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for the period 2006 to 2010

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Preface

Dear reader,

The second Strategy and Programme Plan shows the progress made by the Federal Statistical Office in strategic planning. Such planning is necessary because, considering the constant, or sometimes even decreasing financial and staff resources, we will be able to fulfill our growing tasks only by setting priorities and efficiently organising our activities.

Therefore, the Federal Statistical Office has adopted its “fit 2008” programme which specifies a few, though important goals. The “fit 2008” programme forms the basis for the multi-annual programme and resource planning, which was set up for the first time in 2004. Taking into account the resources available, measures have priority that will make the comparatively greatest contribution to achieving the strategic goals. The underlying principle is simple, namely to use the tight resources where they will be most useful.

Apart from “fit 2008”, this Strategy and Programme Plan contains our work programme for the period 2006 to 2010. In the future, a Strategy and Programme Plan will be published every year, showing the activities of the current and the following four years. We have negotiated our 2006 budget based on the planning decisions shown here. The programme for 2007 will be our guideline in the negotiations

of the 2007 budget. By coincidence, this Plan accompanies exactly the period envisaged for the restoration of our main office in Wiesbaden, which has been in use for 50 years. That restoration will also make a major contribution to achieving the strategic goals of “staff orientation” and “image improvement”.

The Strategy and Programme Plan has been designed to give an overview of the current programme of the Federal Statistical Office and the developments planned. Our intention has not only been to show you, that is our clients and partners, the activities carried out in the area of producing and disseminating statistics, which are visible from the outside, but also to outline “internal” operations and activities in the fields of administration and information technology.

Wiesbaden, September 2006



Johann Hahlen

The President of the Federal Statistical Office



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Statistics as a public good

Statistical information is an elementary component of the informational infrastructure which is used, first, to prepare and implement decisions. The undelayed provision of high-quality data allows decision-makers in politics, business and administration to respond quickly to changes in external framework conditions. As a matter of fact, we can influence future developments if adequate information is available on social, economic and ecological interrelationships. And the quality of decisions will be better if they are underpinned by high-quality information. Second, the availability of statistical information is a basic prerequisite for a critical judgement of the decisions taken. The function of statistical information in a democratic state is similar to that of the media, namely to provide enlightening facts and insights, which is an indispensable element of a democratic society.

The major part of statistical data in Germany is supplied by public authorities. Official statistics include both statistics for federal purposes and special and co-ordinated Länder and municipal statistics. Official statistical results are generally accessible, and basic data are disseminated free of charge. They are made available to everyone as a public good via the media, the internet or upon individual request. In addition to the basic data services and the demand-based or target group-oriented standard provision of information, custom-made data material is provided on a chargeable basis.

The users of official statistics are governments, parliaments and administrative authorities, business and industry and their associations, trade unions, the media and, last but not least, the public at large. At the same time, scientific institutions use the data collected by the statistical offices as a basic material for a large variety of empirical analyses.

In addition to Official Statistics, various associations and scientific institutes supply statistical information, too. Their statistics are mainly tailored to specific user needs.

European Statistics Code of Practice

The purpose of the Code of Practice is to strengthen the independence, integrity, and accountability of the statistical offices at the national and European levels. The Code

was adopted on 24 February 2005 by the Statistical Programme Committee (SPC), published on 27 May 2005 by the Commission in the form of a Recommendation, and approved in June 2005 by the Council of Economics and Finance Ministers of the EU. It defines 15 principles in the areas of “institutional environment”, “statistical processes” and “statistical output”, which the institutions engaged in the production and dissemination of official statistics in the EU should commit themselves to. Also, the Code mentions 77 indicators serving as reference for monitoring adherence to the Code.

Institutional Environment

Institutional and organisational factors have a significant influence on the effectiveness and credibility of a statistical authority producing and disseminating European Statistics. The relevant issues are professional independence, mandate for data collection, adequacy of resources, quality commitment, statistical confidentiality, impartiality and objectivity.

Principle 1: Professional Independence – The professional independence of statistical authorities from other policy, regulatory or administrative departments and bodies, as well as from private sector operators, ensures the credibility of European Statistics.

Indicators

- The independence of the statistical authority from political and other external interference in producing and disseminating official statistics is specified in law.
- The head of the statistical authority has sufficiently high hierarchical standing to ensure senior level access to policy authorities and administrative public bodies. He/She should be of the highest professional calibre.
- The head of the statistical authority and, where appropriate, the heads of its statistical bodies have responsibility for ensuring that European Statistics are produced and disseminated in an independent manner.
- The head of the statistical authority and, where appropriate, the heads of its statistical bodies have the sole responsibility for deciding on statistical methods, standards and procedures, and on the content and timing of statistical releases.
- The statistical work programmes are published and periodic reports describe progress made.
- Statistical releases are clearly distinguished and issued separately from political/policy statements.

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- The statistical authority, when appropriate, comments publicly on statistical issues, including criticisms and misuses of official statistics.

Principle 2: Mandate for Data Collection – Statistical authorities must have a clear legal mandate to collect information for European statistical purposes. Administrations, enterprises and households, and the public at large may be compelled by law to allow access to or deliver data for European statistical purposes at the request of statistical authorities.

Indicators

- The mandate to collect information for the production and dissemination of official statistics is specified in law.
- The statistical authority is allowed by national legislation to use administrative records for statistical purposes.
- On the basis of a legal act, the statistical authority may compel response to statistical surveys.

Principle 3: Adequacy of Resources – The resources available to statistical authorities must be sufficient to meet European Statistics requirements.

Indicators

- Staff, financial, and computing resources, adequate both in magnitude and in quality, are available to meet current European Statistics needs.
- The scope, detail and cost of European Statistics are commensurate with needs.
- Procedures exist to assess and justify demands for new European Statistics against their cost.
- Procedures exist to assess the continuing need for all European Statistics, to see if any can be discontinued or curtailed to free up resources.

Principle 4: Quality Commitment – All ESS members commit themselves to work and co-operate according to the principles fixed in the Quality Declaration of the European Statistical System.

Indicators

- Product quality is regularly monitored according to the ESS quality components.
- Processes are in place to monitor the quality of the collection, processing and dissemination of statistics.

- Processes are in place to deal with quality considerations, including tradeoffs within quality, and to guide planning for existing and emerging surveys.

- Quality guidelines are documented and staff are well trained. These guidelines are spelled out in writing and made known to the public.

- There is a regular and thorough review of the key statistical outputs using external experts where appropriate.

Principle 5: Statistical Confidentiality – The privacy of data providers (households, enterprises, administrations and other respondents), the confidentiality of the information they provide and its use only for statistical purposes must be absolutely guaranteed.

Indicators

- Statistical confidentiality is guaranteed in law.
- Statistical authority staff sign legal confidentiality commitments on appointment.
- Substantial penalties are prescribed for any wilful breaches of statistical confidentiality.
- Instructions and guidelines are provided on the protection of statistical confidentiality in the production and dissemination processes. These guidelines are spelled out in writing and made known to the public.
- Physical and technological provisions are in place to protect the security and integrity of statistical databases.
- Strict protocols apply to external users accessing statistical microdata for research purposes.

Principle 6: Impartiality and Objectivity – Statistical authorities must produce and disseminate European Statistics respecting scientific independence and in an objective, professional and transparent manner in which all users are treated equitably.

Indicators

- Statistics are compiled on an objective basis determined by statistical considerations.
- Choices of sources and statistical techniques are informed by statistical considerations.
- Errors discovered in published statistics are corrected at the earliest possible date and publicised.
- Information on the methods and procedures used by the statistical authority are publicly available.

- Statistical release dates and times are pre-announced.
- All users have equal access to statistical releases at the same time and any privileged pre-release access to any outside user is limited, controlled and publicised. In the event that leaks occur, pre-release arrangements should be revised so as to ensure impartiality.
- Statistical releases and statements made in Press Conferences are objective and non-partisan.

Statistical Processes

European and other international standards, guidelines and good practices must be fully observed in the processes used by the statistical authorities to organise, collect, process and disseminate official statistics. The credibility of the statistics is enhanced by a reputation for good management and efficiency. The relevant aspects are sound methodology, appropriate statistical procedures, non-excessive burden on respondents and cost effectiveness.

Principle 7: Sound Methodology – Sound methodology must underpin quality statistics. This requires adequate tools, procedures and expertise.

Indicators

- The overall methodological framework of the statistical authority follows European and other international standards, guidelines, and good practices.
- Procedures are in place to ensure that standard concepts, definitions and classifications are consistently applied throughout the statistical authority.
- The business register and the frame for population surveys are regularly evaluated and adjusted if necessary in order to ensure high quality.
- Detailed concordance exists between national classifications and sectorisation systems and the corresponding European systems.
- Graduates in the relevant academic disciplines are recruited.
- Staff attend international relevant training courses and conferences, and liaise with statistician colleagues at international level in order to learn from the best and to improve their expertise.
- Co-operation with the scientific community to improve methodology is organised and external reviews assess the quality and effectiveness of the methods implemented and promote better tools, when feasible.

Principle 8: Appropriate Statistical Procedures – Appropriate statistical procedures, implemented from data collection to data validation, must underpin quality statistics.

Indicators

- Where European Statistics are based on administrative data, the definitions and concepts used for the administrative purpose must be a good approximation to those required for statistical purposes.
- In case of statistical surveys, questionnaires are systematically tested prior to the data collection.
- Survey designs, sample selections, and sample weights are well based and regularly reviewed, revised or updated as required.
- Field operations, data entry, and coding are routinely monitored and revised as required.
- Appropriate editing and imputation computer systems are used and regularly reviewed, revised or updated as required.
- Revisions follow standard, well-established and transparent procedures.

Principle 9: Non-Excessive Burden on Respondents – The reporting burden should be proportionate to the needs of the users and should not be excessive for respondents. The statistical authority monitors the response burden and sets targets for its reduction over time.

Indicators

- The range and detail of European Statistics demands is limited to what is absolutely necessary.
- The reporting burden is spread as widely as possible over survey populations through appropriate sampling techniques.
- The information sought from businesses is, as far as possible, readily available from their accounts and electronic means are used where possible to facilitate its return.
- Best estimates and approximations are accepted when exact details are not readily available.
- Administrative sources are used whenever possible to avoid duplicating requests for information.
- Data sharing within statistical authorities is generalised in order to avoid multiplication of surveys.

Principle 10: Cost Effectiveness – Resources must be effectively used.

Indicators

- Internal and independent external measures monitor the statistical authority's use of resources.
- Routine clerical operations (e.g. data capture, coding, validation) are automated to the extent possible.
- The productivity potential of information and communications technology is being optimised for data collection, processing and dissemination.
- Proactive efforts are being made to improve the statistical potential of administrative records and avoid costly direct surveys.

Statistical Output

Available statistics must meet users' needs. Statistics comply with the European quality standards and serve the needs of European institutions, governments, research institutions, business concerns and the public generally. The important issues concern the extent to which the statistics are relevant, accurate and reliable, timely, coherent, comparable across regions and countries, and readily accessible by users.

Principle 11: Relevance – European Statistics must meet the needs of users.

Indicators

- Processes are in place to consult users, monitor the relevance and practical utility of existing statistics in meeting their needs, and advise on their emerging needs and priorities.
- Priority needs are being met and reflected in the work programme.
- User satisfaction surveys are undertaken periodically.

Principle 12: Accuracy and Reliability – European Statistics must accurately and reliably portray reality.

Indicators

- Source data, intermediate results and statistical outputs are assessed and validated.

- Sampling errors and non-sampling errors are measured and systematically documented according to the framework of the ESS quality components.

- Studies and analyses of revisions are carried out routinely and used internally to inform statistical processes.

Principle 13: Timeliness and Punctuality – European Statistics must be disseminated in a timely and punctual manner.

Indicators

- Timeliness meets the highest European and international dissemination standards.
- A standard daily time is set for the release of European Statistics.
- Periodicity of European Statistics takes into account user requirements as much as possible.
- Any divergence from the dissemination time schedule is publicised in advance, explained and a new release date set.
- Preliminary results of acceptable aggregate quality can be disseminated when considered useful.

Principle 14: Coherence and Comparability – European Statistics should be consistent internally, over time and comparable between regions and countries; it should be possible to combine and make joint use of related data from different sources.

Indicators

- Statistics are internally coherent and consistent (e.g. arithmetic and accounting identities observed).
- Statistics are coherent or reconcilable over a reasonable period of time.
- Statistics are compiled on the basis of common standards with respect to scope, definitions, units and classifications in the different surveys and sources.
- Statistics from the different surveys and sources are compared and reconciled.
- Cross-national comparability of the data is ensured through periodical exchanges between the European Statistical System and other statistical systems; methodological studies are carried out in close co-operation between the Member States and Eurostat.

Principle 15: Accessibility and Clarity – European Statistics should be presented in a clear and understandable form, disseminated in a suitable and convenient manner, available and accessible on an impartial basis with supporting metadata and guidance.

Indicators

- Statistics are presented in a form that facilitates proper interpretation and meaningful comparisons.
- Dissemination services use modern information and communication technology and, if appropriate, traditional hard copy.
- Custom-designed analyses are provided when feasible and are made public.
- Access to microdata can be allowed for research purposes. This access is subject to strict protocols.
- Metadata are documented according to standardised metadata systems.
- Users are kept informed on the methodology of statistical processes and the quality of statistical outputs with respect to the ESS quality criteria.

Further information at:

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/quality>

Legal status of the Federal Statistical Office

Pursuant to Art. 73 No. 11 of the Basic Law, the Federation shall have exclusive power to legislate with respect to statistics for federal purposes (federal statistics). The areas where federal purposes are pursued are specified in the list of legislative powers of the Federation. Pursuant to Art. 83 of the Basic Law, the Länder shall execute federal laws in their own right. In line with that provision, the statistical offices of the Länder are responsible for collecting and processing federal statistics. However, Art. 87 (3) of the Basic Law stipulates that autonomous federal higher authorities may be established for matters on which the Federation has legislative power. Based on that provision, the Federal Statistical Office was set up in 1950 as an autonomous federal higher authority in the sphere of competence of the Federal Minister of the Interior.

As the Federal Statistical Office is under the administrative supervision of the Federal Ministry of the Interior it needs the prior consent of the Ministry to take any major organisational, personnel or financial decisions. In respect of subject-related matters, the various federal ministries exercise their specialist supervision. The production of each set of statistics is under the specialist supervision of the competent federal ministry which sees to the proper and timely compilation of the federal statistics ordered by legislation. The Federal Statistical Office is however independent and not bound by instructions regarding the specific matters of statistical work, the methodological and technical preparation and compilation of statistics.

The total of organisational and procedural rules of federal statistics are laid down in the Federal Statistics Law (BStatG). Pursuant to Art. 1 of the Federal Statistical Law, the function of federal statistics is to continuously collect, compile, process, present and analyse data on mass phenomena. The results of federal statistics supply information on social, economic and ecological interrelationships.

German statistical system

Principles

The credibility of German federal statistics depends on the principles mentioned in Article 1 of the Federal Statistics Law:

- Neutrality (impartiality)
- Objectivity
- Scientific independence

Those principles have a constitutive character for official statistics. The statistical system can fulfil its functions only if the general public trusts in statistical information being compiled and disseminated without the interests of individual social groups or the government exerting influence. Therefore, the principles 1 and 6 of the Code of Practice for official statistics in the European Union (cf. p. 9–13) refer to the issues of impartiality, objectivity and professional independence.

Apart from those rather content-related principles, the following organisational principles apply to the system of official statistics in Germany:

- legality (no survey without legal basis)
- functional concentration (statistics from one institution)
- regional decentralisation (federalism)

Following the **principle of legality**, federal statistics are as a rule ordained by the legislator. The compilation of statistical results is hence commissioned by the federal legislator who at the same time authorises the execution of the relevant order. In its judgement on the Population Census Law of 15 December 1983, the Federal Constitutional Court strengthened the aspect of legal authorisation. Pursuant to the judgement, statistical surveys based on compulsory response interfere with the right to informational self-determination laid down in the Basic Law. Such interference therefore requires strict and clearly defined legal authorisation.

In practical work, this means that – with few exceptions – all essential parameters of a survey (in particular the variables, group of respondents and periodicity) are specified by law in Germany.

Due to the lengthy legislative procedures, however, the introduction of new statistics often takes a long time. Besides, it becomes more difficult to promptly adjust the statistical programme to changed social, economic or ecological conditions.

A more flexible and hence more efficient use of means could be achieved in statistical production by applying an approach which has been used in other western countries. In line with that approach, a distinction would be made between the input and the intended statistical output. The legislator would place an order and decide about the output of intended/required results, while the statistical offices would decide about the input and the processes of official statistics to be applied, that is the way of data compilation. And, if the bodies of official statistics wished to conduct a compulsory response-based survey to fulfil their tasks and, consequently, interfered with the right to informational self-determination, authorisation would be required by the legislator to do so.

Official statistical surveys have to an increasing extent been determined by EU law in Germany (see also the chapter on “the European Statistical System”). European legislation often follows the above-mentioned concept of output legislation, i.e., it just specifies the results to be provided and leaves the decision as to the ways of data compilation up to the Member States.

Following the **principle of functional concentration**, statistical work is generally done by specialised public authorities, namely the statistical offices, in the Federal Republic of Germany. Only in exceptional areas have other bodies been entrusted with the production of federal statistics. Thus, for instance, the Deutsche Bundesbank compiles monetary, currency and balance of payments statistics and the Federal Employment Agency provides several statistics on the labour market. In general, these statistics are obtained by evaluating the data material which accrues as a by-product in the usual work of the given institutions and is compiled and processed by them for statistical purposes.

The major advantage of a functional concentration of the statistical work of statistical offices is the fact that the individual sets of statistics can be matched which allows obtaining a coherent and consistent overall statistical picture. Besides, far reaching synergy effects can be used as knowledge and a comprehensive IT infrastructure are available for the production of various statistics. The burden on respondents can be limited by using and evaluating the information of central registers. Furthermore the division between

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statistical production and administrative processes ensures that the information provided is neutral and objective.

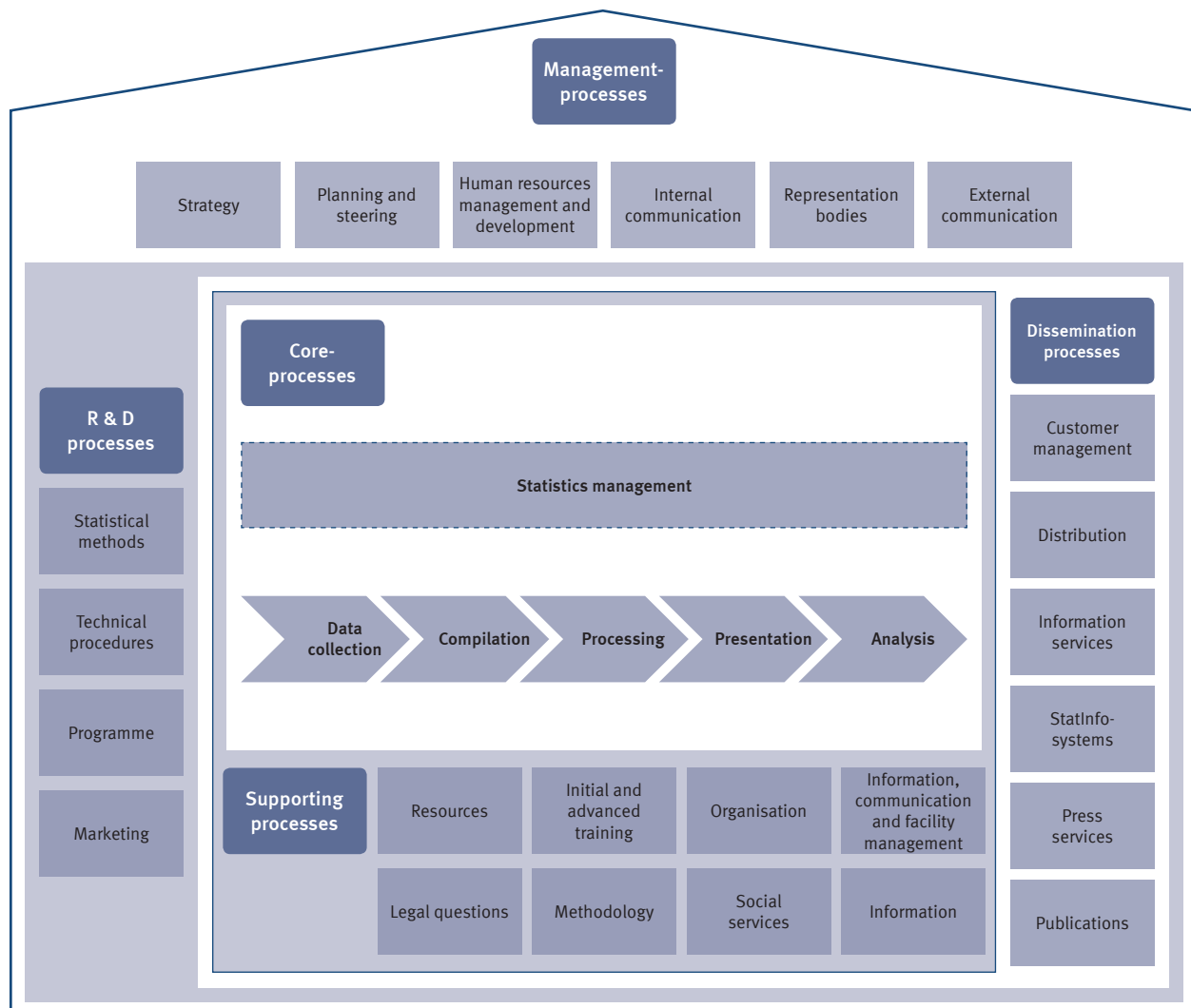
The **principle of regional decentralisation** follows from the federal structure of the Federal Republic of Germany. Even in areas like federal statistics where the Federation has legislative power, the Länder are responsible for implementing the relevant laws. For this reason, the statistical offices of the Länder are as a rule responsible for conducting statistical surveys stipulated by law. In terms of public servants' law and finance, the statistical offices of the Länder are

Land authorities which are independent from the Federation. They are not bound by instructions of the Federal Statistical Office or federal ministries.

Process of statistical production

Like other products, statistical information, too, is obtained as the result of a production process. The quality of statistical data depends not least on the way that process of production is organised. Any production of statistical infor-

The following chart outlines the different processes which are part of statistical production:



mation presupposes a specific demand for data. To orient statistical information to the needs of the user, an agreement should be first concluded between the data producer and the client, which clearly specifies the requested results, their volume and breakdown. If data collection requires a (primary or secondary) statistical survey, a legal basis specifying the variables and methods of data collection will be needed in line with the principle of legality. Then, an adequate concept of data collection and processing will have to be developed and implemented in IT terms in practical circumstances. As a next step, statistical information will be produced by processing the statistical data collected based on descriptive statistical metadata and informative comparisons. The statistical information obtained will be finally made available to users and the public at large.

The specific functions of the statistical offices in the process of producing statistical information can hence be defined as preparatory research and development, the actual production of statistics and dissemination of statistical results. Like any other production process, statistical production is also characterised by common management and supporting processes which are indispensable for a proper functioning of a business or office.

The research and development processes include methodological research in the area of statistics, the development of technical procedures to be used in statistical production, programme planning and maintenance incl. co-ordination with users. The core processes of actual statistical production encompass data collection, compilation, processing, presentation and analysis. The dissemination processes cover such areas as press services, printed and online publications services, information services, customer services, services related to the statistical information system, and distribution services.

Supporting processes are resource management, initial and advanced training, organisational structure and process organisation, provision of information and communication technologies, facility management, settlement of legal issues, marketing, social services and internal information management. The common management processes include such components as strategy specification, general planning and steering, human resources management and development, internal and external communication, and representation of interests.

Work-sharing within the statistical system

As a matter of fact, research and development are a major element of the Federal Statistical Office's work. It is the federal ministries and, to an ever increasing extent, the European Commission which formulate new data requirements. The Federal Statistical Office is at an early stage included in the comprehensive preparatory considerations which are required for creating a legal basis for a statistical survey at the national level. The point is to consider the interests of different users in an adequate manner, to define the most appropriate and at the same time most economical methods and procedures for obtaining the required data, and to restrict the burden on respondents to the minimum. When the relevant legal basis has been created, the surveys ordained by it are prepared by the Federal Statistical Office in technical and methodological terms. By applying uniform and co-ordinated methods and classifications, results can be obtained that are comparable across the country and constitute an integral part of a consistent statistical reflection of social, economic and ecological conditions and trends. Today, the relevant technical preparations focus particularly on applying modern data processing technologies to ensure a smooth and rapid flow of data – to the extent possible – without switches between media.

The statistical offices are responsible for collecting and processing data in due time. There are only few cases in which the Federal Statistical Office collects and processes data at the central level, e.g. in the area of foreign trade and cost structure statistics. As regards the vast majority of statistics, however, the core processes of statistical production take place at the statistical office of the Länder.

The Federal Statistical Office is in charge of producing and disseminating federal results, which does not only include supplying statistics, but also advising users and providing specially processed data material for specific problems. Regional results below the Länder level are compiled and published by the statistical offices of the Länder. In this context, providing the scientific community with anonymised microdata and supplying results of integrated statistical system, like national accounts, are areas of federal statistics which have increasingly gained in importance.

Optimised co-operation

As was shown in the above chapter on work-sharing between the Federal Statistical Office and the statistical offices of the Länder, the vast majority of statistics are produced in parallel by the 15 Länder offices¹⁾. In view of the scarce resources of public budgets, the Federal and Länder Audit Offices made recommendations for improving the operating efficiency of Official Statistics in November 2002. As a response to those recommendations, the heads of the Federal Statistical Office and the Länder offices in early 2003 agreed on a Master Plan for a Reform of Official Statistics.

The Master Plan's objective is to increase the efficiency of the German statistical system by optimising co-operation between the country's statistical offices. A central element is the further expansion and development of the cross-office fulfilment of tasks, a good example of which has been the so-called co-ordination of standard programs and formats for a couple of years. Here, one of the offices is commissioned to process the data for other offices against reimbursement of costs. As a principle, the office which offers the most cost-effective fulfilment of a given task will be commissioned to accomplish it.

In the medium term, a new form of co-operation will be achieved between the statistical offices on the basis of the above model of an optimised co-operation. Integrating a new Article 3a into the Federal Statistics Law in June 2005 created the legal basis for a new work-sharing according to the principle of "Make or buy" between the statistical offices of the Federation and the Länder and, in connection with Article 16 Paragraph 2 Sentence 2 (new) of the Federal Statistics Law, for the transmission of individual data required for that purpose. Further regulations will be provided by a framework agreement, which is expected to be submitted soon to the Conference of the Ministers of the Interior.

