Accessibility statement

This statement applies to content published on the domain:
https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained This website is managed by Eurostat.

Compliance status

This website is partially compliant with technical standard EN 301 549 v.3.2.1 and the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 Level AA. See Statistics Explained:Accessibility#Non-accessible_content for more details.
The website was last tested on 28 November 2023.

Preparation of this statement

This statement was reviewed in 28 November 2023. The statement is based on a self-assessment done via an automated tool (Axe).

Feedback

We welcome your feedback on the accessibility of the Statistics explained website. Please let us know if you encounter accessibility barriers:

• [Phone]: +352 4301 36789
• [E-mail]: ESTAT-USER-SUPPORT@ec.europa.eu
• [Feedback form]: multilingual user support page

We try to respond to feedback within 15 business days from the date of receipt of the enquiry by the responsible Commission department.

Technical specifications

The accessibility of the Eurostat website relies on the following technologies to work with the particular combination of web browser and any assistive technologies or plugins installed on your computer:

• HTML
• WAI-ARIA
• CSS
• JavaScript
Non-accessible content

The Statistics Explained website is under the process of revamping. We are aware of some limitations, which we are working to fix for the next release.

Main known limitations for the Statistics Explained website:

1. Interactive maps: Interactive maps are not always accessible to blind users and users who rely on keyboard navigation.
2. Infographics / images: Some of the infographics or images on our website may still have no or insufficient text alternatives for people with a vision impairment.
3. Maps: Some content in the maps has no alternative for visually impaired visitors.
4. Interactive tools / visualisations: The interactive tools and visualisations on this site do not always have text alternatives. We are aware that this is inaccessible for people using the screen reader or keyboard. However, all visualisations provide a direct link to the source dataset to display the data in table format. We plan to fix the majority of issues for our interactive tools during 2024.
5. Many documents in Excel format are not accessible. Work is ongoing, with a priority for the most visited documents. We will fix this during 2024.
6. Videos: Some videos on this website do not have audio description.
7. Keyboard navigation: the main menu cannot be operated without a mouse, nor the expandable content.
8. Navigation coherence: the header of the site is not coherent. The main menu is not present on all pages.
9. Page structure: headings and landmarks are not always properly provided to structure the content for blind users.
10. Zoom: When zoomed up to 200%, the toggle button for the main navigation menu and the search engine are also not accessible to users relying on keyboard navigation. Some content disappears or overlaps other content. Under extreme zooming conditions (400%), a horizontal scrollbar appears.
11. There are some unlabelled buttons or many undescribed images, which will give no context to blind users.
12. Contrasts do not always meet the minimum requirement for visitors with visual disabilities.
13. Colour dependency: distinguishing links from normal text relies only on a colour distinction (blue vs black).
14. Accesskeys: there are non-standard accesskeys (for instance for the search) that cannot be turned off, which could interfere with the usage of a screen reader.