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Preface

Dear readers,

The Strategy and Programme Plan 2008–2012 describes the entire domain of federal statistics according to the following mottos:

- As briefly as possible
- As comprehensively as necessary
- What are we doing today, what does that cost?
- What are we going to do tomorrow?

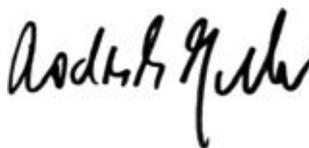
In this function, the Strategy and Programme Plan has probably become a familiar companion for those who deal more closely with official statistics.

In this publication you will find both information on our statistics in the sense of “products” which we provide for the government, parliament and the society, and on “actions”. The latter are the projects with which we intend to improve our products. The strategy we are following here is laid down in the goals “fit 2012”. Those goals form this Plan’s

second chapter. The picture is completed by chapter one, which explains how the system of federal statistics works in general.

One of the reasons for us to produce this edition only in an electronic version, rather than to print it, is to show that we take seriously our strategic goal “We work efficiently”. If you as a user of the Strategy and Programme Plan should miss a printed version, please let us know. In the end, it is your demand which decides how we offer this publication.

Wiesbaden, January 2009



Roderich Egeler
President of the Federal Statistical Office



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



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.
- 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 compe-

tent 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. 11–14) 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 know-how 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 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

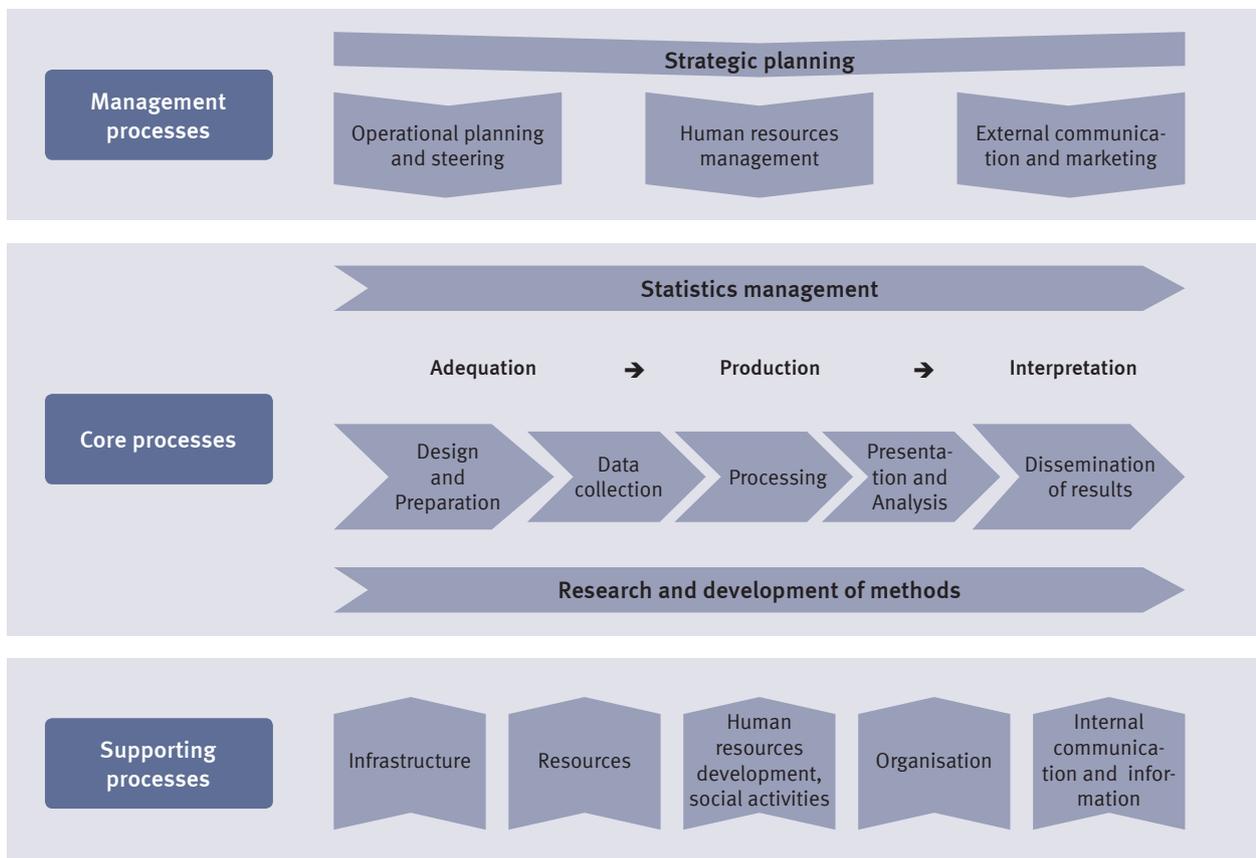
Like other products, statistical information, too, is obtained as the result of a production process. The quality of statistical data depends not least on the way that process of production is organised. Any production of statistical information presupposes a specific demand for data. To orient statistical 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. That step is also referred to as adequation. The concept must be implemented in IT terms in practical

