expectations of users.

Furthermore, the increase in confidential data available to Eurostat, the methodological/technical progress made, and the need to better harmonise Eurostat practice and to promote convergence in Member States will guide methodological activity aiming at providing tools and methods of statistical disclosure control.

Eurostat must also continuously evaluate the regulations in view of ongoing needs to produce higher-quality EU statistics and to improve the legal basis for statistical confidentiality.

For the coming years, the challenge for data security will be to give remote access for better productivity and still ensure confidentiality of the data. Web access to databases will have to be organised and protected to prevent web hacking.

Key priorities 2008

The priorities are to continue implementation in the ESS, management of confidentiality regarding tabular data, admissibility and access for researchers to micro-data, including legislative implications; to assist in the development of statistical methodology in Eurostat and ESS, in particular relating to disclosure control; to ensure easier and secure access to anonymised data; to develop the results of research projects to enhance confidentiality treatment; to implement the relevant part of FP7 on IT remote access techniques and procedures to facilitate researchers' access to confidential data; to contribute to the amendment of Regulation No 831/2002; and to propose a new basic legal framework consolidating and simplifying the rules on statistical confidentiality.

Module 6.11.01 Data security and data protection

DATA SECURITY

Responsible person: Local Informatics Security Officer (LISO)
Contact person: Pierre CONSTANT, Tel: +352 4301 35146

1. Module Description

Creation and update of security policies, rules and procedures to ensure the confidentiality, availability and integrity of data processed through the informatics system.

Management and control of informatics security (access control, maintenance of the infrastructure, back-up, etc.).

Enforcement of the application of informatics rules for the protection of statistical confidential data in conformity with Regulations and recommendations hereafter.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Regulation (Euratom, EEC) No 1588/90 of 11 June 1990, on the transmission of data subject to statistical confidentiality to the Statistical Office of the European Communities
OJ L 151, 15.6.1990

- Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 of 17 February 1997, on Community statistics
OJ L 52, 22.2.1997

- Commission Decision No 97/281/EC of 21 April 1997, on the role of Eurostat as regards the production of Community Statistics
OJ L 112, 29.4.1997

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 831/2002 of 17 May 2002, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, concerning access to confidential data for scientific purposes
OJ L 133, 18.5.2002

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1104/2006 of 18 July 2006, amending Regulation (EC) No 831/2002 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, concerning access to confidential data for scientific purposes
OJ L 197, 19.7.2006

Other basis:

- European Statistics Code of Practice adopted by the Statistical Programme Committee on 24 February 2005

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

None

5. International Cooperation

None

DATA PROTECTION

Responsible person: Data Protection Coordinator (DPC)
Contact person: Robert VAN DER STAR, Tel: +352 4301 36374

1. Module Description

Coordination with the Commission's Data Protection Officer for the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000, on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data
OJ L 8, 12.1.2001

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

None

5. International Cooperation

None

Module 6.11.02 Coordination for statistical confidentiality – Statistical confidentiality Committee

Responsible unit: **B-5: Methodology and research**
Contact person: Jean-Marc MUSEUX, Tel: +352 4301 35021

1. Module Description

Implementation of Commission Regulation (EC) No 831/2002 concerning access to confidential data for scientific purposes and implementation of action plan towards extending regulatory environment. This includes the management of admissibility requests and requests for access to confidential data and the organisation of the Committee on Statistical Confidentiality. The statistical methodological work includes harmonisation and support of methods for the disclosure control in micro-data sets and tabular data, and the implementation and maintenance of software for disclosure control.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Regulation (EURATOM, EEC) No 1588/90 of 11 June 1990, on the transmission of data subject to statistical confidentiality to the Statistical Office of the European Communities
OJ L 151, 15.6.1990, p. 1
- Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 of 17 February 1997, on Community Statistics
OJ L 52, 22.2.1997, p. 1
- Commission Decision No 97/281/EC of 21 April 1997, on the role of Eurostat as regards the production of Community Statistics
OJ L 112, 29.4.1997, p. 56
- Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2001, on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data
OJ L 8, 12.1.2001, p. 1
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 831/2002 of 17 May 2002, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, concerning access to confidential data for scientific purposes
OJ L 133, 18.5.2002, p. 7
- Decision No 2367/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2002 on the Community statistical programme 2003 to 2007
OJ L 358, 31.12.2002, p. 1
- Commission Decision No 2004/452/EC of 29 April 2004, laying down a list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes
OJ L 156, 30.4.2004, p. 1
- Corrigendum to Commission Decision No 2004/452/EC of 29 April 2004 laying down a list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes (OJ L 156, 30.4.2004)
OJ L 202, 7.6.2004, p. 1
- Commission Decision No 2005/412/EC of 25 May 2005, amending Commission Decision 2004/452/EC concerning the list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes
OJ L 140, 3.6.2005, p. 11
- Commission Decision No 2005/746/EC of 20 October 2005, amending Decision 2004/452/EC concerning the list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes
OJ L 280, 25.10.2005, p. 16

