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**on the financing of the Programme for single market, competitiveness of enterprises,  
including small and medium-sized enterprises, and European statistics and the adoption  
of the work programme for 2021-2024**

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## ANNEX V

### 2021 WORK PROGRAMME OF THE SINGLE MARKET PROGRAMME – EUROPEAN STATISTICS

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

This programme is based on the eligible actions set out in Annex II to Regulation (EU) 202X/xxx of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Programme for single market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, and European statistics [for the specific objective related to European statistics].

The work programme implements the specific objective of producing and communicating high quality statistics on Europe in a timely, impartial and cost-efficient manner, through enhanced partnerships within the European Statistical System. The European Statistical System Committee has been consulted on the measures provided for in this work programme V in accordance with Article 17 of Regulation (EC) 223/2009.

It contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for the year 2021, as follows:

- (a) for grants (implemented under direct management, see point 2);
- (b) for procurement (implemented under direct management, see point 3);
- (c) for actions implemented in indirect management (see point 4);
- (d) for contributions to trust funds (see point 5);
- (e) for other actions (see point 6).

The budget includes appropriations arising from the participation of EEA EFTA States to the programme and are therefore subject to the agreement on their participation.

Legal basis:

Regulation (EU) 202X/xxx of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Programme for single market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, and European statistics [for the specific objective related to European statistics]

Budget line:

03.0205

Single Market programme — Producing and disseminating high quality statistics on Europe

Objectives pursued:

The 2021 work programme will contribute to the European response to the coronavirus outbreak, aiming at strategically implementing the recovery, revitalising the economy and getting back on a path of sustainable growth. Providing reliable official statistics will minimise the risk of decisions being taken based on wrong assumptions or incomplete information. The 2021 work programme, the first under the new Single market programme,

will build on the success of the previous European statistical programme, focusing on the six headline ambitions of the European Commission and taking care of upcoming statistical needs, while modernising the production of European statistics to face the challenges posed by an ever faster changing environment and global crisis, such as the COVID-19 outbreak. The work programme aims to provide reliable and timely evidence to support all the priorities of the European Commission. The programme will substantially contribute to the knowledge basis for the European Green Deal. Statistics from different domains, from agriculture to energy, from transport to environment, participate in making a clearer picture on climate change, its causes and impacts, to support a just transition to a climate-neutral continent. Further development and dissemination of key indicators will help monitoring the progress towards the sustainable development goals in an EU context, and the transition towards the circular economy. Environmental accounts will be further developed and quality of waste statistics will be further improved and modernised to better meet the needs of the new waste legislation and to prepare for the new EU own budgetary resource based on plastic packaging waste not recycled. Implementing the Farm to Fork Strategy on sustainable food is high on the EU agenda, including the implementation of the new strategy for agriculture statistics via the Integrated Farm Statistics and the proposal for a Regulation on Statistics on Agricultural Input and Output covering among others the needs stemming from the Farm to Fork Strategy for organic farming, plant protection products and nutrients and the revision of the legislation on fisheries statistics. Energy statistics will be improved to facilitate the monitoring of progress towards the Energy Union objectives. The programme intends to strengthen the evidence base for economic governance and economic and social performance in the EU. Under the 2021 work programme, the Single market programme will deliver statistics to support global discussions on trade, EU policies related to the European Monetary Union, the single market and small and medium-sized Enterprises as well as the Commission's priorities on jobs, growth and investment. There will be a strong focus on improving the measurement of economic trends in the real estate sector and the digitalisation and globalisation of European economies, the timeliness of the information on business dynamics and the possible relocation of the production of key products to Europe and the related impact on international trade patterns. The social statistics produced under the programme will be instrumental in Promoting our European way of life and our working conditions. With the implementation of the new regulatory framework for social statistics and the reinforced role of social indicators, more timely and comparable data especially on income/poverty and employment/unemployment will become available and several crosscutting topics will receive particular attention to better support the European Social Agenda, the European Pillar of Social Rights including gender and disability statistics, the needs of the European Semester including sustainability, inequalities and the joint distribution of income and distributional accounting, consumption and wealth, the reduction of poverty and social exclusion programmes, and the promotion of skills, mobility and fairness. Significant efforts will be devoted to statistics on social protection, education and training, health status, long-term care and healthcare expenditure, job vacancies and labour costs, children living conditions as well as gender based violence. Statistics cutting across the Commission's priorities of strengthening European democracy, in particular population statistics, will give emphasis to sub-national features. Particular focus will be given to census and migration statistics. The Programme will also provide timely and comprehensive statistical indicators on regions, including the European Union outermost regions, cities and rural areas to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of territorial development policies.