circumstances. Finally, the statistical data collected will be processed, using the descriptive "metadata" and informative comparisons, to arrive at statistical information which will then be made available to users and the general public.

So the specific statistical functions of the statistical offices in that production process are design and preparation (adequation), statistical production and communication of the results. In addition, there are cross-section management and supporting processes which are indispensable for the functioning of any production.

The processes directly linked to design, data collection, data processing and communication of results are referred to as the "core processes". Design and preparation comprise statistical methodical research, the development of technical procedures to be used in statistics production and programme planning and maintenance including co-ordination with users. The core processes of statistics production encompass data collection, compilation, processing, presentation and analysis. The process of communication of results is concretised by press services, print and online publications, information services, customer care, statistical information systems and distribution.

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



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. For about one third of the statistics, the data are collected and processed centrally by the Federal Statistical Office, which is the case for instance in foreign trade statistics and cost structure statistics. For two thirds of the statistics, the core processes of statistics production are performed at the statistical offices 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 and environmental-economic accounting, are areas of federal statistics which have increasingly gained in importance.

Cross-office fulfilment of tasks

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 14 Länder offices¹⁾. In view of the scarce resources of

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 (Statistical Office North). The Land Office for Data Processing and Statistics of Brandenburg and the Land Statistical Office of Berlin merged on 1 January 2007 to form the Office for Statistics (AfS) Berlin-Brandenburg.

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 a cross-office fulfilment of tasks. 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. In spring 2006, from the aspect of the efficiency of administration, the Federation and the federal states (Länder) concluded a framework agreement on the cross-office fulfilment of tasks in official statistics, combining the principle "Make of Buy" with elements of competition. As another step in the context of the reform project "Central IT Production and Data Maintenance", the statistical offices agreed in December 2006 that the microdata (individual data) obtained from federal statistical surveys will in future be available for common use.

Bodies

The individual tasks of statistical production and the related division of labour among various institutions require coordination 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 **Steering Committee on Optimised Co-operation** set up for supporting the new cross-office co-operation will determine the tasks to be accomplished in line with the model of optimised co-operation. To reduce its burden and support its activities, the Conference of Heads of the Statistical Offices established the **Committees on Strategy and Marketing** and on **Organisation and Implementation**. 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

