

## **Statistical Work Programme of the Commission for 2012**

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# OVERALL PRIORITIES FOR 2012

## 1. Political and legal context

The political context of the Commission's 2012 Statistical Work Programme (hereinafter referred to as the Annual Work Programme — AWP) is based on the following political and legal developments:

- Implementation of the *Political guidelines of the Commission 2010-2014*<sup>1</sup> listing the following objectives for the years to come: making a successful exit from the crisis, leading on climate change, boosting the new sources of growth and social cohesion, advancing a people's Europe and opening a new era for Global Europe. The Annual Work Programme 2012 will also take into account the priorities mentioned in the *Commission Work Programme for 2012*<sup>2</sup>.
- Implementation of the *Commission's Communication to the EP and Council on the robust quality management system for European statistics*<sup>3</sup>, including a preventive approach to verifying government finance statistics, aiming at reinforcing the economic governance, will be one of the most important activities in 2012.
- The implementation of the *Commission strategy Europe 2020*<sup>4</sup> and of the *GDP and beyond-initiative*<sup>5</sup>, as well as the follow-up to the *Stiglitz-Sen-Fitoussi Commission report on the measurement of economic performance and social progress*<sup>6</sup> will continue to be in focus of the ESS in 2012 and beyond.
- 2012 is the last year of the current Community Statistical Programme 2008-2012<sup>7</sup> and the overarching priority of the year will be the *adoption of the new European statistical programme 2013-2017* as well as the *financial framework* for the years to come.
- Implementation of the *Communication on the production method of EU statistics*<sup>8</sup> and the *joint European Statistical System (ESS) strategy paper*<sup>9</sup> spelling out the principles of ESS implementation of the Communication. It will be an essential strategic priority in 2012 to deepen and pursue the system-wide actions launched to implement the Communication in the ESS.
- Finally, the *governance of the ESS* is planned to be further strengthened in 2012 as part of implementation of the above-mentioned Communication on the robust quality management system for European statistics.

## 2. The priorities for 2012 – Renewing our Partnership

Serious financial constraints at the Member States' level as well as the Commission's zero growth policy in resources will continue in 2012. In order to balance the increasing needs for European statistics to support new and existing European policies with reduced resources available for the

<sup>1</sup> Political guidelines for the next Commission, José Manuel Barroso, 3.9.2009.

<sup>2</sup> To be adopted in the second half 2011

<sup>3</sup> COM(2011) 211 final

<sup>4</sup> Communication "Europe 2020 - A strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth", COM (2010) 2020 final of 3.3.2010 (hereinafter referred to as *Commission strategy Europe 2020*)

<sup>5</sup> Communication of the Commission "GDP and beyond - Measuring progress in a changing world", COM(2009) 433 final of 20.8.2009 (hereinafter referred to as *Communication on GDP and beyond*)

<sup>6</sup> Report on the Measurement of Economic Performance and Social Progress, J.E. Stiglitz, A.Sen, J.-P. Fitoussi, 2009 (hereinafter referred to as *Stiglitz-Sen-Fitoussi Report*)

<sup>7</sup> EP and Council Decision on the Community Statistical Programme 2008-2012 No. 1578/2007/EC of 11.12.2007, p.15

<sup>8</sup> Communication on the production method of EU statistics: a vision for the next decade - COM(2009) 404 final of 10.08.2009 (hereinafter referred to as *Communication on the production method of EU statistics*)

<sup>9</sup> Presented at the ESS Committee meeting on 20.05.2010 (doc. No. ESSC/2010/05/6)

production of statistics, Eurostat proposed a strategy-driven priority setting mechanism presented at the ESS Committee meeting on 18 November 2010<sup>10</sup>.

The strategic priorities evolve from year to year in order to better respond to the changing situation at EU level. For comparison, the following priorities have been addressed in the AWP 2011:

- 1 A more efficient production system
- 2 Improved statistical support for the EU's strategic policies
- 3 Better measurement of the progress of societies
- 4 A partnership in progress

Taking into account the new needs stemming from the Commission's political priorities and the financial constraints for producing European statistics, and in line with the discussions at the ESS Committee meeting on 18 November 2010, the priorities for 2012 are the following:

1. An improved support for the EU's strategic policies;
2. A more efficient production system;
3. A reinforced governance of the ESS.

A more detailed description of the priorities is provided below.

## **1. AN IMPROVED SUPPORT FOR THE EU'S STRATEGIC POLICIES**

### **1.1. Adoption of the new European statistical programme 2013-2017 as well as the financial framework for 2014-2020**

2012 will be the year of the adoption of the European statistical programme 2013-2017, the core of which is the implementation of the Communication on the production method of EU statistics. In June 2011, the Commission will adopt a proposal for negotiations on the EU's multiannual financial framework after 2013. Preparatory work of the implementation of the framework will already start in 2012.

### **1.2. Efficient priority setting**

As mentioned above, Eurostat proposed a strategy-driven priority setting mechanism for the ESS, presented at the ESS Committee on 18 November 2010. The priority setting mechanism is built up around an annual review of existing statistical requirements, the aim of which is to screen existing statistical requirements and identify legal acts to be repealed, voluntary data collections based on gentlemen's agreement to be stopped, and areas to be reduced or simplified. The preliminary list of the proposals for 2012 was presented at the above-mentioned ESS Committee meeting last November. The ESS Committee document (No. ESSC 2011/09/1b) includes a final list of proposals for negative priorities for 2012 taking into account the results of discussions with the users (Commission DGs, the European Statistical Advisory Committee, the European Central Bank) and producers (i.e. the results of the questionnaire launched by the Partnership Group and the follow up of the meeting of the High Level Group of the Member States).

An additional element of the priority setting mechanism is sunset clauses, foreseen to be introduced in all new legal acts prepared. This implies that once the expiration date of a legal act with the sunset clause is approaching, a thorough discussion will be initiated in order to understand the need to continue the data collection and that data collection is not going to be carried out without a clear and justified need.

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<sup>10</sup> Presented at the ESS Committee meeting on 18.11.2010 (Doc. No. ESSC 2010/07/08b)

### **1.3. A robust quality management system for European statistics**

The recent financial crisis revealed certain weaknesses in the current statistical governance arrangements, more specifically, with regard to the quality of upstream public accounting data and their statistical integration within the excessive deficit procedure reporting process. This had an influence on the credibility of national statistical systems, and of the European Statistical System as a whole. These weaknesses are addressed in the Commission Communication on the robust quality management system for European statistics<sup>3</sup>, aiming at reinforcing the existing quality framework of European statistics. The implementation of this Communication is one of the most important activities foreseen for 2012. The following actions are foreseen:

The development of a specific quality management system for public finance statistics in cooperation with the National Statistical Institutes and the national bodies responsible for verifying upstream public finance data (in particular National Courts of Auditors). This will be done by introducing improved quality assurance systems within the ESS and close monitoring by Eurostat through systematic risk analysis and regular EDP dialogue visits.

The establishment of a structured preventive system, applicable to all Member States, aiming at, in cooperation with NSIs, better identifying, assessing and monitoring significant risks or problems in a proactive manner with a view to taking corrective action at the earliest possible point.

The implementation of public accounting standards providing the information needed to compile ESA-based data for all sub-sectors of general government, in line with the Commission's proposal for a Council Directive on requirements for budgetary frameworks of the Member States<sup>11</sup>.

A more rigorous enforcement policy and infringement procedures, to be systematically initiated in the event that a Member State has clearly falsified fiscal data or provided misleading information. To monitor and control a more harmonised system, Eurostat will continue to build and maintain durable relationships with and across Member States.

Other aspects of the above-mentioned Communication related to governance are presented under part 3.2.

### **1.4. Statistical support for the Commission strategy Europe 2020 strategy and GDP and beyond**

Statistical measures underlying the Commission strategy Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable, inclusive growth and the measurement of progress, wellbeing and sustainable development will continue to be on the agenda for 2012. Amongst the actions planned in this area in 2012, the following could be mentioned:

- Maintenance of the set of high quality and timely Europe 2020 indicators and related metadata (quality profiles) in the area of innovation, research and development, education, employment, health, climate change and energy, education levels, poverty and social inclusion and contribution to the further development of resource efficiency indicators.
- Further development towards a set of European indicators to measure quality of life;
- Maintenance of the Sustainable Development indicators and regular update of the underlying data with quality profiles;

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<sup>11</sup> [COM \(2010\) 523 of 29.09.2010](#)

- Development and provision of imbalance scoreboard indicators;
- Preparatory work for further legal acts on environmental accounts.

## **2. A MORE EFFICIENT PRODUCTION SYSTEM**

In November 2011 the Commission will have reported for the first time to the ECOFIN Council on the progress made in the implementation of the Communication on the production method of EU statistics and the joint ESS strategy adopted in May 2010. Given the long-term perspective of the modernisation of the production system and the complexity of the project, a step by step approach is required involving a number of preparatory actions leading to the realisation of the objectives set out in the Communication. The main message to be derived from the report is that slow, but good progress has been made so far.

It will be an essential strategic priority in 2012 to deepen and pursue the system-wide actions launched to implement these changes in the ESS.

The Eurostat Laboratory was created in 2010 with the mandate to assist Eurostat and its partners in the ESS in timely answering newly emerging statistical needs. The Laboratory aims at promoting innovation and facilitating integration between different domains of European Statistics. In 2012 the Laboratory plans among other projects to experiment the reconciliation of micro and macro data sources on households economic resources.

In 2010, a number of "Vision Infrastructure Projects" to spearhead the implementation of the efficiency vision stemming from the Communication on the production method of EU statistics have been defined. They were continued in 2011 and will also be at the heart of new work in 2012. These projects should be horizontal and - once tested and successfully applied for one statistical process - should have the potential to be extended to other statistical processes thus leading to a rationalised and integrated statistical processes. The following ongoing projects meeting the above mentioned criteria will be undertaken in 2012:

- Data validation: General solutions based on developments in a number of areas;
- Statistical matching for social statistics;
- Common secure infrastructure for confidential data access and sharing serving different projects like Euro Group Register and the Decentralised Access to micro data for scientific purposes;
- Generic production system (collection, validation and production) for economic indicators.

New projects will be added in 2012:

- The information society based on the Census Hub experience with the provision that the area of application should be defined based on a report of where we are with the Census Hub (see Theme 5.07)
- Modernisation of Social Statistics – Administrative Data Sources (see Theme 1.12)
- Geospatial Statistics (see Theme 5.05)
- Study within the framework of the project EMOS (European Master in Official Statistics) (see Theme 6.02)

ESSnet projects, based on the principle of sharing experience and building partnership within the ESS remain of the utmost importance in 2012. Envisaged in a number of areas, they aim to promote cost efficiency in particular through the use of administrative sources, to develop tools to facilitate the transmission of data between organisations and to assess the fitness for purpose of specific data

collections<sup>12</sup>. In 2012, ESSnet projects will be carried out in the following areas:

- Data collection for social surveys using multiple modes;
- Harmonisation of Statistical Disclosure Control;
- MEETS Consistency of concepts and methods of business related statistics (3rd phase);
- MEETS EuroGroups Register (EGR) (4<sup>th</sup> Phase);
- Measurement of global value chains
- MEMOBUST: Methodology for modern business statistics (part of the Modernisation of European Enterprise and Trade Statistics programme - MEETS) (2<sup>nd</sup> phase)
- Standardisation and the integration of statistical processes in the ESS.

### **3. A REINFORCED GOVERNANCE OF THE ESS**

In 2011 efforts have made in order to further improve the governance of the ESS, addressed in the previously mentioned Commission Communication on the robust quality management system for European statistics<sup>3</sup>. 2012 will be the year of implementing the changes agreed. More specifically, the following actions have been foreseen:

- Reinforcing the implementation of the European Statistics Code of Practice. In this context, the EP and Council Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 on European statistics is planned to be revised to emphasise the principle of professional independence of National Statistical Institutes. The mandate of statistical authorities for data collection when data are extractable from available administrative records will be enhanced by clarifying their role in the design of the content of administrative records and the quality requirements applicable to administrative data. The European Statistics Code of Practice is going to be amended, too, to distinguish between principles to be implemented by ESS members and principles, relating to the institutional environment, to be implemented by Member State governments. "Commitments of confidence in statistics" with each Member State are planned to be signed in order to strengthen the monitoring of implementation of the Code of Practice.
- The Role of the European Statistical Governance Advisory Board (ESGAB). In line with the Decision establishing ESGAB<sup>13</sup>, the Commission will take stock of experience and make further proposals on the functioning of this Board, if need be. It will also seek the advice of the Board on proposals to update the Code of Practice and on ways to facilitate its implementation.
- Eurostat's institutional environment as regards the production of European statistics. The revision of the Decision 97/281/EC on the role of Eurostat is foreseen in 2012 in order to reflect the current operational framework between Eurostat and the ESGAB and the European Statistical Advisory Committee (ESAC)<sup>14</sup>.

Detailed actions under each priority are described in the following part of the AWP 2012 "Detailed description of planned activities by theme" presented in Annex.

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<sup>12</sup> The ESSnet projects for 2012 has been approved by the ESS Committee on 19 May 2011 (Doc. No. ESSC 2011/09/5)

<sup>13</sup> EP and Council Decision No. 235/2008/EC, OJ L 73 of 15.03.2008, p. 17

<sup>14</sup> Established by the EP and Council Decision No 234/2008/EC, OJ L 73 of 15.03.2008, p. 13

## **Detailed description of planned activities by theme**

## READING GUIDE

The following part of the Programme, "Detailed description of planned activities by theme", follows the same domain-theme structure used for the current Community Statistical Programme from 2008 to 2012. Nevertheless, emphasis is put on the contribution to the political priorities for statistics in the detailed description of activities at theme level. In order to visualise better the contribution to political priorities, the table below indicates which themes contribute to the overall priorities outlined above.

Priorities for 2012	Themes under which the information can be found
<p>Political guidelines of the Commission 2010-2014 and the Commission strategy Europe 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making a successful exit from the crisis</li>   <li>• Boosting new sources of growth and social cohesion (smart, sustainable and inclusive growth; missing links and bottlenecks)</li>   <li>• Advancing People's Europe</li>   <li>• Opening a new era for Global Europe</li>   <li>• Reinforced governance</li> </ul>	<p>Theme 2.01 Annual Economic accounts            Theme 2.02 Quarterly accounts            Theme 2.03 Monetary and financial statistics            Theme 2.06 Prices            Theme 1.02 Labour market            Theme 2.07 Trade in goods            Theme 2.08 Trade in services and balance of payments            Theme 3.02 Short-term business statistics            Theme 5.01 Statistics for business cycle analysis</p> <p>Theme 5.02 Europe 2020 strategy and sustainable development            Theme 5.01 Statistics for business cycle analysis            Theme 3.01 Annual business statistics            Theme 3.02 Short-term business statistics            Theme 1.02 Labour market            Theme 1.01 Population            Theme 1.06 Distribution of incomes and living conditions            Theme 1.07 Social protection            Theme 1.03 Education and lifelong learning            Theme 5.06 Science, technology and innovation            Theme 5.07 Information society            Theme 2.07 Trade in goods            Theme 2.08 Trade in services and balance of payments            Theme 4.08 Rural development and maritime policy statistics            Theme 4.01 Agricultural statistics            Theme 4.02 Agricultural structures            Theme 4.04 Agricultural accounts and prices            Theme 4.06 Fisheries statistics            Theme 3.04 Transport            Theme 3.03 Energy            Theme 5.04. Regional and urban statistics            Theme 5.05 Geographical and local information</p> <p>Theme 1.06 Distribution of incomes and living conditions            Theme 5.08 Consumer protection            Theme 1.11 Discrimination            Theme 1.10 Crime and criminal justice</p> <p>Theme 6.07 Statistical cooperation with the candidate and potential candidate countries            Theme 6.08 Statistical cooperation with countries covered by the European Neighbourhood Policy            Theme 6.09 International statistical cooperation</p> <p>Theme 8.05 Relations with the ESS, inter-institutional and international relations            Theme 8.04 Management of legal bases            Theme 6.01 Quality, evaluation, statistical coordination and classifications</p>



# STRUCTURE OF THE DOCUMENT AND LEGEND TO THE TABLES

## Theme

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

#### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

##### 1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION (*where applicable*)

Action ID	Action	Output (Policy- and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)

**Column (1)** Action ID: ID provided by an informatics tool internal to Eurostat

**Column (2)** Action: a description of Eurostat's activities aiming at producing the desired output(s)

**Column (3)** Output: what Eurostat plans to deliver in 2012 through its actions

**Column (4)** Depends on funding from other DGs: the fulfilment of the action is subject to the subdelegation of credits by other DGs

**Column (5):** Resource impact on Member States: 1 = positive, i.e. the action aims to reduce resources required by NSIs for this task;  
2 = Is resource neutral for NSIs  
3 = negative, i.e. NSIs will have to allocate resources to this action.

##### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output (Policy- and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

**Column (1)** Action ID: ID provided by an informatics tool internal to Eurostat

**Column (2)** Action: a description of Eurostat's activities aiming at producing the desired output(s)

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**Column (4)** Depends on funding from other DGs: the fulfilment of the action is subject to the subdelegation of credits by other DGs

#### 2. Statistical work to be carried out by other DGs (including data collection from Member States) and/or EU Agencies

##### 2.1 NEW WORK

DG/Agencies	New work

##### 2.2 ONGOING WORK

DG/Agencies	Ongoing work

#### 3. Legal references (*where applicable*)

# 1 - Demographic and social statistics

## Theme 1.01 - Population

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

The important demographic challenges facing the European Union as well as the development of a common immigration policy (cf. European Pact on Immigration and Asylum as well as the Stockholm Programme adopted by the European Council in December 2009) have resulted in an unprecedented demand for high-quality demographic and migration statistics to support policy-making, i.e.:

- Population and housing censuses
- Demographic statistics, including statistics on population stocks and vital events
- Population projections
- Migration statistics, including statistics on stocks of migrant populations, migration flows, acquisition of citizenship, asylum, enforcement of immigration legislation, residence permits and the social and economic situation of migrants.

Quality improvements and quality assurance will be an important focus for work on both demographic and migration statistics. The Census hub project is an example of a more interactive production chain based on a "data at the source" solution in line with the Communication on the production method of EU statistics. Migration statistics as a cross-cutting phenomenon will benefit from a cost-effective mainstreaming approach. The core social variables relating for the identification of migrants will play an important role in enhancing the possibilities of linking and integrating data from different sources.

### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

#### 1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
4041	Migration mainstreaming - Developing the statistical use of administrative data	Report on options and recommendations for adding migration markers to administrative records		2
4043	Migration mainstreaming - actions related to surveys	Proposals for additional migration-related questions and migrant modules		2

#### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
300	Demographic Statistics - Rapid data collection, joint data collection, regional data collection, nowcast data collection	Updated dissemination database, Statistics Explained, Statistics in Focus (SiFs) and other analyses	
649	Preparation of the regulation on annual demographic data collection, including its implementing measure(s)	Finalisation of framework Regulation at the level of EP and Council Preparation of implementing measure(s)	
4496	Population Projections on national and regional level	Updated dissemination database, Statistics Explained, SiFs and other analyses	
233	The development of statistics on residence permits issued to non-EU citizens follows the double aim of providing additional statistics for the policy making in the area of migration of third country nationals and of contributing to migration mainstreaming	Socio-economic data on third country nationals from residence permits sources	
304	Migration Statistics: Flows, stocks and acquisition of citizenship	Updated dissemination database, Statistics Explained, SiFs and other analyses	
306	Statistics on enforcement of immigration legislation	Updated dissemination database, Statistics Explained, SiFs and other analyses	
832	Residence permit statistics	Updated dissemination database, Statistics Explained, SiFs and other analyses	
3290	Statistics on the integration and socio-economic situation of migrants	Updated dissemination database, Statistics Explained, SiFs and other analyses	
3307	Quality and accuracy of migration statistics	Draft Implementing Regulation agreed at Working Group level	
3309	Report to the EP and Council on the statistics compiled pursuant to Regulation 862/2007 and on their quality	Report submitted to the EP and Council	
3311	Additional disaggregations as foreseen in Article 8 of Regulation 862/2007	Data collected on voluntary basis	
4498	Asylum Statistics	Updated dissemination database, Statistics Explained, SiFs and	

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		other analyses	
4770	Statistics for the allocation of the "Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows" programme funds - Data to meet the requirements set in the Funds legislation	High quality statistics for the allocation of the "Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows" programme funds	
4925	Quality assurance programme for data used in the allocation of the "Solidarity and management of Migration Flows" Funds	End of project report	

### 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Regulation	862/2007	11/07/2007	L 199	31/07/2007	On migration and international protection and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 311/76 on the compilation of statistics on foreign workers
EP and Council Regulation	763/2008	09/07/2008	L 218	13/08/2008	On population and housing censuses

## Theme 1.02 - Labour market

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

High-quality labour market statistics will be provided in the context of the Europe 2020 strategy and the Employment Guidelines. Infra-annual and structural headline indicators will inform policy makers, media and the public.