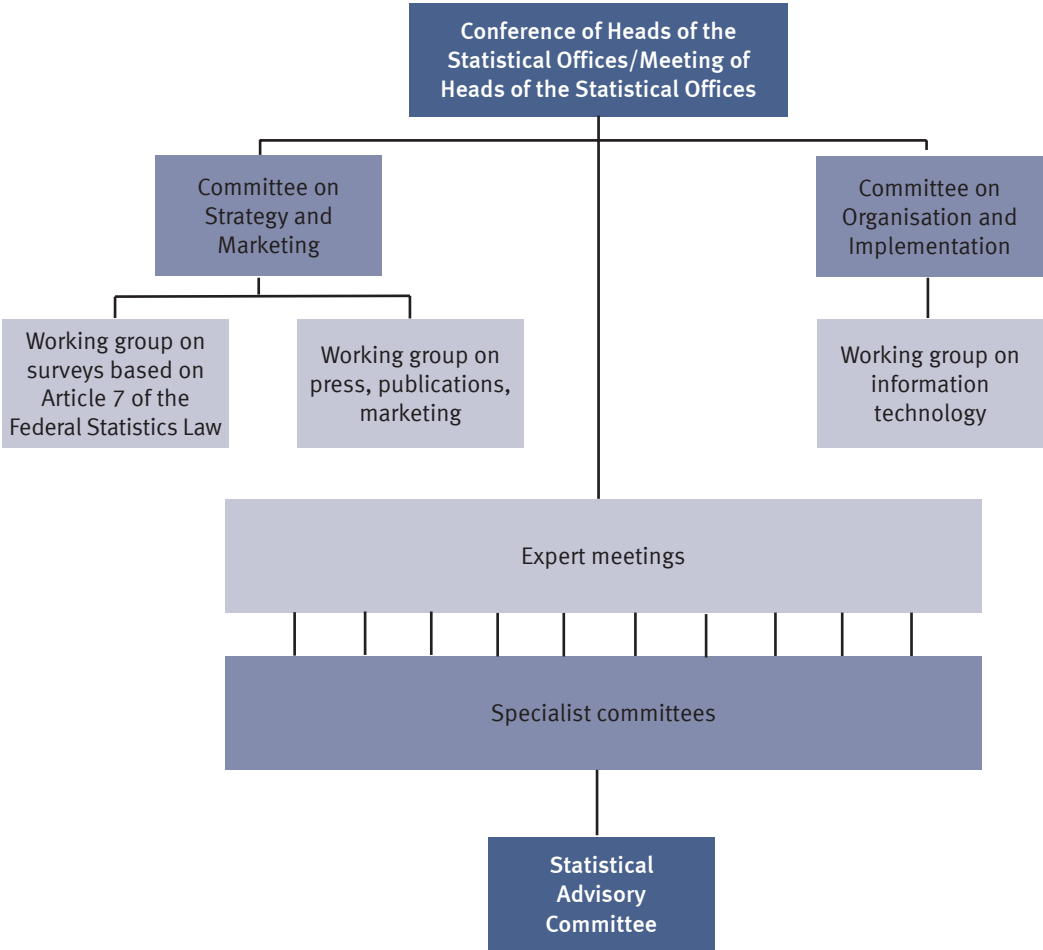
1) At the beginning of 2004, the Land statistical offices of Hamburg and Schleswig-Holstein merged to form the Statistical Office for Hamburg and Schleswig-Holstein. The Land Office for Data Processing and Statistics of Brandenburg and the Land Statistical Office of Berlin will merge on 1 January 2007.

Bodies

The individual tasks of statistical production and the related division of labour among various institutions require co-ordination which is ensured in a number of bodies:

The Conferences and Meetings of Heads of the Statistical Offices discuss matters of principle regarding co-operation between the statistical offices of the Länder and the Federal Statistical Office. Upon completion of programme planning by the Conference of Heads of the Statistical Offices, the Committee on "Optimised Co-operation" set up for supporting the new optimised co-operation will determine the tasks to be accomplished in line with the model of optimised co-operation. The functions of the Committees on "Strategy and Marketing" and on "Organisation and Implementation" are to prepare, in terms of content, the Conferences and Meetings of Heads of the Statistical Offices and to perform the necessary follow-up work. The Committee on "Strategy and Marketing" serves as a platform for discussing strategically relevant issues and proposals for the further development of official statistics. Experts of the statistical offices of the Federation and the Länder come together at special meetings designed to discuss questions of the relevant working areas of statistics.

According to Article 4 of the Federal Statistics Law, the task of the Statistical Advisory Committee is to give advice to the Federal Statistical Office in fundamental matters. It represents various user groups (such as associations, trade unions, and respondents), which use that body to contact the producers of federal statistics. The Committee also represents the interests of official statistics towards politicians, for example by submitting "recommendations on the further development of official statistics" to the Federal Government at the beginning of any parliamentary term. Like the Conferences and Meetings of Heads of the Statistical Offices, the Statistical Advisory Committee, too, has set up specific bodies, the so-called Specialist committees, for the discussion of subject-related issues. The structure of these Committees has been designed to correspond to that of the Expert meetings attended by representatives of the Federal Statistical Office and the statistical offices of the Länder. This approach ensures consideration of the needs and interests of the Advisory Committee at the working level, too.



Corporate vision

In 1998, the Federal Statistical Office adopted the following corporate vision. It integrates statements on how the institution and its staff see themselves, rules on how people should deal with each other as colleagues, and content-related goals which have been further developed in terms of strategy in “fit 2008” (cf. part 2).

Why do we exist?

- We supply the statistical information that is necessary for the formation of opinion in a democratic society.
- Our information is a public good and available to everybody. Our methods and quality standards are made public.
- Our work is based on a legal mandate, which in itself rests on a social consensus. We guarantee neutrality, objectivity, scientific independence and the confidentiality of the data provided to us.
- Through the overall statistical system we ensure the comparability, continuity and economic efficiency of our products.
- Our statistics describe the situation and development of society, economy and environment.

How do we treat our partners?

- We take adequate actions to promote acceptance of our surveys.
- We consider the data provided by our respondents as the most important resource for our work and guarantee their confidentiality.
- We impose as little burden as possible on our respondents and respond flexibly to their requirements.
- Our actions are customer-oriented.
- We ensure the supply of basic information services. In addition, we offer statistical products and services on the market. Upon request we provide customised solutions.
- We facilitate easy and quick access to statistical information.
- We co-operate trustingly with our national and foreign partners and make use of possibilities of dividing the work.

What do we do?

- We strive to ensure an up-to-date statistical programme.
- We offer figures, analyses and advice.
- We present reliable and timely statistical data and inform about their quality.
- Through our professional competence we ensure high quality standards in all phases of statistical production.
- We work to secure as much comparability as possible at national and international levels.
- We always use the best statistical methods and procedures and are innovative as regards their development.
- We use modern information and communication technologies and take care to ensure an efficient use of staff and materials.

How do we treat each other?

- The professional and personal development of all our staff is promoted through goal-oriented qualification measures and regular conversations with the staff members.
- We encourage our staff to work independently by delegating and assigning responsibility. We conclude target agreements for that purpose.
- We are involved in decision-making.
- Mutual information and co-operation provide the basis for our everyday work.
- Our organisational structure allows for an assignment of staff across the departments according to different requirements. Flexibility is being rewarded.
- We strive to ensure good working conditions, act economically and efficiently, and guarantee a transparent use of resources.
- We treat each other as partners. Conflicts are solved in solidarity.
- We identify ourselves with our Office. We act according to our corporate vision and can refer to it.

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The Federal Statistical Office has some 2 800 staff members. About 15% of the staff have an academic degree, most of them in economics but also, among other things, in mathematics, law, geography, sociology, and computer science.

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The President of the Federal Statistical Office is also the Federal Returning Officer, who is responsible for preparing and holding the elections to the German Bundestag and to the European Parliament. He also has the administrative supervision over the Federal Institute for Population Research, which participates in a system of joint administration, as does the Federal Institute of Sport Science.

In Wiesbaden, the Federal Statistical Office operates the office of the Council of Economic Experts.

European Statistical System

Particularly as a result of creating Economic and Monetary Union and the euro area, and considering the EU enlargement to 25 Member States on 1 May 2004, the requirements regarding harmonised European statistics have increased considerably within the European Union (EU). Currently, more than 60% of all statistical surveys in Germany are regulated by European provisions. Thus it has become ever more important to participate in the European Statistical System (ESS), consisting of the European statistical office (Eurostat) and the statistical offices of the Member States, and to be involved in its shaping. Major strategic challenges of the coming years will be the following:

- more priority-setting in statistical legislation and programme planning,
- flexibility and new forms of co-operation within the ESS to be able to meet new requirements,
- improvement of the quality of European statistics and their documentation.

Statistical bodies of the EU

The Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat), which is a Directorate-General of the EU Commission in Luxembourg, has the task to ensure an up-to-date statistical information service for the EU and to allow drawing comparisons between Member States by providing Community statistics.

The main body of the ESS is the Statistical Programme Committee (SPC) which is chaired by Eurostat and encompasses the heads of the national statistical offices of the Member States. The SPC comments on the annual and multi-annual statistical programmes and discusses strategic issues of the ESS. Also, within the scope of the so-called comitology, the SPC participates in preparing statistical legal acts of the Commission. Furthermore, the SPC comments on drafts of statistical framework legal acts of the European Parliament and the Council.

The European Central Bank (ECB) and the Organisation for Economic Development and Co-operation (OECD) participate as observers in the SPC meetings.

An important preparatory body for the SPC is the Partnership Group, consisting of the heads of selected statistical offices of the Member States and the Director-General of Eurostat. It discusses strategic issues and prepares the discussion of important items for the SPC.

At the SPC meeting of 25 May 2005, the President of the Federal Statistical Office was appointed new chairman of the Partnership Group for two years (1 July 2005 to 30 June 2007). Germany intends to make proactive use of its scope for action to meet the strategic challenges of the ESS. One of the major goals of the German chairmanship of the Partnership Group is the promotion of co-operation and partnership in the spirit of confidence within the ESS.

Other important bodies for the ESS are the following:

The **Committee on Monetary, Financial and Balance of Payments Statistics (CMFB)** which is composed of representatives of Eurostat and the statistical offices of the Member States, of the European Central Bank and also the national central banks. The CMFB's task is to advance the statistical instruments for the activities of the European Economic and Monetary Union (EEMU) and in particular to deal with projects of economic and finance statistics.

The **European Advisory Committee on Statistical Information in the Economic and Social Spheres (CEIES)** is the only body that comprises users of statistics at the European level. Apart from representatives of Eurostat, the CMFB and the heads of the national statistical offices, the CEIES currently encompasses two representatives each of the associations, scientific communities and the trade unions of the 25 Member States who are appointed for a period of four years. The CEIES gives advice to the Commission as regards the preparation of the European statistical work programmes. In this context, user requirements and the burden on respondents are taken into consideration. To better fulfil the relevant tasks in the EU-25, it is intended to organise and structure the CEIES more efficiently.

Legal basis of European statistics

Co-operation within the European Statistical System is based on Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 of 17 February 1997 on Community Statistics. In addition, there is a multitude of statistical framework legal acts of the European Parliament and the Council as well as of Implementing Regulations of the Commission.

The framework for the work of the European Statistical System is provided by a multiannual programme, which is adopted by the European Parliament and the Council every five years. Based on that programme, Eurostat prepares an annual Commission work programme, which is commented on by the SPC. Implementing the individual statistical measures of the programme is based on the principle of subsidiarity. Like the principle of regional decentralisation at the national level, the principle of subsidiarity generally places the responsibility for compiling statistics on the national statistical offices. While Eurostat is responsible for disseminating/publishing the statistics of the Community, it is supported in this function by the national statistical offices.

Action plan for the further development of the ESS

In 2002, Eurostat and the statistical offices of the EU Member States agreed on a number of measures to enhance co-operation within the statistical system. This "Action plan for the further development of the European Statistical System" has largely been implemented now. However, there are still some challenges for the ESS to face:

- The Action plan, among other things, provides for work-sharing between the statistical offices based on what are called CEntres and Networks of EXcellence (CENEX). Similar to the optimised co-operation between offices in German Official Statistics, individual offices are to be commissioned with the fulfilment of tasks for the other offices. In this context, the focus will be on the methodological development of new areas of statistics. Synergy effects are expected due to sharing the specific know-how available at the individual offices. A CENEX on the issue of data confidentiality with German participation has already taken up its activities. Other CENEX, among other things on the issues of "hedonic price measurement" and "flash estimates for the main economic indicators", are expected to take up their activities in 2006.
- The action plan also aims to enhance priority setting in European official statistics which includes a review of the statistical programme and transparent resource planning.
- In 2006 Eurostat, in close co-operation with the Member States, will work on modernising the Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics. First of all, a Steering Group of selected Member States should define the basic lines of revision. Then a draft text should be prepared than can be approved by all parties involved.

On 27 May 2005, the Commission published the **Code of Practice (for the text see above)**. The goals of introducing this code are to strengthen trust in Official Statistics, to document the obligation of Official Statistics to provide high-quality products and to consolidate the subject-related independence of the EU statistical offices and the EU Member States at the European level. The main challenge now is the implementation of the Code of Practice in the Member States, which in Germany will be done by the Federation and the Länder. In a first step, Eurostat and the statistical offices of the Member States are currently performing self-evaluations on how they meet the Code, whose results will be published in an aggregated form. What is also planned is Peer Reviews to be performed by experts in the Member States and user surveys at the European level.

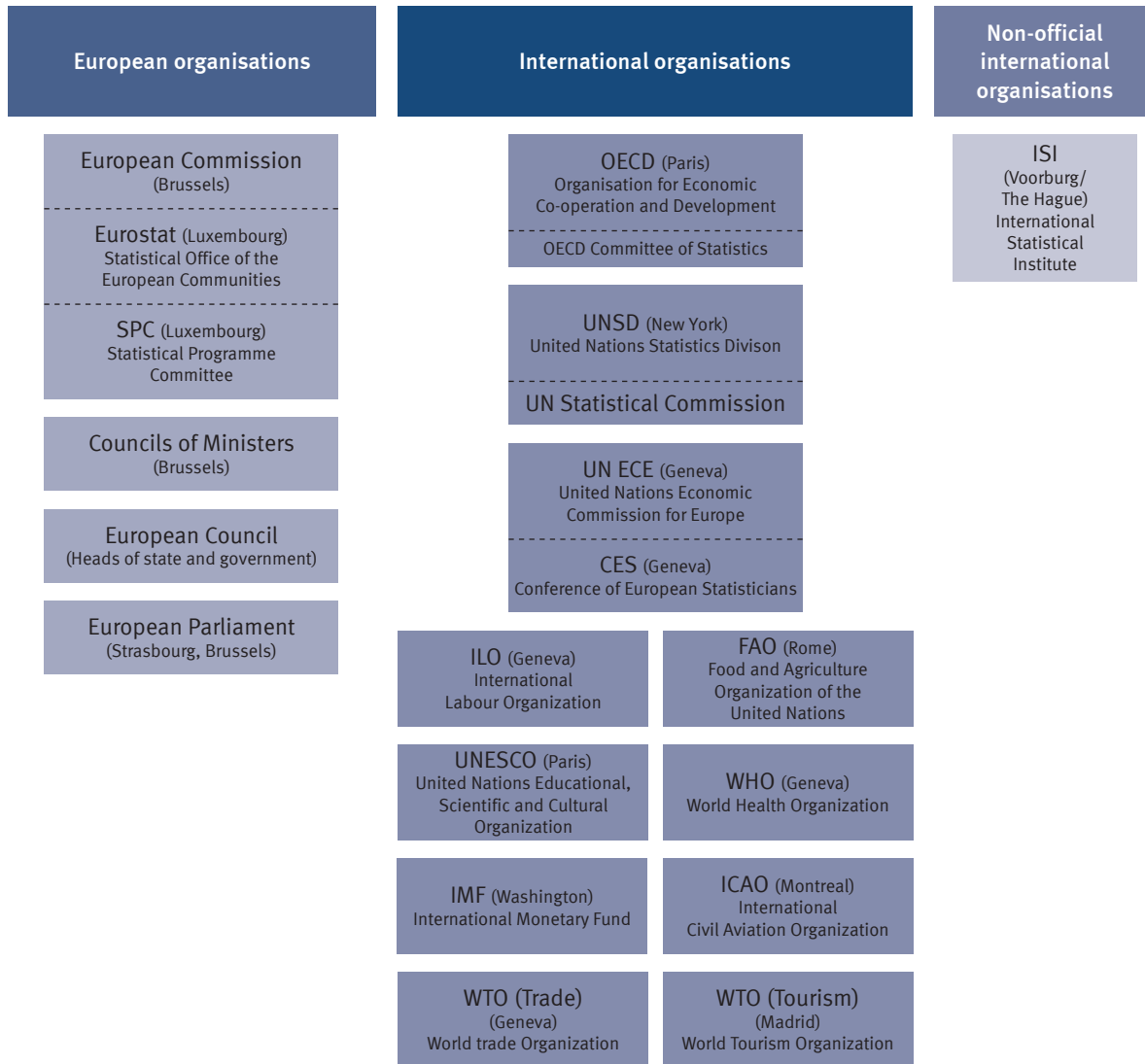
International co-operation

Considering globalisation, worldwide comparability of official statistics is becoming ever more important. Organisations like the Statistics Divisions of the United Nations in New York and Geneva and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris, together with the Federal Statistical Office, are working on the fulfilment of the related tasks. Apart from the European industrial nations, the OECD comprises representatives of countries like the USA, Canada, Australia, Korea and Japan. The Statistics Division of the OECD produces harmonised statistics and methods for international comparisons and carries out statistical analyses. The central body regarding globally harmonised concepts, methods and classifications is the Statistical Commission of the United Nations. Germany has been elected official member of this body for the period 2005 to 2008. In addition, the Federal Statistical Office co-operates with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), a regional commission of the United Nations, the International Labour Organization (ILO), the World Trade Organization (WTO), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF). In 2005, the IMF checked adherence to international standards by German official statistics and obtained positive results.

And finally, the Federal Statistical Office is a member of the International Statistical Institute (ISI). The Institute, a worldwide association of statisticians and statistical institutions with its headquarters in Voorburg in the Netherlands, organises world sessions every two years to promote the exchange of experience in the area of statistics.

The Federal Statistical Office as an integral part of the German and European statistical systems

The following chart provides an overview of the major organisations with whom the Federal Statistical Office co-operates at the supranational and international level:



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fit 2008 – The strategic goals of the Federal Statistical Office for the period 2004 to 2008



Mission

1. The Federal Statistical Office provides statistical information on societal, economic and ecological phenomena, trends and connections as part of a basic information supply. This means in particular that:
 - all users have free access to that information,
 - its production is publicly financed,
 - it is commissioned by the legislators.
2. In addition to this basic information supply, the Federal Statistical Office offers statistical services against reimbursement of the costs.
3. The central competence of the Federal Statistical Office consists in
 - providing comprehensive, continuous and permanently updated statistical information,
 - preparing suggestions for an adjustment of the programme of federal statistics to the needs of users,
 - counselling users and making data analyses commissioned by users,
 - providing the scientific community with problem-oriented access to data,
 - developing statistical methods and providing central and standardised IT services and tools for the system of official statistics in Germany,
 - translating the programme into co-ordinated and efficient production processes in the federative statistical system,
 - collecting and processing of federal statistics as commissioned by the legislators,
 - participating in the planning of and actively contributing to the development of the European Statistical System and international statistical co-operation,
 - developing and setting of quality standards for statistical products and their production processes,
 - overall statistical systems and
 - contributing to the standardisation and modernisation projects of the administration.

Vision

The Federal Statistical Office is the leading provider of high-quality statistical information in Germany.

We provide the statistical information required for the development of an informed opinion in a democratic society and the decision making processes in a free market system while ensuring neutrality, objectivity and scientific independence of our work and data confidentiality regarding the micro data placed at our disposal.

Our efficiency is based on the innovative power, competence and customer focus of our staff.

Strategic goals for the period 2004 to 2008

Goal 1:

The Federal Statistical Office is perceived and recognised by the political community, business and society as a reliable institution and innovative information provider.

- 1.1 The Federal Statistical Office contributes its specialist competence to the political and societal dialogue and thus strengthens the significance of statistical information for decision making.
- 1.2 The Federal Statistical Office makes it clear to the public that the objectivity and neutrality of the information provided and the confidentiality of micro data are ensured.

To reach that goal we intend, among other things, to

- intensify the co-operation with the German Bundestag;
- support the Federal Government during Germany's EU Council presidency in 2007;
- engage in extensive media activities in order to make the general public aware of the results of the microcensus and of the sample survey of household income and expenditure;
- release the publication "Im Blickpunkt: Deutschland in der erweiterten EU" (In the Spotlight: Germany in the Enlarged EU);
- organise the 21st international statistical meeting of the "Voorburg Group" in Germany in 2006;
- further develop statistical training by selecting and developing "classic" and e-learning material;
- consolidate the EDS European Data Service for Germany-EDS Berlin as a benchmark for user support in Europe;
- publish a new edition of "Fakten und Trends" (Facts and Trends) for 2006 and develop a new concept for the 2006 edition of the "Datenreport" (Data Report).

Goal 2:

The Federal Statistical Office supplies high quality information required by its users on the state and development of the society, economy and environment.

- 2.1 The Federal Statistical Office develops its programme further with a view to the future and sets priorities considering the resources available.
- 2.2 The Federal Statistical Office intensifies the continuous dialogue with the users.
- 2.3 The Federal Statistical Office ensures a high quality of its products and services by regularly checking and enhancing the methods and estimation procedures used.

To reach that goal we intend, among other things, to

- carry out the 11. Coordinated Population Projection;
- further improve GDP flash estimation;
- prepare quarterly sector accounts as part of national accounts;
- develop government finance further as part of national accounts;
- reform the system of business statistics;
- offer new statistics on power-heat combination, renewable energy sources and energy use;
- publish a price index for houses;
- develop a producer price index for business-related services;
- prepare the planned population census;
- introduce new statistics of financial assets for the public sector;
- network health-related calculation systems with national accounting data;
- extend the reporting on migration/integration from the microcensus;
- determine cost-of-living expenses for children on the basis of the sample survey of household income and expenditure;
- develop tools allowing to use geo-information in official statistics;
- establish the research data centre as an institution;
- supply web services for external data access to GENESIS;
- implement a procedure for geo-referencing.

Goal 3:

The Federal Statistical Office takes into consideration the concerns of respondents.

- 3.1 The Federal Statistical Office makes its enquiries as simple and as little burdensome as possible.
- 3.2 The Federal Statistical Office intensifies the communication with the respondents.

To reach that goal we intend, among other things, to

- introduce everywhere the system of data collection through automated transmission of data from business accounting systems (eSTATISTIK.core);
- create an information system recording the burden on enterprises;
- develop further the methods and procedures for using administrative data in official statistics;
- simplify surveys by a uniform and customer-friendly questionnaire design;
- develop small-area methods for a register-based census, the microcensus and economic statistics;
- redesign the system of wage statistics to reduce burdens;
- change over as far as possible from primary to secondary surveys in crafts statistics;
- implement the amendment of the environmental statistics law in a manner reducing the burden on the respondents.

Goal 4:

The Federal Statistical Office uses its resources efficiently.

- 4.1 The Federal Statistical Office optimises its work processes through state-of-the-art information technologies.
- 4.2 The Federal Statistical Office pushes the standardisation and modernisation of its work processes.
- 4.3 The Federal Statistical Office intensifies its co-operation with external partners to produce synergy effects.

To reach that goal we intend, among other things, to

- promote the projects regarding “optimised co-operation” and “standardisation of survey processes” as part of the Master Plan for a Reform of German Official Statistics;
- develop a database for incoming data and an integrated survey management;
- develop and introduce new procedures of statistical data editing;
- develop and use central lists and registers;
- continuously improve the quality of connections to external IT networks;
- further simplify the external data access to GENESIS;
- maintain the permanent sample of households ready to be surveyed and use it for additional voluntary surveys;
- develop a record of aggregated raw data for the resources and personnel data and the cost data of hospital statistics;
- convert the budget accounts of the departments and the Head of the Federal Statistical Office to an annual frequency;
- control the processes at the Federal Statistical Office through indicators;
- rearrange the internal clearing system for IT services.

Goal 5:

The Federal Statistical Office is a competent and reliable partner in national and international co-operation.

- 5.1 The Federal Statistical Office extends its central competence of programme, methodological and procedural development as well as data analysis and information dissemination in the system of federal statistics.
- 5.2 The Federal Statistical Office exerts influence on the further development of the European Statistical System through its expertise in terms of subject-matter and methodology and contributes decisively to the discussion about methods at the international institutions.
- 5.3 The Federal Statistical Office supports the ministries in fulfilling their functions as commissioning parties and users of statistics.

To reach that goal we intend, among other things, to

- transform the model of optimised co-operation with the statistical offices of the Länder step by step into a running procedure;
- implement the concept of the Federal Statistical Office and the Länder regarding the quality of statistical data;
- introduce the new program of the Federal Statistical Office and the Länder for the consumer price index and the harmonised consumer price index;
- set up a data base for groups of companies;
- carry out the revision of SNA-93;
- support the EU KLEMS project on comparative productivity in the European Union;
- implement the European production statistics PRODCOM 2005;
- conduct the European Continuing Vocational Training Survey (CVTS3);
- acquire and manage several international projects on statistical co-operation;
- develop the concept of the Intrastat system in foreign trade statistics further;
- carry out mirror comparisons with other EU countries in foreign trade statistics;
- supply OECD education indicators at regional level.

Goal 6:

The Federal Statistical Office supports and promotes the qualification and motivation of its staff and optimises their working conditions.

- 6.1 The structure and the level of qualification of the staff are adjusted to the higher challenges of the future.
- 6.2 Communication and co-operation within the Federal Statistical Office are systematically promoted.
- 6.3 The managerial qualities of the staff members who have been entrusted with management duties are promoted regularly in a well-aimed manner.

To reach that goal we intend, among other things, to

- periodically ascertain staff satisfaction by conducting surveys and plan the resulting consequences;
- expand our internal system for information and knowledge management;
- make it easy to use the internal IT systems by means of a directory service on a higher level and a single sign-on procedure;
- ensure smooth operation in the temporary offices during improvement of our office building;
- support the integration of new staff members of the higher service by means of a comprehensive introductory programme;
- implement our human resources development concept;
- meet our obligations arising from the German federal government's 2004 training offensive.

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The work programme for the years 2006 to 2010 has been structured by products. The product areas presented are, first, “fundamental issues, research and development for official statistics”, second, “statistics production” and “statistics dissemination” and, third, “internal support services”. The presentation within any product area is structured by product classes. For every product class, a brief description outlines the relevant field of activities, main uses, main users, and costs.