- Commission Decision No 2006/429/EC of 22 June 2006, amending Decision 2004/452/EC concerning the list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes
OJ L 172, 24.6.2006, p. 17
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1104/2006 of 18 July 2006, amending Regulation (EC) No 831/2002 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, concerning access to confidential data for scientific purposes
OJ L 197, 19.7.2006, p. 3
- Commission Decision No 2006/699/EC of 17 October 2006, amending Decision 2004/452/EC laying down a list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes
OJ L 287, 18.10.2006, p. 36
- Commission Decision No 2007/81/EC of 2 February 2007, amending Decision 2004/452/EC laying down a list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes
OJ L 28, 3.2.2007, p. 23
- Commission Decision 2007/229/EC of 11 April 2007, amending Decision 2004/452/EC laying down a list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes
OJ L 99, 14.4.2007, p. 11
- Commission Decision 2007/439/EC of 25 June 2007, amending Decision 2004/452/EC laying down a list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes
OJ L 164, 26.6.2007, p. 30
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1000/2007 of 29 August 2007 amending Regulation (EC) No 831/2002 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, concerning access to confidential data for scientific purposes
OJ L 226, 30.8.2007, p. 7
- Commission Decision 2007/678/EC of 16 October 2007, amending Decision 2004/452/EC laying down a list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes
OJ L 280, 24.10.2007, p. 22
- Commission Decision 2008/52/EC of 20 December 2007, amending Decision 2004/452/EC laying down a list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes
OJ L 13, 16.1.2008, p. 29
- Commission Decision 2008/291/EC of 18.3.2008, amending Decision 2004/452/EC laying down a list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes
OJ L 98, 10.4.2007, p. 11

Other basis:

- European Statistics Code of Practice adopted by the Statistical Programme Committee on 24 February 2005
- Communication from the Commission of 25 May 2005 to the European Parliament and to the Council on the independence, integrity and accountability of the national and Community statistical authorities, together with the Commission Recommendation on the same subject (COM/2005/0217 final)

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

Manual on the Protection of Confidential Data in Eurostat

5. International Cooperation

None

Module 6.11.03 Legal aspects of confidentiality

Responsible unit: **A-4: Legal, institutional and international affairs**
Contact person: Helena OTTOSSON, Tel: +352 4301 32771

1. Module Description

Advice throughout on legal aspects of statistical confidentiality. Follow and advice in particular with regard to the implementation of the Commission Regulation on the conditions of access to confidential data for scientific purposes.

Advice on the implementation of rules governing public access to Commission documents.

2. Legal Basis

Legal acts:

- Council Regulation (EURATOM, EEC) No 1588/90 of 11 June 1990, on the transmission of data subject to statistical confidentiality to the Statistical Office of the European Communities
OJ L 151, 15.6.1990, p. 1
- Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 of 17 February 1997, on Community Statistics
OJ L 52, 22.2.1997, p. 1
- Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001, regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents
OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43
- Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2001, on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data
OJ L 8, 12.1.2001, p. 1
- Regulation (EC) No 1367/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 September 2006 on the application of the provisions of the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters to Community institutions and bodies
OJ L 264, 25.9.2006, p. 13
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 831/2002 of 17 May 2002, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, concerning access to confidential data for scientific purposes
OJ L 133, 18.5.2002, p. 7
- Commission Decision No 2004/452/EC of 29 April 2004, laying down a list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes
OJ L 156, 30.4.2004, p. 1
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1104/2006 of 18 July 2006, amending Regulation (EC) No 831/2002 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, concerning access to confidential data for scientific purposes
OJ L 197, 19.7.2006, p. 3
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1000/2007 of 29 August 2007 amending Regulation (EC) No 831/2002 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, concerning access to confidential data for scientific purposes
OJ L 226, 30.8.2007, p. 7
- Commission Decision 2008/291/EC of 18 March 2008 amending Decision 2004/452/EC laying down a list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes
OJ L 98, 10.4.2008

Other basis:

- Communication from the Commission of 25 May 2005 to the European Parliament and to the Council on the independence, integrity and accountability of the national and Community statistical authorities, together with the Commission Recommendation on the same subject (COM/2005/0217 final)

3. Data Requirements

None

4. Methodology

- Manual on the Protection of Confidential Data in Eurostat [It is certainly true that this manual exists and serves as a useful tool for Unit A4 and we give it to all persons coming to Unit A4 to sign a confidentiality commitment before getting access to confidential data etc., but the manual itself is not the responsibility of Unit A4 but of the LISO, Local Informatics Security Officer, Mr. Pierre Constant. I don't mind the manual being mentioned under this module, but I still wanted to point out this fact!]

