

European Statistical System

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The ESS guarantees that the European statistics compiled in all Member States are reliable, following common criteria and definitions and data are compiled in an appropriate way, so that they are always comparable between various countries of the EU. Eurostat's role is to determine in close cooperation with the national statistical institutes, the methods of harmonization of statistics.

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