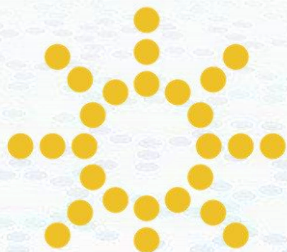




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Foreword



We are concluding a six-month incredible journey, where Statistics Portugal had the honour and pleasure of chairing the Council Working Party of the EU on Statistics.

It was, with no doubt, a very busy and stressful period for our Presidency and our small team, but also a very rewarding learning experience.

The challenge we had to face, of chairing the WPS and conducting all the work through virtual means, was not an easy one, but with the cooperation of all delegations, the trio partners, the Commission/Eurostat and the GSC, we were able to do it as we had foreseen, and we are proud to see that our objectives have been met. Our sincere appreciation to all involved across the EU. We hope to have been up to the challenge and to your expectations!

Special thanks are due to the excellent work carried out by our extended internal Presidency team, experts of the agriculture statistical files: Cristina Ramos, Maria José Correia, Cristina Neves and Carlos Carvalho. Well done!

To my dear colleagues from the core Presidency Team, Conceição Veiga, Marta Gonçalves and Carolina Fresta, my deepest appreciation for all the work, professionalism, and high spirits during this journey, it is a team forever ☺.

Finally, to our dear Slovenian colleagues from our TRIO all the best in their turn.

Maria João Zilhão, Chair



181

busy days

2

main events with

260

participants

around

70

meetings (WPS, technical, bilaterals, briefings, debriefings, ...)

65

docs. issued in the delegates portal

5

legislative files (statistical & non-stat)

1

Council negotiating mandate

3

Communication tools (Website, Newsletter, ESSC progress reports)



WPS meetings

Against all odds, the meetings under the PT PRES were successfully run in a virtual environment. We thank you for your professionalism that made our job a lot easier.



For an overview and short description of all meetings click [here](#).

21 April

The EAA proposal was fully examined and the discussion on the SAIO file covered articles 6 to 10, 12 and 15 to 18.

26 May

The annex of the SAIO proposal was examined and technical issues were clarified. Statistical implications of the CAP reform were presented as an information item, due to its relevance for the agri-statistical files.

18 June

Presidency's redrafting suggestions for articles 1-4, 6-11, and 13-14 of the SAIO were discussed. The SI delegation presented its plans and objectives for the forthcoming Presidency.





SAIO proposal



COM adoption – 02.02.2021



Initial written consultation (03.02) and
compilation of MS comments (15.03)



CWPS meetings : 19.02 (presentation); 17.03,
21.04, 26.05, 18.06 (discussion)

26.05: statistical implications of CAP Reform –
representatives from PT MIN AGRI and DG AGRI



Technical bilateral meetings with MS – April &
June



Presidency's redrafting suggestions launched on
16 June



Progress report issued on 25 June (*referred under
AOB at AGRIFISH Council on 29 June – [video recording](#) [language
settings changeable in video interface]*)





COM adoption - 12.02.2021



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(discussion)

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Bilateral rounds with MS – April (informal) &
May (formal)



Agreement at WP level though written
procedure on 14 June



SCA adoption of Council mandate for
negotiations with the EP on 21 June (*referred under*
AOB at AGRIFISH Council on 29 June – [video recording](#)
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EAA amendment proposal





Files dealt outside the CWPS

Statistical File (WP COMPCRO)

- **SMP – ESP 2021-2027**

Council 1st reading (13 April); EP 2nd reading (27 April);

Act published on 3 May, applies retroactively from 1-Jan-2021

Non-statistical files with statistical implications (WP TELECOM)

- **E-Privacy**

Mandate for negotiations with EP adopted by COREPER (10 Feb); Ongoing negotiations

- **Data Governance Act**

Presented at CWPS (17-Mar) by Chair WP TELECOM and COM;

4th Compromise Text discussed on 23 June (circulated to WPS members)



3-4 JUNE
2021

- Co-organised: PRES + EUROSTAT
- Benefits of using public and privately held data
- Enhancing the value of statistics as a public good
- Open to external stakeholders



200 participants:

ESS, Sectoral Ministries, International Organisations (ECB, OECD and UNECE), civil society & private companies

High-level engagement to increase awareness:

Opening address by EU Commissioner & Closing speech by PT Minister of State for the Presidency



Handover

On 28 June, the PT PRES handed over the baton to its Slovenian colleagues.

The Trio Partners (DE-PT-SI), Eurostat and the General Secretariat of the Council (GSC) took part in this hybrid event, as well as representatives from the Perm Rep and from the Presidency of the Council of Ministers. The current presidency presented an overview of its main achievements and the forthcoming SI PRES shared the plans for their term. Participants had the opportunity to discuss on lessons learnt during the past twelve months of the Trio presidencies.

Flexibility was the motto, and, although some participants were remotely connected, we counted on the presence of representatives from the future SI PRES Team (Ms Ana Božič Verbič, future Co-Chair, and Ms Andreja Hočevár) and from the GSC (Mr Polys Constantinou).





Handover

A traditional cabbage-shaped bowl was delivered to the Slovenian colleagues, handing over the agri-statistical files.



We thank our Trio partners for their cooperation and support, and we wish the utmost success to our Slovenian colleagues!

Here's to you!





Handover – scrapbook





Keywords on main lessons learnt





Lessons Learnt – 2.0



"If SAIO gives you lemons, make lemon pie..."



"combined efforts"



"teambuilding"



"taking note"



"doublechecking"



"moving forward and building bridges"



"networking"



"listening carefully to all"



Lessons Learnt – 2.0



"lifting spirits"



"take advantage from the disadvantage"



"where's the meeting link?"



"there is no 'I' in Team"



"passing the message across"



"most importantly: enjoying the ride"



Goals achieved

Strengthening the role of NSIs and enhancing the value of statistics as a public good

Pursuing a sustainable access to privately held data, for statistical purposes

Obtaining a Council negotiating mandate for EAA

Delivering a substantial progress report on SAIO

Keeping WPS informed on non-statistical files with statistical implications

In a close and transparent work with MS, Trio Partners, EP and the Commission.



THANK YOU



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Final Newsletter