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**on the Financing of the European Statistical Programme 2013-2020 and the adoption of
the work programme for 2019**

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WORK PROGRAMME 2019 FOR THE EUROPEAN STATISTICAL PROGRAMME 2013-2020

1. Introduction

On the basis of the objectives given 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, this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for year 2019 as follows:

- for grants (implemented under direct management) (point 2);
- for procurement (implemented under direct management) (point 3);
- for other actions (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:

- Improving the statistical basis for economic governance and on social performance.
- Addressing the challenges of measuring economic globalisation.
- Fostering the integration and modernisation of business statistics.
- Pursuing the modernisation of social statistics.
- Improving and integrating data and indicators for monitoring the circular economy and the Sustainable Development Goals in an EU context.
- Further developing key sectoral statistics.
- Strengthening the user-focused and digital communication of statistics.

For more details see Annex 2 ‘Strategic priorities’.

Expected results:

- Production and dissemination of the statistical products listed in Annex 4 ‘Catalogue of Statistical Products’.
- Efficiency gains and quality improvements in the production of European statistics as well as enhanced flexibility and productivity across the European Statistical System. Better responsiveness to users’ requirements and innovative communication of European statistics, use of new data sources, improved data exchange, and a new and future-oriented dissemination chain.
- New initiatives and REFIT initiatives from the Commission work programme.
- Other outputs listed in the Annex 3 ‘List of activities and outputs’.

2. Grants

The global budgetary envelope reserved for grants under this work programme is EUR 33 402 313.

2.1. Action 1 — Award of grants without a call for proposals in the areas of Europe 2020 (priority area 1 (PA1)), economic governance (PA2) and economic and social performance (PA4)

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

In accordance with 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 on the basis of Article 195(d) of the Financial Regulation:

The action will cover the following topics:

- actions to support the implementation of ESA 2010 and BPM6, the removal of ESA derogations and work on 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;
- purchasing power parities (PPPs) data collection 2020;
- processing harmonised indices of consumer prices;
- growth and productivity accounts;
- integrated global accounts and global production;
- other activities in the framework of European 2020, 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)

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

In accordance with 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 on the basis of Article 195(d) of the Financial Regulation:

The action will cover the following topics:

- environmental accounts and ecosystem accounting;
- other activities in the framework of 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:

In accordance with 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 on the basis of Article 195(d) of the Financial Regulation:

The action will cover the following topics:

- statistics on the usage of Information and Communication Technologies 2019;
- short-term statistics (STS);
- redesigned and modernised Intrastat system implementation;
- globalisation — multinational enterprises (MNEs), profiling, large cases units (LCUs), EuroGroups Register (EGR);
- international services transactions (ISTs);
- other activities in the framework of 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:

In accordance with 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 on the basis of Article 195(d) of the Financial Regulation:

The action will cover the following topics:

- innovative tools and sources for diary-based surveys, the Household Budget Survey (HBS) and/or the Time Use Survey;
- Labour Force Survey: quality improvement and estimating breaks in time series linked to the introduction of the Integrated European Social Statistics (IESS) Framework Regulation;
- modernisation of social statistics — implementation of the reinforced role of social indicators;
- support for improving crime statistics;
- population and housing census: geo-referenced and administrative data;
- Adult Education Survey (AES): piloting in preparation for the 2022 exercise;
- statistics on labour costs, earnings, job vacancies and minimum wages: piloting improvement actions;
- Household Budget Survey (HBS);
- other activities in the framework of People's Europe.

Implementation:

By ESTAT

2.5. Action 5 — Award of grants without a call for proposals in the area of geospatial, environmental, agricultural and other sectoral statistics (PA8)

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

In accordance with 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 on the basis of Article 195(d) of the Financial Regulation:

The action will cover the following topics:

- passenger mobility and road traffic;
- waste statistics;
- modernisation of agricultural statistics;
- geospatial statistics: GEOSTAT 4;
- data collection for city and subnational statistics;
- improvement of timeliness of energy statistics to support the Energy Union;
- other activities in the framework of geospatial, environmental, agricultural and other sectoral statistics.

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:

In accordance with 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 on the basis of Article 195(d) of the Financial Regulation:

The action will cover the following topics:

- national deployment of the European Statistical System (ESS) Vision 2020 validation implementation project;
- support to ESS members on IT security improvement;
- smart statistics;
- seasonal adjustment — Centre of Excellence 2019-2022;
- other activities in the framework of 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:

In accordance with 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 on the basis of Article 195(d) of the Financial Regulation:

The action will cover the following topics:

- Statistical disclosure control (SDC) — Centre of Excellence;
- DIGICOM (Digital communication, user analytics and innovative products) grants on ESS capacity building;
- Other activities in the framework of Dissemination and communication.