Activities covered by the theme:

- Labour Force Survey (LFS)
- Earnings and labour costs, in particular Structure of Earnings Survey and Labour Cost Survey
- Principal European Economic Indicators for the labour market: monthly unemployment, labour cost index, job vacancies
- Labour Market Policy statistics (LMP)
- Time Use Survey (TUS)

### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

#### 1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
3922	Europe2020 indicators: timely provision and quality assurance	Quality-assured indicators provided according to the deadlines		2
4325	Review of the Labour Force Survey legal basis	First proposal		2
4327	Implementation of the Labour Force Survey ad hoc module 2012	Fieldwork done successfully; data processing started.		3
4329	Labour Force Survey ad hoc module 2014	Proposal for implementing regulation adopted.		2
4331	Programme of Labour Force Survey ad hoc modules 2016-2018, respecting the future role of the <i>ad hoc</i> modules under a revised legal basis	Agreement on programme (draft legal act)		2
4333	Preparation of the report to EP and Council on the implementation of the Labour Force Survey regulation	Report to EP and Council		2
4341	New data collection in social surveys using multiple modes	Analysis of the intermediate results of the ESSnet launched		3
4335	Preparation of the report to EP and Council on the implementation of the regulation on the labour cost index	Report to EP and Council		2
4337	Structure of Earnings Survey 2010: Transmission, processing and dissemination of data	Final data transmitted by end of June 2012; first results disseminated by end-2012		3
4339	Exploring options for a simplification of the Structure of Earnings Survey	Findings and recommendations available.		2

## 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
266	Processing and dissemination of Labour Force Survey ad hoc module data	Update of dissemination database; analyses	
792	Implement the regulation on quarterly job vacancy statistics and improve the quality of job vacancy data	Timely update of dissemination database; quality improvement; Statistics Explained and other analyses	EMPL
4474	Collection, processing, transmission, dissemination and quality-assurance of Labour Force Survey data	Data transmissions according to deadlines; update of dissemination database; Statistics Explained and other analysis; improved data quality	
4476	Produce, disseminate and quality-assure monthly unemployment estimates	Timely transmission of inputs to estimation; update of dissemination database, Statistics Explained; continuous methodological improvement	
5003	Quality improvement and implementation of action plans in the context of the recommendations of the Task Force on the quality of the Labour Force Survey	Improved quality of Labour Force Survey output	
270	Transmission, processing and dissemination of annual data on labour costs and earnings, minimum wages and gender pay gap	Timely provision of data; update of dissemination database; Statistics Explained and other analyses	
4478	Production, transmission, dissemination and quality-assurance of data on the labour cost index	Data transmission according to deadlines; update of dissemination database; Statistics Explained and other analyses	
4484	Collect, process, disseminate and quality-assure statistics on labour market policies	Update of dissemination database; Statistics Explained, Statistics in Focus and other analyses	EMPL

## 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Regulation	577/98	09/03/1998	L 77	14/03/1998	Concerning the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community
Council Regulation	530/99	09/03/1999	L 63	12/03/1999	Concerning structural statistics on earnings and on labour costs
EP and Council Regulation	450/2003	27/02/2003	L 69	13/03/2003	Concerning the labour cost index
EP and Council Regulation	453/2008	23/04/2008	L 145	04/06/2008	On quarterly statistics on Community job vacancies

## Theme 1.03 - Education and lifelong learning

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

Statistics developed under this theme are crucial for the monitoring and benchmark exercise of the Europe 2020 strategy, the "Education and Training 2020" policy cooperation (including new indicators related to employability and learning mobility of students in Higher Education and initial vocational training), and the renewed integrated guidelines, social agenda and sustainable development framework.

Activities covered by the theme:

- Production of statistical information on education and lifelong learning via specific data sources on education and training systems, vocational training in enterprises and adult learning;
- Production of statistical information on education and lifelong learning via other ESS sources which are not specific to education covering areas like outcome of education, learning mobility, human capital, education and social inclusion, and employability as well as transition from education to work;
- Dissemination of indicators for the monitoring of EU policies and benchmarking exercises like Europe 2020 indicators, "Education and Training 2020", the European Employment Strategy and integrated guidelines, benchmarking the European Research Area, the social agenda and sustainable development;
- Cooperation within the Commission established with DG EAC, DG EMPL, DG RTD and JRC (CRELL - Centre for Research on Education and Lifelong Learning);
- Cooperation with other international organisations (UNESCO Institute for Statistics, OECD, ILO), with specialised EU agencies - European Training Foundation (ETF), CEDEFOP, CRELL (JRC) - as well as with the Eurydice information network established by DG EAC (DG EACEA).

## 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

### 1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
4289	Following on from the work carried out by the Eurostat FESUR Task Force during the EUMIDA feasibility study, Eurostat will provide methodological assistance to DG EAC and DG RTD. for the setting up and regular running of a Register on Tertiary Education Institutions, including input to drafting the terms of reference for a call for tender to identify external contractors, evaluating the bids, ensuring and facilitating cooperation with National Statistical Authorities and advise DG EAC and RTD on quality issues, including statistical elements highlighted in the feasibility study.	Dedicated methodological advice and support, to be defined in a multiannual Service Level Agreement.		2
4323	Within the framework of implementing the new ISCED 2011, dedicate resources to update the data collection instruments (e.g. UOE data collection and core variable in social surveys 'educational attainment'), where ISCED plays a major role. The ISCED mappings will likewise be updated.	- Proposal of revised UNESCO Institute of Statistics/OECD/Eurostat (UOE) mappings and tables.- Proposal of guidelines for the measurement of educational attainment (core variable in social surveys) Revised annex 1 of Commission regulation 88/2011 for implementing ISCED 2011		3
4361	The tests for further integration of lifelong learning statistics in the Labour Force Survey and Adult Education Survey are carried out through grants in 2011 and 2012. The proposal implies an update of the Classification of Learning Activities accordingly.	Proposal for adaptation of the LFS variables on participation in education and training and up-date of the classification of learning activities, including the impact on Europe 2020 indicator		3
4363	As a result of the repeal of the CVTS regulation, launch of a discussion (including a Task Force) to simplify data collection on vocational training in enterprises from 2015 in line with a better use of AES and LFS data on lifelong learning, while considering which vocational training and skills needs data should still be collected from enterprises within the ESS.	Proposal for a restricted data collection on enterprises' skills needs and vocational training in enterprises		1

### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
286	Education Statistics (UOE data collection): Eurobase Update, data for publication purposes web and paper. Testing the new UOE quality report beginning of 2012 with a view to finalise in 2012	Publication of UOE (UNESCO Institute for Statistics, the OECD and EUROSTAT) data reference year 2009/2010 (2009 for finance) Compliance monitoring regarding implementation of Commission Regulation 88/2011	
3451	Improve and develop indicators and benchmarks related to EU2020 initiatives/flagships and based on the UOE (common UNESCO, OECD and Eurostat data collection based on mainly administrative sources) data collection as a source. Continue the work on UOE tables on diploma and credit mobility in higher education to monitor Bologna and EU benchmark on learning mobility. Complete a feasibility study and discuss the next steps on the use of household surveys – mainly LFS or Adult education survey (AES) - within the ESS to provide data regularly and for first time by 2015, for the monitoring of a benchmark on learning mobility in initial VET and general youth mobility indicator.	Definition of "Pupils with special education needs" data collection in the UOE. Analysis of the results of a pilot data collection. Introduction and adoption of new tables/methodology in the UOE Regulation Report from feasibility study on data collection of learning mobility data from household surveys – mainly LFS or Adult education survey (AES) and suggest concrete next steps for appropriate adaptations to collect such data.	
742	Evaluation of new results, tables on Eurostat reference database, paper publication programme, Adult Education Survey (AES) anonymised datasets, user requests	Evaluation of first results of Adult Education Survey (AES) conducted in 2011	
4488	Continuous Vocational Training Survey (CVTS): evaluation of new results, tables on Eurostat reference database, paper publication programme, anonymised datasets, user requests	Evaluation of first results of Continuing Vocational Training Survey (CVTS) conducted in 2011	
4700	LFS education Statistics (Europe 2020): Education attainment, lifelong learning, early school leavers - Eurobase/NewCronos	Regular up-date of Europe 2020 Headline Indicators, Education and Training 2020 indicators as well as indicators for	

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	update	the monitoring of Employment guidelines	

## 2. Statistical work to be carried out by other DGs (including data collection from Member States) and/or EU Agencies

### 2.2 ONGOING WORK

DG/Agencies	Ongoing work
EAC, EACEA	Collection of qualitative information and data on education and training systems
EMPL, EAC, CEDEFOP, EACEA	Several data collections are initiated or promoted in the field of skills measurements: language skills measure, learning to learn skills measure, civic skills, adult skills; innovation and creativity skills.

### 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Regulation	1552/2005	07/09/2005	L 255	30/09/2005	On statistics relating to vocational training in enterprises
EP and Council Regulation	452/2008	23/04/2008	L 145	04/06/2008	On statistics on education and lifelong learning

## **Theme 1.04 - Culture**

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

Official statistics on culture are requested within the Conclusions of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States on the "Work Plan for Culture 2011-2014" endorsed on 2.12.2010.

Activities covered by the theme:

- Statistics on the cultural / creative sector (employment, trade)
- Statistics on expenditure on culture
- Statistics on cultural participation and the social impact of culture

### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

#### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
4939	Follow-up of forthcoming development of cultural statistics (employment, participation, expenditure, industrial dimension and external trade) as a follow-up of recommendations agreed by the Working Group on Cultural Statistics based on proposals of the ESSnet culture. Methodology, manual, improved statistics	Proposal for data to be mobilised as a follow-up of the ESSnet	

### 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Conclusions	2010/C 325/01		C 325	02/12/2010	Conclusions of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the Work Plan for Culture 2011-2014

## Theme 1.05 - Health and safety

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

Health is an important priority for Europeans, who expect to be protected against illness and disease - at home, in the workplace and when travelling. Statistics are developed in the context of the EU's "Together for health: a strategic approach for the EU 2008-2013" and of the health and long-term care strand of the Open Method of Coordination (OMC) on Social Protection and Social Inclusion set up by the Lisbon European Council of March 2000. Concerning Health and Safety at Work, the policy framework is provided by the Commission Communication (COM (2007) 62 final) on "Improving quality and production at work: Community strategy 2007-2012 on health and safety at work".

Activities covered by the theme:

- Public Health including Health care (expenditure and non-expenditure), Causes of Death, Health Interview Surveys (European Health Interview Surveys - EHIS, Statistics on Income and Living Conditions - SILC and EHSIS - European Health and Social Integration Survey), as well as Morbidity statistics.
- Health and safety at work, including European Statistics on Accidents at Work (ESAW) and European Occupational Diseases Statistics (EODS)

### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

#### 1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
4201	Health Care (expenditure and non-expenditure): development of the implementing Commission regulation on expenditure	First draft of the implementing Commission regulation on expenditure		2

#### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
227	EHSIS (European Health and Social Integration Survey): implementation in Member States	EHSIS data collected	
292	Health care (expenditure and non-expenditure): Collection, validation and dissemination of 2010 data (and associated meta-data) on health care (expenditure and non-expenditure) based on Joint Questionnaires with OECD and WHO; Improvement of data quality; Dissemination of short analysis in the form of SiFs.	2010 data on the Eurostat website; dissemination of one or two SiFs	
3884	Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (SILC): 2009/2010 data on health status, health care and healthy Life Years Structural indicator – improved wording comparability of SILC questions	Updated SILC data (2009/2010) on the Eurostat website	
4490	Causes of Death: Collection, validation and dissemination of the 2010 data (and associated meta-data) on causes of death; Dissemination of short analysis in the form of a Statistics in Focus (SiF).	2010 data on the Eurostat website; dissemination of one or two SiFs available	
4777	EHIS (European Health Interview Survey): finalisation and adoption of the implementing Commission regulation	Implementing Commission regulation for 2014 exercise CD-ROM with anonymised 2008 micro-data	
4843	Morbidity statistics: development of the final methodology for a regular data collection	Revised methodological manual	
4897	2011 Labour Force Survey (LFS) module on the employment of disabled people: analysis of first results	Dissemination of one SiF	
4494	Health and Safety at Work (ESAW and EODS): Eurostat database update	Accidents at Work (ESAW) and Occupational Diseases (EODS): Collection, validation and dissemination of the 2010 data (and associated meta-data) on Eurostat website; Improvement of comparability for ESAW and development of a methodological framework for evaluating comparability of EODS data.	

## 2. Statistical work to be carried out by other DGs (including data collection from Member States) and/or EU Agencies

### 2.2 ONGOING WORK

DG/Agencies	Ongoing work
EUROFOUND	Continuation of the development of an observatory of working conditions in Europe. Eurofound will also launch its 5th European Survey on Working Conditions.
EU-OSHA	Continuation of the development of the Risk Observatory on new and emerging risks.
ECDC	Coordination of collections of data on communicable diseases at European Union level.
EMCDDA	Data on key indicators on drugs are collected and work is coordinated with Eurostat.
SANCO	For some areas in the field of public health, data such as injuries (JAMIE), data from examination survey (JA EHES) and regional health statistics (I2SARE project) and regional health statistics are collected directly through actions which are not directly steered by Eurostat, under the Programme of Community action in the field of health 2008-2013. Eurostat will, where relevant and possible, provide technical support on the follow-up of these projects, such as by examining the possibility to launch an ESSnet.

### 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Directive	89/391	12/06/1989	L 183	29/06/1989	Introduction of measures to encourage improvements in the safety and health of workers at work
Council Resolution	95/C 168/01	27/03/1995	C 168	04/07/1995	On the transposition and application of Community social legislation
Council Resolution	2007/C 145/01	25/06/2007	C 145	30/06/2007	On a new Community strategy on health and safety at work (2007-2012)
EP and Council Decision	1350/2007	23/10/2007	L 301	20/11/2007	Establishing a second programme of Community action in the field of health (2008-13)
EP and Council Regulation	1338/2008	16/12/2008	L 354	31/12/2008	On Community statistics on public health and health and safety at work

## ***Theme 1.06 - Distribution of incomes and living conditions***

### **Fields of activities covered by the theme**

EU-SILC is the European Union survey on income and living conditions. It has a multipurpose nature including:

- the inclusive growth pillar of the proposed Europe 2020 strategy, in particular with indicators linked to poverty and material deprivation,
- the improved measurement of dimensions of the quality of life.

EU-SILC is a central survey to consider for progressing towards better integration of data sources, to address cross cutting issues, for instance through data linking and data matching.

The household budget survey, HBS, covers the consumption side of the households' statistics.

The main activities are:

- Annual collection of microdata on income and living conditions (EU-SILC), including annual ad hoc modules
- Dissemination of indicators and statistical tables on poverty and social exclusion
- Fostering analysis and developing publications on poverty and social exclusion
- Managing the revision of the legal basis for EU-SILC
- Collection of microdata on household budget surveys (HBS) every five years

### **1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012**

#### **1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION**

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
4287	Preparation of the SILC ad hoc module 2014 regulation and its associated methodological	Regulation adopted by the Commission by December 2012		2

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	documents			
5281	Improving the measurement of quality of life	Set of quality of life indicators agreed, first indicators disseminated		
5283	Development of comparable estimates of social transfers in kind at the micro-level	Methodological recommendations, data experiments.		
5401	Development of the regional dimension of Europe 2020 headline social indicators	Definition of approach towards regional estimates of social indicators. First tests.		

## 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
3721	Measurement of disparities in a national accounts framework by using household micro data sources	Joint OECD-Eurostat publication on disparities indicators consistent with National Account and methodological recommendations; Eurostat publication on centralised matching exercise.	
4480	Household Expenditure Statistics (Household Budget Survey): methodological development, data collection, validation and dissemination of data on households expenditure. Development and production of indicators.	Data collection, validation and disseminations	
5021	Adaptation of the SILC legal basis to new requirements, in the context of the modernisation of social statistics and the better measurement of social phenomenon	First proposals for a common approach	
5025	Feasibility study on statistical data matching, in the context of the modernisation of social statistics	Feasibility study on statistical matching methods for providing cross cutting data. Recommendations by the end of the year.	
845	ESSnet on Income and Living Conditions Statistics (SILC-NET): support to in-depth analysis of EU-SILC, scientific coordination of international conferences, preparation of publications, methodological guidelines and studies	Support to methodological developments and to the revision of the EU-SILC legal basis. Organisation of a conference.	
5205	Improvement of EU-SILC longitudinal component	Improved integration of EU-SILC longitudinal and cross-sectional components	
4482	Methodological development, data collection, validation and dissemination of data on living conditions. Development and production of indicators. Production of synthesis quality report. Dissemination of micro data for research purpose.	Dissemination of intermediate (N+2) and final (N+3) quality reports Dissemination of user microdata base for researchers (March and August) Collection and validation of cross sectional microdata (December N+1) and longitudinal microdata (April N+2) Improve methodology, analysis and dissemination of the data (improved guidelines, SIFs, press releases, regular update of the Europe 2020 relevant indicators)	

## 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Regulation	1177/2003	16/06/2003	L 165	03/07/2003	Concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC)

## Theme 1.07 - Social protection

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

The European System of Integrated Social Protection Statistics (ESSPROS) provides a coherent comparison between European countries of social benefits to households and their financing. It is also relevant to the inclusive growth pillar of the proposed Commission Strategy Europe 2020. Activities covered by the theme are:

- Data on social protection expenditure and receipts by social protection schemes (quantitative data - core system)
- Metadata on social protection benefits by scheme (qualitative data - core system)
- Data on pension beneficiaries (module)

- Data on net social benefits (module)

## 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
278	Social Protection Statistics: ESSPROS. Methodological development, data collection, validation and dissemination of data on social protection systems. Development and production of indicators. Production of synthesis quality report.	Collect, validate and disseminate (including selected SIFs) the quantitative, qualitative and pension beneficiaries data. Preparation and dissemination of two EU quality reports (core system and pension beneficiaries)	
4845	Social Protection Statistics: ESSPROS data on net social benefits: implementation of the Commission regulation and management of the transition on a voluntary basis	Launching of the compulsory 2010 data collection. Reception and validation of the 2009 data (gentlemen's agreement)	

### 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Regulation	458/2007	25/04/2007	L 113	30/04/2007	On the European system of integrated social protection statistics (ESSPROS)

## Theme 1.09 - Food safety

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

Eurostat involvement is limited; the intention is to phase-out Eurostat's involvement in this area<sup>1</sup>.

### 2. Statistical work to be carried out by other DGs (including data collection from Member States) and/or EU Agencies

#### 2.2 ONGOING WORK

DG/Agencies	Ongoing work
SANCO, EFSA	Detailed data on specific issues such as monitoring of pesticide residues, zoonoses, etc. are currently collected and sent to Eurostat

### 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Regulation	882/2004	29/04/2004	L 191	28/05/2004	On official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules

## Theme 1.10 - Crime and criminal justice

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

The Stockholm Programme agreed by the Council in 2009 (OJ C115, p.1) sets out an ambitious set of goals for improving European statistics on crime and criminal justice. Currently one of the main focuses of the work is on developing and implementing a household survey covering victimisation and safety concerns. Data on police-recorded crime has been collected annually since 2006 and is gradually being extended to include further areas of crime and criminal justice.

Activities covered by the theme are:

- Statistics on police-recorded crime, number of police officers in the Member States and prison population
- Statistics on money-laundering and other new crime types
- Statistics on victimisation/security

<sup>1</sup> the context of the discussion on negative priorities (under request of the European Statistical System Committee), it was decided to put 'food safety statistics' on the list of negative priorities for 2012'.

## 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
706	Police-recorded crime, police numbers and prison population: Collection, validation and dissemination of 2010 data (and associated meta-data) jointly with UN	Tables on Eurostat website and Statistics in Focus Metadata updated in SDMX format on Eurostat website	
653	Development of an EP and Council regulation for an EU victimisation survey to be implemented in 2013 and of corresponding implementing regulation and methodological manual	Methodological manual is available EP and Council regulation and implementing regulation	HOME

## 2. Statistical work to be carried out by other DGs (including data collection from Member States) and/or EU Agencies

### 2.2 ONGOING WORK

DG/Agencies	Ongoing work
TAXUD	Collection of cash control statistics from Member States.
HOME	Launching of a Joint data collection with UN

## ***Theme 1.11 - Discrimination***

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

Equality statistics are based on the EU Treaty (new Article 19) and on the Commission's non-discrimination package 2008, which includes a proposal for a new Directive COM(2008) 426 on implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation.

Activities covered by the theme are:

- Outcome difference indicators on equality;
- Classification on ethnic origin/streamlined approach with migration statistics;
- Survey/question on experienced discrimination.

## 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

### 1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
3892	Dedicated section on outcome difference indicators on equality: update the data of the dedicated section.	Updated data on the Eurostat website		2
4241	Introduction of country of birth of parents in main social surveys (LFS, SILC)	Country of birth of parents is discussed for inclusion in the revised list of variables of LFS and SILC		2

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

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Gender-related statistics
- Reconciliation of work and family life
- Strategy for modernisation of social statistics
- Youth statistics

## 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

### 1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
3924	Gender statistics	Dissemination of continuously improved gender-related information across all domains		2
4343	Dissemination of LFS ad hoc module 2010 on reconciliation of work and family life	Results of the ad hoc module disseminated; Statistics Explained and other analyses		2
4441	Dissemination and analysis of the SILC 2010 ad hoc module on intra household sharing of resources	Data disseminated; analyses		2
4443	Elaboration of a proposal to streamline micro level data collections in social statistics into two pillars. A project to rationalise the existing set of European surveys and the census in social statistics in order to achieve efficiency gains and/or cost savings.	Analysis of all social surveys with a view to streamlining and modularisation		2
5363	VIP on Modernisation of Social Statistics - Administrative Data Sources	List of criteria to assess the quality of a specific administrative data source: first results Review of statistical techniques to be applied to data from administrative sources: first results		2

### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
4568	Transmission, processing and dissemination of gender pay gap statistics	Timely data provision; update of dissemination database; Statistics Explained and other analyses	
4937	Contribution to the 2012 Commission report on youth and development of further indicators based on data available at Eurostat	Contribution to the 2012 Commission report on youth and development of further indicators based on data available at Eurostat	
3601	Core Social Variables: project to introduce a set of common variables across all the European social surveys in order to better the link the data collected, and therefore increase the potential for analysis of data on European populations from a social policy perspective.	Annual progress report made to Member States and updated guidelines with revised definitions for the "Phase 2" variables.	