As a pilot agency within the federal administration, the Federal Statistical Office has established a product-based budget that is connected with cost and performance accounting. With the help of that system, the costs of the performance can be better illustrated than was possible with the traditional cameralistic budget.

On that basis, this Strategy and Programme Plan shows the costs incurred per product area in financial years 2004 and 2005. This includes:

Primary costs:

These are the staff and material costs that can be allocated to the products mentioned under any product class. The aim is to show what costs incurred within a product class. For example, the primary costs of the product class “information services” do not include the costs of infrastructure services that must have been provided before information can be supplied – reaching from the telephone system and office buildings management to computer equipment. However, the relevant share of infrastructure costs is included in the total costs of the product class “information services”.

Total costs:

These are the primary costs of the relevant product class plus the relevant costs share for infrastructure services that must be available before such products can be provided. Infrastructure services are the internal services described in section 3.4 of this Strategy and Programme Plan. When calculating the total costs, the costs of those internal services are entirely distributed among the product areas of “fundamental issues, research and development”, “statistics production” and “statistics dissemination” described in sections 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3. As the internal services are no products of the Office from an output-oriented point of view, total costs are not shown for them.

For each product class, there is a table showing either the individual statistics produced there or the relevant products and services. There is:

- **KLR no.:** Number of the relevant product from the cost and performance accounting system (KLR) of the Federal Statistical Office.
- **Product:** Product designation according to the cost and performance accounting system of the Federal Statistical Office.
- **Product description:** Explanations on the product, where necessary.

Every individual statistics is described by the following characteristics:

- **EVAS:** Number of the relevant statistics according to the “Integrated List of All Statistics Compiled by the Federal Statistical Office and the Statistical Offices of the Länder“ (EVAS).
- **Type of task:** A distinction is made between primary surveys (data are collected specifically for that statistics), secondary surveys (data that were collected for other purposes are covered statistically), calculations (evaluation processes without original surveys) and registers (data collections used primarily to support surveys).
- **Reporting channel:** Centralised statistics are produced by the Federal Statistical Office, whereas the statistical offices of the Länder participate in the production of decentralised statistics.
- **Periodicity:** Frequency of the survey. Years indicate the reference year of the latest survey.
- **Number of respondents**

The publications listed for every product area comprise not only our standard publications but also “grey literature” that may be provided through the contacts indicated.

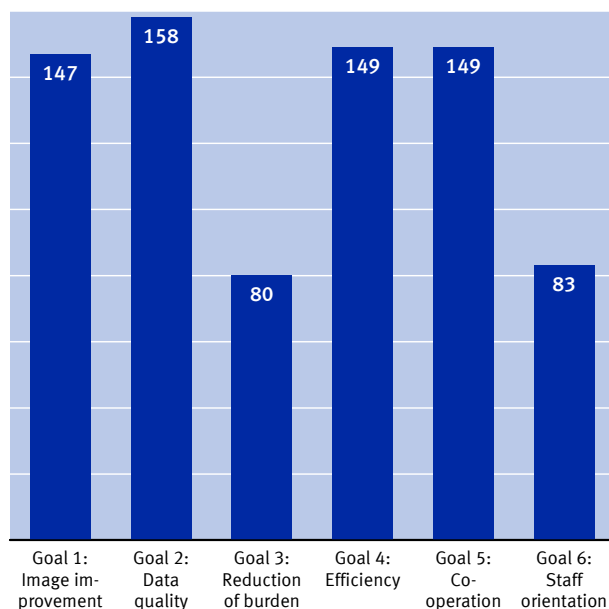
Anything else done or planned is shown under “additional actions”. The purpose of the additional actions is to achieve the strategic goals defined in fit 2008: Image improvement, data quality, reduction of the burden, efficiency, co-operation, staff orientation. 212 actions have been included in this Strategy and Programme Plan. Structuring them by the goal they serve gives the following picture (multiple responses were possible):

Most actions are intended to improve data quality. As statistics production is the core task of the Federal Statistical Office, this would have been assumed. For the same reason, the goal of increasing staff orientation is under-represented as only few task areas have explicitly been entrusted with personnel matters. Quite a number of actions promote data quality on the one hand and image improvement and co-operation on the other. Better data quality often also leads to an improved perception by the public and results from a better co-operation with other institutions due to the distribution of work within the German and European statistical systems.

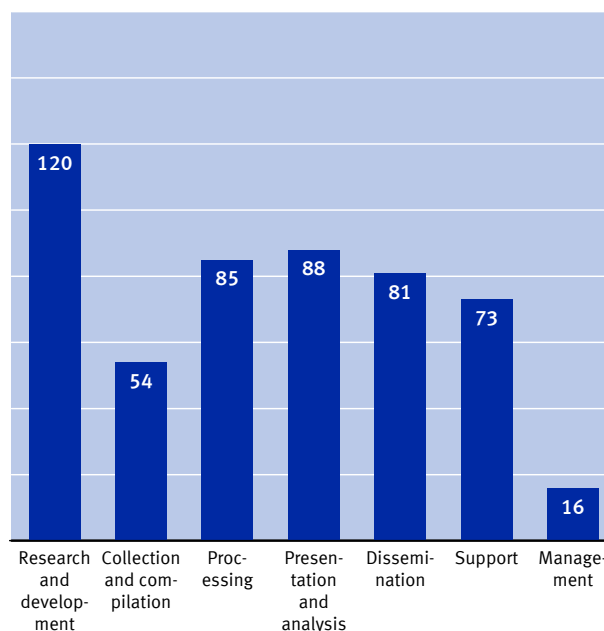
tion”, “processing” and “presentation/analysis”. Multiple responses were possible. The chart clearly shows that the activities focus on research and development as well as the production of statistics:

Of altogether 212 actions, 87 are carried out in co-operation with the statistical offices of the Länder, and 125 by the Federal Statistical Office alone. Because of the federally structured statistical system, co-operation with the statistical offices of the Länder is the general rule for statistical production actions. Also, many research and development actions are performed together with the statistical offices of the Länder. However, the dissemination of federal results is

Actions 2006–2010 by goals
(total: 212 actions, multiple responses were possible)



Actions by relevant processes
(total: 212 actions multiple responses were possible)



The additional actions can also be structured by the internal processes (cf. p. 15, “process of statistical production”) they refer to. The following presentation distinguishes between the five processes of “research and development (R&D)”, “dissemination”, “support” and “management”, and the “core processes” consisting of “collection/compilation”, “processing” and “presentation/analysis”.

an exclusive task of the Federal Statistical Office. The supporting processes include, on the one hand, services of the internal administration which do not require any participation of the statistical offices of the Länder and, on the other hand, IT actions which in part are performed in co-operation with the statistical offices of the Länder.

Product-based budget at the Federal Statistical Office

No.	Product areas Product groups	Plan 2006		Plan 2005		Actual 2004	
		EUR 1 000					
		receipts	costs	receipts	costs	receipts	costs
1.	Questions of principle, research and development for official statistics	-	6 908	-	7 439	194	7 214
1.1	Questions of principle, classifications, bodies of official statistics	-	4 016	-	4 163	40	4 150
1.2	Research and development	-	1 648	-	1 405	154	1 750
1.3	Mathematical and statistical methods	-	1 244	-	1 871	-	1 314
2.	Statistics production and other permanent tasks	102	105 550	102	121 552	3 325	109 361
2.1	Territory, population, employment, European Parliament and Bundestag elections	-	10 226	-	9 661	2 011	10 689
2.2	Education, social security benefits, health, justice	-	5 971	-	7 104	342	6 311
2.3	Housing, environment	-	3 792	-	4 723	-	3 935
2.4	Statistics of individual sectors of economic activity	-	18 260	-	21 607	219	18 939
2.5	Foreign trade, enterprises, crafts ...	102	34 087	102	41 027	304	34 988
2.6	Prices, earnings, income and consumption	-	16 986	-	19 808	425	17 549
2.7	Public finance	-	5 117	-	5 792	-	5 305
2.8	National accounts and Environmental-Economic Accounting	-	8 843	-	10 392	24	9 369
2.9	Special areas	-	2 268	-	1 438	-	2 276
3.	Statistics dissemination	92	26 127	92	21 019	3 290	28 232
3.1	Information services	-	7 267	-	7 403	692	7 418
3.2	Basic information supply (press, public relations, internet) ...	-	3 783	-	4 142	5	3 814
3.3	Standard provision of information, information systems, publications .	92	8 173	92	9 474	476	8 492
3.4	Customer-specific processing and advice/co-operation	-	6 904	-	-	2 117	8 508
4.	Services for institutions under joint administration	-	2 683	-	2 637	119	2 824
4.1	Liaison office/Services of the FSO for the Council of Economic Experts	-	2 112	-	2 196	-	2 066

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No.	Product areas Product groups	Plan 2006		Plan 2005		Actual 2004	
		EUR 1 000					
		receipts	costs	receipts	costs	receipts	costs
4.2	Services of the FSO for the Federal Institute for Population Research ...	-	154	-	127	-	147
4.3	Services of the FSO for the Federal Institute for Sports Studies	-	417	-	314	119	399
4.4	Administrative assistance for others	-	-	-	-	-	212
	Total	194	141 268	194	152 647	6 928	147 631
5.	Balancing against the budget result	- -	3 990	- -	5 036	37 -	10 723
5.1	Imputed receipts/costs	- -	19 706	- -	22 713	- -	16 239
5.1.1	Depreciation, imputed interest ...	- -	4 351	- -	7 238	- -	4 259
5.1.2	Fictitious pension payments for public officials currently employed	- -	7 514	- -	7 634	- -	7 518
5.1.3	Other: Imputed rents	- -	7 841	- -	7 841	- -	4 462
5.2	Revenue/expenditure that is not product-oriented	-	15 716	-	17 677	37	5 516
5.2.1	Investments	-	15 716	-	17 677	-	5 516
5.2.2	Revenue	-	-	-	-	37	-
	Balancing result	194	137 278	194	147 611	6 965	136 908
	Memorandum item:		revenue expenditure		revenue expenditure		revenue expenditure
	Balance of chapter 0608	194	137 278	194	147 611	6 965	136 908

Explanatory notes:

Columns 3 and 5 (plan 2006/plan 2005 – receipts): Planned receipts are based on the target revenue of the cameralistic budgets for 2005 and 2006 and are due to revenue from fines and miscellaneous revenue.

Column 7 (actual 2004 – receipts): The actual receipts of 2004 also include receipts collected in previous years. Those third-party receipts are used – as earmarked revenue – to cover the costs of the relevant projects/special activities commissioned by third parties.

Column 8 (actual 2004 – costs): The costs of administrative and IT services have been allocated to the four product areas. Also, the total costs include cost elements that are not expenditure-effective such as imputed depreciation and imputed rents.

Re 5. Balancing against the budget result: As the cameralistic budget refers to monetary consumption, whereas the product-based budget refers to the consumption of resources and the two results generally differ, the two accounting systems must be balanced against each other. Imputed costs which are not expenditure-effective must be subtracted from the total costs. This refers in particular to depreciation, the fictitious pension payments for public officials currently employed, and the imputed costs of real estate owned by the Federation. On the other hand, investments must be added. The total of investments is based on the cameralistic major groups 7 and 8. Investment expenditure (individual purchases of up to EUR 5,000) are also contained in major group 5.

3.1

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Contact: Jürgen Chlumsky

Questions of principle, national and international co-ordination

Brief description

Co-ordination of all interdisciplinary processes, projects and bodies at the regional, national and international levels, preparation of decision papers for the Head of the Federal Statistical Office, further development of the statistical programme, support for the Head of the Federal Statistical Office in managing and controlling the internal processes. There is particular need for co-ordination in the area of business statistics in order to speak with one voice when dealing with supranational and international organisations and to offer them one single contact. Also, by reforming the business statistics, a consistent system will be developed meeting the demand for up-to-date results in a subject-matter and regional breakdown.

Main use

- co-ordinated stance taken by the Federal Statistical Office (FSO) both internally and externally in the national and international spheres

Main users

- Head of the Federal Statistical Office (FSO), departments of the FSO
- statistical offices of the Länder (LSOs)
- Statistical Advisory Committee
- federal ministries
- institutions of the EU, in particular Eurostat
- international organisations

Primary costs

2004: 1 486 000 Euro

2005: 1 559 000 Euro

Total costs

2004: 2 574 000 Euro

2005: 2 671 000 Euro

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
21110010	System and programme of federal statistics	Preparation of decisions on questions of principle of federal statistics and analyses regarding the programme.
21110020	Statistical systems of the EU, international statistical systems	Preparation of decisions on questions of principle of the European Statistical System and of international statistical systems as well as analyses regarding international statistical programmes.
21110030	Relations with respondents and users	Questions of principle regarding the relations with respondents (especially survey-related burdens) and users of federal statistics.
21120010	Co-ordination of interdisciplinary activities for federal statistics	Development of interdisciplinary statements and initiatives at the national level.
21120020	Co-ordination of interdisciplinary activities at the supranational and international levels, official journeys abroad ¹⁾	Development of interdisciplinary statements and initiatives at the supranational and international levels; planning of official journeys abroad (ADR), ADR reporting.
21120030	Co-ordination in the area of regional statistics	Development of interdisciplinary statements and initiatives in the area of regional statistics at the national and international levels.
21120040	Co-ordination of controlling of deadlines ²⁾	Work planning and scheduling as well as controlling of deadlines for federal statistics.
21120070	Co-ordination of business statistics ³⁾	Co-ordination of the various surveys conducted among enterprises and local units when further developing the programme.
21120080	Reform of business statistics ³⁾	Development of a consistent system of business statistics that meets the user demand for up-to-date results in a subject-related and regional breakdown, can be operated economically and takes account of bureaucracy reduction by reducing the statistical response burden on businesses.

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KLR no.	Product	Product description
21400010	Institutionalised national bodies including their committees	Preparation and follow-up, in part also organisation of meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Statistical Advisory Committee – Conference of Heads of the Statistical Offices (ALK) – Meeting of Heads of the Statistical Offices (ALT) – Committee on Strategy and Marketing – Interministerial Committee for Co-ordination and Rationalisation of Statistics (IMA-Statistik) / Committee of the Federation and the Länder on Statistics (BLA-Statistik)
21400020	Institutionalised supranational and international bodies	Preparation and follow-up, in part also organisation of meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Conference of the Directors General of National Statistical Institutes (DGINS) – Statistical Programme Committee (SPC) – Committee on Strategy and Marketing – European Advisory Committee on Statistical Information in the Economic and Social Spheres (CEIES) – United Nations Statistical Commission – Conference of European Statisticians (CES/ECE) – OECD Statistics Committee
21400030	Support of the Committee on Organisation and Implementation (AOU) ²⁾	Office function for the AOU (joint body of the statistical offices of the Federation and the Länder).

1) Contact for official journeys abroad: Waltraud Moore. – 2) Contact: Hans-Joachim Stede. – 3) Contact: Peter Schmidt.

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Annual report of the Federal Statistical Office	yearly
Information and Communication Technologies in Germany	irregular
Strategy and Programme Plan	annual
Information from official statistics	quarterly
The European Statistical System	irregular
Papers on statistical developments and projects at the national and European levels in the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics)	annual

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Analysis of respondents' information requirements (feedback)	1; 2; 3	R&D, dissemination	1/2006	8/2006	no
New concept of the statistics database (output orientation, usability in the co-ordinated system of the FSO and the LSOs)	1; 5	R&D, support	1/2006	12/2006	no
Burden indicator (information system on enterprise burdening)	1; 3	R&D, support	7/2005	12/2009	no
Co-ordination of the project "Standardisation of the production process" (SteP)	2; 4; 5	R&D, support	5/2003	12/2007	yes
Support of the Federal Government during the EU Presidency	1; 4; 5	management, support	6/2006	12/2008	yes
Implementation of "Indicator-based control"	2; 4	management	4/2005	12/2007	no
Metadata system of official statistics (metadata portal)	1; 2; 4; 5	R&D, collection, processing, presentation	1/2006	12/2010	yes
Online publications on indicator systems and printed publication of internationally comparable social indicators	1	dissemination	7/2005	12/2007	no

Contact: Peter Schmidt

Classifications

Brief description

When mass phenomena are monitored by statistical surveys, there always is a multitude of data which necessarily have to be condensed in a suitable manner to simplify their presentation and analysis or make them possible at all. A prerequisite are binding breakdowns of the economic, social or other variables to be observed. Only through the obligatory use of a certain classification and its rules can the various users of statistical data group the microdata in a uniform way. Uniform classifications are the basic prerequisite of the national and international comparability of statistical data in terms of subject matter.

Main use

- uniform grouping of microdata in specialised statistics of the statistical offices of the Federation and the Länder

Main users

- Eurostat
- OECD
- UN

Primary costs

2004:	821 000 Euro	2005:	700 000 Euro
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Total costs

2004:	1 288 000 Euro	2005:	1 192 000 Euro
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Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
21300030	Classifications of economic activity	Classification of Economic Activities (WZ), Nomenclature générale des activités économiques dans les Communautés européennes (NACE), International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC)
21300040	Product classifications at national level	Product Classification for Production Statistics (GP), Classification of Material and Goods Received in the Industry (WE), Classification of Buildings (SB)/Classification of Types of Construction (CC)
21300050	Product classifications at European/international level	List of products for European Production Statistics (PRODCOM), CC, Statistical Classification of Products by Activity in the European Economic Community (CPA), Central Product Classification (CPC)
21300065	Goods classifications	Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS), Combined Nomenclature (CN), Commodity Classification for Foreign Trade Statistics (WA), Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), Classification by Commodity Groups and Subgroups of the Food Industry and Trade and Industry (EGW)
21300080	Classifications and lists for specific survey purposes	Classifications of occupations, classifications of the educational sector, codes of nationalities and areas, administrative territorial classifications, Country Nomenclature for the External Trade Statistics, functional classifications, classifications of transport statistics, other classifications and lists.

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Classifications of economic activities	irregular
Product classifications	yearly, irregular
Classifications of persons	irregular
Regional classifications	irregular
Other classifications	irregular
Enterprises of biotechnology (2004)	irregular
Papers on the revision of classifications in the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics)	irregular

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Revision of the Classification of Occupations	2	R & D	1/2006	12/2008	no
Publication of the German version and introduction of the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), Rev. 4	2	R & D	7/2006	6/2007	no
Adjustment of the Combined Nomenclature (CN) to the commodity description system HS 2007 and modernisation of the CN	2; 5	R & D, processing	1/2005	10/2006	no

Contact: Dr. Manfred Ehling

Research and development for official statistics

Brief description

This comprises any activities regarding the further development of statistical methods and procedures, including by practical tests in pilot studies, support and advice for statistics production as well as the external representation of methodical research of the Federal Statistical Office and of cross-cutting aspects of statistical data quality, for example towards Eurostat and in the working group of the Federation and the Länder on the “quality of statistical data”.

Main use

- further development of methods and procedures

Main users

- specialised units of the FSO and the LSOs
- national and international scientific institutions, bodies and offices

Primary costs

2004: 1 091 000 Euro 2005: 599 000 Euro

Total costs

2004: 1 712 000 Euro 2005: 1 070 000 Euro

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
21120050	Co-ordination of research and development projects ¹⁾	R&D plan, central contact unit (for the federal ministries) for statistically relevant research projects, fundamental issues of pilot surveys according to Article 7 of the Federal Statistics Law
21120060	Co-operation with the co-ordination agency for statistics-related R&D activities of the EU	Co-ordination of the FSO's participation in European projects
21200010	Quality management	Statistical Quality Offensive: Cross-cutting aspects of statistical data quality.
22100010	Implementation of EU business statistics: alternative concept	Studies on the use of administrative data (according to the Law on the Utilisation of Administrative Data) instead of primary surveys for short-term economic and other statistical purposes
22100030	Subject-related testing of new technologies for purposes of data collection, processing and evaluation	Modernisation of statistics production by testing new EDP methods from methodical/subject-related aspects.
22100040	Implementation of the subject-related data editing concept	Modernisation of statistical processing by more efficient data editing methods and data processing procedures.
22100050	Co-operation with the Working Party on Efficiency in the Administration (AWV) ²⁾	Development of new methods regarding data retrieval and transmission from the business accounting system, standardisation of certificates
22100060	Further development of the wage statistics system ²⁾	
22100080	Pilot Project on the development of a database on multinational groups ³⁾	

1) Contact: Dr. Manfred Ehling. – 2) Contact: Michael Kuhn. – 3) Contact: Peter Schmidt.

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Methods, approaches, developments – News from the Federal Statistical Office	half-yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Further development of federal statistical methods/approaches in connection with the Law on the Utilisation of Administrative Data	3; 4	R&D, collection, presentation	11/2003	6/2008	yes
Implementation of the co-ordinated concept on the quality of statistical data at the Federal Statistical Office	2; 4; 5	R&D, dissemination	1/2005	12/2007	yes
Service point "surveys according to Article 7 of the Federal Statistics Law" incl. use of the permanent sample of households ready to participate in surveys	2; 3; 4	R&D, collection, processing, presentation	1/2006	12/2008	no
Collection of subjective data by official statistics	1; 5	R&D	5/2005	6/2006	no
Further development of statistical training: Selection and development of "classical" and e-learning material	1; 5	R&D, support	12/2006	12/2008	no
Development of tools for social status coverage (wage earners/salaried employees)	1; 2; 4; 5	R&D	1/2006	12/2006	no

Contact: Dr. Manfred Ehling

Questionnaire and organisation pretests for federal statistics

Brief description

Entails supporting and advising specialised units in their production of statistics to reduce the burden on respondents, enhance the plausibility of data and make statistics production more efficient by optimising the survey documents.

Main use

- optimised survey documents

Main users

- specialised units of the FSO and the LSOs
- respondents

Primary costs

2004:	174 000 Euro	2005:	304 000 Euro
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Total costs

2004:	327 000 Euro	2005:	565 000 Euro
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Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
22200010	Questionnaire evaluation/pretests	Reduction of burden on respondents and enhancement of data plausibility by optimising printed and electronic draft questionnaires.
22200020	Co-ordination of questionnaire design	Improvement of the framework conditions for processing by standardising survey documents.
22299010	Recommendations on questionnaire development and pretest methods (QDET)	Development of uniform recommendations on questionnaire design for all national statistical institutes of the EU member states within the scope of the European project on Questionnaire Development and Testing Methods in the ESS (QDET).

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Central preparation and optimisation of questionnaire design processes	1; 2; 3; 4	R&D, collection	1/2006	7/2007	yes
EU manual on questionnaires and pretest methods (Recommended Practices on QDET)	2; 5	R&D	12/2004	06/2006	no

Contact: Jürgen Schmidt

Mathematical and statistical methods

Brief description

Mathematical and statistical support for the specialised units, especially in the phases of the methodical-technical preparation of surveys, data processing and data analysis. The focus is on the development of tailor-made sampling techniques.

This product class also includes interdisciplinary methodological research, above all in the fields of sampling techniques, time series analysis and forecasting procedures as well as methods to ensure statistical confidentiality. The mathematical and statistical methods developed must also be implemented into effective software solutions.

Main use

- support of statistics production

Main users

- specialised departments of the FSO
- LSOs

Primary costs

2004:	762 000 Euro	2005:	896 000 Euro
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Total costs

2004:	1 314 000 Euro	2005:	1 538 000 Euro
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Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
No. of the relevant subject-related product	Methodical development for subject-related tasks	Mathematical and statistical support for the specialised units, especially development of selection methods, estimation methods and methods to assess the accuracy for sample surveys of official statistics.
"	Methodical research and development for interdisciplinary tasks	Project-related mathematical-methodical research, development and advice for interdisciplinary tasks, especially further development of sampling techniques, time series analysis and forecasting procedures as well as methods to ensure statistical confidentiality.
"	Scientific software development	Implementation of mathematical-statistical methods into software solutions.

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Reports on methodology	irregular

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Development and implementation of new plausibility checks	2; 4; 5	R&D	1/2006	12/2008	yes
Development of small-area methods for the register-based census, the microcensus and economic statistics	2; 3; 4; 5	R&D	1/2006	12/2008	yes
Estimation of measurement errors in panel surveys (application: microcensus) by means of latent class models	2; 4; 5	R&D	1/2006	12/2006	yes
Ensuring statistical confidentiality in tables by controlled adjustment of tables (CTA: Controlled Tabular Adjustment) instead of cell suppression	4; 5	R&D	7/2006	12/2007	yes

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Contact: Johann Szenzenstein

Territory

Brief description

The territory of the Federal Republic of Germany entails the surface area up to the coastline including inland waters, but excluding the Lake of Constance. The territory is updated monthly at municipality level.

The list of municipalities presents the administrative regional units of Germany by their hierarchical administrative structure at set reference dates.

Main uses

- master record for regional statistical evaluations
- presentation of the municipalities with municipality code, area and population

Main users

- FSO and LSOs
- federal ministries
- business, the general public

Primary costs

2004:	186 000 Euro	2005:	176 000 Euro
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Total costs

2004:	468 000 Euro	2005:	811 000 Euro
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Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
11111	Recording of territorial status	secondary survey	decentralised	monthly	13 000
11911	List of municipalities	register	decentralised	yearly	–

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 1, series 1	yearly
List of municipalities	yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Preparing concepts for further evaluations	1; 4; 5	R&D	1/2006	6/2006	no



Contact: Johann Szenzenstein

Population census

Brief description

Population censuses supply basic data on a country's population, their employment and housing situation. Only part of the population census results can be updated continually and it is inevitable that errors will occur over the years. For this reason a general stock-taking must be carried out from time to time. The latest population census in the former territory of the Federal Republic was held in 1987 and in the GDR in 1981. Therefore, it is necessary that population statistics be calibrated by means of up-to-date figures. In 2003, the statistical offices concluded the tests for a register-based census, thereby creating the preconditions for a new population census in Germany.

Main uses

- sampling frame and frame for expansion
- assessment basis for the allocation of financial resources at Land and municipal levels
- basis for political and economic planning

Main users

- producers of other specialised statistics
- Federal Government, federal ministries
- European and international organisations
- political parties, associations
- scientific institutions
- the media, the general public

Primary costs

2004:	656 000 Euro	2005:	504 000 Euro
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Total costs

2004:	1 214 000 Euro	2005:	860 000 Euro
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Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
12111	Population census	primary survey	decentralised	irregular	61 077 000

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Register-based population census, 2010: results of the census tests (2004)	non-recurrent

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Preparation of the population census: New and further development of methods	2; 3; 4	R&D	1/2005	12/2007	yes
Preparation of the population census: Development of the processing concept	2; 3; 4	R&D	1/2005	6/2006	yes
Preparation of the population census: Development of subject-related provisions for a census test law	2; 3	R&D	1/2005	12/2006	yes
Preparing and conducting the census 2011	2; 3; 4; 5	R&D, collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	3/2005	12/2014	yes

Contact: Stefan Gruber

Microcensus

Brief description

The microcensus is the official representative statistics of the population and the labour market and covers 1% of all households in Germany every year.

