



Executive summary of Statistics Portugal and ONA Annual Work Programme 2015

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1. Overview

The work programme of statistical activities to be developed in 2015, 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 (LGAEO) 2013-2017 and with the Annual Work Statistical Programme of the Commission.

This Commission's programme, establishes commitments in the field of statistical production according to EU legal acts, and derives from the five-year strategic European Statistical Programme for 2013-2017. For SP as for many other Member States (MS) these requests are responsible for the great number of statistical operations developed through the year leaving quite limited room for addressing national needs.

Within this framework, SP and the ONA, in the development of their statistical activities, comply with the orientations set out in those documents concerning reporting obligations and methodological requirements established by EU and national legislation.

It should be noted that the implementation of the new Vision 2020 of the European Statistical System, will also have impact in future annual work programmes, as well as in the extension of the European Statistical Programme to 2018/2020.

The production and dissemination of quality statistical information remains a fundamental objective for SP and the ONA, in accordance with the principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice.

The compliance with this quality framework by NSIs and, in the case of Portugal also by the ONA, will continue to receive special attention in 2015, and will be subject to the second round of peer reviews exercises, through an independent audit to be held by external auditors in January 2015. This audit will produce a set of recommendations and related actions for improvement which will certainly be translated into additional actions and approaches in 2015.



In 2015, SP will develop two non-current statistical surveys, with significant impact on the data collection process: the Households Expenditure Survey and the Survey on International Tourism.

A strategic objective of the SP agenda is to intensify the appropriation of administrative data for statistical purposes, which requires the deepening of the institutional cooperation with owners of such a data. It is worth noting the activities in the context of the feasibility study for the adoption of a new methodology for the Census 2021.

Aiming at reducing production costs and the burden on respondents the technological modernization of the entire production process will continue playing an important role in 2015 and years ahead. In this context particular emphasis will be given to the extension of the electronic collection in households surveys (CAWI).

In 2015 SP will perform 197 statistical operations, corresponding to the delivery of 643 statistical results. ONA will perform 75 statistical operations, corresponding to the delivery of 291 statistical results.

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

2. Some Statistical activities and Surveys to be developed in 2015 by the SP and ONA could be highlighted

2.1 Concerning the statistical production process

- Implementation of the Households Expenditure Survey, undertaken every five-years, with the reference data period of 2015.
- Implementation of the International Tourism Survey, undertaken on an irregular basis with the reference data period of 2015/2016.
- Preparation of the inventory of sources and methods of National Accounts, mandatory task by regulations of the European Union in the context of the adoption of ESA2010.
- Implementation of the new NUTS 2013 in Regional Accounts.
- Preparation of the feasibility study for the adoption of a new census model to be implemented in 2021, using mostly administrative sources.
- Implementation of the new Survey on Business Context Costs aiming to characterize the costs arising from the framework of business activity in Portugal, including the administrative ones.
- Update of the time series of the Integrated Business Accounts System (SCIE), according to the New Base of the National Accounts.
- Starting the tests for the monthly exchange of microdata among MS, to be held during the 2nd and 3rd quarters in the context of the SIMSTAT project.
- Reformulation of the Road Freight Survey, for implementation in 2016.
- Establishment of an internal Working Group for assessing the possible use of Big Data and its impacts in statistical production, particularly in terms of methodologies, quality



of information, technological infrastructure and the specific requirements in terms of the skills and professional expertise.

- Developing the Information System to support the monitoring of the results of 'Portugal 2020'.
- Design and development of an information system on addresses of statistical units, harmonized according to the INSPIRE Directive (Addresses Base INE / BMI) to support both households and businesses surveys.
- Feasibility Study of the Higher Education Graduates Employability Survey. [DGEEC/MEC]
- Widening the scope of statistics on Occupational Accidents to information on accidents reported by public sector entities, and studying the feasibility of resuming the dissemination of accident statistics on commuting transport home/job. [GEE/ME]
- Methodological reformulation of Aquaculture Statistics, particularly in the data collection component and process management. [DGRM/MAM]
- Study for the rationalization of statistical operations of DGEG/MAOTE responsibility, aiming at using the information from the Simplified Business Statistics (IES).
- Recovering and improving the quality of administrative data residing in computer systems, in particular in the information system of administrative and tax courts (SITAF). [DGPJ/MJ]

