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**on the financing of the European statistical programme and the adoption of the work
programme for 2020**

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2020 WORK PROGRAMME OF THE EUROPEAN STATISTICAL PROGRAMME FOR 2013-2020

1. Introduction

This programme is based on the objectives specified in Regulation (EU) 99/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 January 2013 on the European statistical programme 2013-17, as extended to 2020 by Regulation (EU) 2017/1951 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2017. It contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for the year 2020, as follows:

- (a) for grants (implemented under direct management, see point 2);
- (b) for procurement (implemented under direct management, see point 3);
- (c) for other actions (see point 4).

Legal basis:

Regulation (EU) 99/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 January 2013 on the European statistical programme 2013-17, as extended to 2020 by Regulation (EU) 2017/1951 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2017

Budget line:

29.0201

European statistical programme — Providing quality statistical information, implementing new methods of production of European statistics and strengthening the partnership within the European Statistical System (ESS)

Objectives pursued:

The 2020 work programme continues to promote official statistics as a public good and underlines their importance for informing citizens and political debate in these challenging times. It aims to strengthen the evidence base for economic governance and economic and social performance in the EU, as well as contribute to the knowledge basis for the European Green Deal. Under the 2020 work programme, the European statistical programme will deliver statistics to support global discussions on trade and security, EU policies related to the European Monetary Union, the single market and SMEs 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. Several crosscutting topics will receive particular attention to better support the European Social Agenda, the European Pillar of Social Rights including gender statistics, the European Green Deal, the needs of the European Semester including sustainability, inequalities and the joint distribution of income, 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 and healthcare expenditure, as well as on environmental statistics and accounts, in particular on waste related data. Particular focus will be given to the work required in the field of migration statistics. To better monitor progress towards the sustainable development goals in an EU context, and the development of the circular economy, the territorial disaggregation, the timeliness and the dissemination of these key indicator sets will be further improved and work will continue on indicators, which are work-in-progress.

The programme will devote increased resources to building capacity within the ESS 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; and (vi) prepare the ground for the future European statistical programme (ESP) covering the next multiannual financial framework (MFF) for 2021-2027.

Expected results:

Production and dissemination of statistical products

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, improved data exchange and a new and future-oriented dissemination chain.

2. Grants

The global budget reserved for grants under this work programme is EUR 39 570 000.

2.1. Action 1 — Award of grants without a call for proposals in the areas of economic governance (PA2) and economic and social performance (PA4)

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), the removal of ESA derogations and work on Gross National Income (GNI) action points and reservations, work relating to quality, and piloting new developments to address emerging user needs and new economic phenomena;
- real estate statistics;
- data collection in 2021 for the purpose of compiling purchasing power parities (PPPs);
- processing of harmonised consumer price indices;
- other activities in the framework of economic governance and economic and social performance.

Implementation

By ESTAT

2.2. Action 2 — Award of grants without a call for proposals in the area of environmental sustainability (PA5) and geospatial, environmental, agricultural and other sectoral statistics (PA8)

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:

- environmental accounts, ecosystem accounting and waste statistics;
- further disaggregation of the statistics on final energy consumption and development of additional statistical indicators to support the Energy Union; methodological improvements in energy statistics;
- modernisation of agricultural and fisheries statistics;
- geospatial statistics;
- other activities related to geospatial, environmental, agricultural and other sectoral statistics,
- other activities related to environmental sustainability.

Implementation:

By ESTAT

2.3. Action 3 — Award of grants without a call for proposals in the areas of economic globalisation (PA3) and business (PA6)

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:

- registers and multinational enterprises in the area of business statistics
- implementation of the new framework regulation on business statistics: methodology, new data requirements, launch of the customs data exchange;
- statistics on the use of information and communication technologies;
- research and development (R&D) and innovation statistics;
- international sourcing survey;
- other activities related to economic globalisation and business.

Implementation:

By ESTAT

2.4. Action 4 — Award of grants without a call for proposals in the area of ‘People’s Europe’ (PA 7)

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:

- innovative tools and sources used for social statistics including for diary-based surveys, the Household Budget Survey (HBS) and/or the Time Use Survey—with a view to decreasing the response burden for citizens and increasing quality and relevance;
- modernisation of population statistics: geo-referenced, regional and administrative data; migration statistics
- modernisation of social statistics; implementation of the reinforced role of social indicators,; implementation of the Integrated European Social Statistics (IESS) Regulation; new forms of work;
- gender-based violence survey;
- use of administrative data in the production of European statistics;
- other activities related to People's Europe.

Implementation:

By ESTAT

2.5. Action 5 — Award of grants without a call for proposals in the area of European Statistical System (ESS) quality management (PA9)

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:

- the 2022 European conference on quality in official statistics;
- other activities related to the European Statistical System (ESS) quality management.

Implementation:

By ESTAT

2.6. Action 6 — Award of grants without a call for proposals in the area of multipurpose statistics and efficiency gains in production (PA11)

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 data management;
- support to ESS members on IT security improvement;
- trusted smart statistics;
- other activities related to multipurpose statistics and efficiency gains in production.

