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# Statistics Portugal in the new EU Council Presidency Trio

In the second half of 2020, Germany holds the rotating Presidency of the Council of the European Union, initiating a new trio of presidencies that includes Portugal (1st semester 2021) and Slovenia (2nd semester 2021).

The National Statistical Institutes of the Trio will chair the Council Working Party on Statistics (WPS), which is responsible for analysing and preparing legislation on European Statistics, with a view to its adoption by the Council in co-decision with the European Parliament.

Faced with an unprecedented crisis in the history of the EU, caused by the pandemic of COVID-19, the Programme of the new Trio of Presidencies in the area of statistics aims, among other objectives, to make the European Statistical System more agile in responding to the new users' needs, shaped by the challenges of globalisation and digitalisation, promoting the use of new technologies, new data sources and innovative methods, while ensuring the security and confidentiality of data as a guarantee for maintaining the trust of respondents.

Further information on the German Presidency on statistics is available at the DESTATIS website [www.destatis.de/eu2020](http://www.destatis.de/eu2020).