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on the financing of the Programme for the internal market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium sized enterprises, the area of plants, animals, food and feed and European Statistics and the adoption of the work programme for 2022

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ANNEX IV

2022 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) 2021/690 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing a programme for the internal market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, the area of plants, animals, food and feed, and European statistics (Single Market Programme) and repealing Regulations (EU) No 99/2013, (EU) No 1287/2013, (EU) No 254/2014 and (EU) No 652/2014 (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 2022, as follows:

- (a) for grants (implemented under direct management, see point 2) total amount of EUR 31 160 000;
- (b) for procurements (implemented under direct management, see point 3) total amount of EUR 50 889 150;
- (c) for actions implemented in indirect management (see point 4) total amount of EUR 650 000;
- (d) for other actions (see point 5) total amount of EUR 1 910 000.

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) 2021/690 (for the specific objective related to European statistics) and Regulation (EC) No 223/2009
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Budget line:

03.0205 Single Market Programme — Producing and disseminating high quality statistics on Europe
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Objectives pursued:

The 2022 work programme will contribute to the European response to the COVID-19 pandemic to support the economic and social recovery. Revitalising the economy and getting back on a path of sustainable growth will be of outmost importance. Providing reliable and timely statistics will support the policy-making and public debate to overcome the negative effects of the pandemic. The 2022 work programme, the second under the new Single Market Programme, will build on the success of the previous European statistical programme and will be in line with the six headline ambitions outlined in the political guidelines by the president of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen. The European Statistical Recovery Dashboard containing indicators from a broad range of statistical areas to track the economic and social recovery from COVID-19 pandemic will be further improved in terms of timeliness, functionality and coverage based on development of indicators and user feedback. Statistics will be produced in support of the Recovery and Resilience Facility, the instrument implemented via the EU budget, aiming at mobilising investment and frontloading financial support in the first years of post COVID-19 recovery. Experimental statistics on multinational enterprise groups based on the EuroGroups Register will be further developed in order to monitor the rapidly evolving global activities of multinational enterprises. Special attention will be given to themes such as Green Deal, research, innovation and experimenting, statistics on health (including health and safety at work), skills, disability and accessibility, agriculture, use of pesticides, waste and population. 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 (SDG) in an EU context, and the transition towards the circular economy. Under the 2022 work programme, the Single Market Programme will deliver statistics to support global discussions on trade, EU policies related to the European Monetary Union, the internal market and small and medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) as well as the Commission's priorities on jobs, growth and investment. 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. The social statistics produced under the programme will be instrumental in promoting our European way of life and our working conditions, including monitoring progress on the European Pillar of Social Rights and its Action Plan, which was supported by European leaders at their Porto Summit in May 2021. European statistics will be promoted across different dissemination channels and their use by policy-makers, citizens, businesses, researchers and the media will be facilitated. Flagship publications such as Key figures on Europe, SDGs and Regional Yearbook will be disseminated and the efforts to make Eurostat's website more user friendly will continue. To progress in the modernisation of the production of 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. Digital revolution and new data sources figure among main challenges of Eurostat. Under the Trusted Smart Statistics initiative, particular attention will be paid to exploit the potential of new data sources, to get sustainable access to them and to continue using digital technologies and these new data sources to produce quickly more granular statistics that are

cost-effective and meet the user needs. This will be done in close cooperation with national statistical authorities.

Expected results:

Development, production and dissemination of European statistics, under the framework given by the Single Market Programme, and in accordance with the principles of the European statistics Code of Practice through close and coordinated cooperation within the European Statistical System (ESS).

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

2. GRANTS

The budget reserved for grants under this work programme is EUR 31 160 000.

Actions are listed according to their relation to headings in Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2021/690 (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.

Selection and award criteria in case of open calls for proposals (Actions 7 and 8)

As regards all grants envisaged in this work programme, each proposal will be evaluated on the basis of the selection criteria specified in the respective calls for proposals. Indicatively, these criteria are based on the following:

- Financial capacity to complete the proposed operation;
- Stable and sufficient sources of finance to ensure the continuity of the organisation throughout the project and to play a part in financing it;
- Operational (technical and management) capacity to complete the operation;
- Capacity to manage activities corresponding to the size of the project for which a grant is requested;

- Adequate professional qualifications and experience of the team responsible for the project/operation.