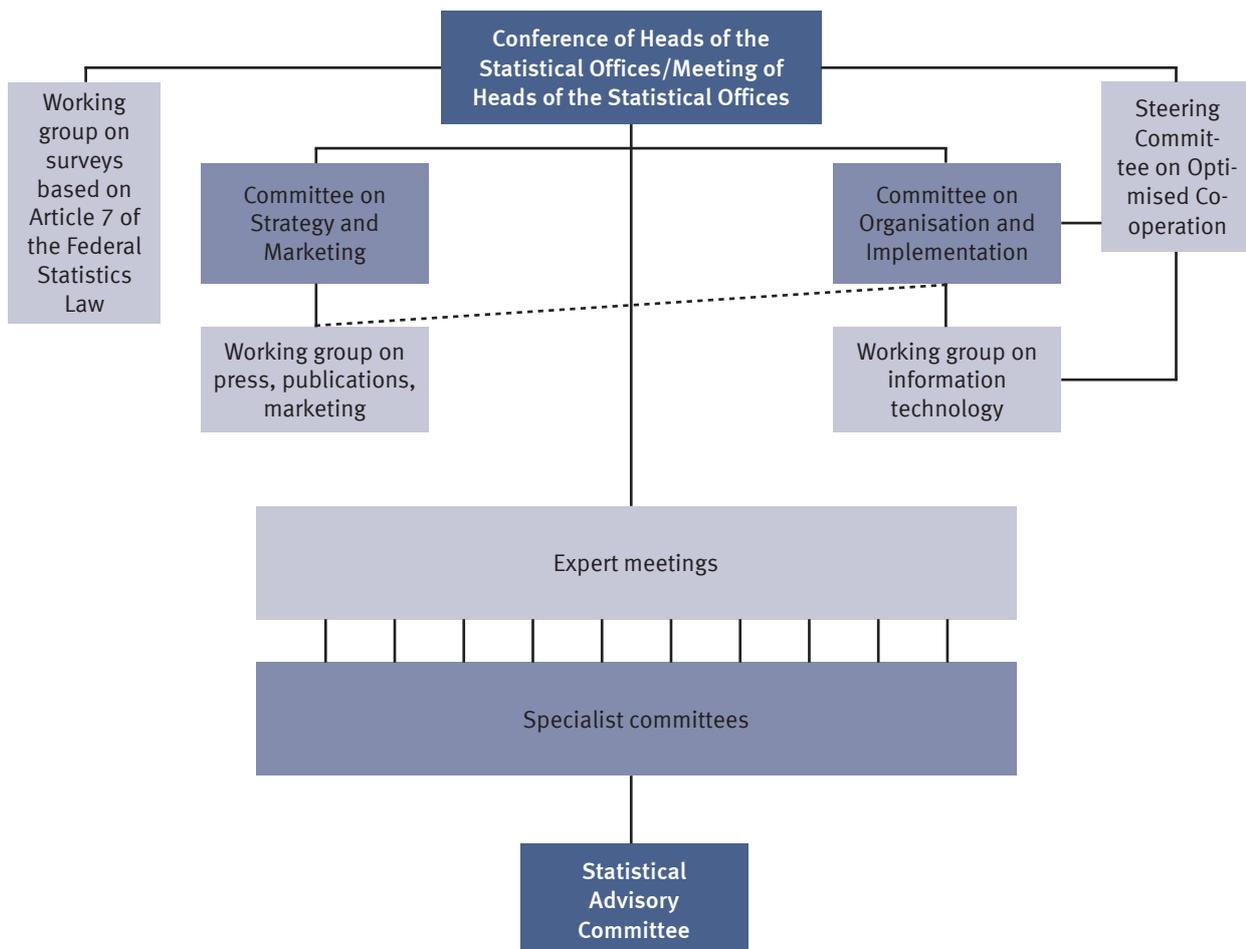
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statistical offices of the Federation and the Länder come together at special meetings designed to discuss questions of the relevant working areas of statistics.

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 fur-

ther 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.

Important bodies involved in the national cooperation of the Federal Statistical Office:



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 2012” (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 2,700 staff members. About 16 % 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. (Status: July 2008)

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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 for the members of the European Parliament from the Federal Republic of Germany. 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 runs the office of the Council of Economic Experts. The office with nine persons reports direct to the President of the Federal Statistical

Office and is supported by the FSO Departments in subject-matter, staff and organisational matters. It provides source material to the Council, prepares the Council meetings, organises the printing and publishing of the Council annual reports and is in charge of administrative tasks.

European Statistical System

Particularly as a result of creating Economic and Monetary Union and the euro area, and considering the EU enlargement to 27 Member States on 1 January 2007, 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.

Therefore, the ESS is currently developing further, both in terms of organisation and contents. Destatis is involved in that modernisation process.

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. Germany was a member until mid-2008.

The **Conference of the Directors General of National Statistical Institutes of the European Union (DGINS)** is an annual conference dealing with current strategic issues in the form

of a seminar. Every year the conference is hosted by a different EU member state. Germany will probably host the DGINS in 2010.

Another body that is important for the ESS is 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 as well as the European Central Bank and 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 deals in particular with projects of economic and finance statistics.

