



Following the widespread success of the first European Statistics Day on 20 October 2016, we are very pleased to announce this year's celebration across the European Union.

European Statistics Day is commemorated annually in the four years between each World Statistics Day. It aims to raise awareness of European citizens to the importance of official statistics. In particular, European Statistics Day provides an opportunity for European statisticians to interact with all users of official statistics and to engage with the wider public on statistical issues.

Among the many events being organised around the European Union on this day, a special seminar to mark the occasion will take place in Portugal, organised by the European Statistical Advisory Committee, the Portuguese Statistical Society and the Portuguese Statistical Institute.

Last year a number of National Statistical Institutes and National Central Banks celebrated the day by issuing new statistics, launching statistical projects and competitions, and exploiting social media to stimulate citizens' interest in official statistics. We look forward to further inspiring activities this year.

For a successful European Statistics Day, it is important that the whole statistical community is involved and your support is vital to ensure that the objectives of the European Statistics Day are achieved. We therefore warmly encourage you to contribute to and to promote

European Statistics Day 2017 on **20 October 2017**.

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