To progress in the modernisation of the production European statistics, the programme will devote increased resources to building capacity within the European Statistical System so that the system can: (i) respond faster to emerging trends and user needs; (ii) make use of new types of data, data sources and tools; (iii) develop the skills of official statisticians; (iv) improve the statistical literacy of the public-at-large; (v) build partnerships with a wide range of stakeholders. Trusted smart statistics and geo-referenced data and statistics will have key

attention. Another major focus in 2021 will be the launch and implementation of the third round of peer reviews in the European Statistical System aiming at reviewing compliance/alignment with the European statistics Code of Practice and at identifying areas for improvement throughout the ESS as well as the promotion of high quality and the corresponding ESS standards.

Though in principle these objectives will be kept, the magnitude of their achievement may vary in order to be able to cope with the consequences of the coronavirus outbreak.

Expected results:

Development, production and dissemination of European statistics, under the framework given by the Programme for single market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, and European statistics, and in accordance with the principles of the European statistics Code of Practice through close and coordinated cooperation within the European Statistical System (ESS).

Peer review of Eurostat implemented and reported on.

Efficiency gains and quality improvements in the production of European statistics as well as better flexibility and productivity across the European Statistical System. Better responsiveness to user requirements and innovative communication of European statistics, use of new data sources, and improved data exchange.

Expected results might be impacted by the necessary extraordinary measures taken by Member States and the EU following the coronavirus outbreak.

## **2. GRANTS**

The budget reserved for grants under this work programme is EUR 23 180 000.

Actions are listed according to their relation to headings in Annex II to Regulation (EU) 202X/xxx of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Programme for single market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, and European statistics [for the specific objective related to European statistics].

Concerning Producing and disseminating high quality statistics in Europe, under Article 195(d) and 195(f) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, it is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals and to specify the conditions for awarding these grants. As stated in Article 5(3) of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009, the national statistical institutes and other national authorities included in the list referred to in Article 5(2) of the Regulation may receive grants without a call for proposals. Grants may also be awarded without a call for proposals for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular type of body with specific technical competences, a high degree of specialisation or specific administrative powers, on condition that the actions concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals.

### **2.1. Action 1 — Award of grants without a call for proposals in the area of Economic and Monetary Union, Globalisation and Trade (Heading 1)**

Type of applicants targeted by the award of grants without a call for proposals:

Under Article 195(d) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046: bodies that are identified in the list referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 as national statistical institutes or other national authorities responsible for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics, after evaluation of the projects submitted.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grants awarded without a call for proposals under Article 195(d) of the Financial Regulation:

The action will cover the following topics:

- Actions to support the implementation of European System of Accounts 2010 (ESA 2010), work on Gross National Income (GNI) action points and reservations, including the reservation on globalisation, work relating to quality, including in a COVID-19 context, and piloting new developments to address emerging user needs and new economic phenomena;
- Real estate statistics;
- Data collection in 2022 for the purpose of compiling purchasing power parities (PPPs);
- Improving Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices (HICP);
- Industrial production and short term indicators;
- Further developments of Global Accounts and Global Production in order to respond to national and EU policy needs;
- Registers and multinational enterprises in the area of business statistics;
- Quality improvement of intra-EU trade data in the context of the micro-data exchange (MDE) according to the European Business Statistics Regulation 2019/2152;
- Other activities in the framework of Economic and Monetary Union, Globalisation and Trade.

