



Executive summary of Statistics Portugal and ONA Annual Work Programme 2021

Statistics Portugal shall pursue, in 2021, its Mission to *produce, in an independent and impartial manner, high-quality official statistical information, relevant to society, promoting the coordination, analysis, innovation and dissemination of national statistical activity, ensuring the integrated storage of data*, in accordance with the principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice.

Its activity is framed by the strategies of the National and European Statistical Systems oriented towards the promotion of official statistics as a public good and towards the satisfaction of emerging user needs, in new domains. These priorities will be supported by taking advantage of new data sources, public and private entities, using new technologies and applying new methods.

The year 2021 will be marked by the 2021 Censuses (16th General Population Census and 6th General Housing Census), which should ensure the continuity of the census series, providing quality statistical information that meets society's needs. The census moment is scheduled for April and is in itself a challenge in the current epidemiological context. In order to meet this challenge, the implementation of the Censuses in 2021 has a Contingency Plan, which includes, among other measures, the observance of a Public Health Safety Protocol under the rules issued by the health authorities, a strategy that reinforces the option to respond through the Internet, support to the population through a telephone line, and the reinforcement of fieldwork control mechanisms and information validation using administrative information. Preliminary results are also expected to be disseminated in July 2021 and the 2021 Censuses Quality Survey will be carried out.

The development of the National Data Infrastructure (IND) at Statistics Portugal will continue, namely by integrating data from various sources, with a view to taking advantage of information already available and potentially useful for the production of official statistics and for research purposes.

The epidemiological situation due to COVID-19 will continue to be a priority in the production of official statistics, in particular in the development of activities and provision of indicators to better analyse its social and economic impact.

The Statistics Portugal's portal will remain the privileged dissemination and communication channel, with a focus on its continuous improvement with solutions and features aimed at improving the organisation of contents and access to information. The statistics under development that will integrate StatsLab will be continued and the activities to promote statistical literacy for various target audiences will be maintained.

During the first half of 2021, Statistics Portugal will chair the Council Working Party on Statistics under the Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

Also noteworthy is the production and dissemination of a significant set of other statistical activities, representative of various domains, complying with reporting obligations and methodological requirements established by European and national statistical legislation, namely:

- Dissemination of the results of the Agricultural Census, according to the established dissemination plan.
- Intensification of administrative data appropriation processes for census purposes, including support to the 2021 Censuses operation, namely regarding the enumeration, characterisation and location of the resident population.
- Preparation of the 2020 Resident Population Database.
- Processing and integration of new administrative data sources in the IND, enabling the partial or total replacement of surveys and the development of new statistical information, with emphasis on the e-fatura (electronic invoice), personal income tax (IRS) and the Social Security's and Tax Authority's monthly income statements.
- Dissemination of the update of the results of the triennial Resident Population Projections exercise (Resident population projections - central scenario - 2019-2080).
- Implementation of the Pilot Survey on the Conditions, Origins and Trajectories of the population living in Portugal, to be collected in 2021.
- Parallel collection of the Labour Force Survey in 2021 to allow, among others, obtaining linkage factors with the new series of the Labour Force Survey to start in 2021, as well as conducting the main statistical operation (2021 series) and disseminating the results. The module on working from home will be maintained.
- Implementation of the regular module, to be carried out every 8 years, of the 2021 Labour Force Survey "Situation of Migrants and their descendants in the labour market" (dissemination in 2022) and preparation of the regular module of the 2022 Labour Force Survey "Professional skills" (dissemination in 2023).



