



Executive summary of Statistics Portugal and ONA Annual Work Programme 2016

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1. Overview

The work programme of statistical activities to be developed in 2016, by Statistics Portugal (SP) and other national authorities (ONA) producing official statistics by delegation of SP, is properly aligned with the Major Options of the Plan 2016 for Portugal, with the General Guidelines of Official Statistical Activity (LGAEO) 2013-2017 and with the Annual Working 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.

SP and ONA develop their statistical activity with reference to the guidelines set out in those framework documents, which imply compliance with reporting obligations, methodological requirements and other requirements set by European and national legislation.

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.

Following the Peer Review exercise carried out in 2015, in 2016 the implementation of actions aimed at responding to the recommendations resulting from this audit, on SP and ONA will be intensified.



In 2016, SP will develop three non-current statistical surveys, with significant impact on the data collection process: Census 2021 – test an alternative model to traditional one, with collection preferably by the web; Farm Structure Survey, with presence and web collection mode; Adult Education and Training Survey, with presence collection mode.

A strategic objective of the SP agenda is to intensify the inter-institutional articulation for appropriation of administrative data for statistical purposes in the context of Public Administration.

Deepening will be the inventory of initiatives and analysis of administrative sources that enable the reduction of the burden on respondents, in direct surveys and/or the consolidation and integration of sources that contribute to the quality of official statistics. Feasibility studies for the current use of big data will be intensified.

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 2016 for SP.

In 2016 SP will perform 198 statistical operations, corresponding to the delivery of 648 statistical results. ONA will perform 75 statistical operations, corresponding to the delivery of 318 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 2016 by the SP and ONA could be highlighted

2.1 Concerning the statistical production process

- Conducting a test survey in the context of the Feasibility Study for the adoption of a new model in Census 2021.
- Conducting the Survey on Adult Education and Training 2015/2016 (3rd Edition).
- Participating in the modernization process of social statistics in the framework of the *Integrated European Social Statistics (IESS)*.
- Preparing the Households Finance and Consumption Survey 2017 (3rd edition) in partnership with the Bank de Portugal.
- Preparing the feasibility analysis to obtain regional estimates for Europe 2020 indicators on poverty or social exclusion.



- Implementing 2016 module of the Labour force survey "Young people in the labour market" and preparing 2017 module "Self-employment".
- Conducting and disseminating the Earnings Structures Survey 2014, quadrennial survey. [GEP/MTSSS]
- Completing the feasibility analysis of using Social Security administrative data for statistical purposes, in partnership with the GEP/MTSSS and in the framework of the powers delegated by SP.
- Developing the new activity Statistics of public mediation systems. [DGPJ/MJ]
- Conducting the Farm Structure Survey 2016.
- Preparing a new edition of the Survey on Characterization of Social Housing.
- Conducting the feasibility study on a new edition of the Survey on Energy Consumption in Households (ICESD) in partnership with DGEG.
- Ending of collecting information of the International Tourism Survey (ITI) 2015/2016.
- Releasing the final results of the Annual National Accounts relating to 2014; and Provisional Annual National Accounts (9 months after the reference period).
- Compiling Input-Output Symmetric Matrix, with 2013 as reference year.
- Compiling capital stocks information for asset and branch activity.
- Concluding the study on compilation of flash estimates of quarterly national accounts, spread to 30 days after the end of reference quarter, under a grant from Eurostat.
- Preparing and disseminating long series of some relevant macroeconomic indicators, compatible with the new series of national accounts.
- Updating sources and methods inventory of quarterly accounts for 2011 based national accounts.
- Disseminating results of Qualitative Business Surveys, based on new samples and compiling consistent retrospective data.
- Starting change sample of Investment Survey.
- Implementing new registration rules, in particular concerning the classification of PPP and public utilities companies, which are in the final stages of preparation and will integrate the revised version of the Manual on Government Deficit and Debt.
- Calculating the current value of the commitments to pension systems, to completing table 29 in the national accounts country data in the ESA 2010 transmission programme.
- Compiling regional accounts retrospective series for the period 2000 to 2011, according to NUTS 2013.



- Compiling regional accounts information, according to NUTS 2002, for the purposes of the NSRF context indicators.
- Implementing the new reference year of the Harmonized Consumer Price Index.
- Changing Short-term Statistics basis.
- Widening the scope of Service Producer Prices Index to new activities.
- Compiling a new edition of the Social Economy Satellite Account.
- Starting the work for the compilation of the Tourism Satellite Account (2014).
- Developing new strands within the Environment Satellite Account, including new thematic modules.
- Providing retrospective data on Health Satellite Account, in accordance with the new System of Health Accounts – 2011 edition (SHA-2011).
- Providing information on Sea and Sport Satellite Accounts (2010-2011).
- Implementing Support Information System for monitoring context and result of Portugal 2020 at official statistics Website.
- Providing Regional Development Synthetic Index (ISDR) and the related partial indexes of competitiveness, cohesion and environmental quality for the NUTS III regions (NUTS 2013).
- Implementing the new edition of the European Urban Audit project, supporting urban and regional policy of the European Commission.
- Integrating education administrative data in the framework of the annual exercise of the EOU, in cooperation with the DGEEC/Med/MCTES.
- Developing and establishing support indicators for Operational Programmes. [DGEEC/MEC]

2.2. Concerning the dissemination process

- Disseminating the final results of the Income and Living Conditions Survey (EU-SILC) 2015, starting a new standard available with the anticipation of 5 months.
- Disseminating the provisional results of the EU-SILC 2016 (in the same year of the survey).
- Disseminating the Living Conditions Survey (EU-SILC) longitudinal data base 2012-2015.
- Disseminating the provisional results of the Households Expenditure Survey 2015/2016.
- Disseminating analytical nature publications with the final results of the National Health Survey 2014.