The microcensus provides statistical information on the economic and social situation of the population as well as on employment, the labour market and education/training in a household and family context. The integrated EU Labour Force Survey supplies internationally comparable results. Furthermore, the microcensus is used for evaluating and adjusting other official and non-official statistics such as the sample survey of income and expenditure.

Main uses

- basis for political, social and economic planning and decisions
- basis for science, research and political consultancy
- basic information for other statistics and surveys
- information for the general public
- further specialised statistics (for example employment statistics)

Main users

- Federal Government, BMWi, BMFSFJ, BMG, BMAS, BMBF, BMVBS, BMU, BMI
- science and research, political consultancy
- EU Commission
- the press, the general public

Primary costs

2004: 1 332 000 Euro 2005: 1 187 000 Euro

Total costs

2004: 2 696 000 Euro 2005: 2 644 000 Euro

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
12211	Microcensus standard programme	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	800 000
12212	Microcensus supplementary programme	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	800 000
12213	EU Labour Force Survey	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	800 000
12221	Household and family statistics	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	800 000

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 1, series 3 and 4	yearly
Subject-matter series 13, series 1	2-yearly
Living and working in Germany	yearly
Papers in the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics)	yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Further extension of the online supply of microcensus results via GENESIS	1; 2; 3; 4; 5	presentation, dissemination	1/2005	12/2012	yes
Thematic brochures/folders on living and working in Germany	1; 2; 4; 5; 6	presentation, dissemination	10/2005	12/2012	no
Press activities concerning the 2004 microcensus and the quarterly and yearly results of the 2005 microcensus	1; 2; 5; 6	presentation, dissemination	9/2004	12/2006	no
Monthly rapid evaluation of the microcensus	1; 2; 3; 4; 5	R&D, processing, presentation, dissemination	3/2003	12/2012	yes

Contact: Johann Szenzenstein

Current population statistics

Brief description

The current population statistics provide basic information on the number and changes of the population. Based on the most recent population census, the number of the population is updated, using vital statistics and migration statistics. The latter cover changes of residence between municipalities in the territory of the Federal Republic (internal migration) as well as in- and out-migration across the federal borders (external migration). The results are presented in a breakdown by German and non-German citizens. In addition, basic data are available on the number of naturalisations and on the foreign population.

The development of mortality is illustrated by life tables, while population projections describe changes in the number and age structure of the population.

Main uses

- informing the general public
- basis for decisions of family, social, health and migration policy
- basis for assessing the economic and social effects of demographic trends

Main users

- federal ministries, mainly BMFSFJ, BMG, BMAS, BMI
- commissions of the German Bundestag, parliamentary factions, political parties, associations
- Eurostat, OECD, UN, IMF, Council of Europe
- scientific institutions
- the media, the general public

Primary costs

2004: 836 000 Euro 2005: 923 000 Euro

Total costs

2004: 1 950 000 Euro 2005: 1 685 000 Euro

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
12411	Current population statistics	calculation	decentralised	monthly	–
12421	Population projections	calculation	centralised	3-yearly	–
12511	Naturalisation statistics	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	500
12521	Statistics of foreigners	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	1
12611	Statistics of marriages	secondary survey	decentralised	monthly	5 000
12612	Births statistics	secondary survey	decentralised	monthly	5 000
12613	Deaths statistics	secondary survey	decentralised	monthly	5 000
12621	Life tables	calculation	centralised	yearly	–
12631	Statistics of decrees absolute in matrimonial cases	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	1 000
12711	Migration statistics	secondary survey	decentralised	monthly	8 000

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 1, series 1 and 2	yearly
Foreign population by citizenship and sex	yearly
Time series on the foreign population by citizenship	yearly
Naturalisations by citizenship and sex	yearly
Structural data and integration indicators on the foreign population in Germany	yearly
Migration (internal, external and total migration)	yearly
Current updating of the population	yearly
The German population up to 2050	3-yearly
Marriages, births and deaths by administrative districts	irregular
Commutation figures and cash insurance values for life annuities	irregular
Code of nationalities and areas (classifications)	irregular
Papers in the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics)	yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Establishment of an additional reporting system on the basis of the EU framework regulation on asylum and migration	1; 2;	R&D, processing, presentation	1/2005	12/2006	no
Extension of migration and integration reports based on microcensus results	1; 2; 5	R&D, processing, presentation	1/2005	12/2006	no
11th Co-ordinated Population Projection	1; 2; 4; 5; 6	R&D, presentation, dissemination	7/2005	3/2007	yes
Concept Estimation of duration of marriage 1	1; 2; 5	R&D, presentation	1/2006	6/2006	no
Concept Estimation of duration of marriage 2	1; 2; 5	R&D, presentation	1/2006	3/2007	no
Determination of probabilities of death for joint lives (married couples)	1; 5	R&D, processing, presentation	10/2005	6/2006	no
Life expectancy for joint lives (married couples)	1; 2; 5	R&D, presentation, dissemination	7/2006	2/2007	no
Implementation OSCII-X-Meld	2; 4	collection, processing	10/2005	1/2007	yes
Survey on development of births according to Article 7 of Federal Statistics Law	1; 2; 5	R&D, collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	7/2005	3/2007	yes
Concept for presentation of country of birth	1; 5	R&D	1/2007	12/2007	no
Development of concepts for further evaluations	1; 4; 5	processing, presentation, dissemination	1/2006	6/2006	no

Contact: *Rudolf Janke*

Employment

Brief description

Based on all the employment information available, the employment accounts performed by the Federal Statistical Office provide macroeconomic employment data every month for short-term economic and labour market monitoring. In addition, they supply quarterly and annual average results in a breakdown by economic sectors, which are also incorporated into national accounts.

In co-ordination with the Federal Employment Agency and the statistical offices of the Länder, results on persons employed subject to social insurance contributions are supplied every quarter, among others, as structural data in a detailed subject-related and regional breakdown.

In accordance with the internationally agreed "Labour-Force-Concept" of the International Labour Organisation (ILO), monthly - and for international purposes - quarterly and annual results on unemployment are compiled in a detailed breakdown. As part of the German labour market statistics, they allow international comparisons.

Main uses

- short-term economic indicators on the labour market and employment
- labour market monitoring at national and international levels
- contributions to national accounts (reference values)

Main users

- BMWi, BMAS, BMF, Federal Employment Agency, Deutsche Bundesbank
- EU Commission, Eurostat, ECB
- ILO, OECD
- associations, science (especially labour market and economic research), the interested public

Primary costs

2004: 2 649 000 Euro 2005: 3 243 000 Euro

Total costs

2004: 3 672 000 Euro 2005: 4 400 000 Euro

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
13111	Quarterly analyses of the number of employees subject to social insurance contributions	register	centralised	quarterly	–
13221	Labour force survey – substitute estimations	calculation	centralised	quarterly	–
13231	Labour market and unemployment statistics based on the ILO concept	primary survey	centralised	monthly	30 000
13321	Estimation of persons in employment and the labour force in the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany	calculation	centralised	monthly	–
13331	Employment accounts – flash estimations	calculation	centralised	monthly	–

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 1, series 4	quarterly
Persons in employment and unemployed	monthly, quarterly, yearly
Papers in the periodical “Wirtschaft und Statistik” (Economy and Statistics)	irregular

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Setting up and operation of a competence centre on telephone surveys in labour market statistics	1; 2; 3; 5	R&D	1/2005	12/2012	yes
Introduction and publication of ILO labour market statistics based on the ILO telephone survey and the flash estimations of employment accounts	1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6	R&D, collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	8/2004	12/2006	yes

Contact: Karina Schorn

Elections

Brief description

Traditionally, the President of the Federal Statistical Office has also exercised the function of Federal Returning Officer in personal union. The Federal Statistical Office supports the Federal Returning Officer in preparing and holding elections to the German Bundestag and to the European Parliament and maintains a register of political parties.

For Bundestag and European Parliament elections, general and representative election statistics are produced.

The general election statistics examines how the votes cast are distributed over the parties in the Länder in a regional breakdown, and it deals with registered voters, voter participation, voters using polling cards, non-voters, and invalid votes. Candidates and persons elected are also shown in statistical terms.

The representative election statistics provides an analysis of the election results (voter participation and votes cast) in a breakdown by sex and age of the voters.

Main uses

- preparation and conduct of Bundestag and European Parliament elections
- documentation and analysis of the election results

Main users

- government bodies
- political parties
- election research institutes

Primary costs

2004: 1 540 000 Euro 2005: 1 671 000 Euro

Total costs

2004: 2 720 000 Euro 2005: 2 898 000 Euro

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
14111	General statistics of elections to the Bundestag	secondary survey	decentralised	4-yearly	48 600 000
14121	Representative statistics of elections to the Bundestag	secondary survey	decentralised	4-yearly	1 423 000
14211	General statistics of elections to the European Parliament	secondary survey	decentralised	5-yearly	26 523 000
14221	Representative statistics of elections to the European Parliament	secondary survey	decentralised	5-yearly	1 000 000

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Election to the German Bundestag	4-yearly
Legal bases of the Bundestag elections	4-yearly
Results and comparative figures of former elections to the Bundestag, the European Parliament and Land parliaments as well as structural data on Bundestag constituencies	4-yearly
Final results of the Bundestag elections by constituencies	4-yearly
Election of the members from the Federal Republic of Germany for the European Parliament	5-yearly
Legal bases of the European Parliament elections	5-yearly
Papers on bases and results of Bundestag and European Parliament elections in the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics)	4-yearly (Bundestag elections) 5-yearly (European Parliament elections)
Statutes and programmes of political parties for download (www.bundeswahlleiter.de)	continuous

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Education and culture

Brief description

The education statistics comprise statistics of schools and institutions of higher education, vocational training statistics as well as statistics on the promotion of education and on upgrading training assistance.

The cultural statistics deal with cultural institutions and cultural activities of the citizens.

Main uses

- basis for the planning and political shaping of education and culture
- international education and culture statistics

Main users

- Standing Conference of Land Ministers of Education (KMK)
- German Science Council
- German Rectors' Conference (HRK)
- Bund-Länder Commission for Educational Planning and Research Promotion (BLK)
- BMBF, Land ministries of education
- OECD, UNESCO, Eurostat

Primary costs

2004: 1 126 000 Euro

2005: 1 492 000 Euro

Total costs

2004: 1 843 000 Euro

2005: 2 639 000 Euro

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
21111	Statistics of schools of general education	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	41 600
21121	Statistics of vocational schools	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	9 800
21131	Statistics of schools for nurses, midwives, etc.	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	1 600
21141	Teacher training statistics and statistics of young teachers	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	400
21211	Statistics of vocational training as at 31 December	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	500
21311	Statistics of students	secondary survey	decentralised	half-yearly	400
21321	Statistics of examinations	secondary survey	decentralised	half-yearly	400
21331	Statistics of guest students	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	400
21341	Statistics of personnel and posts	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	400
21351	Statistics of post-doctoral lecturing qualifications	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	400
21361	Statistics of the stock of rooms	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	400
21371	Finance statistics of institutions of higher education, yearly	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	400
21372	Finance statistics of institutions of higher education, quarterly	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	400
21381	Key data on institutions of higher education	calculation	centralised	yearly	–
21411	Statistics of the government-sponsored promotion of education pursuant to the Federal Education Assistance Act	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	800
21421	Statistics of upgrading assistance pursuant to the Upgrading Training Assistance Act	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	400
21521	European Continuing Vocational Training Survey (CVTS)	primary survey	decentralised	irregular ¹⁾	10 000
21531	Distance-learning statistics	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	300
21621	Cultural reports for national purposes	calculation	centralised	irregular	–
21631	Cultural reports for international purposes	calculation	centralised	irregular	–
21711	Educational reports for national purposes	calculation	centralised	irregular	–
21721	Educational reports for international purposes	calculation	centralised	yearly	–

1) From reference year 2006, the survey will be conducted every 5 years.

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 11	yearly
Subject-matter series 14, series 3.4	yearly
Key data on institutions of higher education	yearly
Education in figures	yearly
Germany, a location of universities	2-yearly
Report on cultural finance	2-yearly
Report on the financial situation of the institutions of higher education	irregular
Education in Germany	irregular
Papers in the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics)	yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
European Continuing Vocational Training Survey	1; 5; 6	R&D, processing, presentation, dissemination	1/2005	12/2007	yes
Further development of cultural statistics	1; 5; 6	R&D, processing, presentation, dissemination	6/2004	12/2009	yes
Regionalisation of OECD education indicators	1; 2; 5	R&D, processing, presentation, dissemination	3/2004	12/2006	yes
Technical and organisational modernisation of data collection and processing in statistics of higher education	2; 4; 5	collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	1/2004	12/2007	yes
Special surveys of income and expenditure of private schools and private nursery schools	1; 2	collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	1/2006	12/2007	yes

Contact: Hermann Seewald

Public social security benefits

Brief description

Social security benefits comprise cash payments and benefits in kind which are granted to households or individuals by the government, public bodies or enterprises to cover specific social risks and needs. The benefits are intended to provide social security against risks, to ensure an equalisation of benefits for families and to fulfil other social policy tasks such as youth welfare and support for handicapped persons. The necessary financial funds are mainly supplied through contributions by the insured and the employers as well as by government transfers.

Main uses

- basis for political decision-makers
- basis for science and research
- basis for government reports
- information for the general public

Main users

- federal and Land ministries for family affairs and social security
- parliaments of the Federation and the Länder
- social and economic associations
- science and education
- the media

Primary costs

2004: 928 000 Euro 2005: 1 090 000 Euro

Total costs

2004: 1 685 000 Euro 2005: 1 952 000 Euro

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
22111	Statistics of expenditure and revenue regarding public assistance	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	2 000
22121	Statistics of recipients of continuous subsistence payments (excl. short-term recipients) – recipients on 31 December	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	2 000
22122	Statistics of recipients of continuous subsistence payments (excl. short-term recipients) – new recipients and leavers	secondary survey	decentralised	quarterly	2 000
22123	Statistics of recipients of continuous subsistence payments with short-term provision of assistance	secondary survey	decentralised	quarterly	2 000
22124	Sample survey of recipients of continuous subsistence payments	calculation	decentralised	yearly	–
22131	Statistics of recipients of benefits according to the 5 th to 9 th chapters of the German Social Code, Part XII	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	2 000
22132	Sample survey of recipients of benefits according to the 5 th to 9 th chapters of the German Social Code, Part XII	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	2 000
22151	Recipients of basic security in old age and in cases of reduced earning capacity	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	1 300
22152	Sample survey of recipients of basic security in old age and in cases of reduced earning capacity	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	1 300
22211	Statistics of expenditure and revenue regarding benefits for asylum-seekers	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	2 000
22221	Statistics of recipients of normal benefits for asylum-seekers – recipients on 31 December	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	2 000
22231	Statistics of recipients of special benefits for asylum-seekers	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	2 000
22311	General housing allowance as at 31 December	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	–
22312	General housing allowance – quarters	secondary survey	decentralised	quarterly	–
22313	Sample survey of general housing allowance	calculation	decentralised	yearly	–
22411	Statistics of home care services	secondary survey	decentralised	2-yearly	11 000
22412	Statistics of in-patient nursing homes	secondary survey	decentralised	2-yearly	9 000
22421	Statistics of recipients of long-term care allowances	secondary survey	centralised	2-yearly	9

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EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
22511	Statistics of institutional advice programmes	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	1 200
22512	Statistics of educational assistance provided to individual young people	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	1 200
22513	Statistics of socio-educational family assistance	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	1 200
22514	Statistics of educational assistance young persons receive outside their home – beginning and end of assistance	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	700
22515	Statistics of educational assistance young persons receive outside their home – changes in the form of accommodation	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	700
22516	Statistics of educational assistance young persons receive outside their home – recipients on 31 December	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	700
22521	Statistics of adoptions	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	700
22522	Statistics of approval for fostering, of paternity determination, of curatorships, guardianships, assistance for single parents, and child custody	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	700
22523	Statistics of provisional protective measures	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	700
22531	Statistics of youth service measures	secondary survey	decentralised	4-yearly	60 000
22541	Statistics of institutions and persons employed – day care centres for children	secondary survey	decentralised	4-yearly	50 000
22542	Statistics of institutions and persons employed – excl. day care centres	secondary survey	decentralised	4-yearly	32 000
22543	Statistics of children and persons employed in publicly supported day care for children	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	700
22544	Statistics of places in day care centres and day care for children	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	700
22551	Statistics of expenditure and revenue of public children and youth welfare	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	17 000
22711	Statistics of severely handicapped persons	secondary survey	decentralised	2-yearly	70
22731	Statistics of assistance for war victims	secondary survey	decentralised	2-yearly	550

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 13, series 2, 4, 7	yearly
Anonymised microdata file "Recipients of continuous subsistence payments" (25%-sample)	yearly
Statistics of severely handicapped persons	2-yearly
Reports on statistics of long-term nursing care	2-yearly
Circumstances of persons in need of long-term nursing care – microcensus results	4-yearly
Thematic papers on public assistance	yearly
Papers in the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics)	yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Further development of the statistics of institutions and persons employed in youth welfare and day care centres for children, including a new conceptual design for the statistics on educational assistance	1; 2; 4; 5	R&D, collection processing, presentation, dissemination	11/2003	7/2007	yes
Adjustment of the statistics of public assistance, basic security, benefits for asylum-seekers and housing allowance to the new legal foundations which entered into force early in 2005	1; 2; 3; 4, 5; 6	collection, processing, presentation	2/2004	4/2006	yes

Contact: Karin Böhm

Health

Brief description

Data on the health status of the population and on aspects of medical care form the central part of the information provided by hospital statistics, causes of death statistics and abortion statistics.

The methodical linking of health data and their aggregation to highly informative indicators make it possible to use the existing information intensively and to exploit its contents in full.

The newly established accounting systems on health expenditure, disease-related costs and health personnel additionally supply overall accounts for central topics of health care in Germany.

Main uses

- basis for health policy decisions
- reference function for discussions on and assessments of health-related goals
- data basis for the health monitoring system and the reports on poverty and wealth
- source for setting up a European system of health statistics and for meeting international delivery commitments

Main users

- BMG, BMFSFJ, BMAS
- Advisory Council on the Assessment of Developments in the Health Care System
- Eurostat, OECD, WHO
- health research institutions

Primary costs

2004: 1 268 000 Euro 2005: 1 216 000 Euro

Total costs

2004: 2 300 000 Euro 2005: 2 197 000 Euro

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
23111	Resources and personnel data of hospitals	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	2 200
23112	Resources and personnel data of preventive care and rehabilitation facilities	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	1 300
23121	Cost data of hospitals	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	2 200
23131	Diagnoses of hospital patients	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	2 200
23132	Diagnoses of patients in preventive care and rehabilitation facilities	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	700
23211	Causes of death statistics	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	–
23311	Abortion statistics	primary survey	centralised	quarterly	2 000
23611	Health expenditure accounts	calculation	centralised	yearly	–
23621	Health personnel accounts	calculation	centralised	yearly	–
23631	Disease-related costs accounts	calculation	centralised	2-yearly	–

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 12	yearly
List of hospitals and the preventive care and rehabilitation facilities (List of hospitals)	multi-annual
Online information system of the Federal Health Monitoring System at www.gbe-bund.de	continuous
Papers in the periodical “Wirtschaft und Statistik” (Economy and Statistics)	yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Integration of data on diagnosis-related per-case flat rates and procedures according to Article 21 of the Hospital Remuneration Act (KHEntG) into the reports on hospitals	1; 2; 3; 4; 5	R&D, collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	1/2005	12/2006	no
Development of a record of aggregated raw data for the resources and personnel data and the cost data of hospital statistics	1; 2; 4; 5; 6	processing	1/2005	12/2006	no
Networking of health-related accounting systems and national accounts	1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6	processing, presentation, dissemination	1/2005	6/2006	no
Evaluation of the information system of the Federal Health Monitoring System and implementation of the results	1; 2; 4	R&D	2/2005	12/2006	no
Improving the accessibility and usability of the information system of the Federal Health Monitoring System	1; 2; 4; 5; 6	R&D, dissemination	1/2005	12/2006	no
Electronic coding system in the causes of death statistics	1; 2; 4; 5; 6	R&D, collection, processing, presentation	1/2003	12/2007	yes

Contact: *Heinz-Werner Hetmeier*

Justice

Brief description

The official justice statistics provide information on the volume of work of, and the work completed by, courts and public prosecutors. They also supply data on persons sentenced and persons convicted, on jail prisoners and on persons under probation supervision.

Main uses

- information for planning and monitoring the use of funds by judicial bodies
- evaluation and further development of legislation and policy measures relating to criminal law
- security report

Main users

- administration of justice
- BMI, BMJ
- criminology
- the press, the (specialised) public

Primary costs

2004:	283 000 Euro	2005:	155 000 Euro
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Total costs

2004:	483 000 Euro	2005:	283 000 Euro
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Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
24111	Statistics regarding the number of courts	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	17
24121	Personnel statistics	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	17
24211	Statistics compiled by public prosecutors and public prosecutors at local courts	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	200
24221	Statistics on criminal proceedings and administrative fine proceedings	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	800
24231	Statistics on civil matters	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	800
24241	Statistics on family matters	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	700
24251	Statistics in administrative jurisdiction	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	70
24261	Statistics in jurisdiction over tax matters	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	20
24311	Criminal statistics of the courts	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	800
24321	Statistics of the execution of sentences and disciplinary orders	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	300
24411	Probation statistics	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	100

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 10	yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Co-operation on the second Periodical Security Report	1; 5	dissemination	6/2003	6/2006	no
Setting up statistics of social jurisdiction	4	R&D, support	1/2006	12/2007	yes
Setting up a data pool of statistics on justice	2; 3; 4; 6	R&D, processing, presentation, support	1/2006	12/2008	yes



Contact: *Wolfgang Reimann*

Buildings and housing

Brief description

The construction statistics present the construction activity from the planning stage of construction projects and the use of production factors to the complete building on the basis of administrative data. The construction reports provide important short-term economic indicators on the construction industry, which are supplemented by the statistics of building activity providing information on the structure of construction activity.

Main uses

- short-term economic monitoring
- basis for housing policy decisions
- basis for planning in the housing and construction industry

Main users

- ministries
- economic associations
- Eurostat
- UN, OECD

Primary costs

2004:	323 000 Euro	2005:	306 000 Euro
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Total costs

2004:	581 000 Euro	2005:	566 000 Euro
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Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
31111	Statistics of building permits	secondary survey	decentralised	monthly	27 000
31121	Statistics of construction work completed	secondary survey	decentralised	monthly	27 000
31131	Statistics of the volume of unfinished building projects	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	460 000
31141	Statistics of demolition of buildings and dwellings	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	56 000
31231	Estimation of the stock of residential buildings and dwellings	calculation	decentralised	yearly	–
31311	Statistics of public financial support	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	17

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 5, series 1, 3	yearly
Selected figures on the construction industry	monthly



Contact: Dr. Bernd Becker

Environment

Brief description

The results of environmental surveys provide important basic data to assess the environmental situation, ecological burdens and their changes. A distinction is made here between surveys determining the resources management in the field of water extraction and the environmental load of emissions in the fields of waste management, waste water management and air quality control, and surveys quantifying the significance of environmental protection for the economy.

Main use

- evaluation and monitoring of national and international policies

Main users

- BMU, Federal Environmental Agency
- scientific community
- the general public
- supranational institutions

Primary costs

2004: 1 877 000 Euro	2005: 1 861 000 Euro
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Total costs

2004: 3 272 000 Euro	2005: 3 309 000 Euro
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Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
32111	Statistics of waste disposal in the disposal industry	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	5 000
32121	Statistics of collecting household waste	primary survey	decentralised	4-yearly	2 000
32131	Statistics of collecting packaging material	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	3 000
32141	Statistics of processing and utilising building demolition waste, site waste, excavated earth and road demolition waste	primary survey	decentralised	2-yearly	2 000
32151	Statistics of waste subject to special monitoring and documentation	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	20
32211	Statistics of public water supply	primary survey	decentralised	3-yearly	6 600
32212	Statistics of public waste water disposal	primary survey	decentralised	3-yearly	7 200
32213	Statistics of public waste water treatment	primary survey	decentralised	3-yearly	10 200
32221	Statistics of water supply and waste water disposal at thermal power stations intended for public supply	primary survey	decentralised	3-yearly	300
32231	Statistics of water supply and waste water disposal in manufacturing, mining and quarrying	primary survey	decentralised	3-yearly	10 200
32241	Statistics of water supply and waste water disposal in agriculture	primary survey	decentralised	4-yearly	8 000
32251	Statistics of households' own water supply and disposal	primary survey	decentralised	3-yearly	13 400
32311	Statistics of accidents in handling water-endangering substances	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	500
32321	Statistics of accidents in transporting water-endangering substances	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	500
32331	Statistics of installations for handling water-endangering substances	secondary survey	decentralised	5-yearly	500
32421	Survey of selected substances damaging the ozone layer and affecting the climate	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	3 000
32511	Survey of investments for environmental protection	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	10 000

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EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
32521	Survey of the current expenditure on environmental protection	primary survey	centralised	yearly	10 000
32531	Survey of goods and services for environmental protection	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	15 000

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 19, series 1–3	yearly, series 2: 3-yearly
Papers in the periodical “Wirtschaft und Statistik” (Economy and Statistics)	yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Amendment of Environmental Statistics Law	1; 2; 3; 4; 5	R&D, collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	1/2004	12/2006	yes
Implementation of the EU Regulation on waste statistics	1; 2; 4; 5	R&D, collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	6/2004	6/2006	yes

Contact: Dr. Karl Schoer

Land use

Brief description

The area surveys provide stocktaking of the current and planned land use in the Federal Republic of Germany. Against the background of the sustainability strategy adopted by the Federal Government in 2002, a yearly survey periodicity has been introduced for settlement and traffic areas. By a comparison between target and actual values, the statistics provides information on how far we are still away from the Federal Government's strategic goal to reduce the total of areas newly required every day for settlement and traffic areas.