Within the scope of developing further the ESS, the ESS user bodies have been modernised, too. The former user body CEIES will be replaced by the **“European Statistical Advisory Committee”**. The advisory committee, which has become more efficient through the reduction of the number of members from about 90 to 24, will deal more intensively with priority setting and programme planning. Eleven of the 24 members are appointed directly by European organisations and institutions (such as the Confederation of European Business or the European Trade Union Confederation). By virtue of his office, the Director-General of Eurostat is a member, too, though without voting right. The other twelve members are appointed by the Commission upon proposal by the member states.

In the context of implementing the European Statistics Code of Practice, a new high-level user body has been set up which will take up its activities soon. The **“European Statistical Governance Advisory Board”** will report annually to the European Parliament and to the Council about compliance with the Code of Practice by Eurostat and the ESS as a whole. Also, the board – consisting of seven high-level members – will give advice to the Commission in important strategic issues regarding the credibility of European statistics and the Code of Practice. The Code of Practice, which was adopted in May 2005 by the Commission and the member states, has had major impact on the activities of the statistical offices in Europe since May 2005. The quality of statistical data and the integrity and independence of the statistical offices have even more shifted into focus. Destatis therefore underwent self-assessment through a questionnaire and a peer review by external experts from other statistical offices. The experts (peers) recommended improvement measures which will gradually be implemented in the coming years together with the statistical offices of the Länder and the federal ministries.

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 the context of developing further the ESS, the regulation is currently being revised. The new draft regulation on Community statistics is under intensive discussion in the Council Working Group on Statistics. Items still under intensive discussion by the member states include the composition and function of the succession body of the Statistical Programme Committee (SPC)

and of its succession bodies, subsidiarity issues, and the transmission of microdata within the ESS and to the European System of Central Banks (ESCB).

The discussions on the new statistics regulation are expected to continue until the end of 2008. In particular, the results of the discussions in the Council Working Group on Statistics will have to be closely co-ordinated with the European Parliament. Destatis is involved in those activities.

Apart from the European statistics regulation, there are a multitude of legal framework acts of the European Parliament and the Council as well as implementing regulations of the Commission for individual statistics.

The framework in terms of contents 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. Disseminating the results of Community statistics is a task of Eurostat, which avails itself of the support of the national statistical offices.

The European Statistical System will have to meet many new requirements in the various subject areas, which is shown by the new multiannual programme for 2008 – 2012. It provides for an improved and modern range of data, in part with new topics. Part of the requirements are laid down in European legal acts that are new or to be adopted soon. Against this background, well-balanced priority setting which meets the current needs of the users is gaining in importance. In this context, Germany placed the emphasis on major items during its EU presidency: All work areas of the multiannual programme will be subjected to cost-benefit analyses before the end of the multiannual programme's term in 2012. New statistical projects, too, must be subjected to a cost-benefit analysis before being introduced. Thus the course has been set for ever better programme planning at the European level, especially with a view to the planning periods after 2012.

Action plan for the further development of the ESS

In Cracow, in September 2006, the DGINS adopted the Cracow action plan to improve the functioning of the ESS. The ideas proposed there are currently being dealt with in three high-level Task Forces, which develop concrete proposals on the improvement of the legal and institutional framework, on issues of the new requirements in terms of contents and methodology, and on issues of dealing with the resources available. At present, customer discussions are held in this context with important users such as the ECB. The activities of the three high-level Task Forces (TF) are expected to be finished by the end of 2008.

- TF 1 dealt with the legal and institutional framework (especially the new version of the Regulation on Community Statistics of 1997). It finished its work already in November 2007.
- TF 2 deals with statistical challenges faced by the ESS (new topics such as globalisation and new methods).
- TF 3 deals with resources, management and programme planning (i. a. work sharing by setting up centres of excellence).

Destatis participates in all three Task Forces and operates the TF 3 secretariat. The former President of the Federal Statistical Office, Walter Radermacher, heads the TF 3 (jointly with the Eurostat Director responsible for resource and programme issues).

Another Task Force is expected to be set up in autumn 2008 within the scope of the Cracow action plan; it will deal with integrating the activities on implementing the Code of Practice into the regular Total Quality Management work.

