



Executive summary of Statistics Portugal and ONA Annual Work Programme 2014

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1. Overview

The work programme of statistical activities to be performed in 2014, by Statistics Portugal (SP) and other national authorities (ONA) producing official statistics by delegation of SP, is properly aligned with the General Guidelines of Official Statistical Activity (LGAE0) 2013-2017 and with the Annual Work Statistical Programme of the Commission. This Commission's programme, derived from the five-year strategic European Statistical Programme for 2013-2017, requires from Member States various commitments in response to EU legal acts with high impact on the statistical production, leaving limited room for additional activities.

Within this framework, SP and the ONA, comply with the orientations set out in those documents concerning reporting obligations and methodological requirements requested by EU and national legislation.

In the context of the SP strategy the production of quality statistical information in accordance with the principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice remains a key objective for SP and ONA.

The compliance with this quality framework by NSIs of all EU MS will receive special attention in 2014 through the preparation for and implementation of the second round of Peer Reviews exercises, through an independent audit-like approach.

In 2014, SP will develop few non-current statistical activities identified in this plan and will continue its modernization regarding statistical methodology, infrastructural and technological processes, in particular concerning procedures for data collection.



The appropriation of administrative data for statistical purposes will continue to be in SP agenda and will guide its institutional relations in the context of public administration entities.

Therefore, SP will continue to improve the quality of the statistical information produced, within the available resources, and to contribute to the strengthening of the National and European Statistical Systems.

In this context SP will develop 196 statistical operations, corresponding to the delivery of 603 statistical results, to different types of users.

SP Portal - the statistics official website, in continuous improvement, will continue to be the privileged way for the dissemination of official statistics.

ONA will perform 90 statistical operations, corresponding to the delivery of 351 statistical results.

2. Some Statistical activities and Surveys to be developed in 2014 by the SP and ONA could be highlighted

2.1 Concerning the statistical production process

- Preparing the implementation of the Time Use Survey, in partnership with the Commission for Citizenship and Gender Equality – CIG (This activity is dependent of CIG funding).
- Implementation and dissemination of the study Well-being Index for Portugal (2014 edition).
- Implementation of the European Social Survey (7th wave - 2014), in partnership with the Institute of Social Sciences - ICS (This activity is dependent of ICS funding).
- Starting of the production and dissemination of monthly estimates of the unemployment rate, in conjunction with Eurostat.
- Implementation of the National Health Survey (INS) 2014, held in cooperation with the National Health Institute Dr. Ricardo Jorge (INSA).
- Conclusion of the Portuguese National Accounts – Base 2011.
- Conclusion of the retropolated time series of the Portuguese National Accounts – Base 2011, for the period 1995/2009.
- Conclusion of the Farm Structure Survey 2013.
- Implementation of the Perspectives on Exports of Goods Survey.

2.2. Concerning the dissemination process



- Dissemination of the results concerning the Demographic Projections of resident population, by age and gender, to the period 2011-2060, (for Portugal and Regions NUTS II).
- Anticipation, to the first quarter 2014, of the provisional results release of the Income and Living Conditions Survey (EU-SILC) 2013, including the information necessary for monitoring the Europe 2020 programme.
- Dissemination of the results of the Survey on Households' Financial Situation (second edition) in partnership with the Bank of Portugal within the Eurosystem framework.
- Publication of the results of the Community Innovation Survey - 2012 (DGEEC | MEC)

2.3 Concerning statistical cooperation:

External

- Continued active participation in the European Statistical System (ESS) structures, contributing to its development and modernization, strengthening international projection of the Portuguese statistics and of the positioning of Portugal in the European Union.
- Implementation of the "National Statistical Systems Training Programme for the Portuguese-speaking African countries (PALOP) and Timor-Leste", Phase 3 (2014) approved by the CPLP (Community of Portuguese-speaking countries) focal points and financed by the Special Fund of the Community.

Inter-institutional

- Strengthening the institutional dialogue with entities owning administrative data with a view for its appropriation for statistical purposes, thus improving the quality in statistics and reducing the costs and the burden on society and as well on the SP and ONA.

3. Human and Financial Resources

The cost of implementing this plan of activities with regard to SP is about EUR 32 675 million. This cost does not consider the application of legal mechanisms in place (voluntary contract terminations of professional technical staff) or to be implemented upon approval of the State Budget Law 2014 and other legal mechanisms (salary reduction; voluntary termination of senior staff and the requalification programme for public administration staff). This cost includes the salaries of 666 workers (357 senior experts and 309 professional technical staff).

It is estimated, however, that the implementation of these legal mechanisms is likely to reduce the total costs to about EUR 30 million. This amount, given the budget allocation by the



Ministry responsible to SP, implies a deficit of about 20% (EUR 5,6 million), and will bear the cost of salaries, interviewers and current activities only until the end of the 3rd quarter 2014. ONA will allocate to their activities 133 human resources (76 senior experts and 57 professional technical staff) with a total cost estimation of EUR 4 992 600.

4. Objectives in the context of the Assessment and Responsibility Framework (QUAR 2014)

According to the methodology established in SIADAP - Assessment and Responsibility Framework (QUAR) for 2014, SP has set as its objectives, properly aligned with the General Guidelines of official Statistical activity (LGAE0) 2013-2017, the following:

Effectiveness Objectives

- O1. Consolidating the provision of official statistical information and extending its respective accessibility. (LGAE0 2013/2017- Obj1/LA17, Obj1/LA18)
- O2. Increasing statistical literacy in society. (LGAE0 2013/2017- Obj2/LA16)
- O3. Preparing properly the Peer Review Exercise of the European Statistics Code of Practice. (LGAE0 2013/2017-Obj1/LA1)
- O4. Keeping the high-quality statistical cooperation with countries belonging to CPLP (Community of Portuguese-speaking countries). (LGAE0 2013/2017- Obj3/LA10) in spite of limited resources.

Efficiency Objectives

- O5. Intensifying the use of technologically advanced collection modes and user-friendly to the respondent. (LGAE0 2013/2017- Obj1/LA9)
- O6. Increasing the appropriation of administrative data for statistical purposes. (LGAE0 2013/2017- Obj1/LA2; Obj1/LA3; Obj1/LA4)
- O7. Upgrading the infrastructure of statistical production systems. (LGAE0 2013/2017- Obj1/LA6; Obj1/LA7)

Quality Objectives

- O8. Providing, in a timely manner, relevant high-quality official statistics to society. (LGAE0 2013/2017- Obj2/LA1; Obj2/LA5; Obj2/LA7).



5. List of other National Authorities (ONA)

- Directorate General of Education and Science Statistics of the Ministry of Education and Science (DGEEC/MEC);
- Directorate General for Justice Policy of the Ministry of Justice (DGPJ/MJ);
- Strategic Studies department of the Ministry of Economy (GEE/ME) (Protocol of statistical functions for the production of some labor market statistics under revision, in order to reflect the new governmental structure, at present in GEE/ME);
- Directorate-General for Energy and Geology of the Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Energy (DGEG/MAOTE);
- General Directorate of Natural Resources, Marine Resources and Safety Services of the Ministry of Agriculture and Sea (DGRM/MAM).

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