Implementation

By ESTAT

## **2.2. Action 2 — Award of grants without a call for proposals in the area of Single Market, Innovation and Digital transformation (Heading 2)**

Type of applicants targeted by the award of grants without a call for proposals:

Under Article 195(d) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046: bodies that are identified in the list referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 as national statistical institutes or other national authorities responsible for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics, after evaluation of the projects submitted.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grants awarded without a call for proposals under Article 195(d) of the Financial Regulation:

The action will cover the following topics:

- Micro-data Linking in business statistics;
- Other activities in the framework of Single Market, Innovation and Digital transformation.

Implementation:

By ESTAT

### **2.3. Action 3 — Award of grants without a call for proposals in the area of Social dimension of Europe (Heading 3)**

Type of applicants targeted by the award of grants without a call for proposals:

Under Article 195(d) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046: bodies that are identified in the list referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 as national statistical institutes or other national authorities responsible for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics, after evaluation of the projects submitted.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grants awarded without a call for proposals under Article 195(d) of the Financial Regulation:

The action will cover the following topics:

- Modernisation of social statistics, including ESS Vision 2020 ADMIN project follow-up work on frames for social statistics and statistical methods; and implementation of the reinforced role of social indicators, including implementation of Regulation 2019/1700;
- Implementation of the revised EP and Council Regulation on Community statistics on migration and international protection;
- Population and housing census: geo-referenced data and improved population data;
- Other activities in the framework of Social dimension of Europe.

Implementation:

By ESTAT

### **2.4. Action 4 — Award of grants without a call for proposals in the area of Sustainable development, Natural Resources and Environment (Heading 4)**

Type of applicants targeted by the award of grants without a call for proposals:

Under Article 195(d) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046: bodies that are identified in the list referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 as national statistical institutes or other national authorities responsible for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics, after evaluation of the projects submitted.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grants awarded without a call for proposals under Article 195(d) of the Financial Regulation:

The action will cover the following topics:

- Modernisation and methodological improvements in the area of agricultural, energy, environment, fisheries, forestry, land and transport statistics;
- Upgrading of environmental accounts, ecosystem accounting and waste statistics;
- Other activities related to Sustainable development, Natural Resources, Agriculture, Energy, Fisheries, Climate Change, Transport and Environment.

Implementation:

By ESTAT

**2.5. Action 5 — Award of grants without a call for proposals in the area of Economic, Social and Territorial Cohesion (Heading 5)**

Type of applicants targeted by the award of grants without a call for proposals:

Under Article 195(d) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046: bodies that are identified in the list referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 as national statistical institutes or other national authorities responsible for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics, after evaluation of the projects submitted.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grants awarded without a call for proposals under Article 195(d) of the Financial Regulation:

The action will cover the following topics:

- Data collection for City and Subnational Statistics;
- Other activities related to the Economic, Social and Territorial Cohesion.

Implementation:

By ESTAT

**2.6. Action 6 — Award of grants without a call for proposals in the area of Better communication of European statistics and its values by promoting it as a trustworthy source in tackling disinformation (Heading 6)**

Type of applicants targeted by the award of grants without a call for proposals:

Under Article 195(d) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046: bodies that are identified in the list referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 as national statistical institutes or other national authorities responsible for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics, after evaluation of the projects submitted.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grants awarded without a call for proposals under Article 195(d) of the Financial Regulation:

The action will cover the following topics:

- Implementation of the European Statistics Competition (ESC) at the national level and participation in the European phase of the ESC;
- Other activities related to Better communication of European statistics and promoting it as a trustworthy source in tackling disinformation online.

Implementation:

By ESTAT

**2.7. Action 7 — Award of grants without a call for proposals in the areas of Better communication of European statistics and its values by promoting it as a trustworthy source in tackling disinformation (Heading 6) and Expanded partnerships and statistical cooperation (Heading 8)**

Type of applicants targeted by the award of grants without a call for proposals:



Under Article 195(d) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046: bodies that are identified in the list referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 as national statistical institutes or other national authorities responsible for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics, after evaluation of the projects submitted.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grants awarded without a call for proposals under Article 195(d) of the Financial Regulation:

The action will cover the following topics:

- National adoption of the European Statistical System (ESS) standards supporting the implementation of the Statistical Data and Metadata eXchange (SDMX), validation and metadata management;
- Other activities related to Expanded partnerships and statistical cooperation.