Main uses

- basic information, especially for decisions in the areas of regional development and environment at the federal, Land and municipality levels
- sustainability strategy of the Federal Government
- Environmental-Economic Accounting

Main users

- BMVBS and Federal Office of Building and Regional Planning (BBR)
- BMU, Federal Environmental Agency (UBA) and Federal Office for Nature Conservation (BfN)
- similar agencies at Land and municipality levels

Primary costs

2004:	51 000 Euro	2005:	48 000 Euro
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Total costs

2004:	81 000 Euro	2005:	78 000 Euro
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Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
33111	Survey of areas by types of actual use	secondary survey	decentralised	4-yearly	15
33121	Survey of areas by types of planned use	secondary survey	decentralised	4-yearly	15 000
33141	Yearly survey of settlement and traffic areas	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	15

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 3, series 5	4-yearly
Key figures and explanations on the survey of settlement and traffic areas by types of actual use	yearly
Papers in the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics)	4-yearly

Contact: Dr. Ruth Brand

Agriculture and forestry, fisheries

Brief description

The task of official agricultural statistics is the up-to-date coverage of structural and social adjustments of agriculture to changed conditions in terms of market economy and agricultural policy. This includes determining current production conditions and output to permit assessment of future developments.

Agricultural statistics are subdivided into structural surveys of agricultural and forestry holdings and the agricultural production statistics.

Main use

- evaluation of international and national agricultural policies

Main users

- European Commission (Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development)
- Eurostat
- BMELV

- farmers association
- research institutions
- market operators

Primary costs

2004: 1 795 000 Euro 2005: 2 450 000 Euro

Total costs

2004: 3 167 000 Euro 2005: 3 905 000 Euro

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
41111	Register of agricultural holdings	register	decentralised	monthly	–
41121	General agricultural structure survey	primary survey	decentralised	4-yearly	450 000
41122	Representative agricultural structure survey	primary survey	decentralised	4-yearly	100 000
41123	Community agricultural structure survey	primary survey	decentralised	2-yearly	100 000
41131	Integrated survey of land use and live-stock populations in May (intermediate years)	primary survey	decentralised	2-yearly	100 000
41141	Census of agriculture – main survey, general: agriculture	primary survey	decentralised	10-yearly	450 000
41142	Census of agriculture – main survey, representative: agriculture	primary survey	decentralised	10-yearly	100 000
41143	Census of agriculture – main survey: forestry	primary survey	decentralised	10-yearly	30 000
41144	Census of agriculture – viticulture	primary survey	decentralised	10-yearly	35 000
41145	Census of agriculture – horticulture	primary survey	decentralised	10-yearly	50 000
41146	Census of agriculture – inland fisheries	primary survey	decentralised	10-yearly	10 000
41211	General survey of vegetable cultivation (incl. strawberries/nursery of young plants)	primary survey	decentralised	4-yearly	12 000
41212	Representative survey of vegetable and strawberry cultivation	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	12 000
41213	General survey of ornamental plants	primary survey	decentralised	4-yearly	10 000
41221	Survey of tree nurseries	primary survey	decentralised	4-yearly	4 000
41231	Survey of tree fruit growing	primary survey	decentralised	5-yearly	14 000
41241	Reports on crop yields and holdings: field crops and grassland (incl. areas under cultivation and stocks)	primary survey	decentralised	9 times per year	8 000
41242	Reports on crop yields and holdings: vegetables and strawberries	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	1 500
41243	Reports on crop yields and holdings: fruit	primary survey	decentralised	4 times per year	1 900

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EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
41244	Reports on crop yields and holdings: vines and wine must	primary survey	decentralised	6 times per year	1 000
41245	Reports on crop yields and holdings: supplementary coverage of apple yields (production for the market)	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	800
41246	Special coverage of crop yields and quality	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	14 000
41251	Basic survey of vine acreage	secondary survey	decentralised	10-yearly	10
41252	Survey of vine acreage (viticultural land register)	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	10
41253	Grape harvest survey	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	10
41254	Survey of wine production	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	10
41255	Survey of wine stocks	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	25 000
41261	Wood felling statistics	primary survey	decentralised	half-yearly	15 000
41311	Representative survey of livestock populations (cattle, pigs) in November	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	80 000
41321	Poultry statistics: survey in commercial brooders	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	100
41322	Poultry statistics: survey in poultry slaughterhouses	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	100
41323	Poultry statistics: survey in holdings with laying hen husbandry	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	1 300
41331	Statistics of slaughtering and slaughtering weights	secondary survey	decentralised	monthly	3 200
41341	Statistics of milk production and utilisation	secondary survey	decentralised	monthly	500
41351	Meat inspection statistics: slaughter animal and meat inspections	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	3 200

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 3, series 1 – 4	quarterly to irregularly
Papers in the periodical “Wirtschaft und Statistik” (Economy and Statistics)	yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
LUCAS: Methodological and procedural study on using data of the main survey of land use for LUCAS	2; 3; 4; 5	R&D, processing, presentation	7/2004	9/2006	no
Drawing up a new concept of the agricultural structure survey from 2009	1; 2; 3; 4; 5	R&D, support, processing, presentation	10/2005	12/2006	no
Meat inspection statistics (electronic data supply by veterinarians)	2; 3; 4; 5	support, collection	1/2006	12/2006	no
LUCAS implementation	3; 5	support, collection	1/2007	12/2007	yes
LUCAS: Permanent conduct according to EU Regulation	3; 5	collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	1/2008	12/2010	yes
TAPAS 2005: Further developing the register of agricultural holdings	2; 4; 5	R&D	5/2005	4/2007	no
Implementation of the register of agricultural holdings (uniform for the EU) according to EU Regulation	1; 2; 3; 4; 5	collection	1/2008	12/2010	yes

Contact: *Wolfgang Reimann (short-term statistics)*

Birgit Frank-Bosch (structural statistics)

Manufacturing, mining and quarrying

Brief description

The purpose of the monthly production surveys and the monthly reports is short-term reporting in the area of manufacturing, mining and quarrying; they provide important short-term indicators and basic data for the calculation of indices. They are supplemented by quarterly surveys that are also used for short-term economic analyses by branches of economic activity.

The structural surveys in the area of manufacturing, mining and quarrying provide information on the structures of production factors (employees; investments) of enterprises and local units, on their cost structures and on the input of materials and goods.

The specialised statistics in manufacturing, mining and quarrying comprise iron and steel statistics, statistics of fertilisers and wood working statistics.

Main uses

- short-term indicators
- market monitoring
- concentration studies
- reporting within the scope of the EU structural business statistics regulation
- national accounting

Main users

- BMWi and other federal and Land ministries
- Deutsche Bundesbank, European Central Bank
- European Commission, Eurostat
- OECD, IMF, UN
- economic associations, trade unions, and chambers of commerce
- research institutes, universities
- other public institutions such as Federal Cartel Office

Primary costs

2004: 3 510 000 Euro 2005: 3 469 000 Euro

Total costs

2004: 6 081 000 Euro 2005: 6 316 000 Euro

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
42111	Monthly report incl. survey of orders received for local units in manufacturing, mining and quarrying	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	47 000
42121	Monthly production survey in manufacturing, mining and quarrying	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	15 000
42131	Quarterly production survey in manufacturing, mining and quarrying	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	30 000
42141	European production survey (PRODCOM)	calculation	centralised	yearly	–
42151	Indices of orders received in manufacturing, mining and quarrying	calculation	centralised	monthly	–
42152	Indices of turnover in manufacturing, mining and quarrying	calculation	centralised	monthly	–
42153	Indices of production in manufacturing, mining and quarrying	calculation	centralised	monthly	–
42154	Indices of labour productivity in manufacturing, mining and quarrying	calculation	centralised	quarterly	–
42221	Annual report on enterprises in manufacturing, mining and quarrying	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	6 500
42231	Survey of investments in manufacturing, mining and quarrying	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	39 000
42241	Statistics of materials and commodities received in manufacturing, mining and quarrying	primary survey	centralised	4-yearly	18 000
42251	Cost structure survey in manufacturing, mining and quarrying	primary survey	centralised	yearly	18 000
42252	Structural survey of small enterprises in manufacturing, mining and quarrying	primary survey	centralised	yearly	6 000
42261	Estimation of data for kind-of-activity units in manufacturing, mining and quarrying	calculation	decentralised	yearly	–
42311	Iron and steel statistics ¹⁾	primary survey	centralised	monthly	500
42321	Statistics of fertilisers	primary survey	centralised	quarterly	100
42341	Wood working statistics	primary survey	decentralised	half-yearly	500

1) Contact: Ludwig Wallacher.

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 4, series 2, 3, 4, 8	monthly, quarterly, half-yearly, yearly
Wood in the rough and products of primary processing of wood	half-yearly
Papers in the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics)	yearly to multi-annual

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Reprogramming of the cost structure survey in manufacturing and of the structural survey among small enterprises	2; 3; 4	support, processing	7/2005	10/2006	no
EU pilot survey "investments in ICT"	2; 4; 5; 6	R&D, collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	6/2005	12/2006	yes
Implementation of the European FATS Regulation	1; 2; 3; 4; 5	R&D, processing, presentation, dissemination	7/2006	7/2007	no
European Production Statistics PRODCOM 2005: Changeover of computer programmes	3; 4	processing, presentation	1/2005	12/2006	no

Contact: Birgit Frank-Bosch

Industry: Energy and water supply

Brief description

The surveys in the area of energy and water supply cover all enterprises of electricity, gas and remote heating supply and enterprises of water supply. Because of their special importance for the national economy, they are treated as a separate product class in the industry.

Main uses

- short-term indicator
- information basis for ensuring sustainable energy and water supply
- national accounting

Main users

- BMWi, BMU, BMELV
- working party on energy balances (“AG Energiebilanzen”)
- associations, International Energy Agency (IEA)
- Eurostat

Primary costs

2004: 630 000 Euro	2005: 649 000 Euro
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Total costs

2004: 1 227 000 Euro	2005: 1 239 000 Euro
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Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
43111	Monthly report in the area of energy and water supply	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	1 800
43211	Survey of investments in the area of energy and water supply	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	4 400
43221	Cost structure survey in the area of energy and water supply	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	1 400
43311	Monthly report on electricity supply	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	700
43321	Monthly report on gas supply	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	600
43331	Survey of electricity sales and proceeds	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	700
43341	Survey of gas output, imports and exports, and sales proceeds	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	600
43351	Survey of power generating plants in mining and manufacturing	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	600
43371	Annual survey of electricity input with supply system operators	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	1 000
43381	Annual survey of sewer gas	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	6 000
43391	Annual survey of liquefied gas	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	130
43411	Annual survey of heat generation, utilisation, purchase and sales	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	1 000
43421	Geothermia survey	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	100
43511	Monthly survey of imports and exports of coal	primary survey	centralised	monthly	100
43521	Survey of biofuels	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	100
43531	Annual survey of energy utilisation in mining and manufacturing	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	60 000

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 4, series 6	yearly
Selected figures on power production	monthly
Papers in the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics)	yearly to multi-annual

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Energy statistics, especially new surveys of power-heat combination, renewable energy sources, energy use	2; 5	processing, presentation, dissemination	6/2004	12/2007	yes

Contact: *Wolfgang Reimann (short-term statistics)*

Birgit Frank-Bosch (structural statistics)

Building industry

Brief description

The building industry is part of the industry. The purpose of the monthly production surveys and the monthly reports is short-term reporting in the building industry. They provide important short-term indicators and basic data for the calculation of indices. They are supplemented by quarterly surveys. The yearly structural surveys and the investment surveys in the building industry provide information on medium-term trends and structural changes.

Main uses

- short-term indicator
- market monitoring
- analyses of economic branches
- reporting within the scope of the EU structural business statistics regulation
- national accounting

Main users

- BMVBS and other federal and Land ministries
- economic associations, trade unions and chambers of commerce
- Deutsche Bundesbank, European Central Bank
- UN, IMF, OECD
- European Commission, Eurostat
- research institutes, universities

Primary costs

2004: 957 000 Euro 2005: 900 000 Euro

Total costs

2004: 1 966 000 Euro 2005: 1 687 000 Euro

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
44111	Monthly report in the building industry proper (incl. indices of orders received)	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	8 500
44121	Quarterly survey of production in the area of prefabricated building	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	1)
44131	Quarterly survey in the finishing trade	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	7 300
44141	Statistics of orders on hand in the building industry proper (incl. indices)	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	8 500
44211	Annual survey incl. survey of investments in the building industry proper	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	12 000
44221	Annual survey incl. survey of investments in the finishing trade	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	10 000
44231	Exhaustive survey in the building industry proper	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	76 500
44241	Supplementary survey in the finishing trade	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	19 500
44251	Cost structure survey in the building industry	primary survey	centralised	yearly	6 000
44252	Structural survey of small enterprises in the building industry	primary survey	centralised	yearly	6 000

1) Part of the quarterly survey of production in the area of manufacturing, mining and quarrying (EVAS: 42131).

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 4, series 5	yearly
Papers in the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics)	yearly
Selected figures on the building industry	monthly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Reprogramming of the structural survey among small enterprises in the building industry	3; 4	support, processing	4/2006	10/2006	no

Contact: *Bernhard Veldhues*

Wholesale and retail trade, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and of personal and household goods, hotel and restaurant industry, tourism

Brief description

This product area comprises short-term and structural data on all enterprises in the sectors of trade and the hotel and restaurant industry whose value added results mainly or exclusively from activity in those areas.

The results of the monthly statistics provide information on the short-term trend of turnover and number of employees. In tourism, the monthly coverage of overnights and of room occupancy allows to assess the current trend of internal tourism in Germany.

The results of the yearly structural surveys in trade and the hotel and restaurant industry provide information on the medium-term economic trend of the enterprises regarding profitability and productivity and show structural changes.

Main uses

- short-term indicator
- national accounting

Main users

- BMWi
- Deutsche Bundesbank
- Eurostat
- Monopolies Commission, associations, research institutes
- international organisations

Primary costs

2004: 1 496 000 Euro 2005: 1 460 000 Euro

Total costs

2004: 2 633 000 Euro 2005: 2 650 000 Euro

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
45211	Monthly survey in wholesale trade and commission trade	primary survey	centralised	monthly	8 500
45241	Monthly survey of motor vehicle sales and retail trade and of motor vehicle maintenance and repair	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	30 500
45251	Annual survey in wholesale and retail trade and of the maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and of personal and household goods	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	55 000
45411	Monthly survey in the hotel and restaurant industry	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	10 000
45421	Annual survey in the hotel and restaurant industry	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	12 000
45511	Monthly survey in tourism	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	57 300

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 6	monthly/yearly
Tourism in figures	yearly
Papers in the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics) on trends in wholesale and retail trade, in the hotel and restaurant industry and in internal tourism	yearly

Contact: Dieter Bierau

Transport

Brief description

Official transport statistics focus on the market monitoring of freight transport of the modes of transport including regional interrelations, the detailed presentation of public passenger transport and the observation and analysis of road traffic accidents. Additionally, the statistical data on transport infrastructure and the major key data on transport enterprises are continuously shown.

Main use

- basis for transport policy decisions and business decisions

Main users

- transport ministries at the federal and Land levels
- Eurostat

Primary costs

2004: 1 240 000 Euro 2005: 1 267 000 Euro

Total costs

2004: 2 290 000 Euro 2005: 2 436 000 Euro

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
46131	Statistics of freight transport by rail	secondary survey	centralised	monthly	90
46141	Statistics of long-distance passenger transport by rail	secondary survey	centralised	quarterly	5
46151	Statistics of transport flows in the railway network	secondary survey	centralised	5-yearly	10
46161	Statistics of rail infrastructure	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	10
46171	Statistics of railway accidents	primary survey	centralised	yearly	220
46181	Quarterly statistics of commercial local passenger transport and of long-distance bus transport	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	900
46182	Yearly/5-yearly statistics of commercial local passenger transport and of long-distance bus transport	primary survey	decentralised	yearly 5-yearly	2 100 6 500
46241	Statistics of road traffic accidents	secondary survey	decentralised	monthly	1 000
46311	Statistics of enterprises in inland waterways transport	primary survey	centralised	yearly	1 200
46321	Statistics of goods transport on inland waterways	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	4 000
46331	Statistics of maritime transport	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	6 000
46411	Statistics of enterprises in air transport	primary survey	centralised	yearly	300
46421	Statistics of transport performance in air transport	primary survey	centralised	monthly	1 000
46911	Pipeline statistics	secondary survey	centralised	monthly	1

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 8	monthly, quarterly, yearly
Freight transport and passenger transport of the modes of transport	yearly
Road traffic accidents, structural data	yearly
Road traffic accidents, time series	yearly
Papers in the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics) on rail transport, commercial air transport and public road passenger transport, on inland waterway and maritime transport, on road traffic accidents and on combined transport	yearly
Inland waterway transport, 2003 – Transshipment structure of the major ports	yearly
Working documents on road traffic accidents, focussing on alcohol, children, buses, lorries, young drivers, older people, bicycles	yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Recording of ship movements (including ship kilometrage)	1; 5	R&D, presentation, dissemination	6/2004	6/2006	yes
Modernising the statistics of inland waterway transport	3; 4; 5	R&D, collection, processing	6/2003	12/2006	yes
Continuous recording of the transport of hazardous goods	1; 2; 5	R&D, dissemination	9/2005	2/2007	no
Research and analysis in transport statistics	1; 2; 3; 4; 5	R&D, dissemination	1/2006	open	no



Contact: Ludwig Wallacher

Services

Brief description

In the “tertiary sector” of the German economy, the focus has shifted from consumer services such as trade, hotels and restaurants to business services.

The short-term surveys conducted in that area provide information on the short-term economic trend in the service sector, while the structural surveys inform about the economic performance, employment and investments as well as medium-term trends. Thus a considerable data gap in the system of German business surveys has been bridged.

Main uses

- short-term indicator
- reporting within the scope of the EU structural business statistics regulation
- bases for labour market and regional policies

Main users

- economic associations
- BMWi
- Land ministries
- Eurostat
- national accounting

Primary costs

2004:	965 000 Euro	2005:	981 000 Euro
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Total costs

2004:	1 575 000 Euro	2005:	1 617 000 Euro
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Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
47241	Statistics of building and loan associations ¹⁾	secondary survey	centralised	monthly	24
47414	Services statistics based on the EU Regulation concerning short-term statistics	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	40 000
47415	Structural survey in the service sector	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	150 000
47416	Pilot surveys in the area of services	primary survey	decentralised	non-recurring (2004)	15 000
52911	Utilisation of information and communication technologies in enterprises	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	20 000
52921	Investments in information and communication technologies ¹⁾ (Art. 7 of Federal Statistics Law)	primary survey	decentralised	non-recurring (2004)	20 000

1) Contact: Birgit Frank-Bosch.

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 9	yearly
Product accompanying services, 2002 (published in 2004)	non-recurring
Demand for services (published in 2005)	non-recurring
Papers in the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics) on services statistics and results of the statistics of building and loan associations	yearly to multi-annual

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Survey among enterprises according to Regulation (EC) No. 808/2004 on the information society	1; 2; 3; 5	R&D, collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	9/2005	10/2010	yes



Contact: Dr. Klaus Geyer-Schäfer

Foreign trade

Brief description

Since the European Single Market was set up (1993), foreign trade statistics has been subdivided into intra-Community and extra-Community trade statistics. Intra-Community trade statistics covers the cross-border trading of goods between Germany and the other EU Member States. Extra-Community trade statistics covers cross-border trading of goods between Germany and third countries (countries outside the EU).

Main uses

- information on the trading of goods of the Federal Republic of Germany
- short-term economic indicator
- source of information for balance of payments statistics and national accounting
- market monitoring
- basic data for other specialised statistics

Main users

- Federal Government, European Commission
- ECB, Deutsche Bundesbank
- OECD
- businesses operating at an international level

Primary costs

2004:16 415 000 Euro

2005:17 113 000 Euro

Total costs

2004:31 413 000 Euro

2005:34 019 000 Euro

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
51141	Intra-Community trade	primary survey	centralised	monthly	63 000
51231	Extra-Community trade	secondary survey	centralised	monthly	varying

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 7, series 1–7 and special contributions series 6	monthly, yearly
Foreign trade by goods and countries	monthly
Papers in the periodical “Wirtschaft und Statistik” (Economy and Statistics)	yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Estimation method at the level of respondents	2; 4	R&D, processing	12/2004	12/2008	no
Monthly revision of intra-Community trade statistics results	2	R&D, processing	12/2004	12/2008	no
Sectoral foreign trade results	1; 2; 4; 5	processing, dissemination	1/2005	12/2010	no
Mirror comparisons with other EU countries	1; 2; 5	presentation	10/2004	12/2007	no
Further conceptual development of the Intrastat system	1; 2; 4	collection, processing	12/2004	8/2008	no
Interactive mapping of foreign trade results	1; 4	dissemination	5/2005	8/2006	no
Infra-annual revision of intra-Community trade statistics results	1; 2; 4; 5	collection, processing, dissemination	4/2005	8/2008	no



Contact: Peter Schmidt

Business register

Brief description

The business register contains data on auxiliary characteristics, classifying characteristics and size for all economically active enterprises in Germany and their local units. It is thus a powerful tool to support surveys of economic statistics and to disburden enterprises from responding duties and it is an indispensable device used to link statistical data with files from administrative and external sources, without which efficient and low-burden statistics could no longer be produced. Also, the business register may be evaluated for specific issues such as burdens on enterprises or demography.

Main uses

- infrastructure for planning, preparing and performing surveys among enterprises and local units
- sampling frame and frame for expansion
- basis for alternative solutions to censuses and specific surveys
- supplying structural data

Main users

- statistical areas in the Federal Statistical Office and the statistical offices of the Länder
- national accounting
- Eurostat

Primary costs

2004:	674 000 Euro	2005:	643 000 Euro
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Total costs

2004:	1 229 000 Euro	2005:	1 444 000 Euro
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Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
52111	Business register system 95 (URS 95)	register	decentralised	yearly	–
52121	Business register system, New (URS New)	register	decentralised	yearly	–

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Papers in the periodical “Wirtschaft und Statistik” (Economy and Statistics) on structural data from the business register	irregular

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Implementing the setting up of an enterprise group database	3; 4; 5	R&D, collection, processing, presentation	1/2005	12/2007	yes
Extension of the business register	3; 4; 5	R&D, collection, processing, presentation	1/2006	12/2009	yes

Contact: Birgit Frank-Bosch

Business notifications, insolvencies, cost structures

Brief description

The function of the statistics of business notifications is to show business notifications in their entirety and to provide information on business start-ups and shut-downs of local units. As insolvencies are considered all procedures opened and rejected because of insufficient assets as well as the cases where a plan for the settlement of debts has been accepted. The statistics is based on reports of the courts.

The cost structure statistics of liberal professions and other services provide a picture of the expenditure made by enterprises in rendering their services and on their detailed structure. Thus they complement those statistics whose primary goal is to measure the result of the economic activity.

Main uses

- presentation of business notifications
- information on debtors concerned, on the amount of debts out-standing and on numbers of employees
- structural data on turnover, employment, intermediate consumption
- national accounting

Main users

- BMWi, BMJ
- economic associations
- finance sector (Bundesbank, credit institutions, insurances)
- International organisations (ECB, OECD)

Primary costs

2004: 1 088 000 Euro 2005: 1 074 000 Euro

Total costs

2004: 1 928 000 Euro 2005: 1 893 000 Euro

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
52311	Statistics of business notifications	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	130 000
52411	Insolvency statistics	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	200
52551	Statistics of the cost structure in the area of liberal professions and other services ¹⁾	primary survey	centralised	4-yearly	11 000
69911	Basic statistics on the indebtedness of households	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	1 000

1) Contact: Ludwig Wallacher.

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 2, series 4 and 5	monthly, yearly
Papers in "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics) on insolvencies and business notifications	yearly
Papers in "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics) on cost structures	irregular

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Study on service areas with personal services regarding cost structure statistics: Evaluations of the business register	1; 5	R&D, support	7/2005	12/2006	no
Study on service areas with personal services regarding cost structure statistics: Determining and analysing the data stock of other statistics	1; 4; 5	R&D, presentation	7/2005	12/2006	no
Study on conducting cost structure surveys in the sections M, N, O of the Classification of Economic Activities	2; 3; 5	R&D, collection, processing	1/2005	12/2006	no



Contact: Birgit Frank-Bosch

Crafts

Brief description

Crafts are defined by the Crafts Code. They extend across the areas of industry, trade and services. According to the law on crafts statistics, data on crafts are collected through a structure survey (crafts census) and through a short-term statistics (quarterly reports on crafts). It is currently being checked whether the primary surveys can be replaced by secondary statistics based on register evaluations and the use of administrative data.

Main uses

- short-term indicator
- basic statistics for national accounting
- basis for actions in terms of economic policy

Main users

- National Federation of German Skilled Crafts and Trades, chambers of crafts
- BMWi, Land ministries
- research and science

Primary costs

2004:	251 000 Euro	2005:	234 000 Euro
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Total costs

2004:	418 000 Euro	2005:	406 000 Euro
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Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
53111	Crafts census	primary survey	decentralised	irregular	563 000
53211	Quarterly crafts report	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	50 000

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 4, series 7	quarterly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Changeover of crafts statistics from primary to secondary statistics	1; 3; 4; 6	R&D	7/2002	12/2007	yes



Contact: *Irmtraud Beuerlein*

Prices

Brief description

The main task of price statistics is to compare prices over time for the major markets of the German economy. Also, regional price comparisons provide key data on the purchasing power of the euro abroad.

There is a practically complete system of price indices in Germany allowing statistical monitoring and presentation of the price trends on the various markets. The consumer price index is probably the best known element of the price-statistical system. It measures the average price change for all goods and services bought or consumed by households for consumption purposes and is generally used to assess the development of monetary value.