5. International Cooperation

None

Annex I - Conversion from the 2007 to the 2008 structure of the Annual Statistical Programme

Comparing to the Statistical Work Programme of the Commission for 2007 which was the basis for the 2007 edition of the Compendium, the Statistical Work Programme of the Commission for 2008 introduces a new numbering system and a structure of themes and modules. In some cases, themes and modules are split or merged or new themes and modules are introduced.

In the table below, the old theme and module numbers shown in the brackets are presented with the corresponding new module and theme numbers and titles.

DOMAIN 1 – DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIAL STATISTICS	
Theme (31)	1.01 Population
Module (31101)	1.01.01 Demography, census and projections
Module (31201)	
Module (31300)	1.01.02 Migration and asylum
Theme (32)	1.02 Labour market
Module (32100)	1.02.01 Employment and unemployment
Module (32200)	1.02.02 Earnings and labour costs
Module (37202)	1.02.03 Database on labour market policy measures
Module (32300)	1.02.04 Time use and reconciliation of work and family life
Theme (33)	1.03 Education and lifelong learning
Module (33100)	1.03.01 Education statistics
Module (33200)	1.03.02 Vocational training statistics
Theme (34)	1.04 Culture
Module (34100)	1.04.01 Culture statistics
Theme (35)	1.05 Health and safety
Module (35100)	1.05.01 Public health
Module (35200)	1.05.02 Health and safety at work
Theme (36)	1.06 Distribution of incomes and living conditions
Module (36100)	1.06.01 Household budget surveys (HBS)
Module (36301)	1.06.02 Income, social inclusion and living conditions
Module (36401)	
Theme (37)	1.07 Social protection
Module (37101)	1.07.01 Social protection (ESSPROS)
	1.10 Crime and criminal justice
Module (38400)	1.10.01 Administrative data on crime and criminal justice
	1.10.02 EU victimisation survey module
Theme (39)	1.08 Consumer protection
Module (39100)	1.08.01 Consumer protection
Theme (66)	1.09 Food Safety
Module (66200)	1.09.01 Food safety statistics: cross-cutting issues
	1.09.02 Statistics on control and monitoring activities
	1.09.03 Food consumption statistics
	1.09.04 Statistics on products with distinctive marks (including organic production and farming)
	1.11 Discrimination
Module (38500)	1.11.01 Discrimination statistics
Theme (38)	1.12 Other work in the field of demographic and social statistics
Module (38201)	1.12.01 Social reporting
	1.12.04 EHS (European system of social statistical survey modules)
Module (38300)	1.12.02 Gender statistics
DOMAIN 2 – MACROECONOMIC STATISTICS	
Theme (40)	2.01 Annual economic accounts
Module (40100)	2.01.01 European system of accounts
Module (40200)	2.01.02 National accounts: aggregates
Module (40401)	2.01.03 Accounts of institutional sectors