Implementation:

By ESTAT

## **2.8. Action 8 — Open call for proposals in the area of Economic and Monetary Union, Globalisation and Trade (Heading 1)**

The action will cover the following topics:

- Preparation and development of European Public Sector Accounting Standards (EPSAS);
- Other activities related to Economic and Monetary Union, Globalisation and Trade.

Implementation:

By ESTAT

## **3. PROCUREMENTS**

The budget reserved for procurement under this work programme is EUR 56 553 547.

General description of what the envisaged contracts will cover:

- Provision of statistical data collection, surveys, studies, analyses, reports, publications, updated manuals, methodology, documentation handbooks, other types of support, validation of data, indicators and benchmarks; improvement/development/modernisation of data processing; data analysis and improvement of data and statistical quality; development of new, modular techniques; maintenance and development of statistical infrastructure and databases; innovative tools and sources;
- Monitoring of sustainable development goals (SDGs), support for the green deal through further developing the environmental accounts which are linked to the national accounts;
- Support for quality reviews of statistical production and processes;
- Development of data processing and data analytics methodologies, frameworks and

infrastructure for trusted smart statistics (TSS); implementation of TSS;

- Maintenance and improvement of the geographical information system;
- Methodological and IT support in developing statistics and questionnaires, and in processing data on sectoral and regional statistics; dissemination and publication of sectoral and regional statistics;
- Data collection 2022 for the land use and land cover survey (LUCAS);
- EuroGroups data acquisition and testing;
- Review and legal implementation of the statistical classification of economic activities in the European Community (NACE) with impact assessment;
- Development, support and maintenance of the information systems supporting the European interoperable system of statistical business registers;
- Processing, dissemination, publication, promotion and marketing of statistical information; renovation of the dissemination chain; social media presence analysis; communication with European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) countries;
- Development, maintenance, security and re-engineering of IT systems and infrastructure; IT support for statistical production, database management and development; capacity building for integration and documentation of production processes; software renewal and maintenance;
- Statistical training courses and seminars for statisticians, including national statisticians and in non-EU countries; support for/organisation of exchanges of officials and events for the exchange of information, methodology and innovation;
- Services related to the adjustment of the remuneration of officials and other staff;
- Support in the Impact Assessment for framework regulations in the area of European statistics on population (ESOP) and Labour Market based on Businesses (LMB);
- Provision of services that support European Master in Official Statistics (EMOS) activities;
- Support to carry out information visits in Member States;
- External review of the Eurostat actuarial calculations related to pensions and medical schemes; external auditor support for carrying out financial controls;
- Support for reviews in the context of priority-setting.

#### **New framework contracts (FWCs):**

- In the area of Social dimension of Europe (Heading 3)
  - Framework contracts for statistical services for social indicators

Common tasks related to the upgrading of social indicators, covering the development and implementation of methodologies, as well as data analysis and dissemination.

This implementing measure refers to framework contracts for services, which aim to improve and upgrade social indicators and statistics. In particular, this includes intra-muros, proximity times, means, and other services. The framework contracts would be used as a basis for specific contracts, under the budget of Eurostat and other DGs, which provide delegated credits to Eurostat.

Duration of the framework contracts: 4 years.

- In the area of Economic, Social and Territorial Cohesion (Heading 5)
  - Framework contract for the supply of services to support the Geographical Information (GI) Systems for the Commission
 

Framework contracts for services, which aim to ensure a high quality of the maintenance, the analysis or development of GI data and/or the development and maintenance of GI software or applications and systems

Duration of the framework contract: 4 years.
- In the area of in the area of Better communication of European statistics and its values by promoting it as a trustworthy source in tackling disinformation (Heading 6)
  - Framework contract for user support
 

Network of support centres answering to requests from users on European statistics and providing training courses in the Member States.