Implementation:

By ESTAT

2.8. Action 8 — Award of grants without a call for proposals in the area of training, innovation and research (PA13)

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

In accordance with 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 activity to be funded by the grants awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of Article 195(d) of the Financial Regulation:

The action will cover the following topic:

- seasonal adjustment — Centre of Excellence 2019-2022;
- other activities in the framework of Training, Innovation and Research.

Expected result:

- Sustainability and further development of knowledge and expertise in seasonal adjustment and time series ensured and made available to the ESS members. Support to the development of methodologies for seasonal adjustment and temporal disaggregation at ESS level.

Implementation:

By ESTAT

2.9. Action 9 — 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:

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

The 4th edition of the Handbook of Statistical Organization (published by the UN for the first time in 1954) is a document with a global reach. It will contain comments on: (i) the strategic development areas generated by consultations with chief statisticians and senior managers of statistical organisations on the strategic development areas proposed in the Cape Town Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data; and (ii) the main outcomes of the series of conferences on a transformative agenda for official statistics. As the apex of the global statistical system, the UN is the only organisation at measure to lead this global work and to organise the transfer of knowledge in the UNCEEA (UN Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting) through its regional outreach. This it will achieve by organising a dedicated conference.

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

The action will cover the following topic:

- Broader promotion of official statistics; high-level discussions on the most pressing problems affecting the production, dissemination and use of official statistics; exchange of knowledge, experience and best practices; development of countries' statistical capacity and their national statistical systems.

The direct grant will take the form of a lump-sum contribution.

Implementation:

By ESTAT

2.10. Action 10 — Direct grant to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in the area of partnership within the ESS and beyond (PA 14)

Type of applications targeted by the direct award:

In accordance with Article 195(f) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046: the OECD, which has the sole technical competence in the field of the grant.

The OECD acts as the secretariat for the Cape Town Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data and coordinates actions relating to the plan.

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

The action will cover the following topic:

- OECD/Paris 21 (Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century), a partnership to develop countries' statistical capacity and their national statistical

systems.

Implementation:

By ESTAT

3. Procurements

The global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement contracts in 2019 is
EUR 43 525 650

3.1. Procurements under the European Statistical Programme

General description of the contracts envisaged:

- 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 their processing; their analysis and improvement of their quality and the quality of statistics; development of new, modular techniques; maintenance and development of statistical infrastructure and databases;
- Implementation of a quality review of statistical production and processes;
- Processing, dissemination, promotion and marketing of statistical information;
- Development, maintenance, security and re-engineering of IT systems and infrastructure;
- Statistical data and metadata exchange support and corrective/evolutionary maintenance;
- Development of regular and secure data exchange channels between ESS members; increased knowledge on EU standards and ESS values, and increased awareness of issues of strategic importance for the ESS in the EECCA (Eastern European, Caucasus and Central Asia) countries;
- Risk-based control work at the sites of entities involved in producing statistical information in Member States;
- Purchase of services from external experts, as well as documentation, data and access for Commission departments to outside databases;
- Statistical training courses for statisticians, also for national statisticians and in third countries; support/organise exchanges of officials and information meetings;
- Subscriptions to international statistical associations and IT licences;
- Support for collaborative networks and organisations to back the implementation of the European Statistics Code of Practice and the new methods of production of European statistics;
- Provision of the information necessary to draw up an annual summary report on the economic and social state of the EU;
- Services in connection with the adjustment of the remuneration of officials and other staff;

- Technical assistance to national statistical institutes in Member States to increase their capacity to produce high-quality data;
- Provision of the necessary statistical information, at the request of the Commission or of the other institutions of the Union, for the assessment, monitoring and evaluation of the Union's expenditure.

New framework contracts:

- (1) Under PA11 — multipurpose statistics and efficiency gains in production: framework contracts for 'IT for statistical production and for standardisation':

The framework contracts will enable support and maintenance of information systems for statistical production as well as standards for data and metadata exchange.

Duration of the framework contracts: 4 years.

- (2) Under PA12 — dissemination and communication: framework contract for the purchase of external data:

Eurostat will make purchases of external statistical data within the European Commission more cost-effective by preparing and negotiating, for each statistical product, a framework contract of purchase for the whole Commission.

Implementation:

By ESTAT:

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

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

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

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

- Multipurpose statistics and efficiency gains in production (PA11)

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

- Dissemination and communication (PA12)

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

- Training, innovation and research (PA13)

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

- Partnership within the ESS and beyond (PA14)

4. Other actions

4.1. Action 1: Administrative arrangements with JRC

Amount:

EUR 1 200 000

Description:

The action will cover the following topics:

- Full international and global accounts for research in input-output analysis;
- Methodological and organisational support for ecosystem accounting, Sustainable Development Goals and circular economy monitoring, food waste modelling and raw material statistics.