Module (40500)	2.01.04 Supply/use and input/output tables
Module (40800)	2.01.06 Regional accounts
Theme (41)	2.02 Quarterly accounts
Module (41100)	2.02.01 Quarterly national accounts
Module (41200)	2.02.02 Quarterly sector accounts
Theme (42)	2.03 Monetary and financial statistics
Module (42100)	2.03.01 Financial accounts – methodology
Module (42201)	2.03.02 Financial accounts – data production
Module (52302)	2.03.03 Money and finance
	2.04 Government finance statistics
Module (52101)	2.04.01 Government finance statistics - methodology
Module (52401)	2.04.02 Government finance statistics – Data production
Module (52201)	2.04.03 Statistics on public deficit and debt
Theme (43)	2.05 Monitoring own resources
Module (43100)	2.05.01 Monitoring own resources GNI
Module (43200)	2.05.02 Monitoring own resources value added tax (VAT)
Theme (55)	2.06 Prices
Module (55101)	2.06.01 Harmonised consumer price indices
Module (55201)	2.06.02 Spatial price comparisons
Module (55302)	2.06.03 Remuneration and contribution to the pension scheme of EC officials
Theme (53)	2.07 Trade in goods
Module (53102)	2.07.01 Methodology
Module (53402)	2.07.04 Trade in goods: Data production
	2.07.05 Trade in goods: Electronic data dissemination
Module (53203)	2.07.06 Trade in goods: Publication of aggregated data
Module (53302)	2.07.07 Trade in goods: Analysis and quality
Theme (54)	2.08 Trade in services and balance of payments
Module (54500)	2.08.01 Balance of payments: Methodology, Meetings
Module (54100)	2.08.02 Quarterly balance of payments
Module (54300)	2.08.03 Foreign direct investment
Module (54400)	2.08.04 International trade in services and geographical breakdown
Module (54200)	2.08.05 Balance of payments of the Community institutions
Module (54600)	2.08.06 Foreign affiliates statistics (outward)
DOMAIN 3 – BUSINESS STATISTICS	
Theme (44)	3.01 Annual business statistics
Module (44101)	3.01.01 Production of structural business statistics
Module (44201)	3.01.02 Development of structural business statistics
Module (44501)	3.01.03 Prodcom
	3.02 Short-term business statistics
Module (44402)	3.02.01 Production of structural business statistics
Theme (45)	3.03 Energy
Module (45102)	3.03.01 Structural statistics of energy
Module (45202)	3.03.02 Short-term statistics of energy
Module (45402)	3.03.03 Energy prices
Module (45502)	3.03.04 Special actions in support the new Community energy policies
Theme (48)	3.04 Transport
Module (48100)	3.04.01 Information system on transport statistics, indicators and voluntary data collections
Module (48200)	3.04.02 Passenger mobility and road traffic data
Module (48300)	3.04.03 Road freight transport statistics
Module (48400)	3.04.04 Rail transport statistics
Module (48500)	3.04.05 Maritime and inland waterways transport statistics
Module (48600)	3.04.06 Aviation transport statistics
Module (48800)	3.04.08 Transport safety statistics
Theme (50)	3.05 Tourism

Module (50102)	3.05.01 Tourism statistics
Theme (51)	3.06 Business registers
Module (51101)	3.06.01 Business registers and statistical units
DOMAIN 4 – STATISTICS ON AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES	
Theme (64, 65)	4.01 Agricultural production
Module (64103, 64104)	4.01.01 Crop products statistics
Module (65103, 65104)	4.01.02 Livestock, meat and eggs statistics
Module (65203, 65204)	4.01.03 Milk and dairy products statistics
Theme (62)	4.02 Agricultural Structures
Module (62103, 62104)	4.02.01 Agricultural Structures
Theme (61)	4.03 Land use and land cover
Module (61103, 61104)	4.03.01 Land use and remote sensing
Theme (63)	4.04 Agricultural accounts and prices
Module (63103, 63104)	4.04.01 Agricultural accounts and prices
Theme (68)	4.05 Forestry statistics
Module (68104)	4.05.01 Forestry statistics
Theme (69)	4.06 Fisheries statistics
Module(69102)	4.06.01 Fisheries statistics
Theme (67)	4.07 Agri-environmental statistics
Module (67303, 67304)	4.07.01 Agri-environmental statistics
Theme (61)	4.08 Rural Development and maritime policy statistics
Module (613043, 61304)	4.08.01 Rural development statistics
DOMAIN 5 – MULTI-DOMAIN STATISTICS	
Theme (57)	5.01 Statistics for business cycle analysis
Module (57402)	5.01.01 Euroindicators
Module (57502)	5.01.02 Eurotrend – Improvement of PEEIs
Theme (18, 70)	5.02 Lisbon Strategy and sustainable development
Module (18201)	5.02.01 Structural indicators: production and dissemination
Module (70102)	5.02.02 Sustainable development indicators: production and dissemination
Theme (71)	5.03 Environment statistics and accounts
Module (71200)	5.03.02 Statistics on waste and hazardous substances - Data Centre "Waste"
Module (71301)	5.03.03 Statistics on water, air and climate change (Kyoto protocol)
Module (71401)	5.03.04 Environmental accounts and environmental expenditure statistics – Data Centres: "Natural Resources" and "Products"
Module (71501)	5.03.05 Integrated environmental reporting and management of databases, regional environment statistics, Medstat
Theme (72)	5.04 Regional and urban statistics
Module (72202)	5.04.01 Regional indicators
Module (72402)	5.04.02 Development of regional indicators
Module (72501)	5.04.03 Urban statistics
Module (74300)	5.04.04 Infra-regional information system (SIRE)
Module (72600)	5.04.05 Management of the NUTS classification
Theme (74)	5.05 Geographical and local information
Module (74200)	5.05.01 Geographical information system (GISCO)
Theme (73)	5.06 Science, technology and innovation
Module (73101)	5.06.01 Statistics on science and technology
Module (73201)	5.06.02 Statistics on innovation