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. Major issues include the current revision of the System of National Accounts at UN level (SNA 1993), the agreement already reached on a standard catalogue of questions for the coming round of censuses 2010/2011 and the statistical representation of current social phenomena like globalisation and the knowledge society.

The central body for globally harmonised concepts, methods and classifications is the **United Nations Statistical Commission**, to which Germany was appointed in 2005 as an official member until 2012. The President of the Federal Statistical Office participates in the annual meetings of heads of statistical offices and, until the end of June 2008, chaired the **Committee on Environmental Economic Accounts (UNCEEA)**. The UNCEEA has developed a long-term work programme regarding the further development and harmonisation of environmental-economic accounting.

Also, the Federal Statistical Office participates in the plenary sessions of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) in Paris. The CES is a high-level statistical body of the UN Economic Commission for Europe and is at an intermediate level between the UN and the EU. In its annual sessions it discusses, among other things, the Statistical Programme of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE). In addition, each of the CES sessions focuses on two topics of seminars, which are held with the participation of the member states.

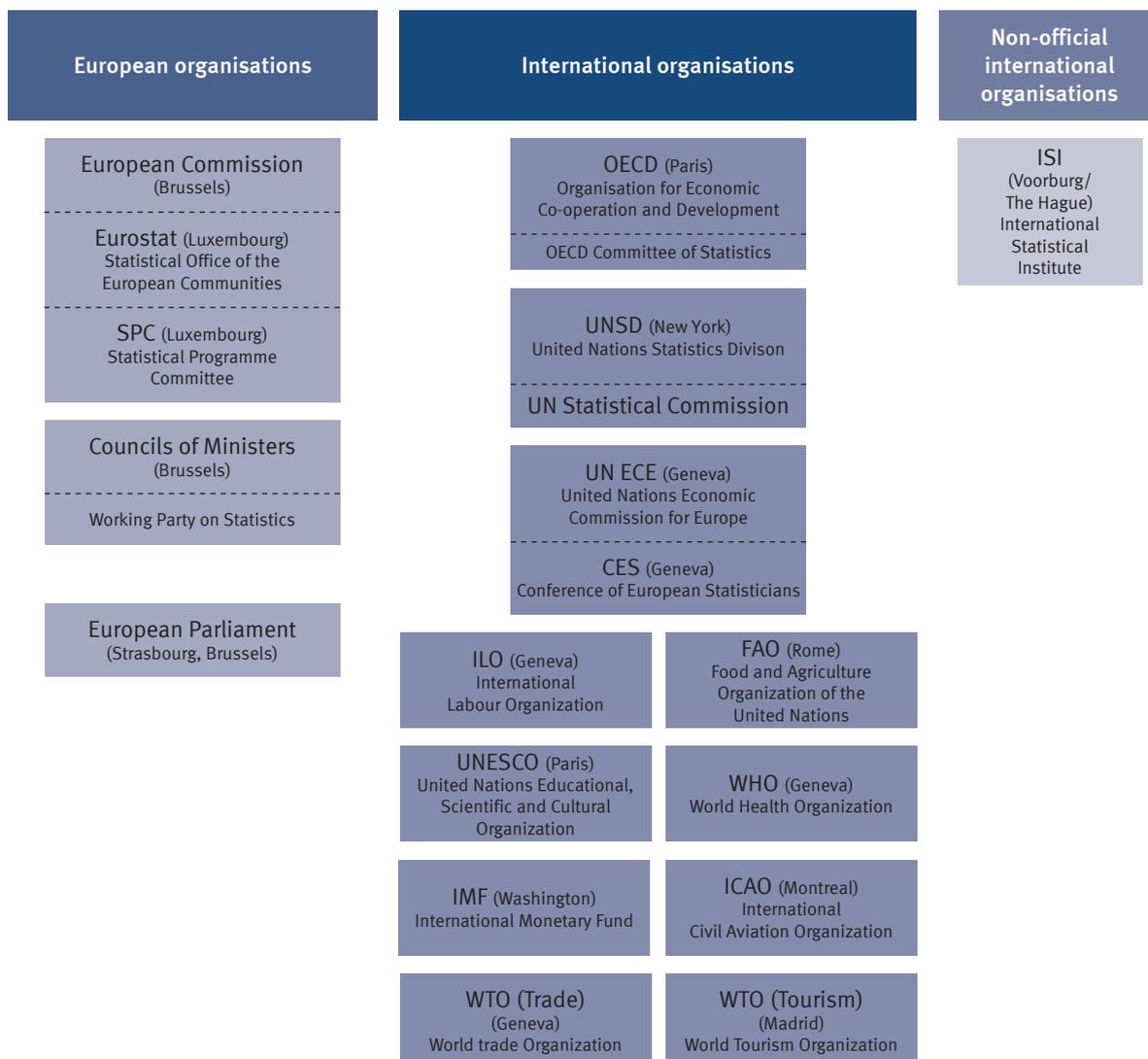
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OECD member states are, apart from the European industrialised nations, the USA, Canada, Australia, Korea and Japan. The OECD Statistics Directorate prepares harmonised statistics and methods for international comparisons and performs statistical analyses. At the OECD level, too, the heads of the statistical offices of the member states meet regularly to discuss strategic and subject-related issues. In April 2004, the OECD Council set up the OECD Committee on Statistics, which upgrades and strengthens the OECD Statistics Directorate. The Committee meets once a year alternately in Geneva and Paris. The former President of the Federal Statistical Office, Walter Radermacher, was Vice-Chairman of the Committee's office until June 2008.