Main uses

- general information of the public on the dynamics of monetary devaluation
- basis for economic and monetary policy decisions
- basis for stable-value clauses in commercial and private contracts
- presentation of other statistical aggregates at constant prices (deflation)

Main users

- Deutsche Bundesbank, ECB
- public administration, especially federal ministries
- businesses and economic associations

Primary costs

2004: 4 105 000 Euro 2005: 4 235 000 Euro

Total costs

2004: 6 681 000 Euro 2005: 7 545 000 Euro

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
61111	Consumer price index for Germany	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	30 000
61121	Harmonised index of consumer prices in the EU	calculation	decentralised	monthly	–
61131	Retail prices index	calculation	decentralised	monthly	–
61141	Price index for the hotel and restaurant industry	calculation	centralised	monthly	–
61211	Index of producer prices for agricultural products	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	250
61221	Index of purchase prices for agricultural machinery and materials	calculation	decentralised	quarterly	–
61231	Index of producer prices for forestry products	secondary survey	decentralised	monthly	13
61241	Index of producer prices for industrial products	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	7 200
61261	Index numbers for prices of construction operations and price indices for structures	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	5 000
61271	Price indices for prefabricated houses	primary survey	centralised	half-yearly	40
61281	Index of selling prices in wholesale trade	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	1 000
61311	Prices of air passenger and goods transport	calculation	centralised	monthly	–
61321	Prices of rail passenger and goods transport	calculation	centralised	monthly	–
61331	Indices of sea freight rates	primary survey	centralised	monthly	30
61341	Price indices for postal services	primary survey	centralised	monthly	1
61351	Price indices for telecommunication services	primary survey	centralised	monthly	30
61361	Prices of freight transport by road	primary survey	centralised	quarterly	600
61411	Index of import prices	primary survey	centralised	monthly	3 000
61421	Index of export prices	primary survey	centralised	monthly	2 900
61511	Statistics of purchasing values of building land	secondary survey	decentralised	quarterly	500
61521	Purchasing values of agricultural real estate	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	500

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
61611	International comparison of consumer prices (parities of consumer prices)	primary survey	centralised	monthly	200
61621	Price surveys for place-to-place price comparisons in the EU (purchasing power parities)	primary survey	centralised	half-yearly	500

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 17	monthly, quarterly, yearly
Papers in the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics)	monthly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Indices of producer prices for business services	1; 2; 3; 4; 5	R&D, collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	3/2003	12/2008	yes
New computer program for federal processing of all price statistics	2; 3; 4	R&D, collection, processing, presentation	9/2003	12/2006	no
Consumer price index (and HICP): New co-ordinated standard program	2; 3; 4; 5	R&D, presentation	1/2004	12/2012	yes
Consumer price index (and HICP): Redesigning the spatial sample	1; 2; 4; 5	R&D, collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	1/2004	12/2006	yes
21 st meeting of the Voorburg Group in Germany in 2006	1; 2; 5	R&D	1/2005	10/2006	no

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Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Statistics of real estate prices: Developing a house price index (2- phase)	1; 2; 3; 4; 5	R&D, collection, processing, presentation	1/2005	6/2007	yes
Hedonic methods in price statistics (continuous calculation and further development)	1; 2; 5	R&D, collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	1/2005	12/2010	yes
Sensitivity analysis for the consumer price index (shop types and weights)	1; 2; 4	R&D, processing, presentation, dissemination	1/2006	12/2007	no
Developing a concept for regional comparisons of price levels within Germany	1; 2; 4	R&D, collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	1/2006	12/2006	yes
HICP at constant tax rates	3; 5	R&D, collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	10/2005	4/2008	no
Introduction of explicit quality adjustment methods for technical products	1; 2; 4; 5	R&D, collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	1/2005	1/2008	yes

Contact: Michael Kuhn

Wages and salaries, labour costs

Brief description

Official statistics of wages and salaries comprise, first, continuous statistics of earnings, working hours, labour costs, agreed wages and salaries as well as remuneration of officials. Second, structural statistics are compiled on the wage and salary structure as well as labour costs. Also, special surveys are conducted at irregular intervals on company old-age pension schemes.

Main uses

- labour market monitoring
- understanding inflationary trends
- monitoring current labour costs and earnings (e.g. for collective bargaining or comparing business locations)
- socio-economic analyses of wage differences (e.g. low-wage sector, gender mainstreaming)
- data for stable-value clauses

Main users

- BMWi, BMAS, BMFSFJ, BMELV
- European Central Bank
- economic associations, trade unions
- Federal Employment Agency

Primary costs

2004: 1 007 000 Euro 2005: 980 000 Euro

Total costs

2004: 1 862 000 Euro 2005: 1 804 000 Euro

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
62111	Structure of earnings survey in the industry and the services sector	primary survey	decentralised	4-yearly	27 000
62211	Statistics of agreed wages and salaries	secondary survey	centralised	half-yearly	–
62221	Quarterly indices of agreed weekly working hours, wages and salaries	calculation	centralised	quarterly	–
62231	Monthly indices of agreed weekly working hours and wages (reference wages)	calculation	centralised	monthly	–
62311	Survey of earnings in agriculture	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	6 500
62321	Survey of earnings in the industry, distributive trade and the credit and insurance industry	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	43 000
62331	Survey of earnings in crafts	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	27 000
62351	Survey of gross annual earnings in the industry, distributive trade and the credit and insurance industry	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	43 000
62411	Labour cost survey in the industry and the services sector	primary survey	decentralised	4-yearly	30 000
62421	European Labour Costs Index	calculation	centralised	quarterly	–
62431	Annual estimation of labour costs	calculation	centralised	yearly	–

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 16, series 1–6	quarterly to irregular
Papers in the periodical “Wirtschaft und Statistik” (Economy and Statistics) on earnings and labour cost index	yearly
Papers in the periodical “Wirtschaft und Statistik” (Economy and Statistics) on the structure of earnings and on labour costs	irregular

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Labour Cost Survey 2008	1; 2; 3; 4; 5	collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	7/2006	12/2010	yes
Structure of Earnings Survey 2006	1; 2; 3; 4; 5	collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	4/2005	9/2008	yes
Feasibility study on covering "gross wages and salaries" and "hours worked" in the services sector according to EU Regulation concerning short-term statistics	2; 3; 5	R&D	10/2004	03/2006	yes
Feasibility study on setting up an integrated system on earnings and labour costs	2; 3; 5	R&D	9/2004	8/2006	no
Data retrieval from business accounting systems	1; 2; 3; 4; 5	R&D, support	2/2003	12/2007	yes
Reorienting the system of wage statistics	1; 2; 3; 4; 5	R&D	8/2003	12/2007	yes
Microdata on earnings structures for science	1; 2; 3; 4; 5	dissemination	7/2004	12/2008	yes
Further developing the labour cost index according to EU Regulation	1; 2; 3; 4; 5	R&D	4/2003	12/2006	no

Contact: Anette Stuckemeier

Voluntary surveys on income, expenditure and living conditions of households

Brief description

The statistics based on household budget surveys are the central data base used to assess the economic and social situation of households. The continuous household budget surveys cover in detail the income and expenditure of households and their equipment with consumer durables.

The results of the sample survey of income and expenditure conducted every five years provide information on the connection between income, expenditure, capital formation and debt as well as equipment and housing situation of households in Germany.

The time use surveys supply information on how persons and households spend their time and how they arrange their everyday life.

The EU-wide survey of income and living conditions (EU-SILC) provides detailed information on income poverty and income distribution and on non-monetary aspects of social exclusion and deprivation.

The ICT survey informs about the spread and use of information and communication technologies in households.

The sampling frame used for current and possible further voluntary household surveys in the area of income and living conditions conducted on the basis of Article 7 of the Federal Statistics Law or of European legal acts is the permanent sample of households ready to respond.

Main uses

- basis for economic and political planning
- basic information for other specialised statistics (and statistical satellite systems)
- reports on poverty and wealth
- adjusting the public assistance rates
- determining the living expenses for children
- national social reporting
- drawing up the European action plans on social integration

Main users

- Federal Government, BMAS, BMWi, BMFSFJ, BMELV, BMI
- Eurostat, EU Commission
- science and research
- businesses and the media

Primary costs

2004: 5 525 000 Euro 2005: 2 995 000 Euro

Total costs

2004: 9 005 000 Euro 2005: 4 905 000 Euro

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
63111	Continuous household budget surveys: general information	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	8 000
63121	Continuous household budget surveys: household book	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	8 000
63211	Sample surveys of income and expenditure: introductory interview	primary survey	decentralised	5-yearly	74 000
63221	Sample surveys of income and expenditure: household book	primary survey	decentralised	5-yearly	74 000
63231	Sample surveys of income and expenditure: detailed log book regarding food, beverages and tobacco products	primary survey	decentralised	5-yearly	15 000
63311	Permanent sample of households ready to respond ¹⁾	register	decentralised	yearly	–
63411	EU-SILC: Personal questionnaire	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	25 000
63421	EU-SILC: Household questionnaire	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	14 000
63911	Time use survey (Art. 7 II Federal Statistics Law)	primary survey	decentralised	irregular	5 500
63931	Survey on private use of information and communication technologies – ICT ¹⁾	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	4 900
69911	Basic statistics on indebtedness of households ²⁾	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	1 000

1) Contact: Dr. Manfred Ehling. – 2) Contact: Birgit Frank-Bosch.

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 15, series 1 and 2	yearly, irregular
Equipment and housing situation of households (2003)	irregular
Receipts and expenditure of households (Subject-matter series 15, No. 4)	irregular
Where has time gone? (Time use of the population in Germany)	irregular
Table volume on the time use survey 2001/2002	irregular
Miscellany volume on the time use survey conference 2/2004	irregular
Information technology in households	irregular

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Title	Periodicity
Information technology in households: Tables and survey documents	irregular
Papers in the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics)	yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Sample survey of income and expenditure 2007/2008, further development and preparation	1; 2; 4; 5; 6	R&D, collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	5/2005	12/2009	yes
User conference on the sample survey of income and expenditure	1; 2; 4; 5	R&D, support, presentation, dissemination	3/2006	12/2006	no
Further evaluation and updating of results of the time use survey 2001/02	1; 2; 3; 5; 6	R&D, support, presentation, dissemination	6/2005	12/2007	no
Compiling the EU-SILC microdata files 2005	1; 2; 4; 5	R&D, support, presentation, dissemination	6/2006	12/2006	no
First conduct of the harmonised continuous household budget survey from 2005	2; 3; 4; 5	collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	7/2004	12/2008	yes
Implementation and further development of the online continuous household budget survey	3; 4; 6	R&D, support, collection, processing, presentation	7/2004	12/2006	yes
First conduct and further development of EU-SILC	1; 2; 4; 5	R&D, support, processing, presentation, dissemination	7/2004	12/2006	yes
Survey of private ICT use – implementation	1; 2; 5; 6	R&D, processing, presentation, dissemination	1/2005	3/2011	yes

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Public budgets

Brief description

The finance statistics of public budgets regularly provide a comprehensive and detailed picture of the entire public finance. They show what revenue the public budgets achieved, what expenditure they were able to fund by that revenue, and to what extent they had to use additional external funds (borrowing on the credit market) or reserves to cover the financial balance. The future burden placed on public budgets by the funds borrowed is shown in the tables on public debt.

Main uses

- overall picture of public finance
- basis for economic and finance policy decisions
- basis for political decisions in special areas
- basic data for national accounting (general government account, distribution approach)
- basic data for the EU Stability Pact

Main users

- Federal and Land ministries of finance and economics, BMVBS
- ECB, Deutsche Bundesbank
- Eurostat, OECD, UN, IMF

Primary costs

2004: 1 401 000 Euro 2005: 1 252 000 Euro

Total costs

2004: 2 307 000 Euro 2005: 2 182 000 Euro

1) For reporting in the field of education, science and culture: Heinz-Werner Hetmeier.

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
71121	Budget estimates of the overall public budget	calculation	centralised	yearly	–
71122	Budget estimates of the Federation	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	1
71123	Budget estimates of special federal funds	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	5
71124	Budget estimates of EU shares	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	1
71126	Budget estimates of the Länder	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	16
71131	Quarterly cash results of the overall public budget	calculation	centralised	quarterly	–
71132	Quarterly cash results of the Federation	secondary survey	centralised	quarterly	1
71133	Quarterly cash results of special federal funds	secondary survey	centralised	quarterly	6
71134	Quarterly cash results of EU shares	secondary survey	centralised	quarterly	1
71135	Quarterly cash results of social insurance	secondary survey	centralised	quarterly	7
71136	Quarterly cash results of the Länder	secondary survey	centralised	quarterly	16
71137	Quarterly cash results of municipalities	secondary survey	decentralised	quarterly	15 000
71141	Accounting results of the overall public budget	calculation	centralised	yearly	–
71142	Accounting results of the Federation	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	1
71143	Accounting results of special federal funds	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	8
71144	Accounting results of EU shares	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	1
71145	Accounting results of social insurance	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	7
71146	Accounting results of the Länder	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	16
71147	Accounting results of municipalities	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	15 000
71148	Accounting results of special-purpose associations	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	3 300
71311	Quarterly debt of the overall public budget	calculation	decentralised	quarterly	–
71312	Quarterly debt of the Federation	primary survey	centralised	quarterly	1

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EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
71313	Quarterly debt of special federal funds	primary survey	centralised	quarterly	3
71316	Quarterly debt of the Länder	primary survey	centralised	quarterly	16
71321	Annual debt of the overall public budget	calculation	centralised	yearly	–
71322	Annual debt of the Federation	primary survey	centralised	yearly	1
71323	Annual debt of special federal funds	primary survey	centralised	yearly	3
71326	Annual debt of the Länder	primary survey	centralised	yearly	16
71327	Annual debt of municipalities	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	15 300
71328	Annual debt of special-purpose associations	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	3 600
71411	Financial assets of the overall public budget	calculation	centralised	yearly	–
71412	Financial assets of the Federation	primary survey	centralised	yearly	in preparation
71413	Financial assets of special federal funds	primary survey	centralised	yearly	in preparation
71415	Financial assets of social insurance	primary survey	centralised	yearly	in preparation
71416	Financial assets of the Länder	primary survey	centralised	yearly	in preparation
71417	Financial assets of municipalities	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	in preparation
71418	Financial assets of special-purpose associations	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	in preparation
71911	Management of the group of respondents for statistics of public finance and personnel	register	decentralised	irregular	–
79961	Processing of statistical data on development co-operation	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	650

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 14, series 2–5	quarterly, yearly
Papers in the periodical “Wirtschaft und Statistik” (Economy and Statistics)	half-yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Adjusting public finance statistics to the double-entry accounting system	1; 2; 4; 5	R&D, support, collection, processing, presentation	1/2004	12/2007	yes
Quality assurance for EU notification procedures as part of the EU Stability Pact	1; 2; 4; 5; 6	support, collection, processing, presentation	1/2006	12/2007	yes
Taking over administrative statistics of the Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development on German services for development and co-operation	1; 2; 4; 5	support, collection, processing, presentation	6/2005	6/2006	no
New program for the processing and publication of the accounting results of public budgets	1; 4; 5	support, collection, processing, presentation	12/2005	1/2007	yes

Contact: Hans Rehm

Public funds, institutions and enterprises

Brief description

Since the mid-1980s, the overall picture of public finance statistics has been impaired by the fact that, at the federal and Land levels and especially at the municipal level, more and more functions have been excluded from the public core budgets in order to be continued in a different form under private or public law. To permit public finance statistics to fulfil their fundamental task of representing the entire public finance, such units which have an accounting system of their own are covered by the statistics of annual accounts of public funds, institutions, local units and enterprises. The latter include not only the municipal undertakings as well as federal and Land undertakings but also all funds, institutions, local units and enterprises under private law in which public authorities have a direct or indirect share of more than 50% of the nominal capital or of the voting rights.

Main uses

- overall picture of public finance
- basis for economic and finance policy decisions
- basic data for national accounting

Main users

- Federal and Land ministries of finance and economics
- ECB, Deutsche Bundesbank
- Eurostat, OECD, UN, IMF

Primary costs

2004:	176 000 Euro	2005:	198 000 Euro
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Total costs

2004:	336 000 Euro	2005:	388 000 Euro
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Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
72111	Annual accounts of public funds, institutions and enterprises	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	12 000
72112	Quarterly data of public funds, institutions and enterprises of general government	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	in preparation
72211	Annual debt of public funds, institutions and enterprises	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	12 000
72212	Quarterly debt of public funds, institutions and enterprises of general government	primary survey	centralised	quarterly	in preparation
72311	Financial assets of public funds, institutions and enterprises of general government	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	in preparation

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
New survey on quarterly data of public funds, institutions and enterprises of general government	1; 2; 4; 5	collection, processing, presentation	7/2003	12/2006	yes
Transferring the statistics of annual accounts of public funds, institutions and enterprises to the integrated procedure for all public finance and personnel statistics	1; 2; 4	collection, processing, presentation	1/2007	12/2007	yes

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Taxes

Brief description

In tax statistics, a distinction is made between the short-term presentations of cash tax revenue, the annual or multi-annual surveys of tax assessment bases and the continuous data on excise duties.

The statistics of cash tax revenue shows the tax and customs payments received by the Federation, Länder, municipalities and associations of municipalities.

The surveys of tax assessment bases refer to taxes on income, property and turnover.

The statistics of excise duties show, among other things, the tax burden on, and sold quantities of certain semi-luxury food and tobacco and of mineral oil products.

Main uses

- basis for tax policy decisions
- key data for fixed procedures of determining financial payments (e.g. wage tax distribution, allocation basis regarding the municipality share in income and turnover tax revenue)
- information on general economic trends

Main users

- federal and Land ministries of finance and economics
- federal and Land ministries of social affairs (reports on poverty and wealth)
- federal and Land legislative bodies
- scientific community
- businesses and business associations

Primary costs

2004: 1 126 000 Euro 2005: 1 143 000 Euro

Total costs

2004: 2 083 000 Euro 2005: 2 234 000 Euro

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
71211	Statistics of the tax revenue of the Federation and the Länder	secondary survey	centralised	monthly	1
71231	Comparison of taxes on land and buildings, trade tax and payroll tax	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	13 000
73111	Wage and income tax statistics	secondary survey	decentralised	3-yearly	20
73121	Assessment procedures statistics	secondary survey	decentralised	3-yearly	20
73131	Sample survey based on wage and income tax statistics	calculation	centralised	3-yearly	–
73211	Corporation tax statistics	secondary survey	decentralised	3-yearly	20
73311	Turnover tax statistics	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	20
73511	Trade tax statistics	secondary survey	decentralised	3-yearly	20
73611	Statistics of inheritance and gift taxes	secondary survey	decentralised	5-yearly	54
73711	Wage tax distribution	secondary survey	decentralised	3-yearly	600
73721	Municipalities' share in wage and income tax: determination of key-based factors	calculation	decentralised	3-yearly	–
73722	Municipalities' share in wage and income tax: model computations	calculation	decentralised	3-yearly	–
73732	Municipalities's share in turnover tax: model computations	calculation	centralised	irregular	–
79911	Statistics of tobacco tax	secondary survey	centralised	monthly	1
79921	Beer tax and sparkling wine tax statistics	secondary survey	centralised	monthly	20
79931	Statistics of mineral-oil tax	secondary survey	centralised	monthly	20
79941	Statistics of spirits monopoly and spirits tax	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	20
79951	Administrative statistics of wage and income tax	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	20

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 14, series 4 and 7 to 10	monthly, quarterly, yearly, 3-, 5-yearly
Papers in the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics) on turnover tax	yearly
Papers in the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics) on the results of other tax statistics	half-yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Updating the income tax model of the BMF (including data basis)	1; 3; 4	R&D, processing, presentation	5/2005	9/2006	no
Microanalytical model of enterprise taxation of the BMF	1; 4; 5	R&D, processing, presentation	7/2005	12/2006	no
Expanding the range of microdata offered to the scientific community	1; 4; 5	R&D, processing, presentation	4/2005	12/2006	yes
Methodological development: Turnover tax statistics on the basis of the law on administrative data use	4; 5	R&D, processing, presentation	3/2005	6/2008	yes
Comparative analysis: Administrative statistics versus federal statistics of income tax	2; 3; 4	processing, presentation	1/2005	12/2005	yes
New concept of wage tax distribution (electronic wage tax card)	2; 3; 4	collection, processing, presentation	9/2004	12/2006	yes
Additional processings of tax statistics by the BMF (government coalition negotiations)	3; 4	processing, presentation	3/2006	12/2006	no
New program for trade tax statistics 2004	1; 2; 5	collection, processing, presentation	1/2006	11/2006	no
Introducing of NACE Rev. 2 in tax statistics	1; 2	collection, processing, presentation	1/2006	3/2010	yes
Administrative statistics on corporation taxes and trade tax (annual)	1; 2; 4	collection, processing, presentation	1/2007	12/2010	no

Contact: Hans Rehm

Public service personnel

Brief description

The personnel statistics of public budgets show staff and pensioners.

Public service personnel comprises public officials, judges, soldiers and employees.

The statistics of public service pensioners covers the persons entitled to benefits within the public old-age security system for public officials and professional soldiers. Pensions and related benefits are paid to recipients of retirement pensions, widows and widowers as well as orphans.

Main uses

- basis for political decisions in terms of public service law and public service pension law
- collective bargaining in the public service
- benchmarking at municipality and Land levels
- basic data for national accounting

- basic data for labour market statistics
- forecasting of future expenditure on pensions, e.g. for the pension report of the Federal Government and for financial planning of the Federation and the Länder

Main users

- BMI, BMF, BMG
- trade unions
- Federal Employment Agency
- courts of audit

Primary costs

2004:	283 000 Euro	2005:	375 000 Euro
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Total costs

2004:	580 000 Euro	2005:	605 000 Euro
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Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
74111	Personnel statistics of the Federation	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	800
74121	Personnel statistics of the Länder, municipalities and local authorities	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	10 000
74211	Statistics of public service pensioners	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	1 000
74221	Statistics of recipients of special public service pensions	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	50

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 14, series 6	yearly
Papers in the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics)	yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Reprogramming the statistics of public service pensioners	1; 4; 5; 6	support, collection, processing	4/2005	12/2006	yes
New concept of statistics on public service personnel due to the reform of laws regarding collective bargaining and public officials	1; 2; 5	collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	6/2005	12/2007	yes

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Domestic product computation

Brief description

Domestic product computation is done as part of national accounts, which show a country's economic activity in an aggregate form for the previous year or quarter. The domestic product computation provides data on the production, use and distribution of the gross domestic product, that is it covers the production of goods and services and their use as well as the income generated in the production process. To calculate the results, all suitable continuous surveys of economic statistics are used.

Main uses

- assessment of the economic situation, basis for economic policy decisions
- economic forecasting, tax forecasting
- assessment basis for the main EU own resources and the relevant ceiling
- data basis for the calculation of the government deficit ratio in the context of the Stability and Growth Pact
- basis for pension adjustment

Main users

- Federal Government, ministries
- EU Commission, Eurostat
- ECB, Deutsche Bundesbank
- UN, IMF, OECD
- Council of Economic Experts, economic research institutes, associations

Primary costs

2004: 3 838 000 Euro 2005: 3 808 000 Euro

Total costs

2004: 6 292 000 Euro 2005: 6 417 000 Euro

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
81111	Production and uses of domestic product	calculation	centralised	quarterly	–
81211	Distribution and redistribution of national income	calculation	centralised	quarterly	–
81311	Government revenue and expenditure	calculation	centralised	quarterly	–
81411	External economic transactions	calculation	centralised	quarterly	–

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 18, series 1 and 3	quarterly, yearly
Socio-economic reporting system for a sustainable society	irregular
Papers in the periodical “Wirtschaft und Statistik” (Economy and Statistics)	yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Participation in the revision of the international system of accounts SNA 93	1; 2; 4; 5	R&D	10/2004	12/2008	no
Research and development to further develop the system of national accounts	1; 2; 4; 5; 6	R&D, processing, presentation	1/2006	12/2008	no
Quality controls for the general government sectors	1; 2; 4; 5; 6	R&D, processing, presentation	1/2006	12/2010	no
EU harmonisation of the calculation methods for government revenue and expenditure	1; 2; 4; 5; 6	R&D, processing, presentation	1/2006	12/2010	no
Participation in government finance checks and Task Forces	1; 2; 4; 5; 6	R&D, presentation	1/2006	12/2010	no

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Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Checks of individual cases, sector delimitation, difficult cases in the general government sector	1; 2; 3	R&D, presentation	1/2006	12/2010	no
Compiling quarterly sector accounts	1; 2; 4; 5; 6	processing, presentation	1/2006	12/2010	no
Model computation on "pension burdens"	1; 2; 4; 5	R&D, processing	2/2006	12/2007	no
Networking of health-related accounting systems with national accounting data	1; 2; 5	R&D, presentation	6/2005	6/2006	no

Contact: Peter Bleses

Input-output accounts, national wealth accounts, satellite systems

Brief description

The input-output accounts aim at a detailed presentation of the goods-related and production-related interactions between the sectors of the national economy and the rest of the world. Input-output analyses allow especially to study the multiplier effects of economic transactions.

The national wealth accounts of the Federal Statistical Office refer to the stock of nonfinancial assets produced (material and immaterial goods). They are the basis for determining consumption of fixed capital in the economy, which measures the depreciation of fixed assets caused by normal use and economic obsolescence.

Satellite systems are a supplement to the core system of national accounts; they are set up for specific areas (e.g. tourism, sport, health).

Main uses

- description and analysis of the economic situation
- basis for studying the economic structure and interactions
- basis for economic forecasts and economic policy decisions

- data basis for the calculation of EU own resources (especially the VAT own resources)
- data basis for other accounting systems and satellite systems (e.g. Environmental-Economic Accounting, tourism, sport)

Main users

- Federal Government, ministries
- EU Commission, Eurostat
- ECB, Deutsche Bundesbank
- UN, IMF, OECD
- Council of Economic Experts, economic research institutes, universities, associations

Primary costs

2004: 1 221 000 Euro 2005: 1 166 000 Euro

Total costs

2004: 1 957 000 Euro 2005: 1 977 000 Euro

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
81511	Input-output accounts	calculation	centralised	yearly	–
81611	National wealth accounts	calculation	centralised	yearly	–
81711	Satellite systems	calculation	centralised	irregular	–

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 18, series 2	irregular
Papers in the periodical “Wirtschaft und Statistik” (Economy and Statistics)	irregular

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Eliminating “inappropriate” deflation methods	1; 2; 4; 5; 6	R&D, processing, presentation	1/2005	12/2006	no
Productivity in an EU comparison (EU KLEMS)	1; 2; 4; 5; 6	R&D	1/2005	12/2007	no

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Environmental-Economic Accounting

Brief description

Environmental-Economic Accounting (UGR) is designed as a satellite system to national accounts; its purpose is to show connections between the economy and the environment. UGR results are structured by the areas of material and energy flows, use of land and space, state of the environment and environmental protection measures. Also, there are modules dealing with the above topics in a cross-cutting manner for specific sectors such as transport or agriculture.