Theme (49)	5.07 Information society
Module (49102)	5.07.01 Statistics on information and communication technologies
Module (49202)	5.07.02 Postal statistics
DOMAIN 6 – SUPPORT FOR STATISTICAL OUTPUTS	
Theme (11)	6.01 Statistical coordination and classifications
Module (11101)	6.01.02 Classifications
Module(11600)	6.01.03 Classifications for trade in goods statistics
Theme (25)	6.11 Data security and statistical confidentiality
Module (25101)	6.11.01 Data security and data protection
Module (25200)	6.11.02 Coordination for statistical confidentiality – Statistical confidentiality Committee
Module (25300)	6.11.03 Legal aspects of confidentiality

Annex II - How to find statistics legal acts in the Directory of Community legislation (EUR-Lex)

EUR-Lex provides direct free access to European Union law via the internet. The system makes it possible to consult the Official Journal of the European Union. It includes inter alia the treaties, legislation, case-law and legislative proposals. It offers extensive search facilities.

What kind of statistics legal acts EUR-Lex contains and where

The "Directory of Community legislation in force" is available in EUR-Lex via the collection "Legislation in force" from the menu on the left side of the screen.



Screenshot 1: EUR-Lex: Legislation in force: Directory of Community legislation in force:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/legis/index.htm>

With regard to the range of documentation covered, it was felt that the Directory should include not only current Community legislation as such but also other instruments reflecting the activities of the European Union (EU, ECSC, EEC, EC and Euratom) such as policy instruments and decisions taken in individual cases but of more general interest.

The Directory therefore covers:

- agreements and conventions concluded by the Communities in connection with their external relations;
- binding secondary legislation (regulations, decisions, ECSC general decisions and recommendations, EEC/EC/Euratom directives) under the Treaties establishing the European Union and the European Communities, with the exception of day-to-day administrative acts²;
- supplementary legislation, in particular decisions of representatives of the governments of the Member States meeting within the Council;
- certain non-binding acts considered by the institutions to be important.

² Mainly acts arising from the day-to-day management of the common agricultural policy or the customs union and having a very limited period of validity, such as acts temporarily fixing various rates or amounts. For the most part they correspond to the titles printed in light type on the contents page of the Official Journal of the European Union.

Documentation on statistics is gathered, where available, in sub-chapters with the following common sub-chapter numbering:

XX.07 Statistics

Where **XX** stands for the two digits of the chapter at entry level, e.g. **03 Agriculture**. Allocation of the statistical themes to the Eur-Lex classification headings is described in the following table.

Correspondence table between Eur-Lex classification headings and the themes of the Statistical Requirements Compendium

Eur-Lex classification heading		Theme
01	General, financial and institutional matters	Basic principles 3.06 Business registers 5.02 Lisbon strategy and sustainable development 6.01 Statistical coordination and classifications 6.11 Data security and statistical confidentiality
02	Customs union and free movement of goods	2.07 Trade in goods
03	Agriculture	1.09 Food Safety 4.01 Agricultural production 4.02 Agricultural Structures 4.03 Land use and land cover 4.04 Agricultural accounts and prices 4.07 Agri-environmental statistics 4.08 Rural development and maritime policy statistics
04	Fisheries	4.06 Fisheries statistics
05	Freedom of movement for workers and social policy	1.02 Labour market 1.06 Distribution of incomes and living conditions 1.07 Social protection
06	Right of establishment and freedom to provide services	3.05 Tourism 5.07 Information society
07	Transport policy	3.04 Transport
10	Economic and monetary policy and free movement of capital	2.01 Annual economic accounts 2.02 Quarterly accounts 2.03 Monetary and financial statistics 2.05 Monitoring own resources 2.04 Government finance statistics 2.06 Prices 2.08 Trade in services and balance of payments 3.01 Annual business statistics 3.02 Short-term business statistics 5.01 Statistics for business cycle analysis
12	Energy	3.03 Energy
14	Regional policy and coordination of structural instruments	5.04 Regional and urban statistics 5.05 Geographical and local information

15	Environment, consumers and health protection	1.05 Health and safety 1.08 Consumer protection 4.05 Forestry statistics 5.03 Environment statistics and accounts
16	Science, information, education and culture	1.03 Education and lifelong learning 1.04 Culture 5.06 Science, technology and innovation
20	People's Europe	1.01 Population 1.10 Crime and criminal justice 1.11 Discrimination 1.12 Other work in the field of demographic and social statistics

Presentation of documents

Each entry comprises: the document number of the act, its title, its bibliographical reference (in most cases the Official Journal of the European Union) and, if applicable, the document number of any amendments with their publication reference in brackets. It also includes available consolidated versions of the basic act and its successive amendments.