- Disseminating the data on resources and activity of primary health care in 2015.
- Reissuing the publication on Agri-Environmental Indicators.
- Disseminating new information on the Nutrient Balance Sheets.
- Providing the Industrial Production Price Index by market (internal and external).
- Evaluating the current editorial line of the analytical study Territorial Portrait of Portugal based on auscultation of users.
- Disseminating a new series of statistical highlights on the subject of civil proceedings. [DGPJ/MJ]
- Implementing the development project of new processing subsystems and statistical dissemination of the Justice Statistics Information System (SIEJ). [DGPJ/MJ]
- Disseminating in the DGEG website, statistical information on the Energy and Geological Resources in line with a better definition of the revisions policy of statistical information produced. [DGEG/MEc]
- Concluding the reformulation of indicators available in the Website, for Education and Training and Science and Technology areas, in cooperation with DGEEC/MEd | MCTES.
- Disseminating the results of the Research and Development Survey 2014 on the official statistics Website.
- Disseminating the results of the Community Innovation Survey 2012-2014 on the official statistics Website.
- Anticipating the release dates of the results of some statistical operations in the field of education, particularly with regard to Higher Education and Students with Special Needs. [DGEEC / MEd | MCTES]
- Releasing online, on a systematized and geo-referenced way, the main statistical indicators in the field of Education. [DGEEC / MEd | MCTES]

2.3 Concerning statistical cooperation:

External

- Participating actively in various European structures, particularly the European Statistical System (ESS) and intensification of partnerships with Member States and Eurostat, according to the goals set in Vision 2020 to the ESS.
- Participating in the European Statistical System Committee and in the preparation of Portugal's position on the draft legislative under discussion in the meetings of the Council *Working Party on Statistics*.



- Participating in the *European Statistical Forum*, which brings together the ESS and the European System of Central Banks.
- Representing in the Eurostat *Task Force* on the implementation of Regulation 223/009 on the European statistics, after 2015 review.
- Cooperating for development of statistical systems of other countries, in particular with Portuguese-speaking countries, both at a bilateral level and in the framework of CPLP (Community of Portuguese-speaking countries).
- Carrying out the International Conference SCORUS 2016 – “*Indicators for territorial policies – closing data gaps by using traditional and new sources and methods*”, in partnership with SCORUS (Committee for Regional and Urban Statistics of the International Association of Official Statistics - IAOS) and OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development).

Inter-institutional

- Strengthening the institutional dialogue with entities owning administrative data with a view for its appropriation for statistical purposes.
- Deepening of joint processes with ONA in the context of protocols for producing official statistics by delegation of SP and of the recommendations of the *Peer Review* exercise, fulfilling all obligations inherent in the production process of national and European official statistics.
- Deepening the cooperation with the General Directorate for Territory within the framework of the existing Protocol, to ensure the needs of statistical information in the context of the Observatory for Territory and Sustainable Cities 2020, including the definition of methodologies for the integration of statistical and geographical information .
- Analyzing the results of the institutional cooperation SP / DGRM on the achievement of socio-economic information of processing industry of fishery products.

3. Human and Financial Resources

For the implementation of the Work Programme for 2016, both at Statistics Portugal and ONA, 774 workers are allocated; from which 651 belong to SP.

The use by SP of an average of 450 interviewers simultaneously in data collection is estimated for the production of official statistics in 2016.

For implementing this plan EUR 35.6 million are required, of which EUR 31.4 million by SP.



4. Objectives in the context of the Assessment and Responsibility Framework (QUAR 2016)

According to the methodology established in SIADAP Assessment and Responsibility Framework (QUAR) for 2016, SP has set as its objectives, properly aligned with the General Guidelines of official Statistical activity (LGAE0) 2013-2017, the following:

Effectiveness Objectives

- O1. Keeping the prestige of the brand "SP statistics" - reliably and securely statistical information assurance, pledge of a true picture of the Portuguese society and of an appropriate decision making. (LGAE0 2013/2017 - Obj1/LA15, LA18, LA 19)
- O2. Increasing statistical literacy in society and identify user needs. (LGAE0 2013/2017 - Obj2/LA16)
- O3. Implementing the Action Plan resulting from the recommendations of the of Peer Review exercise. (LGAE0 2013/2017 - Obj1/LA1)

Efficiency Objectives

- O4. Pursuing the introduction of collection modes technologically more advanced and friendly for the respondent, ensuring time and quality gains. (LGAE0 2013/2017 - Obj1/LA 6 e LA 7 e LA 9)
- O5. Intensifying the appropriation of administrative and geospatial data for statistical purposes, including big data. (LGAE0 2013/2017-Obj1/LA2, LA3, LA4, LA5 e LA 11)

Quality Objectives

- O6. Providing, in a timely manner, official statistical information of quality and relevant to the society, in general, and to the policy-makers, in particular, allowing the development of indicators for defining and monitoring objectives and setting goals. (LGAE0 2013/2017-Obj2/LA1, LA4, LA5 e LA7)



List of other National Authorities (ONA)

- Directorate General of Education and Science Statistics of the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education (DGEEC/Med/MCTES);
- Directorate General for Justice Policy of the Ministry of Justice (DGPJ/MJ);
- Strategic Studies department of the Ministry of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security (GEP/MTSSS);
- Directorate-General for Energy and Geology of the Ministry of Economy (DGEG/MEC);
- General Directorate of Natural Resources, Marine Resources and Safety Services of the Ministry of Sea (DGRM/MM).

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