2.2. Concerning the dissemination process

- Continuing the production and dissemination of monthly estimates for the main labour market indicators.
- Dissemination of official statistical information according to NUTS 2013, as well as other territorial classifications that were subject to changes.
- Dissemination of the main results of the National Health Survey (INS) 2014, held in cooperation with the National Health Institute Dr. Ricardo Jorge (INSA).
- Drafting and editing of a publication on SP: the building of its headquarters, its history and its people, during the celebration of its 80th birthday and in collaboration with the Architecture Studio Parda Monteiro.
- Conducting certified training activities both to face-to-face training and distance learning (blended-learning), in the context of statistical literacy activities. These activities will comprise educational contents and materials for use in curricular context, to be delivered in the training centers for teachers of primary and secondary education throughout the mainland.

2.3 Concerning statistical cooperation:

External

- Maintaining the 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.



- Participating in the implementation process of the Vision 2020 of the European Statistical System.
- Organization of the Conference of Directors General of NSIs members of the ESS (DGINS 2015) and of the 26th meeting of the ESS Committee, as well as of the 58th meeting of the ESS Partnership Group, to be held in Lisbon from 23 to 25 September 2015.
- Participating in the Regional Committee for Europe of the United Nations Initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM: Europe), in conjunction with the Directorate General of the Territory.
- Implementing Phase 3 (2014/15) of the "National Statistical Systems Training Programme for the Portuguese-speaking African countries (PALOP) and Timor-Leste", as well as preparation of the respective technical and financial report to be submitted to the Executive Secretary of CPLP (Community of Portuguese-speaking countries).
- Participating in the 60th WSC 2015 (formerly ISI) in a session chaired by Eurostat on "quality of official statistics" (IPSO25 session).

Inter-institutional

- Strengthening the institutional dialogue with entities owning administrative data with a view for its appropriation for statistical purposes, of crucial relevance to the adoption of a new census model in 2021, 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

For the implementation of this activities Plan for 2015, both at Statistics Portugal and ONA, 767 workers are allocated, from which 639 belong to SP. There are needs for strengthening this asset both, in quantitative and qualitative terms, to minimise the external high pressure on SP resources to address to the increasing demands of statistical production.

The use by SP of 550 interviewers involved in data collection is estimated for the production of official statistics in 2015.

For implementing this plan EUR 34.2 million are required, of which EUR 30.4 million by SP.



4. Objectives in the context of the Assessment and Responsibility Framework (QUAR 2015)

According to the methodology established in SIADAP Assessment and Responsibility Framework (QUAR) for 2015, 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 and identify user needs. (LGAE0 2013/2017 - Obj2/LA16)
- O3. Keeping the high quality statistical cooperation with countries belonging to CPLP (Community of Portuguese-speaking countries). (LGAE0 2013/2017 - Obj3/LA10)
- O4. Completing successfully the process of peer review of the European Statistics Code of Practice and ensuring the implementation of the actions derived from its recommendations. (LGAE0 2013/2017 - Obj1/LA1)

Efficiency Objectives

- O5. Intensifying the use of more advanced collection modes and user-friendly to the respondent, ensuring time and quality gains. (LGAE0 2013/2017 - Obj1/LA9)
- O6. Intensifying contacts and studies for the appropriation of administrative data for statistical purposes, aiming among others the adoption of a new model in Census 2021. (LGAE0 2013/2017-Obj1/LA2, LA3, LA4 e LA5)
- O7. Continuing the upgrading of the infrastructure of statistical production systems (collection, transfer and storage of data). (LGAE0 2013/2017 - Obj1/LA6 e LA7)

Quality Objectives

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



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 labour market statistics under revision, in order to reflect to the new governmental structure, at present in GEE/ME but expected back to the GEP/MSESS soon);
- 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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