Example:

31995R1172

Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 of 22 May 1995 on the statistics relating to the trading of goods by the Community and its Member States with non-member countries

(OJ L 118, 25.5.1995, p. 10–14)

Amended by [31997R0476](#) (OJ L 75, 15.3.1997, p. 1–1)

Amended by [31998R0374](#) (OJ L 48, 19.2.1998, p. 6–6)

Consolidated text [01995R1172-19990101](#)

Amended by [32003R1882](#) (OJ L 284, 31.10.2003, p. 1–53)

The document number (CELEX):

The document number, shown above the title of the act, consists of a combination of figures and letters, the position of each having a particular meaning.

The document number enables all acts to be identified in the body of the Directory.

The example given below is a simple, but by far the most frequent, form using 10 positions. Although the document number may theoretically extend to as many as 18 positions, there is no need for the reader to know precisely how document numbers are made up.

Example of document number: 3 1995 R 1172

3	Documentary sector of the system	(sector 3 = secondary legislation)
1995	Year of adoption or publication of act	(1995)
R	Legal form	(R = regulation)
1172	Serial or other identifying number of legal act	(Regulation No 1172 of the year in question)

The first figure (the figure 3 in the example) indicates the sector in the system under which the act is classified.

In the example shown above, the act forms part of Community secondary legislation (sector 3).

The letter, which is always in the sixth position (the letter R in the example), denotes the legal form of the act (e.g. R for regulation, D for decision, L for directive, etc.).

Title:

The document number is followed by the full title of the legal act.

The publication reference:

The title of the act is followed by the publication reference of the Official Journal of the European Union. This reference consists of:

- the number of the Official Journal, preceded in the case of post-1967 instruments (when the Official Journal was divided into an 'L' and a 'C' series) by the letter for the series,
- the date of publication,
- the page number.

Example:

OJ L 118, 25.05.1995 p. 10-14, is to be interpreted as follows:

OJ **Official Journal of the European Union**

L 118 **L series, No 118**

25.05.1995 **date of publication**

p. 10-14 **OJ pages (page on which the text of the act begins and ends)**

References to amending acts:

The publication reference of the act is followed, where appropriate, by references to subsequent acts affecting it (amending, replacing, etc.).

The act referred to is identified by its document number followed by its publication reference in brackets.

Example:

Amended by 31997L0476 (OJ L 75 15.3.1997 p. 1)

Amended by

31997R0476 **Document number of amending act**

(OJ L 75 15.3.1997 p. 1) **Publication reference of amending act**

References to consolidated texts:

If an act and its amendments have been subject to consolidation, the Directory offers links to successive consolidated texts. The consolidated text is identified by its document number. The first part of this number is built from the document number of the basic act and identifies the consolidated family (i.e. the basic act and its amendments); the second part refers to the date of effect of the last amending act.

Example:

Consolidated text 01995R1172-19990101

Consolidated text

01995R1172 **Number of the consolidated family**

19990101 **Date of effect of the last amending act**

Document retrieval

A document may be retrieved using the analytical structure.

Example

Retrieval of a regulation on the submission of catch and activity statistics by Member States fishing in the Northwest Atlantic.

The relevant general section entitled 'Statistics' is to be found in the chapter entitled 'Fisheries' in the analytical structure:

- **04. Fisheries**
 - **04.07 Statistics**

Acts listed in each section are arranged in ascending order of their document numbers: by sector (first figure), year, legal form (indicated by a letter) and serial or other identifying number (e.g. regulation number).

The entry for the regulation in question, 2018/93, is set out in the section Statistics as follows:

- **31993R2018**
Council Regulation (EEC) No 2018/93 of 30 June 1993 on the submission of catch and activity statistics by Member States fishing in the Northwest Atlantic
(OJ L 186, 28.7.1993, p. 1–20)

EUR-Lex offers direct access to the latest issues of the L (Legislation) and C (Information and Notices) series of the Official Journal, together with the previous 10 days' issues available at <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/JOIndex.do?ihmlang=en>. Entering the date and the publication reference, allows direct access to a particular issue of the Official Journal. Lastly, there is the possibility of consulting the issues of the Official Journal made available on-line since 1998. The texts published in the Official Journal, including texts prior to 1998, can also be accessed using the search functions provided on the site.