New framework contracts covering high quality support service for users of European statistics, via a network of support centres covering all languages.

Duration of the framework contract: 4 years.
  - Framework contract for publications
 

Production of both electronic and printed Eurostat publications, including definition of contents, text drafting, layout and design work and introduction in various dissemination channels.

Duration of the framework contract: 4 years.
  - Framework contract for rationalising data purchase in the Commission
 

Eurostat is rationalising the data purchase since 2016. Hereby contracts and framework contract are being managed. After the planned survey of the DGs, the need might increase on the number of managed contracts and FWCs.

Duration of the framework contract: 4 years.
- In the area of Modernising the administration
  - Framework contract for "IT for statistical production and for standardisation"
 

The framework contracts will enable support and maintenance of Information Systems for statistical production in Eurostat as well as standards for data and metadata exchange. High quality support and maintenance of Information Systems for statistical production in Eurostat as well as for standards for data and metadata exchange.

Duration of the framework contracts: 4 years.
- Reaping the benefits of data revolution and moving to trusted smart statistics (Heading 7)
  - Framework contract for the supply of services in statistical methodology
 

The framework contracts will enable to explore and deploy new methodologies for collecting, analysing, processing data, such as Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML). This comprises identifying and implementing common use cases, support Eurostat and other DGs with methodological expertise, provide user support and training to improve statistical production processes and quality of output.

Duration of the framework contracts: 4 years.

Implementation:

By ESTAT:

- Economic and Monetary Union, Globalisation and Trade (Heading 1)
- Single Market, Innovation and Digital transformation (Heading 2)
- Social dimension of Europe (Heading 3)
- Reaping the benefits of data revolution and moving to trusted smart statistics (Heading 7)

By ESTAT, and through type II co-delegation with DGT and SCIC:

- Sustainable development, Natural Resources and Environment (Heading 4)
- Economic, Social and Territorial Cohesion (Heading 5)

By ESTAT, and through type II co-delegation with DGT, DIGIT and OP:

- Better communication of European statistics and its values by promoting it as a trustworthy source in tackling disinformation (Heading 6)

By ESTAT, and through type II co-delegation with DGT and DIGIT:

- Expanded partnerships and statistical cooperation (Heading 8)

By ESTAT, and through type II co-delegation with DIGIT:

- Modernising the administration

#### **4. ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED IN INDIRECT MANAGEMENT**

The budget reserved for actions implemented in indirect management under this work programme is EUR 400 000.

##### **4.1. Action 1 — Expanded partnerships and statistical cooperation (Heading 8)**

Implementing entity:

The United Nations

This management mode was selected because UN has specific expertise and logistical capabilities.

Description:

The action will cover the following topic:

- Cooperation with international organisations covering the organisation of important events or actions aimed at developing statistical capacity.

#### **5. TRUST FUNDS**

The budget reserved for actions implemented in indirect management under this work programme is EUR 600 000.

## 5.1. Action 1: Economic and Monetary Union, Globalisation and Trade (Heading 1)

Description:

The action will cover the procedure for System of National Accounts (SNA) update.

Implementation:

The World Bank. Trust Fund name: Global Data Facility (GDF).

Global Data Facility is established by the World Bank to strengthen the capacity of national data and statistical systems and to help overcome data deprivation across regions. It is the World Bank's primary mechanism to mobilize and coordinate donor support for data and statistics activities and – importantly – will leverage other World Bank financing.

Appropriations reserved for the trust fund

	2021	Total
Union budget	EUR 600 000	EUR 600 000

\* The World Bank will gather other donations (with a target for the Facility of USD 200 million in total) though for the moment, as the Facility is new, both other donors and amounts of the contributions are unknown.

## 6. OTHER ACTIONS

### 6.1. Action 1: Administrative arrangements with the JRC

Amount:

EUR 500 000.

Description:

The action will cover the following topics:

- Methodological and organisational support of ecosystem accounting, SDG indicators, forest statistics, Geospatial and Copernicus data, waste statistics and land footprint calculations;
- Improved compilation methods and new or updated publications of growth and productivity accounts.