- Preparation of the exceptional module of the 2022 Labour Force Survey “Digital Platform Employment”.
- Preparation of the 2021/2022 Household Budget Survey, adopting for the first time web-based data collection.
- Dissemination of the regular results of the 2020 Household Finance and Consumption Survey, in articulation with Banco de Portugal, which includes a module on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Preparation and implementation of the ad hoc module of the Survey on Income and Living Conditions on “Living conditions and situation of children living in separated or reconstituted families” (dissemination in 2022).
- Preparation and implementation of a COVID-19 module in the Survey on Income and Living Conditions.
- Preparation of the 2022 Adult Education Survey.
- Continuation of the revision of the Gender dossier within the framework of the gender equality information system.
- Regular availability of 2019 Income Statistics at Local Level on an annual basis.
- Reinforcement of statistical information on a regional and local scale for the characterisation of the housing market based on the use of administrative tax data.
- Dissemination of the fortnightly press release “COVID-19: an interpretation of the territorial expression of the pandemic”.
- Preparation of the Indicator System to support the monitoring of the context and results of the application of ESIF (European Structural and Investment Funds) 2021-2027, to be made available on Statistics Portugal’s portal.
- Start of the implementation of the “Territorial Cohesion and Services of General Interest” (GESSIG) project in support of the cohesion policy programming cycle.
- Compilation and dissemination of National Accounts results (final results for 2019 and provisional results for 2020).
- Preparation of the Inventory of Sources and Methods of the National Accounts (2016 Base), within the scope of the regulation on the Gross National Income.
- Compilation of supplementary information on the impact of the measures implemented in the context of the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic on Public Administration accounts.
- Compilation of results of the Culture Satellite Account (2016 Base), for dissemination in 2022.
- Compilation and dissemination of the results of regular Satellite Accounts, namely in the areas of Tourism, Health, Environment and Agriculture.
- Continuation of the release of GDP flash estimates at 30 days after the reference quarter (flash estimate initiated in the particular context of the COVID-19 pandemic), at 60 days and, by institutional sector, at 85 days.
- Preparation of the implementation of the FRIBS Regulation (Framework Regulation on European Business Statistics), which will take place between 2021 and 2023.
- Completion of the new edition of the 2020 Framework Regulation Costs Survey, with comparative results with previous editions.
- Implementation and dissemination of the 2018-2020 International Sourcing and Global Value Chains Survey.
- Dissemination of the results of the 2019/2020 Household Energy Consumption Survey, in coordination with the Directorate-General for Energy and Geology (DGEG) and the Energy Agency (ADENE).
- Anticipation of tourism activity statistics, with the main indicators (overnight stays, guests, disaggregated by residents and non-residents and main countries) being released at 30 days and the remaining indicators with a greater disaggregation at 45 days.
- Implementation and dissemination of the 2021 Information and Knowledge Society – Business Survey, with the integration of two new modules concerning Artificial Intelligence and electronic data sharing within companies, as well as the integration of questions to assess changes in the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in enterprises due to the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.

Of the activities to be carried out by the Entities with Delegated Powers (ONA), the following stand out:

- Assessment of the replacement of the Earnings and Working Hours Survey and the Survey on Wages by Occupations in Construction by estimates based on administrative data, in partnership with Statistics Portugal. [GEP/MTSSS]
- Dissemination of the results of the 2020 Information and Knowledge Society – Public Administration and City Councils Surveys. [DGEEC/MEd|MCTES]
- Strengthening the analysis of administrative data sources in the area of Justice and dissemination of Justice statistics to new areas of interest to society. [DGPJ/MJ]
- Increase of the efficiency of the statistical production process in the fisheries and aquaculture sector through methodological, scientific and technological development. [DGRM/MM]



- Continuation of the initiatives aimed at improving the quality of Energy and Geological Resources statistics and reducing the time periods for making information available. [DGEG/MAAC]

In summary, for Statistics Portugal and the ONAs, 324 statistical activities are envisaged (247 by Statistics Portugal and 77 by the ONAs); of which 287 are statistical operations (210 by Statistics Portugal and 77 by the ONAs), corresponding to 1,105 moments of making information available to society (782 by Statistics Portugal and 323 by the ONAs).

In terms of international statistical cooperation, Statistics Portugal will also continue its international statistical cooperation activities, namely:

- Ensure the Presidency of the Council Working Party on Statistics by Statistics Portugal, within the scope of the Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union, to take place in the first half of 2021.
- Active participation in European structures, in particular those of the European Statistical System (ESS), namely in its Committee and Partnership Group and intensification of partnerships with Member States and Eurostat, in accordance with the objectives defined for ESS.
- Active participation in the work of Eurostat's ESSnets and Task Forces in various domains.
- Participation in the European Statistical Forum, which brings together the European Statistical System and the European System of Central Banks.
- Follow-up on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, particularly with regard to monitoring indicators.
- Participation in international statistical fora representing Portugal, namely the United Nations Statistical Commission, the Conference of European Statisticians of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the OECD Statistical Committee.
- Cooperation to develop the statistical systems of other countries, particularly Portuguese-speaking countries, both bilaterally and within the framework of the CPLP.

At the human resources level

The implementation of the Activity Plan for 2021 of Statistics Portugal and the ONAs foresees 819 employees:

- Statistics Portugal: 710 employees (senior staff, administrative and other assistants); includes 22 senior staff with fixed-term contracts for census operations (2019 Agricultural Census and 2021 Censuses). In addition to these, 900 service providers are expected to be recruited during the year for regular data collection operations and 15,746 for the 2021 Censuses.
- ONA: 109 employees.

At the financial resources level

The implementation of this Activity Plan will involve a total budgeted cost of 79.321 million euros:

- Statistics Portugal: €75.125 million. It should be stressed that this amount includes the costs of the ongoing Censuses (2019 Agricultural Census and 2021 Censuses) and the National Data Infrastructure.
- ONA: €4.196 million.