## 2 - Macroeconomic statistics

### Theme 2.01 - Annual economic accounts

#### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Annual national accounts - main aggregates
- Productivity and growth analysis
- Annual non-financial Sector Accounts (ASA)
- Annual Financial Accounts (AFA)
- Pensions

#### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

##### 1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
4641	Economic imbalance scoreboard. Contribute to the development of the indicators and prepare their regular production	Development and provision of imbalance scoreboard indicators		2
4563	Update manual on regional accounts: guidance to and steering of respective task force	Regional Accounts: updated manual by end-2012		2

##### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
499	New System of National Accounts (SNA) and new European System of Accounts (ESA)	Improved price and volume measures in national accounts, R&D satellite accounts, supplementary tables, preparatory actions for the implementation of the new ESA, etc. Discussion and follow-up of the Commission proposal for a new ESA Regulation at Council and European Parliament	
795	Specific improvements in national accounts data provided by Member States to prepare introduction of ESA2010 and its transmission programme	Grants provided for priority NA developments in the Member States	
797	EU KLEMS (EU level analysis of capital (K), labour (L), energy (E), materials (M) and service (S) inputs): productivity and growth accounts for the EU, euro area and Member States	IT design of the EUKLEMS module of NAPS finalised	
3284	Monitoring of and Reporting on compliance with the data transmission programme	Regular assessment of the compliance of the Member States with the legal data transmission obligations	
3297	Implementation of NACE Rev 2 and CPA 2008 in national and regional accounts	Successful implementation NACE in NA and regional accounts	
3299	Revision of ESA Transmission Programme, negotiations in the Council, transitional measures to support Member States and practical aspects related to transmission	Preparatory action for the full implementation in 2014 Progress in the Council negotiations	
3366	Annual national accounts: collection, validation and dissemination of main aggregates data. Database maintenance and evolution. Publications. User support. Website. Compliance.	National and EU aggregates for Annual National Accounts are produced and disseminated	
4284	Regular production of press releases, SiFs and contributions to horizontal and compendium publications	Regular publication of annual National Accounts	
4780	Annual national accounts: production of European annual aggregates including employment; update of the dissemination database	Annual European main aggregates are regularly produced	
4963	CVD compliant IT production system for national accounts	National Accounts Production System (NAPS) implementation progresses according to plan	
4999	National accounts methodological and practical improvements: 5 projects to facilitate the implementation of the revised ESA and research related to the implementation of the Eurostat vision	Research input into the implementation of the vision	
840	Production of annual Institutional Sector Accounts: update of	Update of the dissemination database and web site	

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	the dissemination database and website		
3200	Validate and disseminate data on non-financial assets for the total economy and by sector, in particular household dwellings	Data on household dwellings published in Eurobase	
202	Collection, validation dissemination of SUT IOT (supply/use tables and input/output tables) data. Database maintenance and development. Compliance, process assessment, NAPS integration	National tables are regularly validated and disseminated	
3005	In cooperation with Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (IPTS-JRC) to produce Supply, Use tables at basic prices for all the Member States and for EU27. To produce Supply and Use tables for EuroArea. To produce Input output tables for EU27 and Euro Area (EA)	Aggregated IOT for EU and EA are produced	
4202	Production of aggregated Supply/Use tables and input/output tables for the EU and Euroarea; input into environmental accounts applications	Consolidated tables are produced for 2008	
4288	Supply/Use tables and input/output tables: regular production of new releases and SiFs, contribution to horizontal and compendium publications	Regular publications of national and EU/EA tables	
3167	Enhanced quality assurance for regional GDP per inhabitant: inventories, quality assurance questionnaires on regional Gross Value Added (GVA) and regional population, country missions incl. follow-up.	Preparatory measure for the 2012 round of the allocation of the structural funds	
3280	Estimation of regional GDP at level NUTS2 and NUTS3 and of regional household income at level NUTS2, including development of methodology based on data collected from the Member States; dissemination via Eurobase	National regional accounts data are produced and disseminated	
3286	Regional accounts input for publications, in particular the Regional Yearbook, two SiFs, the Eurostat Yearbook, the annual reports on the rural development and on the social situation in the EU	Regional GDP per head at Nuts2 level is regularly published	

### 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Regulation	2223/96	25/06/1996	L 310	30/11/1996	European system of national and regional accounts (ESA95)
Council Regulation	448/98	16/02/1998	L 58	27/02/1998	Concerning the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM)

## Theme 2.02 - Quarterly accounts

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Quarterly national accounts
- Quarterly non-financial sector accounts (QSA)

### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

#### 1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
4561	Update Manual QNA: guidance to and steering of respective task force with Member States	Quarterly National Accounts: updated manual by end-2012		2

## 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
4280	Quarterly National Accounts: collection, validation and dissemination of main aggregates data. Database maintenance and evolution. Publications. User support. Website. Compliance.	Quarterly National Accounts Aggregates are regularly validated and disseminated	
4282	Quarterly National Accounts: European annual aggregates including employment; Flash estimates GDP; quarterly releases of aggregates; update of the dissemination database	European aggregates of quarterly National Accounts are regularly produced	
4286	Quarterly National Accounts: regular production of press releases, SiFs and contributions to horizontal and compendium publications	Regular publication of quarterly National Accounts	
200	Production of Quarterly Institutional Sector Accounts (QSA): update of the dissemination database, website and news release	Update of the dissemination database, website and news release	

## 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Regulation	1221/2002	10/06/2002	L 179	09/07/2002	Quarterly non-financial accounts for general government
EP and Council Regulation	1161/2005	06/07/2005	L 191	22/07/2005	Compilation of quarterly non-financial accounts by institutional sector

## Theme 2.03 - Monetary and financial statistics

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Monetary and financial indicators

### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

#### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
796	Production of annual financial accounts: update of dissemination website and database	Update of dissemination database and web site	
3313	Development of the methodological framework and analysis and validation of the pension data received through the supplementary table	Preparation of data transmission report	
858	Dissemination of data on Exchange rates: NewCronos	Publication of exchange rate data	
4458	Update and publication of monetary and finance statistics: publication on web site	Monetary and finance statistics published on the web site	

### 2. Statistical work to be carried out by other DGs (including data collection from Member States) and/or EU Agencies

#### 2.2 ONGOING WORK

DG/Agencies	Ongoing work
MARKT	Data on public procurement collected
COMP	Data on state aid collected

### 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Regulation	2223/96	25/06/1996	L 310	30/11/1996	European system of national and regional accounts (ESA95)

## Theme 2.04 - Government finance statistics

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Assessment of debt and deficit data in the context of the Excessive Deficit Procedure (EDP)
- Annual non-financial government accounts (AGOV)
- Quarterly government accounts (QGOV)

### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

#### 1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
4362	Preparation and follow-up of the Financial Accounts Working Group and EDP processes	FAWG minutes EDP planning timetable EDP planning timetable		2 2
4160	Introducing improved quality management framework in the area of government finance statistics and particularly promoting quality management standards adapted to the specificities of the Excessive Deficit Procedure compilation process to be implemented by National Statistical Institutes. A Working Group GFS quality management will be created.	Improved quality management framework in the area of government finance statistics		3
4162	Monitoring and assessing the implementation of the European Statistics Code of Practice in the context of the process of Excessive Deficit Procedure compilation	Assessment of Compliance with European Statistics Code of Practice in the context of the process of Excessive Deficit Procedure compilation		3
4164	Identifying, monitoring and assessing risks or problems from upstream data sources with a view to initiating corrective action at the earliest possible point (Early Warning System (EWS)).	Identifying, monitoring and assessing risks or problems with a view to initiating corrective action at the earliest possible point - creation of an Early Warning System		3
4166	Monitoring and assessing the appropriateness, exhaustiveness and timeliness of the upstream public finance data by reference to ESA requirements, within an Excessive Deficit Procedure context.	Monitoring and assessing the appropriateness, exhaustiveness and timeliness of the upstream public finance data by reference to ESA requirements will help to identify risks and possible preventative/corrective action.		3
4168	Participation in the coordination of formal Excessive Deficit Procedure methodological visits to Member States as provided for under Article 11b of Regulation (EC) No. 479/2009	Methodological visits to Member States as provided for under Article 11b of Regulation (EC) No 479/2009		3
4170	Monitoring and assessing the effectiveness, reliability, integrity and transparency of the process of data flows between the public entities and the statistical offices in charge of the final compilation of Excessive Deficit Procedure data	Assessment of process of data flows from upstream data providers to the ESS will identify possible problems, risks or need for corrective action		3
4172	Promoting accrual based public accounting, including an active role within the International Public Sector Accounting Standards, which is close to ESA-based principles.	Increasing adoption of accrual based public accounting in Excessive Deficit Procedure upstream data providers		3
4174	Implementation of Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 479/2009 across the EU, regarding the responsibilities of national authorities and officials in the context of Excessive Deficit Procedure, with Eurostat's involvement to work towards a harmonised EU framework.	Implementation of Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 479/2009		3
4521	Development of methodology and approach towards a more robust system of quality management for use in public finance statistics for Excessive Deficit Procedure purposes.	A more robust system of quality management in place for use in public finance statistics for Excessive Deficit Procedure purposes.		3

4523	Risk management for public finance statistics within context of CoP. Development of methodology and approach towards monitoring and assessing the adequacy of the quality of upstream data for compiling Excessive Deficit Procedure statistics in accordance with ESA rules, to be able to assess risks and initiate corrective action.	Operational approach for monitoring and assessing the adequacy of the quality of upstream data for compiling Excessive Deficit Procedure statistics in accordance with ESA rules, to be able to assess risks and initiate corrective action.		3
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## 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
794	Production of annual government statistics: update of the dissemination database and website	Update of the dissemination database and website A biannual Government Finance Statistics (GFS) publication published in May and November 2012 Contribution to the annual updating of the Eurostat/Taxation and Customs Union DG publication "Taxation trends in the European Union". This report contains a detailed statistical and economic analysis of the tax systems of the Member States of the European Union plus Norway and Iceland.	
4734	Production of quarterly government statistics: validation and dissemination in the database and on the website	Publication of quarterly GFS data on the web site	
238	Verification of data under excessive deficit procedure	NewCronos update	
578	Missions of verification under Excessive Debt Procedure (EDP) and Stability and Growth Pact	Mission reports	
768	Ex-ante and ex-post cases - methodological issues	Letter to Member States with ex-ante/ex-post advice	
4610	Conceptual surveillance under the Excessive Deficit Procedure and the Stability and Growth Pact	Eurostat decisions; Task forces	
4718	Carry out statistical assessment of Candidate Countries	Report to ECFIN	
4425	Support the development of the statistical system in Greece through the organisation and management of technical assistance activities in the areas of public finance statistics, high level advice and selected statistical domains	Quality of Greek statistical data improved	
4425	Support the development of the statistical system in Greece through the organisation and management of technical assistance activities in the areas of public finance statistics, high level advice and selected statistical domains	Assistance missions implemented and reports available including monitoring reports on the Joint Action Plan	
4608	Training Course on government finance statistics	Greater GFS knowledge in countries, leading to higher quality GFS data.	

## 2. Statistical work to be carried out by other DGs (including data collection from Member States) and/or EU Agencies

### 2.2 ONGOING WORK

DG/Agencies	Ongoing work
TAXUD	Classification of tax revenues by economic function and calculation of breakdown and implicit tax rates on consumption, labour, capital and environment.

### 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Regulation	2223/96	25/06/1996	L 310	30/11/1996	European system of national and regional accounts (ESA95)
EP and Council Regulation	1221/2002	10/06/2002	L 179	09/07/2002	Quarterly non-financial accounts for general government
EP and Council Regulation	501/2004	10/03/2004	L 81	19/03/2004	Quarterly financial accounts for general government
Council Regulation	1222/2004	28/06/2004	L 233	02/07/2004	Compilation and transmission of data on the quarterly government debt
Council Regulation	479/2009	25/05/2009	L 145	10/06/2009	Application of the Protocol on the excessive deficit procedure annexed to the Treaty establishing the European Community

## Theme 2.05 - Monitoring own resources

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Annual national accounts data of Gross National Income (GNI) and Gross National Product (GNP)
- Verification of the GNI/GNP data transmitted each year by Member States
- Verification of Member States' inventories of statistical sources and methods used to calculate GNI/GNP
- Verification, in cooperation with DG Budget, of the figures and calculations included in Member States' VAT statements

### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

#### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
4809	Verification of the reliability, comparability and exhaustiveness of own resource GNI data and of the own resource VAT figures and calculations transmitted by Member States	Follow-up and evaluation of the improvements made by Member States to GNI sources and methods based on the assessment reports presented in 2011 Reports on VAT controls of Member States based on DG Budget control programme	

### 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Directive	89/130	13/02/1989	L 49	21/02/1989	Harmonisation of the compilation of gross national product at market prices
Council Regulation	1553/89	29/05/1989	L 155	07/06/1989	Definitive uniform arrangements for the collection of own resources accruing from VAT
Council Regulation	1287/2003	15/07/2003	L 181	19/07/2003	On the harmonisation of gross national income at market prices (GNI Regulation)
Council Decision	2010/196	16/03/2010	L 87	07/04/2010	on the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) for the establishment of the gross national income (GNI) used for the purposes of the European Union's budget and its own resources

## Theme 2.06 - Prices

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Production and development of Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices (HICPs)
- Production and development of Purchasing Power Parities (PPPs)
- Development of house price indices/ prices for owner-occupied housing
- Development of detailed multi-purpose consumer price statistics
- Calculation of Correction Coefficients and Salary Adjustment for EU Staff
- Development and production of information on Pension for EU Staff

### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

#### 1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
4603	Commercial Property Prices Indices handbook	Preliminary work towards the compilation of a Commercial Property Prices Indices handbook		2
4605	Re-engineering of the Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices (HICP) production process in Eurostat	Price statistics re-engineering: first steps towards a re-engineered production system for price statistics		2
4481	Report to European Parliament and Council on implementation of Purchasing Power Parities	Report to Parliament and Council on Purchasing Power Parities Regulation implementation adopted		2

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	Regulation			

## 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
222	(Legislated) and ad-hoc Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices (HICP) standards	Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices (HICP) methodological development and research	
224	Calculation and dissemination of monthly Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices; sub-indices and special aggregates; HICP at Constant Tax Rates; HICP Administered Prices	Calculation and dissemination of Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices (HICP), sub-indices and special aggregates; HICP at Constant Tax Rates; HICP Administered Prices	
619	Owner-Occupied Housing: methodological guidance, technical manual and supply by National Statistical Institutes of pilot indices, Owner Occupied Housing regulation	Owner Occupied Housing (OOH) regulation entering into force and first data transmissions	
839	Implementation by Member States of Regulations on Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) quality adjustment, sampling and weighting - further improvement of quality of HICPs	Actions to improve Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) quality in countries and Eurostat	
3502	Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) Flash Estimate Production: calculation of HICP Flash Estimate	Calculation and dissemination of Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices flash estimates, including breakdown	
3504	Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) compliance monitoring and quality control: assessing and verifying National Statistical Institutes compliance to HICP standards	Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) quality control: compliance to HICP standards Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices compliance monitoring	
3506	Detailed consumer prices: more detailed price indices, detailed price levels, food chains monitoring tool	Food chain monitoring tool: further chains covered, quality enhanced Provision of detailed prices	
4601	Detailed consumer prices: more detailed price indices, detailed price levels	Multipurpose price statistics development	
3447	Revision and update of the Purchasing Power Parities (PPP) manual	Published updated Purchasing Power Parities (PPP) Manual	
3449	Development of a new methodology for Purchasing Power Parities (PPPs) for health services. Work is lead by OECD.	Purchasing Power Parities (PPPs) for health: new methodology implemented	
3480	PPP Inventories: evaluation of countries' sources and methods for Purchasing Power Parities (PPP)	Purchasing Power Parities (PPP) compliance monitoring	
4590	Purchasing Power Parities for 37 countries at GDP and components level; Eurobase update, press release, SIFs	Published Purchasing Power Parities (PPPs) for 2009, 2010 and 2011	
218	Article 64 Intra-EU Statistics: methodology and results tables to DG Human Resources and Security	Eurostat Report	
220	Article 65 Council Remuneration report and Statistics: methodology and results tables to DG Human Resources and Security	Eurostat Report	
520	Actuarial calculation of the pension contribution rate in accordance with Annex XII of the Staff Regulations	Eurostat report	
862	Yearly calculation of the liability of the Joint Sickness Insurance Scheme Pension Scheme (JSIS) at 31st December.	Liability of Joint Sickness Insurance Scheme (JSIS)	
3412	Yearly calculation of the liability of the Pension Scheme of Members of some EU Institutions (PSMI) at 31st December.	Liability of Pension Scheme of Members of EU Institutions (PSMI)	
4446	Article 64 Extra-EU Statistics: Methodology and Results Package to DG Human Resources and Security and European External Action Service	Eurostat Report	
4798	Yearly calculation of the liability of the Pension Scheme of EU officials and other servants (PSEO) at 31st December.	Liability of Pension Scheme of EU officials (PSEO)	

## 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Regulation	2494/95	23/10/1995	L 257	27/10/1995	Concerning harmonised indices of consumer prices
Council Regulation	723/2004	22/04/2004	L 124	27/04/2004	Amending the Staff Regulations of officials of the European Communities and the Conditions of Employment of other servants of the European Communities

EP and Council Regulation	1445/2007	11/12/2007	L 336	20/12/2007	Establishing common rules for the provision of basic information on Purchasing Power Parities and for their calculation and dissemination
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## Theme 2.07 - Trade in goods

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Production and dissemination of external trade statistics
- Quality assurance in trade statistics
- Coordination, drafting, adjustment and maintenance of legislation in the field of statistics on trade in goods with Member States (Intrastat) and non-Member States (Extrastat)
- Coordination of initiatives on burden reduction in the field of external trade statistics recap

### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

#### 1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
4453	Harmonisation of validation rules to be applied by Member States before sending data to Eurostat	Recommendation to Member States for minimum validation rules. An IT tool can be made optionally available		1
3920	Development of statistics merging trade and business related data	New statistical indicators made by linking trade and business characteristics, without conducting new surveys		2

#### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
631	Development of a proposal for the integration of international transactions and business statistics in a single legal act.	Proposal for an integrated Regulation for all business related statistics.	
5121	Recap various options for simplifying the Intrastat system (e.g. single flow, nomenclature) and develop a mid-term proposal for further simplification	Mid-term proposal for simplification of the Intrastat system	
4652	Methodology in International Trade in Goods Statistics: coordinate all activities related to the methodological development for Intrastat and Extrastat.	Guarantee a sound development of all issues related to Intrastat and Extrastat methodology.	
676	Manage the trade in goods - cooperation, assist for country reports, seminars, improved methodology.	Manage the trade in goods - cooperation, assist for country reports, seminars, improved methodology.	
4542	Production of trade in goods statistical data: make detailed trade data and metadata from Member States, international organisations and third countries available in the Comext database on a monthly basis	Data and metadata on trade in goods available in Comext	
674	COMEXT User support: provide technical and statistical user support to the European Commission, Member States and other public users and institutions. Organise monthly Comext training courses for the Commission.	Technical and statistical assistance provided to Comext users	
721	Further modernisation of tools for Intrastat data collection and facilitation of Multinational Enterprises declarations	Improved electronic Intrastat data collection according to the Member States needs	
4471	Improve and automate the structured communication with Member States with the use of XT-NET ASSIST system	Established ad-hoc data exchange between Member States and Member States and Eurostat	
4550	Trade in goods: Electronic data dissemination. Data and metadata accessible on-line and by DVD/free dissemination. Enhancements of the derivation procedures (by Classification of Products by Activity (CPA), Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), Broad Economic Categories (BEC), external trade by means of transport (NSTR), combinations of them) and improvement data linking of trade statistics with tariffs database.	Trade in goods data accessible on-line	
3289	MEETS trade in goods - coordination of objective 4: coordinate the MEETS projects related to international trade statistics	Successfully implement the MEETS actions related to international trade statistics.	
4475	Develop and promote standards, IT architecture design and	Improved data collection and exchange according to the	

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	provide support for the data collection and data exchange among providers of statistical information and collecting authorities as well as for the exchange of information between administrations	Member States needs	
4477	Coordination and promotion of actions aiming the improvement of collection systems, procedures and validation at Member States level. Maintenance and further development of messages (Instat-XML), transfer formats (SDMX), use cases, architecture of data exchange systems.	Standards for data collection and exchange	
3362	Publication of aggregated data for international transactions.	Tables, press release and statistics explained of aggregated data for international trade in goods.	
3364	International Trade in Goods Statistics: analysis and quality, incl. compliance.	Quality management, incl. compliance.	

### 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Regulation	638/2004	30/04/2004	L 102	07/04/2004	on Community statistics relating to the trading of goods between Member States
EP and Council Decision	1297/2008	16/12/2008	L 340	19/12/2008	On a Programme for the Modernisation of European Enterprise and Trade Statistics (MEETS)
EP and Council Regulation	471/2009	06/05/2009	L 152	16/06/2009	On Community statistics relating to external trade with non-member countries

## Theme 2.08 - Trade in services and balance of payments

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Balance of payments (BoP): Methodology, Meetings
- Quarterly balance of payments
- Foreign direct investment (FDI)
- International trade in services
- Balance of payments of the EU institutions
- Balance of payments and related statistics: Enlargement

### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

#### 1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
4565	Economic imbalance scoreboard - external imbalances: contribute to the development of the indicators and prepare their regular production	Development and provision of external imbalance scoreboard indicators		2

#### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
230	Balance of Payments Quality Report (QR) is compiled annually according to Regulation (EC) No. 184/2005 (Art 11) and Regulation (EC) No. 1055/2008. Bilateral tables of asymmetries will be integrated in Balance of Payments Quality Report (BoP QR) from 2011 onwards. BoP QR includes parts related to International Trade in Services (ITS) and Foreign Direct	Regular monitoring of the quality of the national Balance of Payments data	

	Investment (FDI).		
793	Implementation of Balance of Payments Manual (BPM6): Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 has to be amended in line with the new international standards. An harmonised codification has to be defined and methodological guidelines have to be provided to the Member States. This is a joint initiative from Eurostat and DG Statistics of the ECB, with the ECB taking the lead with regard to the new codification structure.	Manual implementation progresses according to plan	
4450	Balance of Payments and related Euro Indicators: treatment and dissemination of quarterly Balance of Payments (BoP) data.	Quarterly Balance of Payments data at national and EU level are produced and disseminated	
226	Foreign Direct Investment: data production, compilation and dissemination of statistics. Maintenance and development of methodology as well as data quality issues. Maintenance and development of the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Network.	Updated tables and statistics explained for foreign direct investment, including FDI network.	
228	Methodology, production, dissemination and quality management for International Trade in Services Statistics.	Updated tables and statistics explained for international trade in services.	
4452	Balance of Payments of EU Institutions: production and dissemination of the monthly, quarterly and annual online tables.	Balance of payments of the EU institutions is regularly produced	
3291	Manage the Modernisation of European Enterprise and Trade Statistics (MEETS) projects related to international transactions	Implement the MEETS projects related to international transactions.	