Explanation of codes

Number codes used in the document reference number, by CELEX documentary sector

- 1 - Treaty on European Union, Treaties establishing the European Communities and Treaties amending or supplementing them.
- 2 - External relations of the European Communities (or of the Member States).
- 3 - Secondary legislation.
- 4 - Supplementary legislation (decisions of representatives of the Member States meeting within the Council, international conventions concluded between Member States in accordance with Treaty provisions, etc.).
- 0 - Consolidated documents

Sector 1 acts are not included in the Directory. However, the Accession Treaties of Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom of 1972, of Greece of 1979, of Spain and Portugal of 1985, of Austria, Finland and Sweden of 1994 or of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia of 2003 are sometimes referred to in amendment references (document numbers '11972B', '11979H', '11985I', '11994N' or '12003T').

Letter codes used in the document reference number (CELEX) indicating the legal form of the act:

- A - Agreement, opinion**
- B - Budget**

- C - Declaration**
- D - Decision**
- E - Common foreign and security policy (CFSP) - common position, joint action, common strategy**
- F - Justice and home affairs (JHA) - common position, framework decision**
- G - Resolution**
- H - Recommendation**
- J - Non-opposition to a notified joint venture**
- K - ECSC Recommendation**
- L - Directive**
- M - Non-opposition to a notified concentration**
- O - ECB Guidelines**
- Q - Institutional arrangement - rules of procedure - internal agreement**
- R - Regulation**
- S - ECSC decision of general interest**
- X - Other document**
- Y - Other act (published in the 'C' series of the Official Journal)**

Annex III - List of abbreviations

AEA	Association of European Airlines
AI	Agricultural Income Index
ALI	Agricultural Labour Input
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
AUVIS	Audio-visual Services
BIS	Bank of International Settlements
BOP	Balance of Payments
CARE	Health Care Statistics
CC	Candidate Country
CCAMLR	Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources
CECAF	Committee for Eastern Atlantic Fisheries
CEEC	Central and Eastern European Countries
CEPS	Luxembourg Centre for Socio-Economic Research
CERP	European Committee for Postal Regulation
CHP	Combined Heat and Power
CIRCA	Communication and Information Resource Centre Administrator
CIREFI	Centre for Information, Discussion and Exchange on the crossing Frontiers and Immigration
CN	Combined Nomenclature
CoD	Causes of Death Statistics
COICOP	Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose
COICOP-HBS	Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose adapted to the needs of Household Budget Surveys
COMEXT	Eurostat reference database containing external trade statistics
CPA	Statistical Classification of Products by Activity in the European Economic Community
CPWG	Community Port Working Group
CSO	Central Statistical Office
CVTS	Continuing Vocational Training Survey
DG AGRI	Directorate General - Agriculture (European Commission)
DG EAC	Directorate General – Education and Culture (European Commission)
DG ECFIN	Directorate General - Economic and Financial Affairs (European Commission)
DG ENV	Directorate General - Environment (European Commission)
DG FISH	Directorate General - Fisheries (European Commission)
DG INFO	Directorate General – Information Society (European Commission)
DG TRADE	Directorate General - Trade (European Commission)
DG TREN	Directorate General – Energy and Transport (European Commission)
DGINS	Directors-General of the National Statistical Institutes (Directeurs Généraux des Instituts Nationaux de Statistique)
DIW	Deutsches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung Berlin (German Institute of Economic Research)
EAA	Economic Accounts for Agriculture
EAF	Economic Accounts for Forestry
EAP	Environmental Action Program

EC	European Community
ECB	European Central Bank
ECHP	European Community Household Panel
ECMT	European Conference of Ministers of Transport
ECSC	European Community of Steel and Coal
ECU	European Currency Unit - Replaced by the Euro
EDC	Environmental Data Centre
EDF	European Development Fund
EDI	Electronic Data Interchange
EDICOM	Electronic Data Interchange on Commerce
EEA	European Economic Area or European Environment Agency
EEC	European Economic Community
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
EHLASS	European Home and Leisure Accidents
EIB	European Investment Bank
EMI	European Monetary Institute
EMU	European Monetary Union
EODS	European Occupational Diseases Statistics
EPIS	Environmental Pressure Information System
EPO	European Patent Office
ESA	European System of Accounts
ESAW	European Statistics on Accidents at Work
ESPO	European Sea Ports Organisation
ESRI	Ireland Economic and Social Research Institute
ESSPROSS	European System of Social Protection Statistics
ESU	European Size Unit
ET/WMF	European Topic Centre on Waste and Material Flows
EU	European Union
EU25	Total for the Member States of the European Union (except Bulgaria and Romania)
EU27	Total for the Member States of the European Union
EURATOM	European Atomic Energy Community
EUROCONTROL	European Organisation for the Safety of Air Navigation (European organisation for Air Traffic Management; Brussels, Belgium)
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations
FATS	Foreign Affiliates Trade Statistics
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
FOS	Fields of Science and Technology
FRA	Forest Resource Assessment
GATS	General Agreement on Trade in Services
GBAORD	Government Budget Appropriations or Outlays on Research and Development
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GEONOM	Country Nomenclature for the External Trade Statistics of the Community and Statistics of Trade between Member States
GFCM	General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean

GIP	Gross Indigenous Production
GNI	Gross National Income
GNP	Gross National Product
GSDI	Global Spatial Data Infrastructure
HBS	Household Budget Surveys
HIS	Health Interview Survey
HRST	Human Resources in Science Technology
IAS	Internal audit service (European Commission)
IATA	International Air Transport Association
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organisation
ICCP	Information, Computer and Communications Policy (OECD)
ICCR	Austria Centre for Comparative Research in the Social Sciences
ICES	International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (Baltimore)
ILO	International Labour Organisation
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INTRASTAT	A system to implement the EU Regulation which requires the reporting of statistics relating to trade between Member States
IOM	International Organisation for Migration
IOT	Input/Output Table
ISCED	International Standard Classification of Education
ISCO	International Standard Classification of Occupations
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
ITTO	International Tropical Timber Organisation
IWG	Intersecretariat Working Group
IWG-ENV	Intersecretariat Working Group on Environment Statistics
IWGFS	Intersecretariat Working Group on Forest Statistics
LEG	Eurostat Leadership Group
LFS	Labour Force Survey
LOCODE	United Nations Code for Trade and Transport Locations
LUCAS	Land Use/Land Cover Area Frame Survey
MA	Ministry of Agriculture
MoF	Ministry of Finance
MS	Member State
NABS	Nomenclature for the Analysis and Comparison of Science Programmes and Budgets (Nomenclature pour l'Analyse et la comparaison des Budgets et programmes Scientifiques)
NACE	General Industrial Classification of Economic Activities in the European Communities (Nomenclature générale des Activités économiques dans les Communautés Européennes)
NAFO	Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation
NC	Nomenclature of Goods
NCB	National Central Bank
NOSE	Nomenclature for Sources of Emissions
NOSOSCO	Nordic Social-Statistical Committee
NSI	National Statistical Institute
NST/R	Standard Goods Classification for Transport Statistics, revised (Nomenclature

	uniforme des marchandises pour les Statistiques de Transport, révisée)
NUTS	Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (Nomenclature des Unités Territoriales Statistiques)
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
PHARE	Action plan for coordinated aid to Poland and Hungary (subsequently extended to the remainder of the Central and East European countries). It comprises programmes financed by the EU since 1990 to assist with economic restructuring in the Central and East European countries.
PRODCOM	Products of the European Community
R&D	Research and Development
RES	Renewable Energy Sources
S&T	Science Technology
SAS	Security Administration Server/System
SDI	Sustainable Development Indicator
SDR	An artificial currency unit defined as a basket of national currencies
SEEA	System of Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting
SERIEE	European System for the Collection of Economic Data on the Environment
SGM	Standard Gross Margin
SICS	Statistical Indicators Common Sites
SPC	Statistical Programme Committee
TAPAS	Technical Action Plan for Improving Agricultural Statistics
TARIC	Integrated Customs Tariff of the European Communities (Tarif Intégré des Communautés européennes)
TBFRA	Temperate and Boreal Forest Resource Assessment
UAA	Utilised Agricultural Area
UIC	International Union of Railways
UIT	International Telecommunication Union (Union Internationale des Télécommunications)
UN	United Nations
UNCEEA	UN Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
UNCSD	United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade & Development
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNECLAC	United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNO	United Nations Organisation
UNSD	United Nations Statistics Division
UNWTO	World Tourism Organisation
UPU	Universal Postal Union
VAT	Value Added Tax
VET	Vocational Education and Training
WCO	World Customs Organisation
WG	Working Group
WHO	World Health Organisation

WTO

World Trade Organisation or World Tourism Organisation

European Commission

Statistical Requirements Compendium – 2008 edition

Luxembourg: Office for Official Publications of the European Communities

2008 – 282 pp. – 21 x 29.7 cm

ISBN 978-92-79-07842-2

ISSN 1977-0375