Implementation:

By ESTAT

2.7. Action 7 — Award of grants without a call for proposals in the area of dissemination and communication (PA12)

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:

- dissemination related to the national adoption of the European Statistical System (ESS) standards supporting the implementation of the Statistical Data and Metadata eXchange (SDMX), validation and data management;
- implementation of the European Statistics Competition (ESC) at the national level and participation in the European phase of the ESC;
- other activities related to dissemination and communication.

Implementation:

By ESTAT

2.8. Action 8 — Direct grants to the United Nations (UN) in the area of partnership within the ESS and beyond (PA14)

Type of applicants targeted by the direct award:

Under Article 195(f) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046: the United Nations.

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

The action will cover the following topic:

- support coordination within the global statistical system; support the exchange of knowledge, experience and best practices in the global statistical system; development of international guidelines and standards; development of countries' statistical capacity and national statistical systems.

Implementation:

By ESTAT

2.9. Action 9 — Call for proposals in the area of economic governance (PA2)

The action will cover the following topics:

- preparation and development of European public sector accruals accounting (EPSAS)
- other activities in the framework of economic governance.

Implementation:

By ESTAT

2.10. Action 10 — Call for proposals in the area of training, innovation and research (PA13)

The action will cover the following topics:

- partnerships with the research community and other stakeholders;
- other activities related to training, innovation and research.

Implementation:

By ESTAT

3. Procurements

The global budget reserved for procurement contracts in 2020 is EUR 47 595 700.

3.1. Procurements under the European Statistical Programme

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; microdata query;
- support for quality reviews of statistical production and processes;
- development and implementation of trusted smart statistics;
- 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
- support for the EuroGroups register upgrade ;
- support for reviewing the statistical classification of economic activities in the European Community (NACE); possible proposal of revised legislation;
- support for profiling activities and for implementing the European system of interoperable business registers;
- processing, dissemination, promotion and marketing of statistical information; renovation of the dissemination chain; social media presence analysis; communication with European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) countries;
- methodological and IT support for social statistics in the areas of income, consumption and wealth, demography and migration, labour force, social protection, etc.;
- development, maintenance, security and re-engineering of IT systems and infrastructure; IT support for database management and development, in the area of microdata exchange; implementation and support of data as a service project; capacity building in enterprise architecture and for integration and documentation of production processes;
- creation of a standard, common web-based interface and process orchestrator;
- statistical data and metadata exchange support and corrective/evolutionary maintenance;
- implementation and management of the IT security assurance mechanism in the European Statistical System;
- 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;
- subscriptions to international statistical associations and IT licences;
- services related to the adjustment of the remuneration of officials and other staff;
- support for the assessment of the impact of a framework regulation in the area of European statistics on the general population;

- provision of services that support European Master in Official Statistics (EMOS) activities;
- provision of services which support the final evaluation of the ESP 2013-2020; external auditor support for carrying out financial controls.

New framework contracts:

- In the area of economic globalisation (PA3)- Framework contract for Globalisation - EuroGroups Register (EGR) data acquisition

Acquisition of data on multinational enterprises from commercial data providers, to be used for the production and output of the EGR

Duration of the framework contract: 4 years.

- In the area of People's Europe (PA7)- Framework contract 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 ESTAT and other DGs, which provide delegated credits to ESTAT.

Duration of the framework contract: 4 years.

- In the area of multipurpose statistics and efficiency gains in production (PA11)- Framework contract for 'IT for statistical production and for standardisation':

Launching a call for tender, which will lead to the signature of framework contracts in 2020. Under these framework contracts, ESTAT could then conclude specific contracts for IT work related to statistical production and for the standardisation of data and metadata exchange.

The framework contract will provide high-quality support for and maintenance of information systems for statistical production in ESTAT as well as for standards for data and metadata exchange. Duration of the framework contract: 4 years.

- In the area of training, innovation and research (PA13) - Framework contract for 'European Statistical Training Programme' (ESTP)

Implementation of training courses for ESS staff in various statistical domains with a European dimension

Duration of the framework contract: 4 years

Implementation:

By ESTAT:

- Europe 2020 (PA1)
- Economic governance (PA2)
- Economic globalisation (PA3)
- Economic and social performance (PA4)
- Environmental sustainability (PA5)
- Business (PA6)
- People's Europe (PA7)
- ESS quality management (PA9)
- Priority setting and simplification (PA10)

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

- Geospatial, environmental, agricultural and other sectoral statistics (PA8)

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

- Multipurpose statistics and efficiency gains in production (PA11)

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

- Dissemination and communication (PA12)

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

- Training, innovation and research (PA13)

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

- Partnership within the ESS and beyond (PA14)

4. Other actions

4.1. Action 1: Administrative arrangements with the JRC

Amount:

EUR 600 000.

Description:

The action will cover the following topic:

- methodological and organisational support of ecosystem accounting and of sustainable development monitoring, including the use of Copernicus and other geospatial data, forestry models, and support for other areas of sectoral statistics.