An evaluation of the quality of proposals, including the proposed budget, will be based on the following award criteria:

- Relevance of the actions proposed in view of the objectives established in the call;
- Quality of the proposed actions;
- Impact on target audience.

Indicative budget breakdown per Action:

Action	Estimated budget (EUR)	Indicative timetable
Action 1 — Award of grants without a call for proposals in the areas of Economic and Monetary Union, globalisation and trade (Heading 1)	11 100 000	July – December 2022
Action 2 — Award of grants without a call for proposals in the area of Internal market, innovation and digital transformation (Heading 2)	3 050 000	November – December 2022
Action 3 — Award of grants without a call for proposals in the area of Social dimension of Europe (Heading 3)	8 250 000	September – October 2022
Action 4 — Award of grants without a call for proposals in the area of Sustainable development, natural resources and environment (Heading 4)	4 600 000	October – December 2022
Action 5 — 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	460 000	June – October 2022

source in tackling disinformation (Heading 6)		
Action 6 — Award of grants without a call for proposals in the area of Reaping the benefits of data revolution and moving to trusted smart statistics (Heading 7)	900 000	July 2022
Action 7 — Open call for proposals in the area of Economic and Monetary Union, globalisation and trade (Heading 1)	600 000	November 2022
Action 8 — Open call for proposals in the area of Reaping the benefits of data revolution and moving to trusted smart statistics (Heading 7)	2 200 000	November 2022
Total (EUR)	31 160 000	

The maximum co-financing rate is 95%.

2.1. Action 1 — Award of grants without a call for proposals in the areas 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 and Article 10(1)(h) of Regulation (EU) 2021/690: 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 improving the quality of Gross National Income (GNI) data in a context of Own Resource purposes, work relating to quality, including in a COVID-19 context, and piloting new developments to address emerging user needs and new economic phenomena;

- Update of national accounts standards and testing;
- Real estate statistics;
- Data collection in 2023 for the purpose of compiling purchasing power parities (PPPs);
- Improving Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices (HICP);
- Registers and multinational enterprises in the area of business statistics;
- New and innovative compilation methods in intra-EU trade in goods statistics; new (experimental) statistics on trade by enterprise characteristics (TEC);
- Pilot studies and data linking in the new globalisation framework;
- 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 Internal 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 and Article 10(1)(h) of Regulation (EU) 2021/690: 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;
- Developing Tourism Statistics;
- Statistics on the usage of Information and Communication Technologies 2023 and 2024;
- Other activities in the framework of Internal 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 and Article 10(1)(h) of Regulation (EU) 2021/690: 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 use of administrative data, new statistical methods, quality, sampling frames, legal frameworks and ad hoc subjects development and implementation as well as implementation of the reinforced role of social indicators, including implementation of Regulation 2019/1700;
- Improved comparability, coverage and timeliness of social statistics, in the various fields of labour market statistics, in particular collected from businesses (LMB statistics); living conditions, income, consumption and wealth, health, education, social protection, care and long term care;
- Implementation of the revised EP and Council Regulation on Community statistics on migration and international protection;
- Improvement of demography, census and migration statistics – preparatory work towards a Framework regulation on European statistics on population;
- Other activities in the framework of Social dimension of Europe, in particular new development needed for delivering on the European Pillar of social rights and in the context of other policy frameworks, like the European Semester, the resilience dashboard, the Statistical recovery dashboard.

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 and Article 10(1)(h) of Regulation (EU) 2021/690: 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 improvement of agricultural statistics;
- Modernisation and methodological improvement of energy statistics;
- Modernisation and methodological improvement of environmental accounts, ecosystem accounting and waste statistics;
- Development of new transport 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 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 and Article 10(1)(h) of Regulation (EU) 2021/690: 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) 2022/2023 at the national level and participation in the European phase of the ESC;
- Organisation of the European conference on quality in Official Statistics in 2024;
- Other activities related to Better communication of European statistics and its values by promoting it as a trustworthy source in tackling disinformation.