Main uses

- calculating indicators of the overall economy or of specific sectors
- data input for environmental-economic modelling approaches
- statistical contribution to the sustainability strategy of the Federal Government
- flow and stock accounts regarding the interactions between the economy and the environment

Main users

- BMU
- Federal Environment Agency (UBA) and Federal Nature Conservation Agency (BfN)
- Eurostat and other supranational and international institutions
- scientific community

Primary costs

2004: 733 000 Euro 2005: 628 000 Euro

Total costs

2004: 1 120 000 Euro 2005: 1 005 000 Euro

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
85111	Emission structure (air pollutants, disposal, waste-water disposal, etc.)	calculation	centralised	yearly	–
85121	Physical input-output tables	calculation	centralised	irregular	–
85131	Individual materials	calculation	centralised	yearly	–
85211	Land use	calculation	centralised	4-yearly	–
85311	Indicators of the state of the environment	calculation	centralised	irregular	–
85411	Expenditure and fixed assets for environmental protection	calculation	centralised	yearly	–
85421	Environmental taxes and charges	calculation	centralised	yearly	–

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 19, series 5 and 6	yearly, 2-yearly
Environmental use and the economy – report on Environmental-Economic Accounting	yearly
Contributions to Environmental-Economic Accounting	irregular
Papers in the periodical “Wirtschaft und Statistik” (Economy and Statistics)	yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Forest accounting	1; 2	R&D, processing, presentation	7/2006	6/2007	no
Households and environment	1; 2	processing, presentation, dissemination	1/2006	12/2007	no

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Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Agriculture and environment	1; 2	R&D, processing, presentation	1/2005	1/2008	no
Further development of existing UGR components	1; 2	R&D	1/2006	12/2010	no

Contact: *Heinz-Werner Hetmeier*

Research and development

Brief description

Official research statistics covers expenditure, receipts and employees for the areas of science, research and development in the public sector (non-university research institutions, institutions of higher education). Also, non-official statistics are evaluated and included in national and international reporting. Research and development are defined as the systematic, creative activity aimed at extending the knowledge including the findings on man, culture and the society as well as their use with a view to find new applications.

Main uses

- basis for research policy decisions
- national research reporting (federal report on research, Land reports on research)
- international comparison

Main users

- BMBF
- research ministries of the Länder
- KMK
- Eurostat, OECD

Primary costs

2004:	147 000 Euro	2005:	157 000 Euro
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Total costs

2004:	244 000 Euro	2005:	275 000 Euro
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Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
21811	Survey of expenditure, receipts and staff of public and state-subsidised institutions for science and research	primary survey	centralised	yearly	1 000
21821	Reports on research and development for national purposes	calculation	centralised	yearly	–
21831	Reports on research and development for international purposes	calculation	centralised	yearly	–

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 14, series 3.6	yearly
Regional indicators of science and technology	irregular
Papers in the periodical “Wirtschaft und Statistik” (Economy and Statistics)	yearly to multi-annual

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Contact: *Angela Schaff*

Information services

Brief description

More than 500 staff members across the departments of the Federal Statistical Office provide information in oral, written and electronic form. Such information is co-ordinated by a central unit, the general information service.

Main use

- conveying a customer-friendly and user-friendly image

Main users

- customers from education, science and culture
- trade and industry
- private users of specialised statistics

Primary costs

2004: 3 612 000 Euro

2005: 3 543 000 Euro

Total costs

2004: 6 035 000 Euro

2005: 6 001 000 Euro

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
41100010	Free information	
41100020	Chargeable information	
41100030	Co-ordinated enquiries	Co-ordination of answers to enquiries which concern several specialised units and are thus treated in parallel by those units
41100040	Free information for the press	Journalist information service
41100060	Chargeable information provided in case of requests for data at Land level and/or in a detailed regional breakdown	

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Introduction of a customer management system in the information services	2; 4; 6	support, dissemination, presentation	9/2003	6/2006	no



Contact: *Angela Schaff*

Press

Brief description

This area concerns the presentation of the Federal Statistical Office and of the statistical products in the media. This includes defining the press policy, planning, compiling and disseminating press releases as the first form of publishing statistical results, organising press conferences, including the release of press brochures and support for interviews.

Also, continuously providing internal information to the staff on current developments at the Federal Statistical Office is part of the “press” product.

Main uses

- informing the society about statistical results
- informing staff members

Main users

- the media
- financial markets
- staff of the Federal Statistical Office

Primary costs

2004: 1 060 000 Euro	2005: 726 000 Euro
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Total costs

2004: 1 623 000 Euro	2005: 1 176 000 Euro
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Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
11030010	Press/media and public relations activities	Internal press activities, for example, evaluation of the media response, design of the web site content, consultation of the specialised departments, internal periodical entitled "WIR"
42100020	Press releases	Compilation of press releases and their handling in content and technical terms; scheduling (calendar); dissemination through various channels
42100030	Press conferences, briefings, seminars, interviews	Preparation, carrying through, and follow-up of press conferences and press seminars in terms of organisation and content; organisation of, and support for interviews

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Press brochures on press conferences	about 15 per year
Press releases	about 550 per year
Internal periodical entitled "WIR"	2-monthly



Contact: *Angela Schaff*

Public relations

Brief description

Public relations comprise products aimed at the internal and external presentation of the Federal Statistical Office.

Main uses

- conveying a uniform and user-friendly image
- enhancing the public's awareness and acceptance of official statistics

Main users

- the general public
- partners from politics and the society
- respondents

Primary costs

2004:	518 000 Euro	2005:	475 000 Euro
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Total costs

2004:	751 000 Euro	2005:	717 000 Euro
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Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
42200010	Fairs and exhibitions	Preparation, design, stand construction, support, stand service
42200020	Visitor service	

Contact: Claudia Brunner

Berlin Information Point / EDS European Data Service

Brief description

The Berlin Information Point is the Federal Statistical Office's contact point in Berlin. It provides information and advice to important institutions in the capital and ensures rapid and direct supply of statistical information. Its office in the German Bundestag offers a daily on-the-spot service to members and staff of parliament. Visitor service and reference library of the Information Point meet the demand of the general public. Information events and co-operation measures create close contact with institutions which have multiplier effect. The Information Point includes the EDS European Data Service (previously: Eurostat Data Shop) which, in co-operation with Eurostat, helps all users in Germany looking for European data, publications and other statistics products and compiles tailor-made tables upon request. The EDS is bilingual and has a web site of its own (www.eds-destatist.de). Users of microdata can use the rooms of the research data centre at the Information Point.

Main uses

- dissemination of German and European statistics products
- better awareness and understanding of official statistics
- support of political activities in the federal capital Berlin

- central service unit for European statistics in Germany
- access to microdata for the scientific community

Main users

- offices of Members of Parliament, parliamentary groups and scientific services in the German Bundestag
- German federal government, embassies, economic associations, scientific community and the public of Berlin
- anyone in Germany interested in European statistics

Primary costs

2004:	909 000 Euro	2005:	801 000 Euro
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Total costs

2004:	1 496 000 Euro	2005:	1 369 000 Euro
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Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
41100050	Providing information to the German Bundestag including the service office of the German Bundestag, government agencies, representations of the Länder, and embassies	Consultation service, co-ordination and centralised reply to enquiries on German, European and international statistics, tailor-made data service, major and minor Bundestag interpellations of the Federal Government, customer management
41200010	EDS: free support of users in Germany in co-operation with Eurostat	Support of all users in Germany looking for data and publications on the EU and its member states and for methods, and with regard to the solution of technical access problems. Co-ordination of activities with Eurostat and the EDS network. Contract and quality management. Strategic participation. Design and maintenance of the web pages at www.eds-destatis.de
41200020	EDS: chargeable data research, dissemination of Eurostat publications	Compilation of tailor-made extracts from the databases according to the FSO's marketing concept. Sale of printed Eurostat publications and supply through EDS web site. Licence agreements with the "Bundesanzeiger" publishing house, invoicing
41200030	Free information from the Information Point for visitors	Giving advice to visitors of the reading room (800 per year), to groups visiting the Information Point (about 30 groups per year) and to visitors coming within the scope of the FSO's international co-operation measures
41200050	Further developing the contacts and co-operation with the parliament, the Federal Government and economic associations, including information events of the Information Point	Co-operation measures for better awareness and utilisation of official statistics through general and subject-specific lectures, subject-related co-operation projects and public relations
42300020	Reference library of the Information Point	Documentation of statistics publications and maintenance of the stocks in the reading room and stack rooms for external users and the staff of the Information Point. Setting up computer terminals for visitors

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Start of the new Eurostat dissemination system and the EDS European Data Service for users in Germany	1; 2; 4; 5	management, support, dissemination	10/2004	9/2005	no
Consolidation of the EDS European Data Service; EDS Berlin as a benchmark of user support in Europe	1; 2; 4; 5	management, dissemination	10/2005	12/2010	no
Further developing the co-operation with the German Bundestag	1; 2; 4; 5	management, dissemination	10/2005	12/2010	no
Including neighbouring user groups in the service provided by the Information Point for the capital	1; 2; 4; 5	management, dissemination	1/2006	12/2010	no
Test regarding the changeover from the customer software Conso+Client to Conso+Web at the Information Point	4; 6	support	7/2005	6/2007	no
Transferring the Information Point to another central location in Berlin	1; 6	management, support	5/2007	5/2008	no
Producing "Germany and the EU" as a new volume in the Spotlight series	1	dissemination	1/2007	12/2007	no

Contact: Angela Schaff

Library

Brief description

The library of the Federal Statistical Office is the largest specialised library for statistics in Germany. It provides the Federal Statistical Office and external users with literature and information. The stock comprises some 500,000 media units (such as books, CD-ROMs, periodical issues) and about 1,200 continuous periodicals. Through the library's web site (www.destatis.de/bibliothek), users have access to the online catalogue.

Main use

- provision of literature and information

Main users

- staff of the Federal Statistical Office
- external users

Primary costs

2004:	664 000 Euro	2005:	549 000 Euro
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Total costs

2004:	72 000 Euro ¹⁾	2005:	43 000 Euro
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1) These total costs refer only to the external library activities addressing the general public. The costs referring to the library's activity as an internal service provider at the Federal Statistical Office have been distributed over the product areas supported by the library and are contained in their total costs.

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
15080040	Library	Provision of literature and information for the Federal Statistical Office
42300010	External library services	Co-operation with other library institutions, such as active interlibrary loans.

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Online publication management	4; 5	dissemination	1/2005	12/2007	yes
Replacing periodical display shelves in the reading room	4; 5	support, dissemination	1/2008	1/2008	no

Contact: Doris Stärk

Publications

Brief description

The product class “publications” comprises various editorial and design activities regarding the publications of the Federal Statistical Office. The materials used for public relations are produced here (especially brochures, leaflets, give-aways). Editorial work is performed for selected publications (“Facts and trends”, “Data report”, various brochures and leaflets). This class’s products are a number of cross-section publications, series such as “In the spotlight” and the three methodical publication series. What is becoming ever more important is joint publications issued together with the statistical offices of the Länder. A central product is the monthly scientific periodical “Economy and statistics”.

The publications product class also includes managing the contractual relations with distribution and co-operation partners, the pricing and edition policy and setting up the relevant marketing principles, as well as arranging third parties’ dissemination rights for data of the FSO.

Main use

- dissemination of the statistics products

Main users

- external users of all user groups
- specialised departments of the Federal Statistical Office

Primary costs

2004: 4 409 000 Euro 2005: 4 717 000 Euro

Total costs

2004: 6 653 000 Euro 2005: 7 465 000 Euro

Products (selection)

KLR no.	Product	Product description
22400010	Awarding of contracts for the production of printed and electronic publications ¹⁾	
22400020	Distribution of own products and other distribution services for third parties	
22400030	Distribution of the publications through the distribution partner	
22400050	Licences for publications	Purchase, granting, and management
22400100	Marketing, advertising	
22400110	Customer survey	
42100040	Free brochures and leaflets	Editorial handling, concept, consulting, design, pre-printing stage, production support
43310010	Yearbook	Statistical yearbook for the Federal Republic of Germany
43310020	Economy and statistics ²⁾	Monthly publication, including weekly updating of the tables for the web site – weekly service
43310030	Key data on Germany	Yearly publication
43310040	Subject-matter series, working documents, project reports	Design, production of charts, production of tables
43300050	Thematic series	
43310060	Publication series “In the spotlight”	Irregular publication series
43310070	Publication series	Publication series “Forum of federal statistics”, “Spectrum of federal statistics” and “Statistics and science”
43320010	Regional statistics	Publication of the CD-ROM as a joint product of the FSO and the LSOs (yearly)

1) Contact: Ralf Bender. – 2) Contact: Brigitte Reimann.

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
New edition of “Facts and trends 2006” and new concept of the “Data report” (edition 2008)	1	dissemination	8/2005	8/2008	no

Contact: Doris Stärk (GENESIS), Karin Böhm (IS-GBE)

Databases

Brief description

The pillars of the database products are GENESIS (Common New Statistical Information System) and the Health Monitoring Information System (IS-GBE). GENESIS is the metadata-based statistical information system with online access, developed jointly by the FSO and the LSOs. The product includes the centralised co-ordination and maintenance of the metadata and of common database contents. The Federal Statistical Office is responsible for continuous maintenance and further development of the data stock at the federal level, the user service and the user-friendly further development of the information system. As regards the IS-GBE, the Federal Statistical Office ensures the operation of the database at www.gbe-bund.de, while the Robert-Koch Institute (Berlin) is responsible in terms of subject-matter. Further databases are being set up.

Main use

- provision of statistical results in a uniform and coherent information system over time, including full documentation of the metadata

Main users

- businesses, politics and administration, education and science
- information providers
- private users

Primary costs

2004: 1 151 000 Euro	2005: 1 236 000 Euro
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Total costs

2004: 1 822 000 Euro	2005: 1 926 000 Euro
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Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
43210010	GENESIS contents	Data provision for GENESIS and GENESIS-Online
43210020	GENESIS user service	Service for customers/users of GENESIS-Online and the data service
43230010	IS-GBE: Data input/further development of contents	Information System of the Federal Health Monitoring System
43230020	IS-GBE: Administration/technical further development	Information System of the Federal Health Monitoring System
43240010	Metadata information system for official statistics	Development of a metadata system for documentation and research purposes
43240020	Information system on nomenclatures	Setting up a nomenclature server, then maintenance of nomenclatures, information system for internal and external users
43250010	Setting up a database on agreed wages and salaries ¹⁾	Information system on agreed wages and salaries

1) Contact: Michael Kuhn.

Contact: Doris Stärk

Internet

Brief description

In the internet product class, results and services of official statistics are disseminated. The internet is used to ensure both the basic information supply to the population and the regular provision of special information to professional customers against charge. In addition, tools offered for data collection and for methodical further development of statistics are integrated. The central internet editorial team co-ordinates and maintains the connections with the other data providers of the FSO or of official statistics (for example Federal Returning Officer, Council of Economic Experts, statistics portal of the FSO and the LSOs). Electronic standard products are managed and offered in the online shop.

Main use

- providing all user groups with current information and results of official statistics of the day

Main users

- businesses, politics and administration, education and science
- information providers
- private users of specialised statistics

Primary costs

2004: 720 000 Euro 2005: 693 000 Euro

Total costs

2004: 1 331 000 Euro 2005: 1 214 000 Euro

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
42100010	Internet data supply (free)	Central internet editorial team
43100020	Online Shop	Editorial activities for electronic products (downloads) and user service

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Migration of internet contents into the CMS	1; 2; 4	support, dissemination	12/2004	4/2006	no

Contact: Markus Zwick

Research data centre

Brief description

As an interface between official statistics and the scientific community, the two research data centres of the statistical offices of the Federation and the Länder permit controlled access to official microdata. Oriented towards user requirements, the research data centres will further develop access to official microdata for the scientific community while observing legal data protection provisions.

Researchers may also use safe scientific workstations in protected rooms of the statistical offices in order to work with official microdata; in addition, the range of scientific use files offered for external use is going to be extended considerably, complying with requests from the scientific community. The product class also includes actions for co-operation between research and official statistics.

Main use

- improving the informational infrastructure

Main users

- scientific users of microdata of official statistics

Primary costs

2004: 655 000 Euro	2005: 772 000 Euro
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Total costs

2004: 1 102 000 Euro	2005: 1 501 000 Euro
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Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
44200010	Contacts with scientific institutions and societies ¹⁾	
44200020	Organisation and support of research visits to the Federal Statistical Office ¹⁾	
44200030	Awards for scientific papers	Granting the yearly Gerhard Fürst Award.
44210010	Scientific Use Files for off-site use, Public Use Files and Campus Files	Provision of de facto anonymised individual data with access for authorised researchers in Germany (Scientific Use Files) and of generally accessible, fully anonymised individual data for research (Public Use Files) and instruction (Campus Files).
44210020	Organisation and support of teleprocessing	Allows computer-assisted analysis of the individual data of a survey from the aspects defined and programmed by researchers, while observing statistical confidentiality.
44210030	Panel data of economic statistics and de facto anonymisation	Continuous activities for de facto anonymisation of individual data.
44210040	Archiving and retrieval of microdata stocks	
44200050	International co-operation of the research data centre	

¹⁾ Contact: Dr. Manfred Ehling.

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Papers in the series "Statistik und Wissenschaft" (Statistics and Science)	irregular
Working documents of the research data centre	irregular
CAMPUS FILE – Public Use Files for scientific instruction	irregular

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Integrated microdata file	1; 2; 3; 4	R&D, processing, presentation	1/2005	12/2006	yes
Establishing the research data centre as a permanent task of official statistics	1; 2; 5	R&D, presentation, dissemination	4/2005	2/2010	yes



Contact: *Waltraud Moore*

Co-operation with other countries

Brief description

The task of co-operation with other countries is based on the partnership and co-operation treaties in Europe, treaties with the partner countries and bilateral agreements with statistical offices. The co-operation is to support the setting up and restructuring of official statistics in the transition countries of Central and Eastern Europe, the New Independent States, China, Mongolia and other developing countries.

Main use

- support and consulting for partner countries in statistical matters

Main users

- statistical institutions in the partner countries, especially the new EU Member States and candidate countries (focus), New Independent States, developing countries
- UN, OECD, World Bank, IMF, ILO

Primary costs

2004: 1 546 000 Euro 2005: 1 645 000 Euro

Total costs

2004: 2 137 000 Euro 2005: 2 360 000 Euro

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
44510090	TACIS-8	Co-operation with the Ukraine, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan
44520000	Bilateral and international contacts, government consulting	PHARE: Twinning Bulgaria, Twinning Latvia, Twinning Macedonia
44540010	Other bilateral projects/contacts with statistical offices in partner countries	
44540020	USST Turkey	
44540050	Bilateral co-operation with China	
44610010	IMF standard ¹⁾	Continuous processing of metadata according to the International Monetary Fund standard

1) Contact: Jürgen Chlumsky.

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Statistics across borders	half-yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Acquisition of the GTZ Mongolia project	1; 5	support, dissemination, management	7/2005	12/2006	no
Phare programme, 2003/2004	1; 5	support, dissemination, management	6/2005	12/2006	no
Acquisition of a Phare programme to support Bulgaria	1; 5	support, dissemination, management	7/2005	7/2008	no
Acquisition of the World Bank Ukraine project	1; 5	support, dissemination, management	12/2005	12/2009	no
Acquisition of TACIS Ukraine	1; 5	support, dissemination, management	10/2005	12/2008	no



Contact: see table

Special activities

Brief description

Apart from free basic information supply and target-group oriented standard provision of information, the statistical offices also process their data material in a custom-made manner. This includes answering complex enquiries and special evaluations as well as consulting, expert missions and instruction. The scope of work and the remuneration for such specific, and sometimes extensive processing is subject to individual contractual agreements with the customers.

Main use

- Demand for analyses that can be met only by specific processing.

Main users

- Private and public customers, such as the Federal Government, ministries, industrial companies, research institutions and individuals.

Primary costs of all special activities

2004: 3 258 000 Euro 2005: 2 688 000 Euro

Total costs of all special activities

2004: 5 246 000 Euro 2005: 4 616 000 Euro

Special activities (selection)¹⁾

KLR no.	Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs	Contact
44100760	Anonymisation of economic microdata	2	R&D, processing	12/2001	12/2005	yes	Markus Zwick
44100710	Setting up a socio-economic reporting system for a sustainable development in Germany	1; 2; 5	R&D, processing, presentation	5/2004	12/2009	no	Albert Braakmann
44100520	Calculation of place-to-place index figures for cost-of-living allowances of German officials abroad	2; 4	collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	permanent task		no	Irmtraud Beuerlein
44100730	Environmental-Economic Accounting: Transport reporting module	1; 2; 3; 5; 6	R&D, processing, presentation, dissemination	1/2004	permanent task	no	Dr. Karl Schoer
44100890	Feasibility study on GDP flash estimate	1; 2; 5	R&D	7/2002	12/2006	no	Dr. Norbert R�ath
44101140	Use of information and communication technology in enterprises (survey according to Art. 7 of the Federal Statistics Law)	1; 2; 3; 5	R&D, collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	1/2002	will become permanent task	yes	Ludwig Wallacher
44100360	International non-monetary reports and methods of education statistics	1; 2; 5	R&D, collection, processing, presentation	6/1994	permanent task	no	Heinz-Werner Hetmeier
44100200	Coverage in terms of concentration statistics of capital links between entrepreneurial and competitive co-operations (according to Art. 47 para. 1 of the law against restraint of competition)	1; 2; 5	R&D, collection, processing	1/1997	permanent task	yes	Peter Schmidt
44100950	Statistics on the information society (analyses on the issue of information society)	1; 2; 5	R&D, processing, presentation, dissemination	5/2000	permanent task	no	J�rgen Chlumsky
44100920	Burdens on enterprises and local units caused by statistical surveys	1; 3; 5	R&D, collection, processing, presentation	1/2002	6/2006	yes	J�rgen Chlumsky

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KLR no.	Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs	Contact
44100940	House price index	1; 2; 3; 4; 5	collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	4/2001	6/2007	yes	Irmtraud Beuerlein
44101150	Development of a construction cost index (EU project)	3; 4; 5	collection, processing	10/2003	10/2005	no	Irmtraud Beuerlein
44100050	Longitudinal analyses from the microcensus	1; 2; 3; 4; 5	R&D, processing, presentation	9/2003	permanent task	yes	Stefan Gruber
44100140	Statistics of the advancement of women, commissioned by the BMFSFJ (statistical data on gender equality)	2; 5	processing, presentation	permanent task		no	Hans Rehm
44100570	Special evaluations for the pension report of the Federal Government	1; 2; 4; 5	collection, processing, presentation	permanent task		no	Hans Rehm
44101180	National education report	1; 2; 5	R&D, processing, dissemination	6/2004	6/2007	yes	Heinz-Werner Hetmeier
44100060	New forms of living in the microcensus	1; 2; 5	R&D, processing, dissemination	permanent task		yes	Stefan Gruber
44100690	Statistical coverage of biotechnology	1; 2; 5	R&D, processing, presentation	1/2000	10/2005	yes	Peter Schmidt
44100530	Calculation of place-to-place index figures for the German Development Service	2; 4	collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	permanent task		no	Irmtraud Beuerlein
44100460	Provision of de facto anonymised basic files from the EVS	1; 2; 4; 5	R&D, support, presentation, dissemination	permanent task		no	Anette Stuckemeier
44101120	Development of estimation approaches/model calculations to quantify specific illegal/criminal activities	2	R&D	1/2004	9/2005	no	Albert Braakmann
44100830	Results on combined transport	1; 2; 3; 5	R&D, dissemination	1/2004	12/2006	no	Dieter Bierau

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KLR no.	Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs	Contact
41101170	Evaluation of the reform of the German Code of Civil Procedure, commissioned by the BMJ	1; 2; 5	processing, presentation	6/2004	4/2005	no	Heinz-Werner Hetmeier
44101100	Co-ordination of sustainability	1; 3; 4; 5; 6	support, processing, presentation	1/2004	open	no	Dr. Karl Schoer
44100750	Special activities for the BMI as part of the statistics of public service personnel and pensioners	1; 2; 4; 5	processing, presentation	permanent task		no	Hans Rehm
44100510	Evaluations for the report on poverty and wealth of the Federal Government	1; 2; 5	processing	1/2000	12/2009	no	Hermann Seewald
44100480	Evaluations of concentration statistics for the Monopolies Commission	1; 2; 5	processing	1/1978	permanent task	no	Peter Schmidt
44100030	De facto anonymised data from the microcensus basic file	1; 2; 4	R&D, processing, dissemination	1/1991	12/2012	no	Stefan Gruber
44100470	Provision of fully anonymised individual data from the sample survey of income and expenditure (EVS)	1; 2; 4; 5	R&D, support, presentation, dissemination	permanent task		no	Anette Stuckemeier
44100810	Individual data from the statistics of road traffic accidents	1; 2; 5	R&D, dissemination	permanent task		yes	Dieter Bierau
44100580	Evaluations regarding church tax	4; 5	processing, presentation, dissemination	09/2005	04/2006	no	Volker Kordsmeyer

1) Any special activity is allocated to a product class. However, in this publication, the relevant costs are not shown under that product class, but in this chapter as the total of all costs incurred for special activities. Nevertheless, some special activities already terminated are mentioned because, first, they contributed to the total costs shown for special activities and, second, because in many cases the subject-matter of such special activities is later included as products into the work programme of the relevant task areas.

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Contact: *Hans-Joachim Stede*

Organisation, quality management, controlling

Brief description

This includes the general organisational development at the Federal Statistical Office and the participation in planning and co-ordinating organisational actions of the FSO/LSOs system. The organisational development at the Federal Statistical Office includes the traditional tasks of structural and process organisation (among other things, with the tools of organisation chart and schedule of responsibilities, rules of procedure, job assessment and process management) and administrative modernisation using tools such as quality management (“Quality Offensive Statistics”), annual programme planning and controlling of targets and actions. For the FSO/LSOs system, a work plan and time schedule are set up every year for decentralised federal statistics, and the implementation is monitored through controlling of deadlines. Also, the functions of an office are performed for the committee of the Federation and the Länder on organisation and implementation.

Main uses

- efficient organisation
- administrative modernisation
- quality assurance
- co-operation between the FSO and the LSOs

Main users

- Head of the Federal Statistical Office, departments at the Federal Statistical Office
- statistical offices of the Länder
- BMI (as supervisory authority)

Primary costs

2004: 1 133 000 Euro 2005: 1 128 000 Euro

The primary costs have been allocated to the task areas supported (research/development/questions of principle, statistics production and dissemination) and are contained in the relevant total costs.

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
13010011	Organisational structure development, structural organisation	Papers and comments on organisational issues of fundamental importance
13010013	Process management, process organisation	Task-related checks of, and comments on the structural organisation and the efficiency of processes
13040020	Staff suggestion management	Staff suggestion scheme
13040030	Controlling	Support of the management levels by providing controlling information
13040040	Corporate vision	Formulating a corporate vision
13040050	Annual report ¹⁾	Report on important events and results of the previous year
13040060	Quality management/organisational quality	Cross-cutting activities of quality management for the entire FSO (EFQM approach)

1) Contact: Jürgen Chlumsky.

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Guideline for project management	irregular

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Controlling through indicators	4	management, support	1/2006	10/2006	no
EFQM self-assessment	4	support	3/2006	9/2006	no
Job migration from the Federal Collective Agreement for Public Employees (BAT) to the Collective Agreement for the Public Service (TVÖD)	4	support	1/2006	6/2006	no



Contact: *Ralf Bender*

Budget, business accounting

Brief description

This product class comprises processes relating to the budget of the Federal Statistical Office and of the agencies included under the common administration (Council of Economic Experts, Federal Institute for Population Research, Federal Institute for Sports Studies), from planning, setting up and managing the budget to the rendering of accounts.