### 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Regulation	184/2005	12/01/2005	L 35	08/02/2005	On Community statistics concerning balance of payments, international trade in services and foreign direct investment
Council Decision	2006/856	13/11/2006	L 332	30/11/2006	Establishing a Committee on monetary, financial and balance of payments statistics (codified version)
EP and Council Decision	1297/2008	16/12/2008	L 340	19/12/2008	On a Programme for the Modernisation of European Enterprise and Trade Statistics (MEETS)

## 3 - Business statistics

### Theme 3.01 - Annual business statistics

#### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Industrial production statistics (Prodcom)
- Structural Business Statistics (SBS)
- Statistics on Foreign Affiliates (FATS)
- Modernisation of European Enterprise and Trade Statistics (MEETS)

#### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

##### 1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
4423	Simplification of the SBS Regulation requirements: analysis and agreement with Member States on the simplifications to Regulation (EC) No. 295/2008, in particular for Annexes V-VII	A plan for simplifying the SBS Regulation is established		1
5083	Provision of back-casted Structural Business Statistics data on an aggregated level in NACE Rev.2 for reference years 2005-2007 to users. Treatment of data transmitted in 2010 and in 2011 by Member States on a voluntary basis and estimating the missing data to calculate EU aggregates.	Back-casted Structural Business Statistics in NACE Rev.2 for reference years 2005-2008 on an aggregated level available to users.		2
5081	Production of the report to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of Regulation 716/2007 on Foreign Affiliates statistics.	The report to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the Regulation 716/2007 on Foreign Affiliates Statistics submitted.		2
3800	Commission Decision on the annual work programme for 2013 for the implementation of Decision No 1297/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the MEETS programme. Adoption of the annual work programme with the priorities for the actions to be undertaken in 2013 and the budgetary allocations under this Decision.	Commission Decision on the annual MEETS work programme for 2013		2
4483	ESSnet consistency: Identify and analyse differences in definitions and provide recommendations on possible adjustments.	Identification and analysis of problems Inventory of implementation in Member States		2 2
4012	Continued quality improvement of SBS, Prodcom and FATS data: annual quality reports produced and analysed according to the governing regulations. The necessary follow-up actions are undertaken. Improved quality checking of data.	Annual quality reports prepared and analysed.		2
5323	Drafting a manual on the overall methodological framework for business statistics	A draft manual on the methodological framework for business statistics as input to the development of a framework legislation on business statistics produced.		2
5321	Re-engineering of the business statistics production process in Eurostat	Business statistics re-engineering: first steps towards a re-engineered production system for business statistics		2

##### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
252	Production and dissemination of Structural Business Statistics (SBS) according to Regulation No 295/2008. Validation, processing and dissemination of data received from Member States and other countries on Eurostat website.	Structural Business Statistics (SBS) data for 2010 data disseminated.	
3575	Provision of the headline indicator for the monitoring of the Europe2020 targets on the Innovation Union	Data for the indicator provided to policy makers for the EU27.	

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
4769	Integrate employer business demography and high growth enterprise statistics into regular data production. Framework for data collection (legal or gentlemen's agreement) ready for adoption. Contribute to the Entrepreneurship Indicator Programme (EIP) programme by providing the business demography related indicators.	Framework for data collection agreed ( legal or gentlemen's agreements). Available data validated and disseminated.	
3600	Validation and processing of annual Prodcom data received from Member States and other reporting countries. Dissemination of national data and EU aggregates on the Eurostat website.	Prodcom data for 2011 disseminated.	
4546	Publication of 2013 PRODCOM list	Prodcom list 2013 is adopted.	
4802	Production and dissemination of statistics on Foreign Affiliates according to Regulation (EC) No 716/2007. Validation, processing and dissemination of data received from Member States and other countries on Eurostat website	Statistics on Foreign Affiliates (FATS) data for 2010 are disseminated	
4851	Final decisions on the feasibility of collecting pilot study variables on a regular basis on Foreign Affiliate Statistics will be taken.	Decisions on pilot study variables taken.	
787	Successful implementation of Decision 1297/2008/EC establishing the Programme for the Modernisation of European Enterprise and Trade Statistics (MEETS)	Sound programme and financial management of the annual MEETS programmes adopted Report to the Parliament and to the Council on the implementation of the MEETS programme	
4462	Follow-up of developments in accounting, appropriate reporting and preparation of documents on accounting and statistics	Reports to the Business Statistics Directors Group and the Committee on Monetary, Financial and Balance of Payments Statistics (CMFB) Contributions to impact assessments and reports on the review of the accounting directives Harmonisation of variables in regulations with those in accounting when appropriate	
3445	Provision of statistics for the analysis of global value chains e.g. by remodelling and by carrying out the survey on international sourcing and by extensive micro-data linking in order to enhance the value of Structural Business Statistics (SBS) and other business statistics. ESSnet on measuring global value chains continues its work.	The survey on international sourcing/global value chains is carried out. Grant agreements on the micro-data linking are established and a draft framework for the measurement of global value chains is established..	

### 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Regulation	3924/91	19/12/1991	L 374	31/12/1991	Establishment of a Community survey of industrial production
EP and Council Regulation	716/2007	20/06/2007	L 171	29/06/2007	On Community statistics on the structure and activity of foreign affiliates
EP and Council Regulation	295/2008	11/03/2008	L 97	09/04/2008	Concerning Structural Business Statistics
EP and Council Decision	1297/2008	16/12/2008	L 340	19/12/2008	On a Programme for the Modernisation of European Enterprise and Trade Statistics (MEETS)

## Theme 3.02 - Short-term business statistics

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Production of short-term business statistics (STS) for industry, construction, retail trade and other services
- Consolidation and improvement of quality

## 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
4548	Short Term Business Statistics (STS): timely production of the existing indicators and their publication, mainly in the form of continuous updating of Eurostat's database on the web site and in the form of monthly news releases for a selected set of indicators, among the Principal European Economic Indicators (PEEIs)	Monthly series of news releases for a selected set of indicators in the field of Short Term Business Statistics Indicators in the field of Short Term Business Statistics available in the Eurostat database and up to date on a daily basis	

### 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Regulation	1165/98	19/05/1998	L 162	05/06/1998	Short-term statistics

## Theme 3.03 - Energy

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Collection/Dissemination of short-term and structural information on energy systems and electricity and gas prices; preparation of energy balance sheets
- Evaluation of various Commission energy policies (Renewable Energy Sources, Energy Dependency, Energy Efficiency, Combined Heat and Power)
- Contribution to the monitoring of security of supply (oil stockholding obligation)
- Contribution to the monitoring of Carbon Dioxide emission inventories
- Contribution to the development of the Energy Statistics System in the EU and Candidate Countries

## 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

### 1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
5041	Energy efficiency / Energy savings indicators and targets monitoring; COM (2011)109 of 08.03.2011	Define a set of Indicators to monitor energy efficiency targets arising from Commission legislative acts and Europe 2020 strategy.		3

### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
254	Energy Statistics (Annual): collect annual statistics (structural information) on solid fuels, oil, natural gas, electricity and renewable energy sources in accordance with the Energy Statistics Regulation (EC) No 1099/2008.	Update the Eurostat Reference Environment with annual energy statistics; Preparation of the Energy Balance Sheets.	
4466	Energy Statistics (Monthly): collect monthly statistics (short-term trends) on solid fuels, oil and natural gas, electricity and certain renewable energy sources, in accordance with the Energy Statistics Regulation (EC) No 1099/2008.	Update the Eurostat Reference Environment with monthly energy statistics, providing information on market trends.	
4468	Energy Price Statistics: electricity and natural gas prices are collected twice per year for households and industry. Prices for industrial end-users are collected in accordance with the Price Transparency Directive 2008/92 while prices for households are based on gentlemen's agreements.	Update the Eurostat Reference Environment with Electricity and Natural-Gas prices charged to end- users (industry, households)	

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
3881	Modify the Energy Statistics Regulation (a) responding to new policy requirements (b) in response to priority setting / burden reduction	Revised Energy Statistics Regulation	
4861	Final Energy Consumption Surveys - Energy efficiency (domestic sector): develop a Recommended Coverage for an 'Energy Consumption in Households' Survey, in response to the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency policies pursued by the Commission. Examine / Evaluate current practices in the EU, in making available this information. Carry-out surveys / modelling work at national level, to enhance data availability (grants).	Evaluation of current data collection exercise in view of responding to accrued user requirements.	
4895	Develop the ESS RES (Renewable Energy Statistics) reporting system to respond fully to the principles defined in Directive 2009 /28 (methodology development for sustainable biofuels, heat pumps). Review national systems and implement actions at national level to improve data coverage/quality. Develop IT tools to ensure that reporting on mandatory targets under the ESR (Energy Statistics Regulation) (EC) No 1009/2008 and the Directive 2009/28 are identical.	Methodological development and pilot data collections extending the Energy Statistics Regulation (ESR) in fields covered by the Renewable Energy Sources Directive 2009/28 (electric cars, hydrogen, sustainable biofuels)	
4923	Evaluate use of the ESR in the preparation of the EU greenhouse gas inventory report. The energy statistics - collected under the Energy Statistics Regulation - will be examined in order to: * make available early estimates (T+4) of CO2 emissions, based on short-term supply side statistics (Reference Approach) * enhance the role of ESR statistics in the Commission QA / QC process of national CO2 emission declarations (Sectoral Approach).	Feasibility study in making available early estimates of carbon dioxide emission inventories	
3041	Web-Enabled Data Editing Services (WEDES): this activity addresses the development / maintenance of tools provided to Member States for data entry (local functions), to facilitate the reporting of statistics in accordance with Directive 2009/28 on RES and with Directive 2009/119 on Oil Stocks (ensuring comparability with Regulation 1099/2008) as well as of the remote access interface for interactive data submission / validation	Updated local data entry tools and SHARES, in accordance with the revised Energy Statistics Regulation	
4859	Migrate the Energy Production Database (SIRENE) to a new environment.	Updated / Maintained SIRENE (C) Production Database.	

## **2. Statistical work to be carried out by other DGs (including data collection from Member States) and/or EU Agencies**

### **2.2 ONGOING WORK**

DG/Agencies	Ongoing work
ENER	Data collection based on Commission Decision 1999/566/EC regarding a European Union procedure for information and consultation on crude oil supply costs and the consumer prices of petroleum products
ENER	Data collection based on the Council Directive 2006/67/EC, imposing an obligation on Member States to maintain minimum stocks of crude oil and/or petroleum products

### **3. Legal references**

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Directive	2004/8	11/02/2004	L 52	12/02/2004	Promotion of cogeneration based on a useful heat demand in the internal energy market and amending Directive 92/42/EEC
EP and Council Decision	280/2004	11.2.2004	L 49	19.2.2004	Mechanism for monitoring Community greenhouse gas emissions and for implementing the Kyoto Protocol
EP and Council Directive	2006/32	05/04/2006	L 114	27/04/2006	Energy end-use efficiency and energy services and repealing Council Directive 93/76/EEC
EP and Council Directive	2008/92	22/10/2008	L 298	07/11/2008	Concerning a Community procedure to improve the transparency of gas and electricity prices charged to industrial end-users
EP and Council Regulation	1099/2008	22/10/2008	L 304	14/11/2008	Energy statistics
EP and Council	2009/28	23/04/2009	L 140	05/06/2009	On the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources and

Directive					amending and subsequently repealing Directive 2001/77
Council Directive	2009/119	14/09/2009	L 265	09/10/2009	Imposing an obligation on Member States to maintain minimum stocks of crude oil and/or petroleum products

## Theme 3.04 - Transport

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Commercial transport of goods and passengers in all modes where this activity is significant: road freight, rail (goods and passengers), inland waterways (goods), sea (goods and passengers), air (passengers, freight and mail), and pipelines (specific goods)
- Measurement of traffic, in particular for road vehicles
- Infrastructures and means of transport (vehicles) at national and regional level
- Enterprises and employment in the transport sector at national level
- Accidents, fatalities, injured people and release of dangerous goods in the transport sector
- Intermodal transport, congestion, logistics performance
- Impact on the environment, in particular on climate change
- Transport indicators (modal split; structural, sustainable development, globalisation, environment)

### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

#### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
384	Annual data collection of regional transport statistics (transport infrastructure, stock of the vehicles and road traffic accident), based on a voluntary data collection.	Production and dissemination of regional transport statistics (transport infrastructure, stock of the vehicles and road traffic accident).	
603	Modal Split indicators represent the relative share of each individual transport mode in the overall transport performance and are obtained from datasets of various transport modes using the same measurement unit.	Production and development of modal split indicators	
709	Modernisation and integration of Transport Information System (TRIS)	Successful integration of all TRIS subsystem in the production environment.	
4534	Common Eurostat/ITF/UNECE Questionnaire on Transport Statistics: annual voluntary data collection on inland transport statistics (infrastructure, transport equipment, enterprises and partly traffic, transport measurement and safety)	Production and dissemination of data on Transport equipment and infrastructure. The "Eurostat/ITF/UNECE Glossary for transport statistics" is revised and updated on a regular basis.	
4837	Collection of road VKm: annual voluntary data collection on the volume of road transport measured in VKm (Vehicle Kilometre)	Production and dissemination of statistics on the volume of road transport measured in VKm (Vehicle Kilometre)	
388	Road Freight Transport Statistics: quarterly data collection (vehicle, journey and goods-related data) on road freight transport, based on Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/98.	Production and dissemination of harmonised statistics on transport of goods by road (data on vehicles, journeys and type of goods).	
4536	Rail Transport Statistics: quinquennial/annual/quarterly data collection (goods, passengers and rail safety) on rail transport, based on Regulation (EC) No 91/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council	Production and dissemination of harmonised statistics (passengers, freight, rail safety) on rail transport. Legal procedure leading to suppression of tables C3 and C4 (concerning transport of passengers); discontinuation of Annex H (rail safety); introduction of a threshold aiming at exempting the smallest enterprises from reporting data under this Regulation.	
390	Annual/quarterly data collection (carriage of goods and passengers by sea) on maritime transport statistics, based on Directive 2009/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EU) 1090/2010	Production and dissemination of harmonised statistics (passengers, freight and vessel traffic) on maritime transport statistics	
4538	Inland Waterway Freight Transport Statistics: annual/quarterly data collection (type of goods, nationality and type of vessels, vessel traffic) on inland waterway freight transport, based on Regulation (EC) No 1365/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council.	Production and dissemination of harmonised statistics on inland waterway freight transport	
392	Air Transport Statistics: annual/quarterly/monthly data collection on the carriage of passengers, freight and mail by commercial air services as well as on civil aircraft movements to or from Community airports, based on Regulation (EC) No 437/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council.	Production and dissemination of harmonised statistics (passengers, freight and mail) on air transport	
755	Data collection on transport safety statistics, having as data	Dissemination of Transport Safety data.	

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	suppliers: DG MOVE, European Rail Agency, European Maritime Safety and European Aviation Safety Agency.		
3453	Feasibility study on production of intermodal transport statistics, including logistics indicators.	Study on production of intermodal transport statistics, including logistics indicators.	

## **2. Statistical work to be carried out by other DGs (including data collection from Member States) and/or EU Agencies**

### **2.2 ONGOING WORK**

DG/Agencies	Ongoing work
EASA, EMSA, ERA	Collect from the Member States the safety data they need to fulfil their function (i.e. common rail safety indicators, aviation safety data as well as maritime safety and vessel movements' data)
TAXUD	Collection of data and estimation of the tax revenues on mineral oils stemming from transport use. For countries which cannot provide these data a methodology is developed to estimate the split based on other sources.
TAXUD	Collection of data on tax rates and revenues on energy products stemming from transport, industrial/commercial and heating use.
MOVE	Management of the CARE database on road accidents. The data are collected from the Member States in accordance with Council Decision 93/704
MOVE	Modernisation and extension to non-inland modes Council Regulation 1108/70 on an accounting system for expenditure on infrastructure

### **3. Legal references**

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Regulation	1108/70	04/06/1970	L 130	15/06/1970	Introducing an accounting system for expenditure on infrastructure in respect of transport by rail, road and inland waterways
Council Decision	93/704	30/11/1993	L 329	30/12/1993	Creation of a Community database on road accidents
Council Regulation	1172/98	25/05/1998	L 163	06/06/1998	Statistical returns in respect of the carriage of goods by road
EP and Council Regulation	91/2003	16/12/2002	L 14	21/01/2003	Rail transport statistics
EP and Council Regulation	437/2003	27/02/2003	L 66	11/03/2003	Statistical returns in respect of the carriage of passengers, freight and mail by air
EP and Council Directive	1365/2006	06/09/2006	L 246	25/09/2006	Statistics of goods transport by inland waterways and repealing Council Directive 80/1119/EEC
EP and Council Directive	2009/42	06/05/2009	L 141	06/06/2009	On statistical returns in respect of carriage of goods and passengers by sea

## **Theme 3.05 - Tourism**

### **Fields of activities covered by the theme**

Tourism is an important economic activity in the EU and statistics on tourism rank amongst the highest in terms of users consulting Eurostat's website. Under the Lisbon treaty, the EU has acquired new competences in the area of tourism policy.

Activities covered by the theme are:

- Collection and dissemination of statistics on domestic and outbound tourism demand of the EU residents (tourism propensity and tourism behaviour; typically through household /visitor survey ~ social statistics).
- Collection and dissemination of statistics on tourism supply (accommodation statistics; typically through enterprise surveys ~ business statistics).
- Statistics on employment in the tourism accommodation sector (based on data from the European Labour Force Survey)
- Tourism Satellite Accounts (TSAs): projects to enhance the methodological developments and implementation in the Member States
- Indicators on sustainable and competitive tourism, using existing official statistics

## 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

### 1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
4203	Tourism statistics: feasibility study on the use of mobile positioning data for tourism statistics	Evaluation Report		2
4205	Implementation of new Regulation on European statistics on tourism. Preparation of databases and validation programs for reception of data (incl. micro-data)	Production database ready for receiving, validating and processing data		2

### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
550	Tourism statistics: dissemination. Regularly updated online database, regular and ad-hoc publications (paper/web), presentation of results in events & meetings.	Dissemination database	
4470	Tourism Statistics: production - Successful validation of databases	Production database	
4758	Tourism statistics: methodological developments - New methodologies	Continuous improvement of tourism statistics methodology	
4953	ESSnet on automated data collection and reporting in accommodation statistics (phase 1)	System of automated data collection for tourism accommodation statistics	

## 2. Statistical work to be carried out by other DGs (including data collection from Member States) and/or EU Agencies

### 2.1 NEW WORK

DG/Agencies	New work
ENTR	Feasibility study on a Virtual Tourism Observatory (contract expected to run until January 2013)

### 2.2 ONGOING WORK

DG/Agencies	Ongoing work
ENTR	Conducting Flash Eurobarometer surveys about tourism (following the 2009, 2010 and 2011 exercises, a survey is foreseen to be carried out in January 2012)

## 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Directive	95/57	23/11/1995	L 291	06/12/1995	Collection of statistical information in the field of tourism
Council Regulation	577/98	09/03/1998	L 77	14/03/1998	Concerning the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community
Council Directive	2006/110	20/11/2006	L 363	20/12/2006	Adapting Directives 95/57/EC and 2001/109/EC in the field of statistics due to the accession of Bulgaria and Romania
EP and Council Regulation	295/2008	11/03/2008	L 97	09/04/2008	Concerning Structural Business Statistics

## Theme 3.06 - Business registers

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Business Registers (BR)
- EuroGroups Register (EGR)

### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

#### 1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
4130	Processes to improve the efficiency of Business Registers for supporting Business Statistics	The Business Registers Recommendation Manual meets the requirement of national register staff Member States compliance with the Business Register Regulation is monitored through the annual inquiry		2  2

#### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
135	Establishment of a network of statistical business registers in the EU for the registration of Multinational Enterprise Groups	The EuroGroups Register (EGR) IT application is maintained and further developed Eurostat implements for Member States a secure remote access to the central EGR data base The central EGR processes and functionalities are revised (EGR version 2.0) Data from commercial data providers are acquired for producing the 2011 population frame A fourth population frame on 2011 data is produced for Multinational Enterprise Groups (EuroGroups)	
3403	Profiling of large and complex enterprise groups: analyse the legal, operation and accounting structure of an enterprise group at national and international level ("profiling")	Common methodology for profiling enterprises is further developed	

### 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Regulation	177/2008	20/02/2008	L 61	05/03/2008	Establishing a common framework for business registers for statistical purposes and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 2186/93
EP and Council Decision	1297/2008	16/12/2008	L 340	19/12/2008	On a Programme for the Modernisation of European Enterprise and Trade Statistics (MEETS)

## 4 - Statistics on agriculture, forestry and fisheries

### Theme 4.01 - Agricultural statistics

#### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Crop product statistics
- Livestock, meat and eggs statistics
- Milk and dairy product statistics
- Supply balance sheets
- Vineyard statistics
- Fruit tree statistics
- Organic farming statistics

#### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

##### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
754	Annual crop statistics - methods and definitions: development of quality reporting for annual Crops as provided in Regulation (EC) No 543/209	Summary EU quality report, implementation of quality improvements	
772	Structural statistics on permanent crops (former "Vineyard and orchard surveys") - data. Update of production database in MDT (MultiDimensional table) and/or FAME (Forecasting Analytical Modelling Environment) and of Eurobase database	Update production database in MDT and/or FAME and of Eurobase database	
4081	Implementation acts for Permanent crops statistics: preparation and adoption of implementation acts and manuals following the adoption of Permanent crops Regulation	Implementing acts, manual for production of the statistics, table formats and transmission procedures	
4696	Crop statistics - validation and production of annual statistics on area, production and yields production database and Eurobase database update, crop supply balance sheets production (taking into account the gradual phasing out of this activity); database and dissemination Eurobase database updated	Reception, validation, production and dissemination of statistics	
4710	Annual crop statistics - legislation: implementation of Regulations and Gentlemen's agreements on crop production statistics	Study possible simplification with DG AGRI and Member States Monitor compliance of Member States	
736	Validation and production of Livestock and meat statistics, egg and chick statistics- Eurobase database update	Reception, validation, production and dissemination of statistics	
756	Livestock and meat statistics - quality: quality reports due from Member States by July 2011 under Regulation (EC) No 1165/2008	Summary EU quality report, implementation of quality improvements	
4712	Livestock and meat statistics - legislation: implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1165/2008	Study possible simplification with DG-AGRI and Member States Monitor compliance of Member States	
3416	Milk and dairy products - legislation: revision of Decision 97/80/EC, structure of dairy enterprises	Monitor compliance of Member States Study possible simplification with DG-AGRI and Member States	
4738	Validation and production of milk and dairy product statistics; Eurobase database update	Reception, validation, production and dissemination of statistics	
645	eDAMIS/Generic Web Forms component (domains: ANI, MILK, CROPS and EAA): analysis and request of new features; testing exercise of new versions, creation of templates for all datasets; addition of pre-validation rules	Simplification, integration, increased efficiency and multiplication of functions of statistical processes in Eurostat Creation of eDAMIS Web Forms out of already existing DSDs	
3471	SDMX implementation in Agricultural domains (EAA, ANI and CROPS): standardisation of the data transmission format in order to improve the efficiency of data collection and processing by Eurostat and for maintaining and improving data quality.	Agreement on harmonized code lists Creation of "Data Structure Definitions" (DSDs) for Economic Accounts datasets in the first place and afterwards for all agricultural datasets	
3565	Migration of FAME based applications to MDT/Oracle for ANI and CROPS. Migration of the domains and consolidation (provide improved tools and methods to ensure the production of high quality statistical information service)	Validation with the MDT (MultiDimensional Table) interface after completing the migration of the FAME (Forecasting Analytical Modelling Environment) based application storage of ANI (animals) and CROPS data in the new Oracle production database	

### 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Regulation	357/79	05/02/1979	L 54	05/03/1979	Statistical surveys of areas under vines
Council Directive	96/16	19/03/1996	L 78	28/03/1996	Statistical surveys of milk and milk products
EP and Council Directive	2001/109	19/12/2001	L 13	16/01/2002	Statistical surveys to be carried out by the Member States in order to determine the production of plantations of certain species of fruit trees
Council Regulation	1234/2007	22/10/2007	L 299	16/11/2007	Establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products
Council Regulation	78/2008	21/01/2008	L 25	31/01/2008	On the measures to be undertaken by the Commission in 2008-2013 making use of the remote-sensing applications developed within the framework of the common agricultural policy
Council Regulation	479/2008	29/04/2008	L 148	06/06/2008	On the common organisation of the market in wine
EP and Council Regulation	1165/2008	19/11/2008	L 321	01/12/2008	Livestock and meat statistics and repealing Council Directives 93/23, 93/24 and 93/25
EP and Council Regulation	543/2009	18/06/2009	L 167	29/06/2009	Concerning crop statistics

## Theme 4.02 - Agricultural structures

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Farm structure statistics play a key role in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). This role is likely to increase over time with enlargement and CAP reform (shift from product to producer support - environmental compliance - rural development).
- Farm Structure Surveys - censuses every ten years (i.e. 2009/2010) and two intermediate sample surveys in between (i.e. 2013 and 2016) - are the backbone of the agricultural statistical system.
- The Farm Structure Survey (FSS) is covered by a basic Regulation (EC) No 1166/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council
- The Survey on Agricultural Production Methods (SAPM) launched in 2009/2010 is also based on the Regulation (EC) No 1166/2008.
- The concerned surveys serve the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) through provision of micro-data (farm level) on the agricultural labour force, land use, livestock, equipment and non-agricultural activities and they are the statistical basis for collection of information on land use, livestock and agricultural income.
- The farm typology derived from FSS data is used as the sampling frame for the farm accountancy data network.
- The Common Agricultural Policy has evolved significantly over the last years. The most recent proposals, adopted by the Commission in October 2011, highlight new challenges, notably the rising concerns regarding food security, the sustainable management of natural resources, mitigation of and adaptation to climate change, increasing volatility of agricultural prices, the diversity and further development of farm structures and production systems and the need for strengthening of territorial and social cohesion. By responding to these challenges, the CAP will contribute to the Europe 2020 Strategy in terms of smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. A solid statistical base is essential for policy design and impact assessment of reform proposals, the implementation of the policy and its monitoring and evaluation.

### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

#### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
750	Agricultural structures - collection, validation and dissemination of 2009/2010 census data; Validation processes; National Methodological Reports; New dissemination strategies	Receipt of transmitted data, validation, analysis and dissemination of census results	AGRI
5441	Launch of the commodities requested to start the farm sample survey 2013 based on Regulation 1166/2008 and implementing Commission Regulation 1200/2009. The action plan covers as well the launch at the end of 2011 or beginning 2012 of the procedure for co-financing for the FSS 2013.	Countries submit their grant applications as a response to the call for proposals which Commission will evaluate and commit	AGRI
3573	Agricultural structures - New approach for collection of agricultural structure data. Collection and validation of farm	Integrated framework for agricultural structure data after 2013	AGRI

	structure survey statistics after 2013		
4412	Dissemination of Farm Structure Survey Data: dissemination of standard tables in Eurobase, SIFs, Pocketbook, Statistical Yearbook etc.	Improvement of accessibility to FSS results of FSS dissemination	AGRI

### 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Directive	2001/109	19/12/2001	L 13	16/01/2002	Statistical surveys to be carried out by the Member States in order to determine the production of plantations of certain species of fruit trees
Council Regulation	1234/2007	22/10/2007	L 299	16/11/2007	Establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products
EP and Council Regulation	1165/2008	19/11/2008	L 321	01/12/2008	Livestock and meat statistics and repealing Council Directives 93/23, 93/24 and 93/25
EP and Council Regulation	1166/2008	19/11/2008	L 321	01/12/2008	on farm structure surveys and the survey on agricultural production methods and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 571/88
Commission Regulation	1242/2008	08/12/2008	L 335	13/12/2008	Establishing a Community typology for agricultural holdings (amended by Regulation (EC) 867/2009 of 21.9.2009)

## Theme 4.03 - Land use and land cover

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- This theme comprises the Land Use and Land Cover Area Frame Statistical Survey (LUCAS), which regards the whole EU territory
- Surveys (most recent 2008/2009) are launched to obtain harmonised data not only on Land Use and Land Cover changes, but also on environmental features and landscape evolution.
- Setting up Land Use and Land Cover Area frame Surveys (LUCAS)
- Setting up an integrated ESS data network for Land Cover and Land Use
- Collecting comparable and harmonised statistical information on Land Cover and Land Use

### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

#### 1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
4240	Supervision and steer of the Lucas (Land use and land cover statistics) survey 2012. Follow up of the established contracts; support to the contractors at the implementation of the survey - first checks of collected microdata on land use and land cover	Launch and follow up of the survey 2012	ENTR, ENV, CLIMA	2

#### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
835	Analysis of outcome of earlier surveys, especially the Land use/cover area frame survey 2008/2009 and applicability for management of future surveys	New architecture for LU/LC data collection and management	ENTR, ENV, CLIMA
4794	Collecting and harmonising European data on land use and land cover by implementing the Lucas approach in the countries; by assessing and collecting available data in countries and by taking into account the need for harmonisation of these data and by co-operating with the EEA and other international bodies.	Increase harmonisation among LU/LC statistics and create synergies between data providers on this issues	

## Theme 4.04 - Agricultural accounts and prices

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Economic Accounts for Agriculture (EAA); also covers agricultural labour input (ALI)
- Unit Value Statistics (UV) and Regional EAA
- Agricultural Price Statistics - covers annual and quarterly agricultural price indices data (API) and absolute prices data
- Agricultural land prices and rents

### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

#### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
124	Validation, production and dissemination of Economic Accounts for Agriculture	Reception, validation, production and dissemination of statistics	
752	Agricultural accounts and prices - quality: Methodological Inventories for Economic Accounts for Agriculture and Agricultural price statistics. Further elaboration of quality reporting for both domains.	1st Quality reporting exercise, summary EU quality report	
3561	Migration of FAME based application to MDT/Oracle for EAA. Migration of the domains and consolidation (provide improved tools and methods to ensure the production of high quality statistical information service)	Storage of EAA data in an Oracle database Validation of the data with MDT interface after completing migration of FAME based application	
4414	Validation, production and dissemination of Agricultural Prices and Indices, including land prices and rents	Reception, validation, production and dissemination of statistics	

### 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Regulation	138/2004	05/12/2003	L 33	05/02/2004	Economic accounts for agriculture in the Community

## Theme 4.05 - Forestry statistics

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Collection of annual data on the production of and trade in wood and wood products for the EU and EFTA countries with the Joint FAO/ECE (Economic Commission for Europe)/Eurostat/ITTO (International Tropical Timber Organisation) Forest Sector Questionnaire (JFSQ)
- Collection of economic data for forestry and logging using the Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting for Forests (IEEAF) approach

### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

#### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
798	Collect, validate and disseminate forestry statistics	Validated data on production of and trade in wood and wood derived products. Data needed for projects under the EU Forest Action Plan are delivered to the responsible services (mainly DG Agriculture and Rural Development)	
4426	Collect, validate and disseminate forest accounts. Develop and improve the methodology.	Economic data for forestry and logging harmonised with national accounts and between the Member States	

### 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Resolution	1999/C 56/01	15/12/1998	C 56	26/02/1999	A forestry strategy for the EU

## Theme 4.06 - Fisheries statistics

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Catch statistics
- Landings statistics
- Aquaculture statistics

### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

#### 1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
4175	Simplification of catch statistics legislation: merge Regulations (EC) No 216/2009, No 217/2009 and No 218/2009 to cover the catches' data collection for the major fishing areas of EU27 fishing countries	Consolidated act		1

#### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
150	Focus on quality of landings and catches statistics, using the new informatics tools implemented in the framework of the eDamis single point as well as the fisheries pilot project using the SDMX	First quality reporting exercise, implementation of quality improvements	
3569	SDMX implementation in Fisheries: standardisation of the data transmission format in order to improve the efficiency of data collection and processing by Eurostat and for maintaining and improving data quality.	Creation of "Data Structure Definitions" (DSDs) for Fishery datasets agreement on harmonized code lists	
3890	Implementation of Regulations in Fisheries statistics	Study possible simplification with DG MARE and Member States	
3890	Implementation of Regulations in Fisheries statistics	Monitor compliance of Member States	
4416	Fisheries statistics - production: validation, production and dissemination of landings, catch and aquaculture statistics	Reception, validation, production and dissemination of statistics	
4418	Aquaculture Statistics - quality: prepare a report to EP and Council on the data relevance and quality	Report to the EP and the Council as requested by Article 11 of Regulation (EC) 762/2008	
4909	Migration of FAME based application to MDT/Oracle for FISH. Migration of the domain and consolidation (provide improved tools and methods to ensure the production of high quality statistical information service)	All FAME based applications migrated to MDT and storage of Fisheries data in an Oracle database Validation of Fisheries data with MDT interface	

### 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Regulation	2930/86	22/09/1986	L 274	25/09/1986	Defining characteristics for fishing vessels
Commission Regulation	26/2004	30/12/2003	L 5	09/01/2004	On the Community fishing fleet register
EP and Council Regulation	1921/2006	18/12/2006	L 403	30/12/2006	Submission of statistical data on landings of fishery products in Member States and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 1382/91

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Regulation	762/2008	09/07/2008	L 218	13/08/2008	On the submission by Member States of statistics on aquaculture and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 788/96
EP and Council Regulation	216/2009	11/03/2009	L 87	31/03/2009	On the submission of nominal catch statistics by Member States fishing in certain areas other than those of the North Atlantic
EP and Council Regulation	217/2009	11/03/2009	L 87	31/03/2009	On the submission of catch and activity statistics by Member States fishing in the north-west Atlantic
EP and Council Regulation	218/2009	11/03/2009	L 87	31/03/2009	On the submission of nominal catch statistics by Member States fishing in the north-east Atlantic

## Theme 4.07 - Agri-environmental statistics

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Development and maintenance of a system of 28 agri-environmental indicators for monitoring the integration of environmental concerns into the Common Agricultural Policy, based on Commission Communication COM (2006)508
- Coordination of the work on these indicators carried out in other Directorates General (DG Agriculture and Rural Development, DG Environment , Joint Research Centre, European Environmental Agency) in accordance to a Memorandum of Understanding and with other international organisations
- Collection, processing and dissemination of the data needed for the indicators, from the other involved Commission services, Member States, other units and statistics in Eurostat and by other (non-governmental) organisations
- Setting up a long-term data collection system taking into account all data needs in the domain and the need to reduce the response burden
- Contributing to Eurostat publications including agri-environmental statistics
- Implementation of the Regulation (EC) No 1185/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009 concerning statistics on pesticides

### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

#### 1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
4138	Reception, validation, processing and dissemination of pesticide sales statistics.	Pesticide sales statistics		3
4485	Long term system for collecting data needed for agri-environmental indicators: ensure that existing surveys are amended and new surveys set up to collect the needed information following the DireDate project	Existing surveys amended, new surveys identified and set up.		3

#### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
162	Pesticide Statistics - implementing legislation: follow-up of draft implementing regulations concerning statistics on plant production products (Regulation (EC) No 1185/2009)	Follow up work and support to countries for implementation of pesticides statistics legislation	
633	Agri-environment indicators: implementation of Statistical indicators. A Memorandum of Understanding (EC services involved: Eurostat, DG AGRI, DG ENV, JRC and EEA) has been drawn up to ensure that already available data are fully used and to pool the different skills and resources, with the medium term objective of setting up a system for collecting data on the relation between agriculture and environment.	The implementation of the Eurostat's recommendations for collection of needed data to develop AEI based on the outcome of the DireDate project	
4132	AEI data collection: collect data from available sources in the Commission, EU agencies, Member States, Eurostat and other (non-governmental) organisations.	Data and publications	
4134	Support Member States in their work on agro-environmental indicators, collect and compile available data	Pilot studies, data	
4136	Maintain and develop the agro-environmental indicators' MDT	Database	

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	(MultiDimensional Table)		

## 2. Statistical work to be carried out by other DGs (including data collection from Member States) and/or EU Agencies

### 2.2 ONGOING WORK

DG/Agencies	Ongoing work
AGRI, ENV, SANCO, JRC, CLIMA, EEA	The agri-environmental indicators that are not yet fully developed will be improved as agreed in work programmes set up according to a memorandum of understanding between Eurostat, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, DG Environment, the Joint Research Centre and the European Environmental Agency. Each partner will collect data through its own system, as agreed in the memorandum.

### 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Decision	72/279	31/07/1972	L 179	07/08/1972	Setting up a standing committee for agricultural statistics
EP and Council Regulation	1185/2009	25/11/2009	L 324	10/12/2009	concerning statistics on pesticides

## Theme 4.08 - Rural development and maritime policy statistics

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Provision of statistics to support the European Rural Development Policy and the European Integrated Maritime Policy
- Discussions mainly with DG AGRI, DG MARE and DG REGIO about their data needs; follow-up and completion of action 6.5 of the Blue Paper Action Plan on integrated maritime policy (SEC(2007)1278) "Improving Socio-Economic Data for maritime sectors and maritime regions".
- Testing the use of data from harmonised European surveys (Labour Force Survey, Information and Communication Technologies Usage Survey)
- Cross-sectional data collection at NUTS level 3 for areas with differing levels of rurality and for coastal areas / the maritime sector if available. Analysing and publishing NUTS level 3 data as far as they are available
- Managing grants provided to Member States (collection of existing data)
- Building a framework for a rural/coastal inventory covering the most important services/infrastructures
- Analysing and publishing NUTS level 3 data

### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

#### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
413	Provide the European Union with statistical information (i.e. statistical indicators) 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.	Enhanced databases	
717	Statistical data for the Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP)	Enhanced databases	
4006	Elaboration of statistical publications devoted to Rural development (i.e Statistics in Focus, pocketbook, etc.). Improvement of dedicated webpages for Rural Development statistics	Publication	
4176	Rural development data collection: regular update of the database using official data published on the websites of the NSIs. Manage the rural data collection exercise launched in 2010 based on existing data sources. Data collection in the framework of the European harmonised surveys.	Statistical data	
4008	Elaboration of statistical publications devoted to coastal regions and maritime sector (i.e Statistics in Focus, pocketbook, etc.). Improvement of dedicated webpage for Maritime Policy	Publications; dissemination	

	statistics		
4178	Maritime Policy data collection: regular update of the database using data from available source in the Commission and data collected in the framework of European harmonised surveys.	Statistical data	

### **3. Legal references**

<b>Nature</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>OJ No</b>	<b>Publication Date</b>	<b>Title</b>
Council Decision	72/279	31/07/1972	L 179	07/08/1972	Setting up a standing committee for agricultural statistics
Council Regulation	1698/2005	20/09/2005	L 277	21/10/2005	On support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

## 5 - Multi-domain statistics

### Theme 5.01 - Statistics for business cycle analysis

#### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Improvement of the quality and the coverage of Principal European Economic Indicators (PEEIs, COM/2002/661) and enhancement of their visibility
- Development and implementation of sophisticated statistical and econometric techniques in order to increase timeliness, length, frequency and reliability of PEEIs
- Development and maintenance of a statistical framework for the assessment of the euro area and Member States cyclical situation
- Provide advanced methods for data readability and interpretability
- Preparation, implementation and follow up of guidelines for harmonising PEEI production processes and for the definition of best statistical practices
- Development of tools for the rationalising the use of statistical and econometric techniques

#### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

##### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
666	Production of statistical estimation to increase timeliness, coverage and length. Statistical framework for business cycle analysis based on Principal European Economic Indicators (PEEIs). Guidelines for harmonisation of PEEIs production and advanced quality measures	Finalisation and implementation of guidelines and handbooks on revisions policy, construction of European aggregates, revisions analysis, seasonal adjustment, rapid estimates and composite indicators First version of a euro area real-time monitoring and early warning system integrating enlarged PEEIs set and new PEEIs based estimates and composite indicators Regular dissemination of nowcasting, backcalculation, high frequency indicators and cyclical composite indicators as experimental data	
837	Supply of statistical PEEIs including publication, quality assessment statistical improvements and analysis of PEEIs with expected monthly or quarterly output. Integration of traditional methods with more sophisticated econometric techniques.	Regular production of nowcasting and backcalculation for key macroeconomic variables Regular production of high frequency indicators of the economic activity	
3381	Investigation of innovative statistical and econometric techniques to be used to enhance data production, quality assessment and analysis of PEEIs	New advanced quality measures for infra-annual statistics New advanced methods for business cycle analysis and early warning system New techniques for economic nowcasting	
4997	Integrated system for improvement, quality monitoring and analysis of PEEIs implementation of methodologies for monitoring, improvement and analysis of PEEIs. A friendly and standardised computational framework for the PEEIs	A system of friendly tools to rationalise the use of statistical and econometric techniques in the PEEIs production system	

### Theme 5.02 - Europe 2020 strategy and sustainable development

#### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Sustainable development indicators (SDI)
- Europe 2020 indicators
- Structural indicators (SI)
- Globalisation indicators (GI)
- Quality profiles (QP)

## 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
3894	Maintain and contribute to further development of the set of Europe 2020 indicators and related metadata (quality profiles)	Regular maintenance, further development and update of the Europe 2020 indicators with quality profiles and other metadata	
4656	Maintenance and update of the set of Sustainable Development Indicators on the Eurostat WebsiteBi-annual monitoring report concerning Sustainable Development Strategy	Maintenance and update of the set of the Sustainable Development indicators and regular update of the underlying data with quality profiles	
3460	Globalisation indicators: a set of indicators to measure the degree of globalisation in various aspects of the EU and its Member States	Regular update of the data for indicators	

### 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Decision	1600/2002	22/07/2002	L 242	10/09/2002	6th Community Environment Action Programme
Council of the European Union	10117/06	09/06/2006	-		Review of the EU Sustainable Development Strategy - Renewed strategy
Council Conclusions	EUCO 7/10	26/03/2010		26/03/2010	Europe 2020 - Conclusions of the European Council

## **Theme 5.03 - Environment statistics**

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Environmental Data Centre on Waste
- Statistics on waste, hazardous substances, water, biodiversity
- Regional environment statistics
- Streamlining and production of environmental indicators (Sustainable Development, Sustainable Development Indicators, Europe 2020, etc.)

## 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

### 1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
3906	Collect regional environmental statistics and make them available	Timely statistics on the environment in European regions according to the needs of DGs REGIO and ENV.		3
5285	In cooperation with the Group of Four (ESTAT, ENV, JRC and EEA), development and improvement of the statistical knowledge base to support the Europe 2020 flagship initiative on resource efficiency	Indicator development, screening of data sources, collection of metadata.		

### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
577	Streamline the various environmental indicator sets maintained by the Group of 4 (ESTAT, ENV, JRC, EEA)	Consistent set of European environmental indicators and meta information, register of indicator projects from European bodies available on website.	
824	Publication of biodiversity indicators	Biodiversity indicators (protected areas, birds, fishes) and	

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		associated metadata	
3526	GDP and beyond: ensure the coordination of Eurostat activities linked to the Communication COM(2009)433	Maintenance of the Eurostat Action Plan and management of the Interdepartmental Coordination Group	
856	Manage and develop the data centre on waste	A comprehensive set of statistical information and services is offered by the Data Centre on Waste.	
4670	Manage the Waste Statistics Regulation. Collect, validate and disseminate data on generation and treatment of waste.	Publication of statistics, metadata and indicators allowing comparison of EU minimum targets with waste management statistics, based on data for reference year 2010	
4764	Develop and maintain the set of indicators to monitor the EU Chemicals Policy (REACH)	Update of the REACH baseline study as a contribution to the 5-year effectiveness assessment report of REACH (annex to the Commission Report to the European Parliament and to the Council). Updated set of indicators to monitor the EU chemical policy.	
585	Support Member States in the improvement of water statistics (grants).	Increased availability of water statistics through new grants, harvesting and implementing the results from earlier pilot projects.	
710	Collect, validate and disseminate statistics on water resources, water uses and waste water treatment.	Updated European statistics on water resources, water use and wastewater treatment	

### 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Decision	2179/98	24/09/1998	L 275	10/10/1998	Review of the European Community programme of policy and action in relation to the environment and sustainable development Towards sustainability
EP and Council Decision	1600/2002	22/07/2002	L 242	10/09/2002	6th Community Environment Action Programme
EP and Council Regulation	2150/2002	25/11/2002	L 332	09/12/2002	Waste statistics

## Theme 5.04 - Regional and urban statistics

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Coordination of the collection of regional statistics in various thematic units of Eurostat
- Coordination of the dissemination of regional statistics
- Collection processing and dissemination of urban statistics
- Identification of new or changed requirements on regional and urban statistics in cooperation with policy Directorates General of the Commission
- Maintenance of the Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS)

### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

#### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
4434	Regional Yearbook Production: planning and coordination of the drafting of the Yearbook contributions by Eurostat thematic units, the compilation of contributions to an integrated publication, coordination of translation, layout and printing work.	Regional Yearbook 2012	
3645	Technical infrastructure for urban and regional statistics: improvement of the technical tools for the data validation, loading and processing of the production database	Technical infrastructure fully moved to SDMX based tools and procedures	
4586	Urban Audit data collection: collect, validate and disseminate set of statistical indicators for European cities	Reworked concept for Urban Statistics approved by the ESSC is implemented.	REGIO,
4768	Cooperation with Eurostat thematic units on regional statistics data collection in all phases of the statistical production cycle, the further evolution of regional indicators, metadata	Detailed overview of regional statistics and their characteristics	

	maintenance and their methodological basis as well as dissemination issues. The task includes the annual update of the regional and urban statistics reference guide.		
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## **2. Statistical work to be carried out by other DGs (including data collection from Member States) and/or EU Agencies**

### **2.2 ONGOING WORK**

DG/Agencies	Ongoing work
MOVE	A Study on harmonised collection of European data and statistics in the field of urban transport and mobility" is undertaken whose results are expected in spring 2012

### **3. Legal references**

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Regulation	1059/2003	26/05/2003	L 154	21/06/2003	Establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS)

## ***Theme 5.05 - Geographical and local information***

### **Fields of activities covered by the theme**

- Maintenance of a Reference Database for geographic information for the Commission (GISCO)
- Purchase of new or updated geographic datasets and their integration into the GISCO database
- Support to Commission services, including Eurostat, for work with geographic information and in geographic map production
- Cooperation with DG Environment and the Joint Research Centre (JRC) on the INSPIRE (Infrastructure for Spatial Information in Europe) initiative according to the Memorandum of Understanding
- Implementation of an INSPIRE conforming technical architecture based on the concept of Geoportals
- Operation of the INSPIRE Geoportals under the responsibility of the Commission

### **1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012**

#### **1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION**

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
5403	VIP Project: Geospatial information	Access and Visualisation (Map production tool, Statistical Atlas for regional statistics, Pilot installation for Census population data) Spatial Analysis Projects (Completion of 2 spatial analysis projects) Small Area Estimation (Pilot results for specific areas) Cooperation with Member States (Exchange of information on existing and planned projects)		2

## 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
4436	Production of statistical or thematic maps in paper and electronic form based on extractions from statistical databases and based on geographic data layers.	Improved tools for creation of statistical and thematic maps for Commission and general public use	
4917	GEOSTAT: ESS-Net project on European population grid. Preparation of a European population grid based on Census data: methodology for collection of georeferenced demographical data	Detailed population grid 1 km <sup>2</sup> for total population available as downloadable dataset by general public	
3560	Cooperation with DG ENV and the JRC on the development and implementation of INSPIRE Directive based on a Memorandum of Understanding between the DGs.	Updated Memorandum of Understanding between Commission DGs	
3581	Provide access to the Commission internal geographic/spatial datasets through the INSPIRE-EC geoportal	Functionally enhanced geoportal with broader range of covered datasets	
3583	Within the INSPIRE architecture, put the EU Geoportal in the position of a central hub linked to the national geoportals	Test version of EU Geoportal available	
4767	Preparation of the Implementing Rules and adoption by the Commission. Development and implementation of INSPIRE geoportal. Commission compliance	INSPIRE implemented for datasets relevant to INSPIRE Annex I	

## 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Directive	2007/2	14/03/2007	L 108	25/04/2007	Establishing an Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the European Community (INSPIRE)

## Theme 5.06 - Science, technology and innovation

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

Statistics developed under this theme provide a basis for the monitoring and benchmark exercise for the Europe 2020 strategy, the development of the European Research Area (ERA) and the Innovation Union Initiative. Further topics are the re-engineering of research and innovation statistics and the possible integration of ICT statistics (see Theme 5.07).

Activities covered by the theme are:

- Production, dissemination and development of the Community Innovation Survey 2010-2012
- Production, dissemination and development of the Research and Development statistics 2009-2011
- Production, dissemination and development of the Patent statistics based on PATSTAT data source from European Patent Office
- Production, dissemination and development of the Intellectual property rights statistics (other than Patent statistics) based on the adequate sources
- Production and dissemination of the High Tech and Knowledge Intensive sectors statistics on the basis of Eurostat data
- Developing new indicators for Commission strategy Europe 2020, European Research Area (ERA) and Innovation Union Initiative and managing and coordinating the related work

### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

#### 1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
3896	Intellectual Property Rights, IPR, statistics (excluding patents): ensure the regular production and dissemination of IPR (Intellectual Property Rights) data and the related metadata with their envisaged extensions	Publication of the IPR statistics and indicators for ERA, Europe 2020 strategy and Innovation Union Initiative monitoring		2
4281	Proposal to Working Group meeting for revising the Commission Regulation (EC) No 753/2004 of R&D and	Proposal to Working Group meeting for revising the Commission Regulation (EC) No 753/2004 of R&D and		1

	other STI statistics	other STI statistics		
4283	Proposal to Working Group meeting for revising the Commission Regulation (EC) No 1450/2004 of community statistics on innovation	Proposal to Working Group meeting for revising the Commission Regulation (EC) No 1450/2004 of community statistics on innovation		1
5287	Explorative work towards an ERA indicators on research infrastructure	Feasibility study, including piloting.		

## 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
340	Patent Statistics: ensure the regular production and dissemination of patent data and the related metadata with their envisaged extensions	Publication of the patent statistics and indicators for ERA, Europe 2020 strategy and Innovation Union Initiative monitoring purposes and elsewhere	
342	Human Resources in Science and Technology Statistics: ensure the regular production and dissemination of Human Resources in Science and Technology data and the related metadata with their envisaged extensions	Publication of the Human Resources in Science and Technology data and indicators for ERA, Europe 2020 strategy and Innovation Union Initiative monitoring purposes and elsewhere	
3465	ERA Indicators: Develop a method for matching harmonized Patent applicant names (firms) with harmonized firm names from financial databases for creating SME patenting indicators	Report on the feasibility in establishing the SME patenting indicators using PATSTAT and commercial or other business/financial data bases; propose other potential outcome	RTD
3467	Looking at the potential for R&D and Community Innovation surveys (and beyond) re-design and search for synergies, including linking with other enterprise statistics	Follow up at the potential for R&D and Community Innovation surveys (and beyond) re-design and in particular search for synergies, including piloting of possible linking exercises	
3469	Intensified quality validation of R&D data: follow-up of ESTAT's and Member States' action plans from 2011	Report on ESTAT and MS action plans from 2011 and their outcome on R&D processes	
3880	Maintain and improve Eurostat's set of ERA indicators; coordinate actions, metadata, quality evaluation and communication towards Commission	Management and coordination of the high-quality indicators for ERA monitoring purposes	
4520	Research and Development Statistics: ensure the regular production and dissemination of R&D (Research and Development) and GBAORD (Government Budget Appropriations or Outlays on Research and Development) data and the related metadata with their envisaged extensions	Publication of the Research and Development statistics and indicators for the European Research Area (ERA), Europe 2020 strategy and Innovation Union Initiative monitoring purposes and elsewhere	
4522	High Tech Sector Statistics: ensure the regular production and dissemination of High Tech and Knowledge Intensive sectors' data and the related metadata with their envisaged extensions	Publication of the High Tech and Knowledge Intensive sectors' statistics and indicators for ERA, Europe 2020 strategy and Innovation Union Initiative monitoring purposes and elsewhere	
338	Innovation Statistics: ensure the production and dissemination of Community Innovation Survey data 2010 and the related metadata	Prepare Community Innovation Survey (CIS) 2012 survey by publishing the harmonised survey questionnaire and related methodological documentation Publication of the CIS 2010 statistics and indicators for Innovation Union Scoreboard purposes and elsewhere	

## 2. Statistical work to be carried out by other DGs (including data collection from Member States) and/or EU Agencies

### 2.2 ONGOING WORK

DG/Agencies	Ongoing work
RTD	A project in developing detailed and exhaustive methodology for serving further breakdowns of the GBAORD data (on public science budgets) both in joint and open public R&D programmes
RTD	Renewal of contract to maintain, update and further develop its integrated internal STI database
RTD	Several projects to obtaining statistical data complementary to what is provided by the European Statistical System in particular bibliometric data, data on licensing and national patents, supplementary foreign affiliates R&D data.

## 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Decision	1608/2003	22/07/2003	L 230	16/09/2003	Production and development of Community statistics on science and technology

## Theme 5.07 - Information society

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

Official statistics on the Information Society are vital in order to measure and understand the socioeconomic impacts of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) adoption and use, as well as to monitor progress towards the achievement of policy goals at national and EU levels. Relevant statistics are used for monitoring the achievements of the Digital Agenda 2011-15, and the strategy Europe 2020.

Activities covered by the theme are:

- Provision of indicators on the information society for the Digital Agenda 2011-15, and the post Lisbon Commission strategy Europe 2020
- Provision of statistics on the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) by enterprises
- Provision of statistics on the use of Information and Communication technologies by individuals and in households
- Provision of statistics on the ICT sector
- Provision of statistics on ICT expenditure and investment
- Provision of statistics on postal services or monitoring implementation of Directive 2006/6/4 on Postal Services
- Provision of statistics on telecommunication services

### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

#### 1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
4427	Launch a call for tender for carrying out a feasibility study on exploring new ways of data collection for information society statistics exploiting internet traffic flows	Methodological report on using internet traffic flows for generating statistics on the information society		1
4429	VIP Project: The aim of this project is to develop a generic ESS infrastructure for the exchange of European statistics; it is based on the census hub experience and will use the information society statistics aggregate data as a test case.	A status report on the Census Hub with recommendations on possible areas of application 1 <sup>st</sup> draft of methodology on how to ensure (task assignments, responsibility and accountability of the various actors) that data provided in the context of information mode is fit for use. Analysis for the specific ICT case with respect to specific SDMX data exchange mode. Investigating ways of converting SDMX to RDF standards		2

#### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
260	Production of information society statistics	Preparation of a statistical database on the use of ICT in enterprises and in households in 2013	INFSO,
834	Collection and dissemination of expenditure and investment data for information society statistics	database with statistical data on ICT expenditure and investment	
3393	Define and test new modules for the future ICT usage surveys	Revised model questionnaires on the use of ICT in enterprises and in households New modules of the model questionnaires on the use of ICT in enterprises and households	
4472	Production and dissemination of e-communication statistics	Database with statistical data on telecommunication statistics	
4592	Dissemination of ICT usage statistics on the Eurostat website, as database and in publications	Database with statistical data on the use of ICT in enterprises and in households with reference year 2012	INFSO,
4714	Information Society Statistics: ICT usage surveys - design and implementation: draft Commission Regulation	Commission Regulation on the use of ICT in enterprises and in households 2012	INFSO,
4772	Dissemination of ICT sector statistics	Database with statistical data on the ICT sector	
4756	Collection, processing and dissemination of postal statistics	Database with statistical data on postal services	
785	ESSnet to further develop and produce indicators on the impact of the usage of ICT on the performance of enterprises at enterprise and industry level.	Protocol on the dissemination of micro-aggregated indicators on the impact of ICT on enterprises Database with micro-aggregated indicators on the impact of ICT on European enterprises Workshop on the results of the ICT impact project Report on Analysis of the existing surveys and practices to	

		improve representativeness of the linked data on business statistics	
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## **2. Statistical work to be carried out by other DGs (including data collection from Member States) and/or EU Agencies**

### **2.2 ONGOING WORK**

<b>DG/Agencies</b>	<b>Ongoing work</b>
INFSO	Collection of ICT, telecommunication statistics via regulators, Eurobarometer and other contractors

### **3. Legal references**

<b>Nature</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>OJ No</b>	<b>Publication Date</b>	<b>Title</b>
EP and Council Regulation	808/2004	21/04/2004	L 143	30/04/2004	Community statistics on the information society
EP and Council Directive	2008/6	20/02/2008	L 52	27/02/2008	Amending Directive 97/67/EC with regard to the full accomplishment of the internal market of Community postal services
EP and Council Decision	1297/2008	16/12/2008	L 340	19/12/2008	On a Programme for the Modernisation of European Enterprise and Trade Statistics (MEETS)

## ***Theme 5.08 - Consumer protection***

### **Fields of activities covered by the theme**

- Support given by Eurostat to DG SANCO to monitor the market from the consumer's perspective, contributing to data collection for the "Consumer Market Scoreboard".
- Support/advice given by Eurostat on statistical methodology

### **1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012**

#### **1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION**

<b>Action ID</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Output for 2012</b> (Policy and/or expenditure related)	<b>Depends on funding from other DGs</b>	<b>Resource impact on MS</b>
<b>(1)</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>(5)</b>
3898	Provide methodological, statistical and analytical support to the users on consumer protection	Reports and advices on demand; coordination of Eurostat contribution to the consumer scoreboard		2

## ***Theme 5.09 - Environmental accounts and climate change***

### **Fields of activities covered by the theme**

- Monetary and environmental accounts
- Physical and hybrid environmental accounts
- Environmental Data Centres on Natural Resources and Products
- Climate change and other cross-cutting activities

## 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

### 1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
741	Development of the legal base for environmental accounts	Develop new modules for inclusion in a future revision of the regulation		2

### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
743	Environmentally related transfers	First regular collection of environmental subsidies	
4320	Collect and disseminate data for all environmental accounts and develop estimation methods based on now-casting techniques for the main EU-27 aggregates.	Regular processing and checking of data leading to publication on Eurostat's web for air emissions accounts, economy-wide material flow accounts, environmental taxes, environmental goods and services sector.	
4911	Development of energy accounts	Complete set of standard tables and methodological guidelines and first regular collection	
4829	Environmental Data Centre for Natural Resources and Products	A comprehensive system of statistical and complementary information is offered by the data centre	
4915	Methodological developments in the areas of climate change mitigation and adaptation. Support to the development of climate change adaptation indicators	Conclusions for development of statistics	

## 2. Statistical work to be carried out by other DGs (including data collection from Member States) and/or EU Agencies

### 2.2 ONGOING WORK

DG/Agencies	Ongoing work
TAXUD	Classification of tax revenues by function, among which environmental taxes, and breaking them down to energy, transport and pollution and resources tax revenues.

## 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Regulation	691/2011	06/07/2011	L 192	22/07/2011	European Environmental Economic Accounts

## 6 - Support for statistical outputs

### Theme 6.01 - Quality, evaluation, statistical coordination and classifications

#### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Coordination of quality aspects within the production of European statistics and contribute to the revision and extension of the existing quality framework in the ESS to better fit the requirements laid down in Commission Communication on the production method of EU statistics.
- Monitoring and promoting the implementation of the European Statistics Code of Practice (CoP).
- Provision of guidelines for the implementation of the ESS quality assurance framework for statistical processes and outputs.
- Mid term and ex-post evaluation of Community Statistical programs
- Update and maintenance of the Eurostat's metadata server (RAMON), which makes available statistical classifications and the relevant correspondence tables, standard code lists, statistical concepts and definitions, legal acts pertaining to statistics and methodological manuals.
- 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), the International Standard Classification on Occupations (ISCO), the Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose (COICOP), the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED) and the Combined Nomenclature (CN) of commodities and the Geonomenclature of countries for the European Statistical System.

#### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

##### 1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
3961	Coordinated implementation of ISCED 2011	Coordinated implementation of ISCED 2011 including the updating of legal acts to the new classification		3

##### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
242	Manage and disseminate methodological metadata	Regular update of methodological metadata server (Ramon)	
691	Coordinated implementation of ISCO 08	First harmonised ISCO 08 data received by all the statistical domains collecting data on occupations	
3165	- Have an ESeC (European Socio-economic Classification) classification exclusively based on core variables to allow for an implementation in all social surveys - Study the possibility of providing more precise results from the LFS for the classification with non-core existent variables	Improved comparability of the EU implementation of ISCO 08 and first version of the classification available	
430	Update and maintain the CN, if necessary - Intrastat and related products (self-explanatory texts, correlation tables etc.) as well as the Geonomenclature. Link to the classification for trade in services.	Manage the classification for international trade statistics.	
805	Quality assurance of and participation in the preparation of Q2012	Conference takes place	
3133	Continue work on the ESS Quality Assurance Framework, developed by the Sponsorship on Quality.	Promoted and guided implementation of the ESS quality assurance framework in response to the recommendations of the Sponsorship on Quality	
3240	Providing guidance to production units concerning the implementation of ESQRS (ESS Standard for Quality Reports Structure) and ESMS (Euro-SDMX Metadata Structure) quality reporting guidelines and setting standards across the ESS for quality reporting	Implemented quality reporting guidelines for producers and users, across the ESS and statistical domains	
4724	Undertake actions aimed at improving compliance with the Code of Practice	Report on the annual monitoring exercise published	
4726	Undertake a new cycle of quality assessments with production units, based on the experiences and lessons learned from the 2008-2011 cycle.	A new round of quality assessments, including rolling reviews, has been launched incorporating the recommendations from the evaluation of the 2008-2011 exercise	
5017	Report to the EP and Council describing the evaluation of the CSP 2008-2012 and recommendation to follow	Adoption of the methodology and indicators to use for the evaluation	

### 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Regulation	2658/87	23/07/1987	L 256	07/09/1987	On the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the common customs tariff
Council Regulation	3037/90	09/10/1990	L 293	24/10/1990	Statistical classification of economic activities in the European Community
Council Regulation	2913/92	12/10/1992	L 302	19/10/1992	Establishing the Community Customs Code
EP and Council Regulation	1059/2003	26/05/2003	L 154	21/06/2003	On the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS)
EP and Council Regulation	450/2008	23/04/2008	L 145	04/06/2008	Laying down the Community Customs Code (Modernised Customs Code)
EP and Council Regulation	451/2008	23/04/2008	L 145	04/06/2008	Establishing a new statistical classification of products by activity (CPA) and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 3696/93

## Theme 6.02 - Statistical training

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

Conception and implementation of Eurostat's learning and development strategy for statistical training in the ESS (the ESS Learning and Development Framework (the LDF)) aiming at:

- improving the overall quality of European statistics
- raising the qualification of statisticians in the ESS in order to promote their independence in line with the European Statistics Code of Practice;
- encouraging both theoretical and practical learning and development
- encouraging the exchange of best practices, know how and experience
- supporting the implementation of the reengineering of the statistical production processes in the ESS and the required adapted skills and competence needs
- providing new alternative learning and development opportunities beyond traditional training
- definition of appropriate set up of a European Master's in Official Statistics

### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

#### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
4660	Establish annual ESTP (European Statistical Training Programme): ESTP Annual Catalogue 2013	Establishment of the Annual Catalogue 2013 Delivery of courses of catalogue 2012	
4785	Implementation of the ESS-LDF (European Statistical System - Learning and Development Framework) projects on e-learning, interactive platform, and competences.	ESTP courses and related projects	
4987	VIP Project: Study within the framework of the project EMOS (European Master in Official Statistics)	Inventory of existing and potential future programmes in official statistics with identification of their providers; determination of the interest and capacity of the providers to participate in the future EMOS network.	