The Federal Statistical Office also co-operates with the International Labour Organization (ILO), the World Trade Organization (WTO), the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF). In 2005 the IMF examined the observance of international standards in German official statistics with 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 following chart provides an overview of the major organisations with which the Federal Statistical Office has co-operation relations at the supranational and international level:



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**fit 2012 – The strategic goals
of the Federal Statistical Office
for the period 2008 to 2012**

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 2008 to 2012

The Federal Statistical Office has committed itself to the principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice. The Excellence Model of the European Foundation for Quality Management (EFQM) is the quality framework for our work, meaning that we provide the highest quality products and services, processes and relations with our partners based on the quality work of all employees. The Federal Statistical Office determines the measures and projects to be implemented in accordance with the following strategic goals we want to achieve by 2012.

1st goal:

We produce quality products

To meet the needs of the users, our products fulfil the quality criteria of relevance, accuracy and reliability, timeliness and punctuality, coherence and comparability, accessibility and clarity.

- 1.1 The results we produce are an indispensable basis for the current political discussion and formation of opinion.
- 1.2 We consider customer requirements and supply early and relevant information on newly emerging topics.
- 1.3 The accuracy of our data continues to be important to us.
- 1.4 We create coherence in our results and the methods, concepts and definitions applied.
- 1.5 Our results are comparable at the national, European and international level.
- 1.6 Our information is readily accessible.
- 1.7 The methods and processes we use are transparent.
- 1.8 We regularly check our products and services with the aim to further enhance their high quality.

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

- visualise our statistical results to a larger extent by adding graphs;
- develop a data quality network;
- establish a metadata system of official statistics (metadata portal);
- optimise the GENESIS-Online user database and provide its wide range of information in two languages (German and English);
- present research and development as production and investment in national accounts;
- study the productivity of several branches of economic activity (multifactor productivity measurements) in the context of EU KLEMS;
- conduct a feasibility study to respond to the demand for information on regional price level differences;
- provide comparable base data on the finances of the German Länder;
- participate in the preparation of the National report on education indicators;
- carry out continuous calculations of house price indices;
- monitor the trends in goods and services for environmental protection (“green market”).

2nd goal:

We work efficiently

To meet the new challenges, we must both continue to optimise and standardise the processes applied and exploit synergy effects. Social aspects such as reconciliation of work and family life and the good health of all our employees are duly considered in this context.

- 2.1 We apply nationally and internationally recognised methodological concepts and technical standards.
- 2.2 We use tools, services and processes based on state-of-the-art information technology.
- 2.3 We reduce the response burden caused by official statistics.
- 2.4 Online reporting procedures are used comprehensively.
- 2.5 Using appropriate registers and administrative data takes priority over primary data surveys.
- 2.6 We combine similar tasks and standardise processes.
- 2.7 We identify and replace products that have lost their relevance.
- 2.8 We control our processes with the help of performance indicators and audits.
- 2.9 We see to it that our management and controlling processes are lean.