The goal of business accounting is to obtain reliable data on consumption of resources and increase in value. Cost and performance accounting thus also provides the basis for setting up the product-based budget which – contrary to the input-oriented cameralistic budget – shows the products for which the resources were used.

Main use

- financial control of the agency

Main users

- Head of the FSO, departments of the FSO
- subject-related and administrative supervisory authorities
- German Bundestag

Primary costs

2004: 1 332 000 Euro 2005: 1 394 000 Euro

The primary costs have been allocated to the task areas supported (research/development/questions of principle, statistics production and dissemination) and are contained in the relevant total costs.

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
13021010	Planning and setting up the budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – preparing the budgetary and financial planning documents (including contributions), – participating in the process of setting up the budget
13022010	Budget management and	Providing the budget funds required to perform the tasks: distributing and managing budget funds,
13022020	rendering of accounts	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – performing payments, – involvement in issues of budgetary law, budgetary reporting, budget balance
13022011	Budgeting	Managing the department budgets
13030010	Cost and performance accounting (KLR)	Supporting the management levels through (relevant) KLR information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – collecting and processing KLR data, – KLR reporting, – maintaining and further developing the subject-related KLR system
13030020	Financial accounting	Recording the material expenditure and receipts according to the principle of double-entry accounting in the software M1; online transmission to the budget/cash/accounting system of the Federation (HKR interface)

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Putting the budget accounts of the departments and of the head of the FSO on an annual basis	4; 6	support	1/2005	12/2009	no



Contact: Ralf Bender

Internal service, complete restoration

Brief description

The internal service covers the provision, administration and management of real estate used for official purposes, the procurement and administration of physical resources, excluding information technology, and other services supporting any activities performed at the Federal Statistical Office. A special project is the complete restoration of the office buildings at the Wiesbaden main location. A relevant project group acts as an interface between the Federal Statistical Office and all agencies and enterprises involved in that task. The aim of the restoration is to create an office building that will meet the health and fire protection requirements and will be state-of-the-art in public construction. At the end of 2005, the project group organised the transfer of a large part of the staff to interim offices. In July 2010, all parts of the buildings shall be restored.

Main use

- supporting the core area of statistics production

Main users

- staff members of the Federal Statistical Office

Primary costs

2004: 7 394 000 Euro

2005: 7 178 000 Euro

In addition, costs incurred for the management of the FSO's real estate (including imputed rents): about EUR 8 292 000 for 2004, about EUR 10 843 000 for 2005. Those costs and the primary costs of the internal service have been allocated to the task areas supported (research/development/questions of principle, statistics production and dissemination) and are contained in the relevant total costs.

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
12080010	Management of official journeys	
15010010	Administration and management of real estate used for official purposes (including transfers within buildings)	Providing the building infrastructure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – administration and management with regard to real estate – co-ordinating and managing the distribution of rooms
15010020	Reception, security service	Ensuring the accessibility and protection of the FSO
15010030	Operation of canteen and kitchen	
15010040	Support regarding construction and transfer (new construction, transfer to other building)	Handling construction and transfer projects, management of the complete restoration of the office building at the Wiesbaden main location
15010041	Building maintenance	Maintenance of real estate used for official purposes
15020010	Car pool	Operation of own cars and renting of cars
15030010	Typing service	
15040010	Procurement (excl. IT)	Procurement of material, equipment and furniture according to demand
15040020	Management of material (excl. IT)	Provision of material, equipment and furniture for the staff according to demand
15050010	Postal services	Receipt and dispatch of postal items
15060010	Postal services	Sorting and distribution of postal items (internal messenger service)
15070010	Administration of records	Archive and filing department
15080010	Telephone exchange	
15080020	Health and social matters management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – housing assistance – health prevention, advice and care – social prevention, advice and care – occupational health – ergonomics at work and job safety – service at the health centre – first aid
15080030	Translation service ¹⁾	Translations, interpreting
15080050	Production of print products	Photocopying, photosetting, computer-to-plate printing, final processing

1) Contact: Waltraud Moore.

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Operation of the interim offices during complete restoration of the main location	1; 4; 6	support	6/2005	10/2010	no
Preparing the construction decision paper for the canteen	1; 4; 6	support	6/2006	6/2007	no

Contact: Ernst Jungkenn

Human resources, advanced training

Brief description

Human resources management, planning and development as well as advanced training are the major tasks here.

The purpose of human resources planning is to adjust the staff structure to current and future requirements. Human resources development is a systematic process whose purpose is to identify, activate and enhance the performance and learning potential of staff members.

The Federal Statistical Office trains apprentices to become office communication specialists or information technology specialists for application development.

Main use

- supporting the staff

Main users

- staff members of the Federal Statistical Office
- Head and senior executives of the Federal Statistical Office
- BMI

Primary costs

2004: 5 340 000 Euro 2005: 5 519 000 Euro

The primary costs have been allocated to the task areas supported (research/development/questions of principle, statistics production and dissemination) and are contained in the relevant total costs.

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
12010010 12030030	Fundamental and general human resources matters	Especially human resources planning in order to adjust the staff structure to current and future requirements
12020010	Incoming and outgoing staff (external)	Recruitment of internal and external staff
12030010	Individual staff matters	The human resources management unit offers services within the scope of individual and fundamental matters of the staff. It is the unit to be contacted in such matters by staff members, the Head of the FSO and Heads of Department, staff representations, superior authority and other external institutions
12030030	Performance appraisals	Regular performance appraisals for public officials
12030040	Human resources development	Human resources development is a systematic process whose purpose is to identify, activate and enhance the performance and learning potential of staff members
12030050	Staff opinion survey ¹⁾	
12040010	Vocational training	The Federal Statistical Office offers vocational training for apprentices to become office communication specialists or information technology specialists for application development
12050040 12050050 12050070 12050080	Advanced Training	The Federal Statistical Office offers a wide range of advanced training measures in the areas of statistics, information technology, leadership and co-operation, communication, organisation and individual working arrangements
12060010	Wages/salaries	

¹⁾ Contact: Dr. Manfred Ehling.

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Vocational training at the Federal Statistical Office	yearly
Advanced training programme	yearly
Gender equality plan	four-yearly
Advanced training guidelines	irregular

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Actions in connection with changes of provisions in terms of public officials law and collective agreements (especially Collective Agreement for the Public Service - TVÖD)	4; 5; 6	support	6/2005	12/2007	no
Leadership seminars for superiors	2; 4; 5; 6	support	1/2005	12/2010	no
Vocational training offensive, 2004	4; 5; 6	support	9/2004	8/2007	no
Enhancing personal advanced training	2; 4; 5; 6	support	1/2005	12/2006	no
Improving human resources development	4; 6	support	1/2005	12/2006	no



Contact: Marion Engelter

General legal support

Brief description

General legal support concerns legal matters of the entire FSO, especially regarding administrative and personnel matters. Also, legal support is provided for concrete statistics, such as the preparation and application of relevant legal bases. The costs of such specific legal support are not indicated here; they are included in the costs of the relevant statistical products.

Main use

- setting legal issues

Main users

- Head of the FSO
- departments of the FSO
- LSOs
- federal ministries

Primary costs

2004: 510 000 Euro 2005: 433 000 Euro

The primary costs have been allocated to the task areas supported (research/development/questions of principle, statistics production and dissemination) and are contained in the relevant total costs.

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
22300010	General legal support	
22300020	Disciplinary matters	

Major publications (in German)

Title	Periodicity
Collection of statistical legal bases, online publication at www.destatis.de , "Rechtsgrundlagen"	continuous



Contact: Joachim Hoffmann

Internal audit

Brief description

Internal auditing serves the purposes of quality assurance. By checking and evaluating, its staff pursues the aim of contributing to an adequate assessment of the risk situation, to securing, increasing the value of and improving business processes. When auditing, its staff has a comprehensive and complete right to information from the executive quarters. Data protection is to shield the individual from any invasion of personal privacy through the handling of personal data. The Data Protection Commissioner of the Office works towards compliance with the Federal Data Protection Act and other provisions of data protection.

Main use

- reports of the auditors

Main user

- Head of the FSO

Primary costs

2004: 262 000 Euro 2005: 208 000 Euro

The primary costs have been allocated to the task areas supported (research/development/questions of principle, statistics production and dissemination) and are contained in the relevant total costs.

Product

KLR no.	Product	Product description
11040010	Internal audit	Ensuring the lawful, appropriate and efficient fulfilment of tasks



Contact: *Werner Landvogt*

IT infrastructure and production

Brief description

The focus is on providing the IT infrastructure of the FSO. The aim is to ensure smooth, safe and efficient operation of all necessary services and systems on the performance level required with state-of-the-art IT.

About 150 servers (including mainframe computers), central network components, magnetic disk and magnetic tape cartridge storage systems are used at the data processing centre of the Federal Statistical Office. In addition, there are the systems at the Bonn and Berlin locations. The operation of this infrastructure and the integrated services of document reading and IT application control basically serve the purposes of central statistics production including data collection, storage, safeguarding and filing, and the presentation and dissemination of the results.

Main use

- Statistics productions

Main users

- specialised units of the FSO and LSOs
- institutions of the administrative union
- respondents
- users of online services
- Eurostat (data deliveries)

Primary costs

2004: 12 462 000 Euro 2005: 11 982 000 Euro

The primary costs have been allocated to the task areas supported (research/development/questions of principle, statistics production and dissemination) and are contained in the relevant total costs.

Products

No. ¹⁾	Product	Product description
14000001	Document processing and data capture	Most of the paper documents received during data collection for centralised statistics are processed by means of automated document reading; characters not identified are corrected manually. The data of a smaller number of documents are captured manually (e. g. through companies commissioned). For further processing, the captured data are transferred to the target systems through a local area network (LAN). Specific components to be administered are scanners and optical character recognition software (OCR)
14000002	Central services for statistics production	Central cross-procedure provision of infrastructure and relevant central services for statistics production at the computer centre or central monitoring by the computer centre. Statistical and management procedures based either on batch or dialogue basis are supported, in addition to the modern client-server procedures developed jointly by the FSO and the LSOs. For their operation, a standardised and centrally available infrastructure is provided to supply meta-information to the procedures
14000005	High-availability storage systems and centralised data management	Centralised data and storage management. This includes the operation of the basic infrastructure for database-supported specialised and administrative applications and the well-structured central data storage and archiving based on a modern, redundant storage network (SAN)
14000006	Communication infrastructure for administrative services	Operation of an electronic working time recording system (allows flexible working hour arrangements), IT support for the telecommunication equipment and the infrastructure for procedures within the scope of administrative modernisation within the sphere of competence of the BMI
14000007	IT security	Continuously updated IT security concept with additional risk analysis and IT emergency plan. The purpose of both elements is to protect the applications against possible threats and ensures the availability of the IT systems and the integrity and confidentiality of data. The basis for the availability and the protection against loss is automated data backup. Roboter systems are used for the purpose both at the Wiesbaden and Bonn locations
14000008	Network services and IT infrastructure	The network (LAN and WAN) and the central network services based on them in the area of internal and external communication (internet, e-mail, name service), the authentication and directory services (Ldap, Radius, dhcp), the network and system management software and the file and print services are preconditions for the entire IT operation at the Federal Statistical Office

No. ¹⁾	Product	Product description
14000019	Provision of specialised information systems	Specialised information systems allow various user groups to efficiently and flexibly evaluate a database. This provides major support for internal tasks of statistics processing and analysis and enquiries from the scientific community, businesses and authorities can rapidly be answered. The Federal Statistical Office uses specialised information systems in the library (SISIS), in the health monitoring system (GBE), in the form of the material and energy flow information system (ME-FIS), the staff information system (EPOS) and the finance and administration management software MACH M1
14000020	IT services for partner authorities	The Federal Statistical Office provides central IT services for several partner authorities: the Council of Economic Experts (SRW), the Federal Institute for Population Research (BIB), the Federal Institute of Sport Science (BISp) and the social welfare institution of the FSO (SWB). That service makes IT use more efficient for any two parties involved

1) In this product class, the product numbering differs from the KLR system of the Federal Statistical Office.

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Additional expenses of network operation (LAN) due to office building restoration	1; 3; 4	support	4/2005	7/2010	no
Directory service on a higher level and single sign-on	4; 6	support	10/2005	9/2008	no
Capacity expansion and permanent quality assurance of external network links	1; 3; 4; 5	support	2/2005	12/2010	no
Reorganisation of IT services settlement	4; 6	support	1/2007	12/2007	no

Contact: Fritz Pfrommer

IT development

Brief description

The main tasks are the design, development, servicing, upkeep and maintenance of IT applications for use at the Federal Statistical Office and at the statistical offices of the Länder. The software in question is mainly standard and individual software to be used in all phases of statistics production. Under the heading of 'eStatistics', all products and tools developed are geared towards a uniform concept with the aim of processing electronic data without switching between media as part of standardised statistical processes from data collection and processing to dissemination.

Main use

- support of statistics production and administration

Main users

- departments of the FSO
- LSOs
- respondents

Primary costs

2004: 7 095 000 Euro 2005: 6 955 000 Euro

The primary costs have been allocated to the task areas supported (research/development/questions of principle, statistics production and dissemination) and are contained in the relevant total costs

Products

No. ¹⁾	Product	Product description
14000010	eStatistics: Process standardisation	Any services aimed at standardising statistical production. This includes both the definition of interfaces and standards and the provision of standard software for use within production
14000011	eStatistics: Data collection using the internet (IDEV, .Core)	Any activities aimed at increasing internet use for the transmission of statistical data from respondents to the statistical offices. This includes data descriptions (DatML), servers for incoming data (.Core) and the relevant software (IDEV)
14000012	Automated processing in foreign trade statistics (ASA, ASI, IDES)	Any services aimed at improving and supporting the processing in foreign trade statistics. This includes the automated processing of intra-Community and extra-Community trade data by means of the relevant subsystems
14000013	Central directories and registers	Development, upkeep and maintenance of the software as well as operation of the central directories required (i. a. GV-Isis, URS)
14000014	Application software development	Development, upkeep and maintenance of individual software components within the IT system of the FSO and the LSOs
14000015	Application management	Any IT consulting and support services for the specialised departments and the statistical offices that are required for continuous operation, further development and improvement of the IT applications within the scope of statistics processing
14000016	Support for information and knowledge provision (IWMS)	Any services aimed at improving the knowledge provision and processing and information processing. This includes provision through intranet, StaNet and internet as well as support of meeting management and consulting (Information Point)
14030030	Development and operation of EPOS ²⁾	Development and operation of the electronic personnel organisation and job management system (EPOS) as a pre-stage of the electronic personnel file
14030040		
14030050	Customer/address database of the Federal Statistical Office	Setup and maintenance
14030060	Digital library ³⁾	Increasingly IT-supported orientation of the library, for example through publications server

1) In the product class of IT development, the product numbering differs from the KLR system, with the exception of numbers 14030030, 14030040, 14030050 and 14030060, which have been taken from the KLR system of the Federal Statistical Office. - 2) Contact: Ernst Jungkenn. - 3) Contact: Angela Schaff.

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Central directories and registers	2; 4	R&D, support, processing	10/2004	12/2008	yes
Development of software tools for eStatistics	2; 4; 6	R&D, support	1/2005	12/2008	yes
Automated data transmission from accounting systems of businesses and public institutions (eStatistik.Core)	1; 2; 3	R&D, support, processing	6/2004	12/2008	yes
Development of a modern census IT procedure	2; 4	R&D, support, collection, processing	6/2005	12/2010	yes
Support for the automated processing in foreign trade statistics (ASA)	2; 3; 4	processing	1/2005	12/2010	no
Knowledge management (support for stage 2 of the IWMS project, common application portal with the LSOs)	4; 6	presentation, dissemination	6/2005	12/2008	yes
Integrated project monitoring and documentation with introduction of a modern procedural model in software development	2; 4; 6	support	8/2005	12/2008	yes
Incoming data base and integrated survey management	2; 4	management, collection, processing	6/2005	12/2008	yes
New concept of IT procedure for the microcensus	2; 4; 6	management, collection, processing	1/2006	12/2008	yes



Contact: Ernst Schrey

IT user service, statistical and geo-information systems

Brief description

This field includes ensuring the use of flexible evaluation and analysis procedures for standard and ad-hoc work and of the relevant publication tools. The tasks consist in overall planning, the development of systems such as GENESIS and the introduction and integration, the operation and further development of self-designed or commercial systems (GENESIS, SAS, geographic information systems; general client infrastructure consisting of workstation hardware and manifold software).

In the area of geo-information, legal and methodical activities are performed regarding the utilisation of geo-referencing in statistics and the production of new statistical products. Also, extensive consulting and support activities are performed (central user support, desktop support, training and advice for GENESIS, SAS, GIS, development of specific applications for the specialised departments using those departments' tools, methodical issues such as teleprocessing within the scope of the research data centres). This product class also includes IT planning, steering, co-ordination and controlling.

Main uses

- support of statistics production and administration
- information dissemination

Main users

- departments of the FSO
- LSOs
- external users of the information systems

Primary costs

2004: 5 658 000 Euro 2005: 6 529 000 Euro

The primary costs have been allocated to the task areas supported (research/development/questions of principle, statistics production and dissemination) and are contained in the relevant total costs.

Products

No. ¹⁾	Product	Product description
14000003	Standard workstation (workstation, Notebook, etc.)	This includes the workstation with its standard hardware and software equipment: Windows XP operating system, the corresponding Office XP, the Internet Explorer browser, the Thunderbird e-mail program and some smaller software products
14000004	Special equipment incl. tele-workstation	Special hardware and software equipment of workstations after check, assessment and test
14000009	Provision of SAS and other statistics software including support regarding issues of IT and mathematics/methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Provision of the SAS system in a client/server environment – Extending the system by integrating developed FSO-specific tools – User administration, setting up and maintaining the SAS data pool – Provision of intranet information on SAS use – Training and advice for users regarding issues of IT and mathematics/ methodology – Development of special applications based on SAS – Provision of SPSS and STATA including basic advice – Supporting the research data centre with regard to issues of IT and methodology, in particular for teleprocessing
14000017	GENESIS (Common New Statistical Information System of the Federation and the Länder)	The GENESIS system developed jointly by the statistical offices improves the provision of information to external parties and a comparable presentation and exchangeability of data within the scope of co-operation with the LSOs. With its existing user interfaces (e. g. GENESIS-Online, GENESIS-Client), GENESIS supports the access of a large group of internal and external users to current statistical data and long time series
14000018	Use of geo-information in official statistics and application of geo-information systems	<p>Support for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – research and development in the area of production and use of geo-referenced statistical data – participation in national and international bodies to support the use of geo-referenced statistical data – provision of the technical infrastructure for the web-based cartographic presentation of statistical data of the FSO and the LSOs – access to tools for the production of maps and the geo-referenced analysis of statistical data for the FSO staff
14040010	User support	Operation of a User Help Desk

No. ¹⁾	Product	Product description
14000021	IT management	Management of the IT systems, the IT use and the provision of IT according to demand. This includes defining the strategic IT goals and including them into IT implementation planning for the use of methods and standards, the provision of the infrastructure required to achieve the goals and of innovative IT services as part of the investment and resources management as well as ensuring IT security. Sub-products and interim products are IT framework planning including planning the budget for title group 55 (IT framework concept), IT project portfolio, IT project controlling of large-scale projects, IT annual planning including implementation controlling, the allocation and monetary valuation of IT services rendered to specialised departments (IT cost centre, internal invoicing) and the IT security concept with additional risk analysis and IT emergency planning

1) In this product class the product numbering differs from the KLR system of the Federal Statistical Office.

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Research data centre: teleprocessing	1; 2; 4; 5	R&D	1/2005	12/2006	no
Use of geo-information in official statistics	2; 3; 4; 5	R&D	3/2005	2/2007	yes
Web services for external data access to GENESIS	2; 4; 5	R&D	4/2005	10/2006	no
GENESIS under LINUX	2; 4; 5	R&D	1/2006	8/2006	no
User support during restoration of the office building	6	R&D	1/2006	12/2009	no
Upgrade of the automated software distribution from CCM server to LSD (Symantec Livestate Delivery)	4; 6	support	1/2006	12/2006	no
External online services and interfaces	1; 2; 4; 5	support, collection, dissemination	7/2006	12/2010	no
Extending the GENESIS metadata system	1; 4	R&D, support, presentation, dissemination	1/2006	12/2010	yes

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Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Further development of alternative client infrastructures (mobility, cost reduction)	4; 6	support	1/2006	12/2007	no
IT support (client infrastructure) for staff at the interim locations	4; 6	support	10/2005	12/2010	no
Extending the SAS competence centre for support of specialised departments	1; 2; 4; 6	support, processing	1/2005	12/2010	no
Conceptualisation and implementation of tele-processing within the scope of the improvement of access to statistical microdata for the scientific community	1; 2; 4	R&D, support, presentation, dissemination	3/2007	2/2010	no
New development of the geo-information system on constituency delimitation (WEGIS)	1	support, presentation	1/2006	6/2007	no
Planning and implementing a long-term and sustainable use of an Internet Map Server (IMS)	1; 4	support, dissemination	1/2006	12/2007	yes
Implementation of a procedure for geo-referencing of address-specific statistical information and development of a subject-related and technical concept for the use of grid maps in official statistics	1; 2; 4	R&D, support, collection, processing, presentation	1/2006	12/2012	yes
Web services for external access to GENESIS data	3; 4; 5	support	4/2005	12/2006	no



Contact: *Angela Schaff*

Information management

Brief description

Information management deals with the support of all information and communication processes including work and process organisation at the Federal Statistical Office through a uniform IT-based environment. Internal and external websites of the Federal Statistical Office, which supply information, are supported. Information management is in charge of the final editorial work concerning the internet, intranet and StaNet sites and also of the subject-matter related administration of software products used in the entire Office (e.g. the conference management software Circa, overall system on information and knowledge management).

Main uses

- staff information
- communication and conference management
- information and communication processes on the basis of a uniform system
- process and work organisation

Main users

- staff of the FSO and the LSOs
- Internet users

Primary costs

2004: 884 000 Euro 2005: 1 542 000 Euro

The primary costs have been allocated to the task areas supported (research/development/questions of principle, statistics production and dissemination) and are contained in the relevant total costs.

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
14010021	Setting up an information and knowledge management system (IWMS)	Personalised knowledge and communication platform for all staff members, providing at the right time and place and with the quality and quantity required any information that is relevant for performing the business processes. The integration of existing and future applications into the system is done by a uniform user interface. Through the introduction of document management and records handling, all relevant business processes are shown on a uniform IT-supported system basis. Apart from administration, this also implements integrated archiving
14010022	Intranet	The intranet of the Federal Statistical Office is the central information platform for all staff members. The IWMS is transforming the existing intranet into a modern and future-oriented work environment. The chief editorial staff for the intranet are further developing the system in terms of subject-matter and ensure its subject-related operation. Also, they publish editorial contents and assure quality, for example with regard to barrier-free access
14010023	StaNet/CIRCA	The FSO and the LSOs exchange a large volume of statistical data. The FSO chairs many bodies and working groups needing direct information exchange and manages their affairs. Many documents and conference papers must be handled jointly and must be available in time and efficiently to the LSOs, too. For that purpose, the FSO operates the statistical extranet (StaNet), does the chief editorial work and enhances subject-related further development

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Setting up the information and knowledge management system (IWMS)	2; 4; 6	support, dissemination, management	1/2005	12/2010	yes

Annex

List of abbreviations

Abbreviation	Designation
ARAS	General regional master record of all shipping statistics
ASI	Automated processing in intra-Community trade statistics
BBR	Federal Office of Building and Regional Planning
BfN	Federal Agency for Nature Conservation
BIB	Federal Institute for Population Research
BISp	Federal Institute of Sport Science
BLA Statistik	Committee of the Federation and the Länder on Statistics
BLK	Bund-Länder Commission for Educational Planning and Research Promotion
BMAS	Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs
BMBF	Federal Ministry of Education and Research
BMELV	Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection
BMF	Federal Ministry of Finance
BMFSFJ	Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth
BMG	Federal Ministry of Health
BMI	Federal Ministry of the Interior
BMJ	Federal Ministry of Justice
BMU	Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety
BMVBS	Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development
BMWi	Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology
BMZ	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
BStatG	Federal Statistics Law
CIRCA	Communication and Information Resource Centre Administrator
CMS	Content Management System
COFOG	Classification of the Functions of Government
CVTS	Continuing Vocational Training Survey
EC	European Communities
ECB	European Central Bank
ECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

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Abbreviation	Designation
EDICOM	Electronic Data Interchange in Commerce
EDS	European Data Service
EFQM	European Foundation for Quality Management
ESS	European Statistical System
EU	European Union
EU KLEMS	EU project comparing the productivity of the factors of capital, labour, energy, raw materials and services
Eurostat	Statistical Office of the European Communities
EU-SILC	EU Statistics on Income and Living Conditions
EVAS	Integrated List of All Statistics Compiled by the Federal Statistical Office and the Statistical Offices of the Länder
EVS	Sample survey of income and expenditure
FATS	Foreign Affiliates Statistics
FSO	Federal Statistical Office
GDP	Gross domestic product
GENESIS	Common New Statistical Information System
GIS	Geographical Information System
GTZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) GmbH – German Technical Cooperation
GV-Isis	Information System of the List of Municipalities
HICP	Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices
HRK	German Rectors' Conference
ICT	Information and communication technology
IEA	International Energy Agency
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMA-Statistik	Interministerial Committee for Co-ordination and Rationalisation of Statistics
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IT	Information technology
IWMS	Information and knowledge management system
KHEntG	Hospital Remuneration Act
KLR	Cost and performance accounting
KMK	Standing Conference of Land Ministers of Education
LAN	Local Area Network

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Abbreviation	Designation
LSOs	Statistical offices of the Länder
LUCAS	Land Use and Land Cover Area Frame Statistical Survey
NACE	Statistical Classification of Economic Activities in the European Community
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PHARE	Programme of Community aid to the countries of Central and Eastern Europe
R&D	Research and Development
SAS	Statistical Analysis System
SNA	System of National Accounts of the United Nations
SRW	Council of Economic Experts
StaNet	Extranet of the statistical offices in Germany
TACIS	Technical Assistance to the Commonwealth of Independent States and Mongolia
TAPAS	Technical Action Plan for Agriculture Statistics
UBA	Federal Environmental Agency
UGR	Environmental-Economic Accounting
UN	United Nations
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
URS	Business Register System
USST	Upgrading of the Statistical System of Turkey
VERGIS	Information system of transport statistics
WHO	World Health Organization