## Theme 6.03 - IT support for statistical production

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Functional studies / feasibility studies for sector and horizontal projects
- Maintenance of existing statistical production systems
- Harmonisation, consolidation and reengineering of existing statistical production systems
- Enhancing functionalities of IT components used in the statistical production
- Maintenance and improvement of the database systems used for dissemination

- Interfacing common building blocks into existing production systems
  - Participation in the implementation of Joint ESS Strategy on the production method of EU statistics by identifying best practices across the EU, by stimulating the use of standard tools and by providing IT components usable by Eurostat and Member States
- The main actions are directly linked to the Joint ESS Strategy on the production method of EU statistics as follows:
- The consolidation and improvements of systems target data integration and the creation of data warehouses for cross domain statistics and cost minimisation. (CVD = Cycle de Vie des Données = Data Life Cycle)
  - The sharing of data validation tools by the ESS members will reduce the burden of the Member States and Eurostat, and at the same time increase quality through harmonisation of procedures and the use of the same metadata.
  - Sponsoring the development of a common reference environment and infrastructure through the ESSNet CORE (COmmon Reference Environment)
  - Development of a common reference environment and infrastructure

## **1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012**

### **1.2 ONGOING WORK**

<b>Action ID</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Output for 2012</b> (Policy and/or expenditure related)	<b>Depends on funding from other DGs</b>
<b>(1)</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>(4)</b>
375	Data Life Cycle (CVD): Continue the consolidation of IT systems for statistical production in Eurostat by applying the CVD principles.	Regular support and maintenance of IT systems for statistical production is provided. Enhanced functionality of CVD systems and building blocks.	
3241	Definition of a common reference environment towards which NSIs can develop. Sharing of production tools within the ESS.	Finalisation of the ESSNet CORE (Common Reference Environment) providing: a definition for a complete information model and a software environment for the automated execution of statistical processes in NSIs. A common system of data validation shared by Member States and ESTAT is extended to more statistical domains	

## ***Theme 6.04 - IT standards, tools and services for data exchange in the ESS***

### **Fields of activities covered by the theme**

Optimisation of Eurostat interaction with users and partners in the area of data and metadata exchange by the means of:

- Cooperation with international institutions (UN, OECD, IMF, WB and others) on the Statistical Data and Metadata eXchange (SDMX) standard.
- Developing common tools for efficient and secure exchange of statistical data and metadata in the European Statistical System in cooperation with other relevant Commission services, the European System of Central Banks and international organisations.
- Providing standard web services available on Internet for Statistical production process components.
- Standards and software for Eurostat data collection from European Statistical System
- Re-engineering of the current production processes under way: this concerns the rationalisation of the IT architecture and the introduction of a more interactive production chain on the basis of a solution via a common IT infrastructure.
- Harmonisation through the use of common standards within the ESS, together with process harmonisation through the promotion of methodologies based on common software tools.
- Data collection tools and methods and standardisation for European Statistical System raw data collections.
- Data collection tools and methods and standardisation for Eurostat data and metadata collection from European Statistical System.
- Developing and sponsoring development of a common IT infrastructure, the creation of a shared production and or dissemination environment within ESS, e.g., common reference infrastructure.
- Exchange of common software tools, mostly open source, e.g., SDMX tools.

The actions are aiming at creating of more integrated systems by fully exploiting synergies and economies of scale. The goal is better interaction with ESS partners and better integration of the ESS business. The better integration of the statistical work done in the ESS with the one done in Eurostat will lead to improve efficiency and quality (comparability and timeliness) and to reduce costs by the means of standardisation. Standardisation of methods and IT-tools is one of the cornerstones of the efficiency vision contained in Commission Communication on the production method of EU statistics.

## 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
594	Use the standard software: Single Entry Point for all regular data and metadata transmissions from Member States, based on standardised formats (GESMES, SDMX) where appropriate	Regular support for data transmission assured	
596	Data transmission: coordination and promotion activities with Local Coordinator network	Maintain regular contact with Local Coordinators: GLC meeting at least once a year and at least 10 issues of Data Transmission Courier issued.	
4614	Data transmission: maintain and improve the IT applications used for the Single Entry Point. Develop reliable IT tools, with improvements in performance and functionality, which are available for all national authorities for transmitting, uploading or transferring data via the Single Entry Point.	Achieved planned schedule of EDAMIS releases with updates as planned	
592	Cooperation on enhancement of SDMX standards and capacity-building related actions.	Active participation and contribution to the activities of SDMX sponsors (participation in secretariat meetings), maintenance of technical standards (participation in the technical standards group) and capacity building actions (organisation of SDMX training according to demand).	
4612	Support and implementation actions related to SDMX and GESMES in Eurostat and MS. Implement the SDMX (Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange) standards and guidelines for data and metadata exchange, sharing and dissemination between the members of ESS. Put in place more efficient processes for exchange, sharing and dissemination of statistical data and metadata.	Domain-specific SDMX implementations or domains made compliant according to implementation plan and demand (for up to 80 data sets).	
4885	Flexible access to 2011 census data for users. Operational SDMX Hub system for census data, using SDMX standards and architecture.	Production version of software fully developed and infrastructure ready to accept arriving data and perform queries defined by users.	
4977	Data collection and data exchange in ESS using SDMX architecture for delivering data in the ESS. Develop IT infrastructure for SDMX implementation allowing sharing common IT tools and easier data exchange. IT tools and components to enable the implementation of SDMX within the ESS.	SDMX-RI operational and installed in some Member States. Assessment of feasibility of implementation for selected ESS statistical applications. Enhanced version deployed.	
4736	Implement a single IT environment and services for structural and reference metadata allowing standard access for ESS partners and within Eurostat. Common IT system for metadata management within the ESS, using the SDMX standards and architecture.	Evolutionary maintenance and implementation of EMIS (Explanatory Metadata Information System), RME (Reference Metadata Editor), RAMON (Reference Architecture for Metadata Online), CODED (Concepts and Definitions Database), plan for their integration into common architecture done. Pilot version ready.	
4554	Maintain Open Source Software repository and perform related actions on software sharing	Latest version of the SDMX-RI and other SDMX related software developed in the unit available in OSOR	

### 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Decision	2004/387	21/04/2004	L 181	18/05/2004	On interoperable delivery of pan-European eGovernment services to public administrations, businesses and citizens (IDABC).
EP and Council Decision	1297/2008	16/12/2008	L 340	19/12/2008	On a Programme for the Modernisation of European Enterprise and Trade Statistics (MEETS)
Commission Decision sui generis	DL/2009/1 0349-1	18/12/2009	-	18/12/2009	Commission Decision on the release of software applications developed by the Commission (Eurostat) as Open Source Software under the European Union Public Licence

## Theme 6.05 - Data and metadata structural definition

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

The main activities are:

- Maintain and update the reference database Eurobase,
- Manage, disseminate and convert the Eurostat and national reference metadata to the ESS standards,
- Use and improve the Eurostat Metadata Handler,
- Improve and implement the SDMX statistical standards and guidelines for the exchange of data and metadata,
- Disseminate external data other than the data produced by Eurostat to the Commission,
- Monitor the integration of the national metadata systems.
- Keep up-to-date the Eurostat data navigation tree,
- Prepare cross-cutting legislation on metadata and
- Organise financial support to countries for the integration of statistical business processes.

This work contributes substantially to the implementation of the ESS Joint Strategy on the production method of EU statistics as adopted in May 2010.

The processes and projects to be undertaken will create an increasing standardisation and harmonisation within the ESS; they lead to a reduction of the burden on the data or metadata producers both at national or international level.

Also the accessibility of data and metadata by users will be improved.

Most of the activities listed will create more vertical and horizontal integration (i.e. the integration between Eurostat and Member States and the integration between statistical domains) within the European Statistical System.

### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

#### 1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
3841	Financial support is organised with grants to Member States	More ESS standards taken over in at least 5 Member states		1
3762	The Eurostat data navigation tree is permanently updated and restructured with new tables, new dimensions and new branches. Also the quality of existing data tables is permanently improved.	20 % of the Eurostat data tables (in total 5000) updated annually in dissemination		2

#### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
332	The Eurostat reference metadata are produced and disseminated regularly, in using the ESMS metadata structure and in successively introducing the ESQRS for quality reporting	Reference metadata disseminated increasingly in accordance with the ESS standards	
3203	Cross-cutting legislation on metadata and data/metadata exchange to be created	Cross-cutting legislation for metadata processed within the legislative process	
3298	National reference metadata collected in more than 50 statistical domains are to be converted to the ESS standards	At least 10 national metadata flows produced and disseminated in the ESS standards	
3300	The SDMX technical and statistical standards need to be broadly implemented within the ESS	30 % of all ESS datasets using SDMX (or Gesmes TS) and harmonised structural metadata (code lists)	
3302	National metadata systems are monitored with an annual frequency; regular reports on the national ESS metadata systems are produced and released	Annual monitoring reports of 30 national metadata systems released	
4662	The reference data base Eurobase is loaded daily with new data to be disseminated. Also the harmonised structural metadata (standard code lists) are successively introduced in Eurobase. The latter need to be maintained in Eurobase.	Data available in the reference database in time with more than 99 % of the data sent in time	

### 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Commission Recommendation	2009/498	23/06/2009	L 168	30/06/2009	on reference metadata for the European Statistical System

## Theme 6.06 - Information and dissemination

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Dissemination of European statistics
- Eurostat website
- Support for external users
- Publications
- Promotion and marketing of Eurostat and of European statistics

### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

#### 1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
4421	Implement next generation of the Eurostat website including the related tools for online access to data, metadata and publications	Test version of new generation Eurostat website		2

#### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
642	Eurostat website: the website provides a stable access to Eurostat products and services, with enhancements for users. Evolutionary maintenance and quality assurance of the website, including purchases of hardware and software.	Maintain and further develop the Eurostat website, providing users with access to data, metadata, publications and other information relating to European statistics, with high availability and performance, and with continuous improvements of functionality, usability and web content	
3801	Improve user orientation of dissemination products and services: collect and analyse information about user interaction with Eurostat dissemination products and services	In depth analysis of user opinions about dissemination products and services, based on surveys, focus groups and benchmarking; additional analysis of website traffic and user support requests	
4401	Enhance reusability: facilitation of the re-use of Eurostat data, metadata and tools by external organisations, including NSIs, companies and the open data community	Improved technical documentation especially for developers (for example on file formats and web services), to facilitate the re-use of Eurostat data and metadata	
4405	Dissemination of European results from the 2011 Census, via the Eurostat website, using the Census Hub	First data from the 2011 Census available via the Eurostat website, using the Census Hub	
4419	Raising visibility and awareness of the ESS: implement actions developed under the Sponsorship on Communication	Results of actions developed under the Sponsorship on Communication, including common ESS information on NSI websites, ESS website, ESS guidelines for use of social media, ESS guidelines for focused websites	
4704	Support and promotion to external users: high quality support to external users of Eurostat's products and services; publicity and promotion. Network of support centres; participation in dissemination events and distribution of promotional material.	Users and potential users are informed about Eurostat, its products and services, and European statistics in general, through all available channels including participation in conferences and events, and the distribution of promotional materials High quality support service for external users of European statistics, via a network of support centres covering all languages	
3120	Statistics Explained: maintenance, further development and content management of the electronic dissemination system "Statistics Explained"	Wide range of explanatory information and analysis is continuously updated and delivered to users through an electronic dissemination system	
3387	Dissemination products for mobile devices: development of	Innovative added-value dissemination products to take	

	dissemination products which enable users to obtain statistics on a range of mobile devices, including smartphones, tablets, and e-readers.	advantage of mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets	
4403	Increase multilingualism in dissemination products and services: users have access to selected information in all EU languages, as well as support in all languages	Pilot implementation for a limited Statistics Explained version in some additional EU languages	
4636	Publications: widespread dissemination of Eurostat's value-added output through electronic and paper publications. Production, dissemination and archiving of statistical publications, including the implementation of the publications programme 2011 and the further exploitation of the electronic dissemination system "Statistics Explained"	Full range of publications oriented to the needs of users; all publications are available via the website in electronic versions, including the use of Statistics Explain (see separate process), and selected publications also in paper versions	
4640	Dissemination of Eurostat microdata	Access to microdata for researchers	

## **Theme 6.07 - Statistical cooperation with the candidate and potential candidate countries**

### **Fields of activities covered by the theme**

- Preparation of candidate and potential candidate countries for EU membership by aligning their methodologies and practices with the statistical acquis and integrating them into the European Statistical System.
- Inputs to meetings under the structures of the Stabilisation and Association Agreements / European Agreements and inputs to the Commission's annual progress reports and its opinions on countries' applications for EU membership.
- Provision of harmonised statistics covering the candidate and potential candidate countries.
- Screening, negotiations and follow-up of the commitments regarding the statistics chapter and the statistics component of other chapters.
- Assistance to the candidate and potential candidate countries involving the entire cycle for assistance programmes with programming, tendering, implementation and evaluation under the Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA)

### **1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012**

#### **1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION**

<b>Action ID</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Output for 2012</b> (Policy and/or expenditure related)	<b>Depends on funding from other DGs</b>	<b>Resource impact on MS</b>
<b>(1)</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>(5)</b>
4681	Provision of support to population and housing censuses for candidate and potential candidate countries	International Monitoring Operation in Bosnia Herzegovina, Peer Assessment Report published for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, final meeting of the Technical Coordination Group for Western Balkan.		2
4721	Support regional cooperation in the Western Balkan countries through the organisation of conferences, seminars, events with a regional perspective to foster regional cooperation and understanding	Conference / seminar on a statistical topic relevant for the regional cooperation in the Western Balkan region organised and results communicated		2

#### **1.2 ONGOING WORK**

<b>Action ID</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Output for 2012</b> (Policy and/or expenditure related)	<b>Depends on funding from other DGs</b>
<b>(1)</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>(4)</b>
806	Monitor the statistical systems in candidate countries and potential candidates using different assessment instruments (global assessments, peer reviews, compliance monitoring database, Eurostat annual assessment missions)	Assessment reports available for selected countries and acquis compliance reports available for all countries (SMIS+), statistical requirements compendium	
808	Production and dissemination of statistical data on candidate countries and potential candidates through publications and updating the Eurostat website	Increased dissemination of statistical data through the pocketbook, leaflets and inclusion of data into Eurobase	
4746	Coordinate, design, contract, implement and follow-up cooperation programmes for candidate countries and potential candidates to assist candidate countries and potential candidates in aligning their statistical production with the acquis	Donor coordination document available and used for coordination purposes Objectives of the cooperation programme (IPA 2009) achieved through increased compliance with the acquis of data from the candidate countries / potential candidates Cooperation programmes designed (IPA 2012) and contracts for implementation in place (IPA 2011) National IPA programmes address relevant acquis and are well coordinated with regional cooperation programmes	

4016	Support the EU enlargement policy through participation in sub-committee meetings under the Accession / European Agreements, following-up on commitments on chapter 18 from the negotiation process, contributing to the annual EU progress reports	Draft Common Position for Iceland and screening reports for other candidate countries commencing negotiations, reports on the commitments taken in the negotiations by Croatia and Turkey, regular progress reports including statistical annexes	
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### 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Regulation	1085/2006	17/07/2006	L 210	31/07/2006	Establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)

## Theme 6.08 - Statistical cooperation with countries covered by the European Neighbourhood Policy

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Providing technical (statistical) advice to the EU's external action service (EEAS), including EU Delegations in the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) countries;
- Support the implementation of the European Neighbourhood Policy through provision of statistical data
- Contribute to the design and implementation of statistical assistance programmes in the ENP East countries
- Contribute to EU efforts to build statistical capacity within the framework of the MEDSTAT programme of statistical cooperation with the ENP South countries;
- Assisting the ENP South countries in designing their regional strategy for statistics;
- Assisting the ENP countries to gradually align their statistical systems with that of the EU;
- Encouraging the application of best practices from the European Statistical System to be applied in ENP countries through mutual contacts, training, study visits, workshops, seminars, and attendance at meetings;
- Collecting and publishing a range of data from the ENP countries, as an input to the Commission assessment of progress in the countries, and to maintain momentum for harmonisation of data for the region

### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

#### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
586	Negotiation and follow-up of the implementation of the statistics chapter in the Association Agreements between the EU and the ENP East countries through the provision of input to legal agreements, annual follow up and reporting on progress	Reports on progress in the statistical chapter of the underlying political agreements	
4120	Assist ENP East countries in developing assistance programmes and projects, promote their funding with the relevant stakeholders, be involved in their implementation through reading reports, reviewing progress and participating in steering committees	Availability of well designed assistance programmes resulting in new data sets produced and disseminated	
4566	Collect, validate and process data from the ENP East countries in order to update Eurobase and produce publications on key statistical indicators for ENP-East countries.	Leaflets on selected statistical areas and data integrated into Eurobase	
3473	Development of a regional strategy for cooperation with the ENP-South countries beyond the end of MEDSTAT III, so as to reinforce the achievements of the MEDSTAT programmes	First draft version of a regional strategy available	
3494	Collect, validate and process data from the ENP South countries to update Eurobase and produce publications on key statistical indicators for ENP-South countries.	Pocketbook on ENP South countries and leaflets for selected statistical domains available and data integrated into Eurobase	
4620	Support the implementation of the MEDSTAT III programme by giving technical advice on content, experts, work programme to the contracting authority (DG EuropeAid Development and Cooperation)	Statistical advice provided for an efficient programme implementation resulting in new data dissemination	
4672	Negotiation and follow-up of the implementation of the statistics chapter in the Advanced Status Agreements between the EU	Reports on progress in the statistics chapter of the underlying political agreements	

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	and the ENP South countries through the provision of input to Legal Agreements, follow-up of their implementation, reporting on implementation		
3496	Management of high level seminars, workshops, training courses for European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) countries on key themes such as classifications, coordination of statistical systems, quality, strategic management, selected statistical topics, the ESS, etc. to provide a forum for discussion and exchange of experience, and encourage capacity building.	Strategic issues discussed by the top management of the NSIs and appropriate action plans developed High level seminars successfully held Training courses on key issues held	
4122	Support other Commission services in the implementation of technical assistance programmes through advice on statistical issues in technical assistance programmes on energy and environment with a view of obtaining statistical data in these areas	Assistance programme resulting in new statistical data	
4124	Assess and monitor the development of the statistical system in the ENP countries through launching and implementing global assessments, reviews and other kinds of assessments for the ENP countries	Assessment reports available describing the state-of-play in the development of statistical systems for selected ENP countries	
4126	Support the implementation of the European Neighbourhood Policy through promoting the importance of statistics for European policy purposes (monitoring and design) including the need of support to the NSIs in terms of statistical assistance programmes	Statistical data for EU policy purposes and progress reporting delivered	

### 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Council Regulation	1279/96	25/06/1996	L 165	04/07/1996	Provision of assistance to economic reform and recovery in the New Independent States and Mongolia
Council Regulation	1638/2006	24/10/2006	L 310	09/11/2006	General provisions establishing the European Neighbourhood and Partnership instrument (ENPI)

## Theme 6.09 - International statistical cooperation

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Providing advice and expertise to Commission services (in particular the External Relations Directorates-General, and the delegations) and national statistical authorities with respect to European Commission development and cooperation policies (identification, planning, implementation and evaluation of statistical projects or the statistical elements of more wide-ranging development projects) and coordinating Eurostat units' contribution to this work;
- Assisting the European Commission in relations with international organisations and in matters of common statistical interest with non-European regions or countries;
- Advocating and promoting good governance through statistics in the EU's external relations policy;
- Monitoring and coordinating EU efforts to build statistical capacity in countries outside Europe within the framework of international commitments such as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs);
- Encouraging the application of ESS best practice in non-EU countries through mutual contacts, training, study visits and attendance at meetings;
- Collecting data on non-EU countries obtained from all available sources for use by Commission services in pursuit of their external relations policies and, subject to agreement with data suppliers, the wider community of users;
- Ensuring that stakeholders are kept adequately informed through efficient communication;
- Representing Eurostat in international organisations;
- Coordinating Eurostat's relations with Higher Income Countries (HIC) and Russia, in particular implementing the EEA agreement in the field of statistics and the agreement with Switzerland on cooperation in the field of statistics.