Implementation:

By ESTAT

2.6. Action 6 — Award of grants without a call for proposals in the area of Reaping the benefits of data revolution and moving to trusted smart statistics (Heading 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 and Article 10(1)(h) of Regulation (EU) 2021/690: 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:

- Development of methodologies for production of experimental statistics from new data sources including e.g. mobile network operators data;
- Other activities related to Reaping the benefits of data revolution and moving to trusted smart statistics.

Implementation:

By ESTAT

2.7. Action 7 — Open call for proposals in the area of Economic and Monetary Union, globalisation and trade (Heading 1)

Type of applicants targeted by the open call for proposals:

Under Article 9(7) of Regulation (EU) 2021/690: (a) national statistical institutes and other national authorities as referred to in Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009; (b) for actions supporting collaborative networks, as referred to in Article 15 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009, bodies operating in the field of statistics other than the authorities referred to in point (a) of this paragraph; (c) non-profit making entities (such as universities, higher education institutes, etc.), which are independent of industry, commercial and business or other conflicting interests, and have as their primary objectives and activities the promotion and support of the implementation of the European statistics Code of Practice referred to in Article 11 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 or the implementation of new methods of production of European statistics aiming at efficiency gains and quality improvements at Union level.

Description of the activities to be funded by the open call for proposals:

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

2.8. Action 8 — Open call for proposals in the area of Reaping the benefits of data revolution and moving to trusted smart statistics (Heading 7)

Type of applicants targeted by the open call for proposals:

Under Article 9(7) of Regulation (EU) 2021/690: (a) national statistical institutes and other national authorities as referred to in Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009; (b) for actions supporting collaborative networks, as referred to in Article 15 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009, bodies operating in the field of statistics other than the authorities referred to in point (a) of this paragraph; (c) non-profit making entities (such as universities, higher education institutes, etc.), which are independent of industry, commercial and business or other conflicting interests, and have as their primary objectives and activities the promotion and support of the implementation of the European statistics Code of Practice referred to in Article 11 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 or the implementation of new methods of production of European statistics aiming at efficiency gains and quality improvements at Union level.

Description of the activities to be funded by the open call for proposals:

The action will cover the following topics:

- Knowledge transfer and capability building on Trusted Smart Statistics (TSS);
- Other activities related to Reaping the benefits of data revolution and moving to trusted smart statistics.

Implementation:

By ESTAT

3. PROCUREMENTS

The budget reserved for procurement under this work programme is EUR 50 889 150.

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 collection and 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; dissemination support and material, including electronic supports that may be interactive and infographics;
- Monitoring of sustainable development goals (SDGs), support for the green deal through further developing the environmental accounts which are linked to the national accounts;
- 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 revised statistical classification of economic activities in the European Community (NACE);
- 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; 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, collaboration tools; capacity building for integration and documentation of production processes; software renewal and maintenance; support for the organisation of activities related to IT governance;
- Statistical training courses and seminars for statisticians, in Member States 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;
- Services that support European Master in Official Statistics (EMOS) activities;
- Support to carry out information visits in Member States;
- Support/further development of international study visits to Eurostat;
- 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 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 contract 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.

Implementation:

By ESTAT:

- Economic and Monetary Union, globalisation and trade (Heading 1)
- Internal market, innovation and digital transformation (Heading 2)
- Social dimension of Europe (Heading 3)

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, COMM 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 SCIC:

- 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 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 650 000.

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

Implementing entity:

Under Article 62(1)(c)(ii) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046: The international organisations of the United Nations system and OECD

This management mode was selected because these international organisations have 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. OTHER ACTIONS

5.1. Action 1: Administrative arrangements with the JRC

Amount:

EUR 1 910 000.

Description:

The action will cover the following topics:

- Full International and Global Accounts for Research in Input-Output Analysis;
- Feasibility study on the use of non-traditional data sources in population and migration statistics;
- Methodological and organisational support of ecosystem accounting, SDG indicators, forest statistics, Geospatial and Copernicus data, waste statistics and land footprint calculations;
- IT support for ecosystem accounting.