## 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

### 1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
3962	Change the focus of co-operation in Latin America from a programme-based approach to a looser one based on Memorandums of Understanding with regional organisations and larger countries in support of the development of national statistical systems of countries by sharing the EU's experience in selected fields of joint priority and promoting horizontal cooperation.	Implementation of road maps of the MoUs with Brazil, ECLAC, etc.		2
3457	Fostering Good Practices in the LAC Region: sharing progress and achievements of EU - driven subregional integration statistical projects in the LAC (Latin America and Caribbean) region to enhance cost effectiveness of EU efforts. Preparation of a seminar with UN-ECLAC.	Organise seminar and follow-up with LAC countries and UN/ECLAC		2
3459	Modernisation of statistical data transmission in the LAC region: training and technical assistance to develop capacities to use tools for data and metadata transmission by reference to the SDMX standard.	Assistance with the development of an SDMX strategy for LAC countries and UN/ECLAC		2
3461	Analysis and dissemination for water statistics on specific Central Asian countries: increase the capacity of target countries to improve environmental policies through reliable statistics; to assist the EC in developing programmes on environmental issues for Central Asia on the basis of better water statistics.	Organise and follow-up seminar on environmental statistics, with Central Asian countries		2
4121	IT tool to support price statistics in developing countries: analyse the possibility to provide support to improve price statistics in developing countries, focusing on IT tools for the establishment, harmonisation and analysis of price statistics	Analysis of the existing tools for price statistics in developing countries and basic design of a new tool		2
3463	Support to the recently created statistical subregional bodies in the ALA region: to share the EU experience in the establishment of RSDS (Regional Strategy for the Development of Statistics) in close coordination with PARIS21. (By reference to ASEAN, Andean Community, Central America and Mercosur).	Seminars with LA countries and subregional bodies		2

### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
3802	Support to the statistical capacity of the African Union Statistics Division: in the framework of the EU/Africa Strategic Partnership Eurostat ensure a constant support to the African Union Statistics Division through yearly agreed action plans including different kinds of activities, such as secondment of officials, training, sharing experience, produce joint publications, etc.	Joint publications Sharing experience; training and study visits for AUC (African Union Commission) statisticians; secondment of ESTAT officials to AUC	
4750	Management of Commission's statistical relations with Asia through the implementation of MoUs: follow-up and implementation of road maps of MoUs with China, India and Kazakhstan, in support of the development of national statistical systems of these countries in areas of joint priority.	Implementation of road maps of MoUs with China, India, etc.	
657	ERETES (Software package for National Accounts); transfer of know-how and upgrading to SNA2008: upgrading in order to allow the production of National Accounts in line with the SNA 2008; maintenance; training of users and trainers, improve the coordination of the User Group	Finalise the upgrading of the tool in line with the SNA 2008	
659	DISC database on international statistical cooperation projects: the existing database should be improved mainly through the creation of links to internal and external databases. The	Improved functionalities and analysis of possible use as general portal to access SIS (Statistical Information Systems) tools	

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	feasibility of other links should be studied.		
4831	Analysis and dissemination of third countries data produced outside ESTAT: Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and socio-economic indicators analysis	Updated information in the database	
4863	Support to the users of the EUROTRACE software: coordination of the User Group and transfer the knowledge towards users; maintenance of the CIRCA dedicated website; training of users and trainers	Transfer the knowledge towards users; maintenance and follow-up of the CIRCA dedicated website	
4865	Guide on statistical cooperation extended and updated according to the users' needs and expectations. Coherence between the new modules and the original guide maintained both in English and French and translated into Spanish. User-friendly on line version made available.	Improved version of the Guide with more interactive access to the information and training courses	
4877	ASTRA - Statistical training in international cooperation through support of NSIs in developing countries by providing a tool to identify training needs	Promotion of the tool and support to users	
591	Essential System of National Accounts (SNA): methodological support in the context of cooperation; support to the SNA2008 implementation through the preparation of the handbook "Essential SNA"	Promotion of the handbook; support to users; updated version	
780	Advisory group on international statistical cooperation: advisory group on the co-ordination of EU technical cooperation on statistics with developing countries aiming at increasing coordination of technical assistance, increase synergies, avoid duplication of efforts and contribute to increase aid effectiveness.	Co-ordination of EU work in statistical capacity building through the organisation and follow-up of meetings	
3283	Support to beneficiary countries and/regions in the preparation and implementation of National Plans for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) Advocacy material: assist recipient countries/regions to make aware or convince policy makers and funders on the need for increased financial assistance for the implementation NSDS; provide a user-friendly and updated set of NSDS (National Strategies for the Development of Strategies) guidelines; make proposals on guidelines towards costing an NSDS.	Statistical advocacy material produced for developing countries. Updated NSDS guidelines including quality and costing aspects.	
3455	Efficiency and effectiveness of the EU budgetary support instrument in ALA and ACP: assessment of applicable, objective indicators to analyze effectiveness and efficiency of projects for EU Budget Support	Study on available indicators and quality of data used for budgetary support	
3882	Implementation of Memorandums of Understanding and other relations with OECD countries and Russia: strengthen relations with OECD countries and Russia, follow up of MoU: to promote coordination and cooperation in statistics-related matters e.g. the production of official statistics, the promotion of best practices and the harnessing of appropriate synergies; organisation of study visits and seminars	Implementation of road maps for the various MoUs	
3900	Statistical cooperation with EFTA: implementation of the EEA Agreement on cooperation in the field of statistics	Regular contacts with EFTA Statistical Office and EEAS to ensure smooth running of the Statistical part of the Agreement	
4690	Statistical cooperation with Switzerland: implementation of the Agreement between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation on cooperation in the field of statistics	Organisation of Joint Committee meetings and keeping Annex A up to date	
822	Working Group on International Relations (IRWG) and coordination of EU position through this group: assistance and support to the ESSC in the area of international relations; increased efficiency in international relations through better communication, coordination and consistent representation. Increased visibility and coordinated EU position.	To define common EU strategy as input to annual UNSC meetings	
3295	Development of the Global Statistical System (GSS): organisation of a seminar jointly with UNSD; organise a conference aiming at sharing common statistical standards and animate a discussion on GSS challenges; organise a seminar on spatial statistics	Production of guidelines/proceedings following the joint workshop	

### 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
Agreement			L 1	03/01/1994	Agreement on the European Economic Area
Council Decision	2006/233	27/02/2006	L 90	28/03/2006	on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on cooperation in the field of statistics

## Theme 6.10 - Statistical research and methodology

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Promote research in Official Statistics;
- Facilitate methodological collaboration, networking and competence building;
- Ensure co-ordination of methodological works in the ESS (including ESSnets' monitoring);
- Support standardisation process in the ESS;
- Embed methodology in Vision implementation processes;
- Encourage methodological development: design and test of specific methods and supporting tools;
- Ensure methodological support to production process.

The challenges posed by the enforcement of the Joint ESS Strategy demand substantial gains in productivity and major achievements in terms of process integration that only heavy investment in methodological developments could permit. This is much depending on the adequate use of the results of ongoing research in official statistics and on properly articulating main NSI needs as regards Official Statistics in future strategic research frameworks. It also pre-supposes to evenly address all aspects of the integration process: As regards horizontal integration, the co-ordination of methodological developments should create conditions to identify, test and use cross-cut methodologies. Vertical integration would require substantial efforts in process standardisation throughout ESS. The overall sustainability of this continuous improvement process would be liable to two extreme conditions: the (upstream) transformation of new knowledge into new methods and techniques and the (down-stream) support to production steps in the absorption of the methodological developments (innovations), both at Eurostat and ESS level.

### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

#### 1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
4407	Contribution to ESSnet projects, ESS collaborative development of key methodologies for Vision implementation and improving efficiency of statistical production	Launching ESSnet on data collection for social surveys using multiple modes and ESSnet on modern business statistics.		2

#### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
3375	Support standardisation process in the ESS: integration of EU production processes (ESS and Eurostat) including Sponsorship on Standardisation.	The sponsorship on Standardisation delivers first outcomes on business model and an implementation. ESSnet on standardisation is defined and launched. Impact on process integration (eg standard process description) assessed and implementation actions are launched	
4626	Contribution to improved production processes	Support methodological development in production units and methodological standard for key steps in ESTAT production process (e.g. data validation, aggregation and integration)	
4783	Software design, testing and development for implementing ESS methodological guidelines and testing	Development of open source tools for Statistical Disclosure Control and of specific modules for J Demetra + and maintenance of open source library	
3440	Promote, emulate research in official statistics	Development of a research line in Official Statistics for 2013 and a rolling research agenda for 2014-2020. Organisation of the NTTS 2013 conference.	
4526	Research and ESSnet results dissemination, support collaboration among researchers and with official statisticians,	Improved exchange among ESSnet projects and dissemination of results from research projects(e.g. BLUE-ETS (BLUE-	

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	using web portals (e.g. Cros) and training/further education means (LDF), developing and consolidating Web 2.0 mechanisms for collaboration	Enterprise and Trade Statistics Project) and DWB (Data without Boundaries))	
4784	Strategic guidance for ESS/Estat integration of methodological work	Integration of Methodology, IT, Standardisation and - as achievable - Quality aspects of statistical production. with DIME, ensuring the active involvement of the scientific Community. ESSnet work-programme validated by ESSC including new ESSnets plan for 2013 and early transfer of ESSnets' results.	
3379	Developing handbook for Modern Business Statistics - Methodological development in new areas	Structure for the handbook for Modern Business Statistics, methodological development on data collection, optimal design and estimation for business statistics.	

### 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Decision	1297/2008	16/12/2008	L 340	19/12/2008	On a Programme for the Modernisation of European Enterprise and Trade Statistics (MEETS)

## Theme 6.11 - Data security and statistical confidentiality

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Revise Regulation (EC) No 831/2002
- Develop confidential data release infrastructures
- Ensure support on SDC in specific domains

This is a very sensitive and especially complex dimension of Eurostat - and ESS, at large - work programme. It involves different dimensions such as physical and logical protection of confidential data (statistical disclosure control - SDC), harmonisation of principles and guidelines and design of efficient infrastructure (IT and procedure) for releasing confidential data (tabular or micro data) to ESS partners and Research community.

The related work aims at critically improving the production methods of EU statistics and places on Eurostat the responsibility for the coordination of Sectoral initiatives for the release of confidential data for scientific purposes, especially methodological support and tool development, the promotion of correct and coherent application of rules and the design of generic infrastructures for the sharing of confidential data with users and partners while ensuring their adequate protection. This is overarched by adequate governance of statistical confidentiality in the ESS governing the vertical integration of processes by proposing to Member States a framework for the standardisation and harmonisation of SDC related processes.

### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

#### 1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
4409	Development of ESS wide infrastructure (access facilities and organisational/methodological framework) for the release of confidential data for scientific purpose	Launching ESSnet on Harmonisation of ESS Statistical Disclosure Control		2

#### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
746	Information Security management (LISO): analysis of the security requirements of Eurostat Information system and adaptation of the policy on the security of information systems.	General rules on the security of information system are applied	
3441	Draft of a first version of an Information Security Management	Updated version of ISMS and first implementation of the	

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	System (ISMS) to be adopted by IT Steering Committee	conclusions of the first risks analysis	
4574	Detection of intrusion of information systems (LISO): regular monitoring and provision of recommendations for improving security of Information Systems	Implementation of procedures and controls to reduce the risk of intrusion in ESTAT systems	
4576	Making confidential data available to scientific purposes (LISO): ensure access to confidential data for researchers either through the Eurostat Safe Centre or through the development of a secured remote access facility.	Availability of the first pilot infrastructure for RDC in ESTAT	
811	Setting up a network of safe centres allowing researchers to access confidential EU microdata sets - feasibility study and pilot implementation	Framework for developing a network of safe centres allowing researchers access to microdata	
3446	Support to Eurostat units for dealing with Statistical Disclosure Control (SDC)	SDC process for SBS tabular data is provided with methodological guidance and adequate tools	
3450	Revise Regulation 831/2002 on access to confidential data for scientific purposes: coordinate activities related to the release of confidential data for scientific purpose.	Streamlined workflows and procedures are in place while ensuring a smooth transition between old and new regulation	
4975	Develop confidential data release infrastructures: Widening and simplification of access to confidential EU microdata sets for scientific purposes. A framework allowing for new modes of access to EU confidential microdata sets, simpler and closer, better fitted to research needs is developed	Work programme for an ESS-wide infrastructure for confidential data release is adopted by ESSC with a strategy for microdata release for research	

### 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Regulation	2001/45	18/12/2000	L 8	12/01/2001	On the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community
Commission Regulation	831/2002	17/05/2002	L 133	18/05/2002	Concerning access to confidential data for scientific purposes
EP and Council Regulation	223/2009	11/03/2009	L 87	31/03/2009	on European Statistics

## 7 - Administrative support

### Theme 7.01 - Management of IT infrastructure

#### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- IT user support
- Local IT systems Administration
- Development and maintenance of administrative IT applications
- IT governance
- Relations and cooperation with DIGIT

The activities of the unit are focused on providing the appropriate and reliable IT infrastructure sustaining Eurostat core business. This includes a server infrastructure that hosts the development and test environments and the production environment of applications handling confidential data. The unit also manages the office IT infrastructure including desktop PCs, laptops, printers, scanners, smart phones and the underlying servers. These activities are accompanied by high level user support services and relevant IT trainings. The development, adaptation and maintenance of Eurostat IT applications is assured by aligning Eurostat IT principles with the DIGIT and other Commission rules and guidelines. A lot of resources will be dedicated to implementation of VIP projects (such as SICON) and providing support and technical expertise for hosting requirements (either in DIGIT or in Eurostat). Further integration and harmonisation of administrative, financial and reporting applications will take place. High attention will be given to the implementation of new security standards. An annual IT Master Plan exercise will gradually become an ongoing managerial process serving multiple purposes, including planning of human and financial resources dedicated to IT activities, management of IT contracts, internal alignment and optimisation of IS and applications and further collaboration among the DGs.

#### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

##### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
3840	Provide technical expertise related to application hosting to EUROSTAT units	Help EUROSTAT units to build applications that can be hosted within the DIGIT or EUROSTAT infrastructure	
4000	Provide IT user support and IT trainings	Provide IT user support (Eurostat helpdesk) and IT trainings	
4002	Supply hardware and software to end-users and to IT applications	Provide adequately sized IT resources in terms of server infrastructure and hardware (including desktops, laptops, printers, smart phones) and up to date software	
4004	Ensure a high level of availability of local IT server infrastructure	High availability of local servers by removal of single points of failure and having functional 2nd LSU room for DRP purpose	
4014	Implement IT security standards and requirements.	Implement IT security standards and provide technical support to security requirements. Assure the protection of data contained in the confidential environment.	
4010	Assure evolutionary maintenance of financial, planning and human resource applications and electronic document management systems (EDMS).	Administrative applications (Galaxy of tools) adapted to user requirements. Maintenance and user support for electronic document management systems (EDMS).	

### Theme 7.02 - Management of human resources

#### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Development and implementation of Eurostat's human resources strategy based on the Commission's administrative reform and human resources policy;
- Development and implementation of careers including staff appraisal and promotion
- Management of allocation, screening and reorganisation;
- Management of the mobility plan;
- Rapid integration of newcomers;
- Follow-up of the implementation of the equal opportunities action plan and the actions on diversity;
- Continuation of a limited number of well-being actions;
- Promotion and management of flexible working arrangements (part-time, flexitime, telework);
- Management of staff leave/absences;
- Conception and implementation of Eurostat's learning and development strategy based on the Commission's Learning and Development Framework and the requirements of the implementation of the Communication on the production method of EU statistics (reengineering of ESS)

statistical production system)

- Development and implementation of an tailored training programme for Eurostat staff covering also changing competences and skills
- Development, implementation and promotion of alternative learning and development opportunities with the aim of creating a learning organisation
- Organisation of big team/directorate away days and provision of consultancy services
- Organisation of annual management seminars (Heads of Unit Seminar and Directors Seminar)
- Establishment of synergies with the ESS Learning and Development Framework

## **1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012**

### **1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION**

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
4487	Develop Eurostat's Human Resources Plan 2012-2013.	Human Resources Plan 2012-2013		2
4491	Efficient approach to career development and management of present and future staff in light of Vision for re-engineering statistical production	Identify the skills and knowledge required for the implementation of the Communication on the production methods of EU statistics, in the context of zero growth in human resources in 2009-2013.		2

### **1.2 ONGOING WORK**

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
92	Recruitment and induction of staff	Streamlined and swift selection procedures. Acquisition of staff with the right skills to contribute to the mission of the Directorate-General.	
819	Assuring efficient recruitment for the whole DG in the light of new vision for re-engineering of statistical production systems and zero growth in HR	Definition of the future profiles of statistical officer and statistical assistant.	
100	Annual Learning and Development Framework (LDF) for Eurostat staff, in line with the Commission's LDF, including annual user needs analysis at Eurostat	Annual LDF paper, delivery of courses	

## ***Theme 7.03 - Management of financial resources***

### **Fields of activities covered by the theme**

Support for implementation of Eurostat priorities and activities (financial management dimension)

## **1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012**

### **1.2 ONGOING WORK**

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
4360	Provide support on financial management to the Directorate General, in order to comply with applicable provisions and ensure sound financial management	Support on financial management	

## ***Theme 7.04 - Audit***

### **Fields of activities covered by the theme**

- Assurance and counselling engagements
- Opinions on control systems in Eurostat

- Follow-up of the implementation of audit recommendations

## **1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012**

### **1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION**

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
4200	Internal Audit Capability (IAC) delivers an Opinion on the Annual Activity Report (AAR) of the Directorate General based on IACs audit engagements.	IAC Annual Opinion on AAR		2

### **1.2 ONGOING WORK**

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
472	Risk monitoring according to IIA and Internal Audit Service (IAS) standards as basis for the Internal Audit Programmes approved by DG	ESTAT IAC work Programme	
4556	Audit Reports and Opinions following audit engagements according to the Internal Audit Service (IAS)/IAC's coordinated Programmes, including Follow-up engagements on the implementation of audit Recommendations.	Opinion/Assurance on the state of control of the DG	
4776	Reporting on consulting engagements as defined by IIA (Institute of Internal Auditors) Standards, including assurance aspects where appropriate.	Advice	
4778	Twice yearly report of the Director General to the portfolio Commissioner. Quarterly reporting to the Director General by the Head of IAC (Internal Audit Capability)	Regular information on the status of implementation of the IAC annual programme reported quarterly to the DG, half-yearly to the Commissioner and yearly to IAS and the European Court of Auditors (ECA).	

## ***Theme 7.05 - General administration***

### **Fields of activities covered by the theme**

- Document management
- Interservice consultations
- Mail delivery
- Intermediate archives
- Office space and furniture
- Management of office space and furniture according to Eurostat's needs

## **1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012**

### **1.2 ONGOING WORK**

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
852	DoMA 1: Official Document Life Cycle. Documents collected, delivered, registered, filed, archived and preserved. This process is linked to ICS n. 11	Documents delivered, registered, filed and preserved according to the rules Proper documentation, training, support and monitoring	

## 8 - Policy strategy and coordination

### Theme 8.01 - Communication

#### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Relations with the media
- Internal communication

#### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

##### 1.1 NEW WORK, INCLUDING NEW PLANNED LEGISLATION

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs	Resource impact on MS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
4086	Publication of the ESS magazine	Regular dissemination of statistical articles on the work of the ESS. This new magazine will be a reduced and electronic only version of the previous Sigma.		2

##### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
3577	Migration of Eurostat's intranet in My IntraComm Portal.	Eurostat's intranet integrated in My Intracomm	
4698	Preparation, validation and dissemination of Eurostat news releases.	Publication of around 200 news releases in three languages	
4720	Publication of Eurostat and EU27 NSIs news on INSite	Improved communication amongst ESS Members through the continued development of the ESS site	

### Theme 8.03 - Management and statistical programmes

#### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Strategic management
- Management support
- Internal control
- Annual and multi-annual programmes
- Administrative simplification and response burden reduction

#### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

##### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
106	Preparation of Annual Activity Report (AAR) and all related issues (e.g. Déclaration d'Assurance, relations with Court of Auditors, synthesis report, ...)	AAR 2011	
554	Project and process management support	Manuals, consulting services to users, dissemination of good practice examples	
692	Commission's Statistical Annual Work Programme including the priority setting	Adoption of the Commission's Decision on the Annual Work Programme 2013 including negative priorities for 2013 Discussion on the priorities for 2014 at the ESSC	
3410	Contributions to the Action Programme for reducing administrative burdens in the EU	Contributions to requests from actors involved in the process, presentations	
4991	Preparation of the European Statistical Programme 2013-2017	Adoption of the EP and Council Decision on the Multiannual Programme 2013-2017	

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
108	Internal Control Standards Assessment	Mid-term review, recommendations and action plans, contribution to MP and AAR Prioritised ICS 2011	

## Theme 8.04 - Management of legal bases

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

Activities to ensure the application and coherence of statistical legislation, contribution to relevant Commission-wide reporting requirements and relations with European Parliament and the Council on legislative matters

### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

#### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
4088	Ensure an efficient development, production and dissemination of European statistics; establish guiding principles for future statistical legislation	Statistical legislation limited to statistics used for direct political and administrative purposes which are subject to an enhanced quality management requirement, while soft law instruments are promoted for other areas.	
4449	Amending Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 on European statistics and Commission Decision 97/281/EC on the role of Eurostat	Amendment of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 on European statistics adopted by the legislator, adapting it to the changed context of statistical governance and reinforced quality management framework	

### 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Directive	95/49	24/04/1995	L 281	23/11/1995	on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data
Commission Decision	97/281	21/04/1997	L 112	29/04/1997	on the role of Eurostat
Council Decision	1999/468	28/06/1999	L 184	17/07/1999	laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission
EP and Council Regulation	2001/45	18/12/2000	L 8	12/01/2001	On the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community
Commission Regulation	831/2002	17/05/2002	L 133	18/05/2002	Concerning access to confidential data for scientific purposes
Commission Communication	2005/0217	25/05/2005			on the independence, integrity and accountability of the national and Community statistical authorities
EP and Council Regulation	1367/2006	06/09/2006	L 264	25/09/2006	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
EP and Council Decision	1578/2007	11/12/2007	L 344	28/12/2007	on the Community Statistical Programme 2008 to 2012
EP and Council Regulation	223/2009	11/03/2009	L 87	31/03/2009	on European Statistics
Commission Recommendation	2009/498	23/06/2009	L 168	30/06/2009	on reference metadata for the European Statistical System
Commission Communication	2009/404	10/08/2009			on the production method of EU statistics: a vision for the next decade
EP and Council Regulation	182/2011	16/02/2011	L 55	28/02/2011	laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers

## Theme 8.05 - Relations with the ESS, inter-institutional and international relations

### Fields of activities covered by the theme

- Governance of the European Statistical System (ESS), through the management of the committees that form the core of the cooperation within the European Statistical System, in particular the European Statistical System Committee, the highest-level committee within the ESS representing the producers of European statistics, the European Statistical Advisory Committee (ESAC), providing a stakeholder perspective (users, respondents and producers) on the relevance and priorities of EU statistics as well as the associated costs and resources, and the European Statistical Governance Advisory Board (ESGAB), whose role is to provide an independent overview of the ESS as regards the implementation of the European Statistics Code of Practice.

- Ensuring efficient co-operation with the Council, the European Parliament, the European System of Central Banks, the EESC (European Economic and Social Committee) and the CoR (Committee of the Regions) with regard to the statistical legislative production.

### 1. Work to be carried out by Eurostat in 2012

#### 1.2 ONGOING WORK

Action ID	Action	Output for 2012 (Policy and/or expenditure related)	Depends on funding from other DGs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
112	Provide the Secretariat for ESAC	Plenary and temporary working party meetings; minutes; seminar, proceedings, opinions	
116	Provide the Secretariat for the ESSC	Meetings, comitology votes, opinions and minutes	
118	Organise the DGINS Conference, in collaboration with the host country.	Conference proceedings, statement/declaration	
3490	Preparation of the 2013 Eurostat Conference	Organise meetings of Steering Group, design programme and website, contact speakers, logistics (room, catering...)	
836	Provide secretariat to ESGAB	Meetings, minutes	

### 3. Legal references

Nature	No	Date	OJ No	Publication Date	Title
EP and Council Decision	234/2008	11/03/2008	L 73	15/03/2008	establishing the European Statistical Advisory Committee
EP and Council Decision	235/2008	11/03/2008	L 73	15/03/2008	establishing the European Statistical Governance Advisory Board