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

- continuously improve the quality of the links to external IT networks;
- standardise the production process (SteP) to create multi-domain procedures and techniques for harmonised statistical processing;
- develop a modern IT procedure for the Census 2011;
- implement an integrated input database on an XML basis as standard software for the co-ordinated work of the Federal Statistical Office and the statistical offices of the Länder;
- develop and use central lists and registers such as the List of Municipalities (GV-Isys) and the new business register;
- introduce software to permit a better distribution of the capacity of the information services with regard to incoming calls;
- set up an information management system;
- implement a new programming procedure for processing data of various surveys.

3rd goal:

We address structural reforms

We need a sustainable framework to secure our position as an innovative information provider in society.

- 3.1 We ensure impartiality of the process of releasing our results.
- 3.2 Our product and programme plan is the basis for negotiations with our clients.
- 3.3 A legal framework is in place for register-based statistics in accordance with data protection principles.
- 3.4 We integrate different data sources into statistical systems.
- 3.5 We modernise the federal statistical system in co-operation with the statistical offices of the Länder.
- 3.6 We increase our scientific profile by strengthening our methodological and analytical competencies.

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

- further develop methods and procedures of federal statistics in conjunction with the Act on using administrative data;
- implement the results of the IT consolidation projects within the sphere of responsibility of the Federal Ministry of the Interior;
- introduce a data collection method based on the automatic transmission of data from the accounting systems of businesses and public institutions;
- increasingly base short-term statistics on domestic trade and the hotel and restaurant industry on administrative data sources.

4th goal:

We are a strong partner

We invest in partnerships at the national and international level. Based on our specialist competence, impartiality and objectivity, we participate in political, social and scientific dialogue.

- 4.1 We are recognised as the leading and an innovative information provider.
- 4.2 We maintain the trust of others in official statistics by following the principles of impartiality, objectivity, scientific independence and safeguarding statistical confidentiality.
- 4.3 We co-operate closely with the scientific community.
- 4.4 We play a decisive part in shaping the European Statistical System (ESS).
- 4.5 We are one of the centres of excellence within the ESS.
- 4.6 We receive quality reports from all German institutions which supply statistical data to Eurostat and, in this context, see to it that the European Statistics Code of Practice is followed.
- 4.7 We play an active part in the development of the international statistical systems.

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

- further develop the European Data Service (EDS) and ensure long-term co-financing by Eurostat;
- provide the media and the general public with detailed information on the register-based Census 2011;
- create comparable base data on the financial situation of the Länder for the purposes of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Finance;
- develop consistent calculations in respect of health expenditure and national accounts;
- report on the fulfilment of the Climate protection statistics law (KSStatG);
- co-operate in the preparation of the 4th Report of the Federal Government on pensions for public officials.

5th goal:

We are prepared for 2012

In order to achieve success, all of us play an active role in the process of reaching the strategic goals. By doing this, we also enhance the attractiveness of our jobs.

- 5.1 All of us
 - take an active part in continuously developing our competencies,
 - actively participate in shaping the processes of development and change,
 - show flexibility and
 - enhance communication and co-operation.
- 5.2 We, the executives, are additionally responsible for,
 - actively and continuously developing our leadership qualities and
 - assisting and motivating our staff in the course of implementing the processes of development and change.
- 5.3 We, the heads of the Office, also see to it that
 - sustainable human resources development is ensured and
 - the number, structure and qualification of staff are in line with national and international requirements.

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

- expand our internal information and knowledge management system (IWMS);
- ensure smooth operation in the temporary offices during improvement of our office building;
- further develop our personnel development scheme based on practical experience;
- participate in the modernisation of the European Statistical System (Krakow action plan);
- implement the management/staff council agreement and performance-oriented payment of staff.

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The work programme for the years 2008 to 2012 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.

For this purpose, the Federal Statistical Office uses its cost and performance accounting system. On that basis, this Strategy and Programme Plan shows the costs incurred per product area. 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 2012. In this Strategy and Programme Plan have been 270 actions included. Structuring them by the goal they serve gives the following picture (multiple responses were possible):

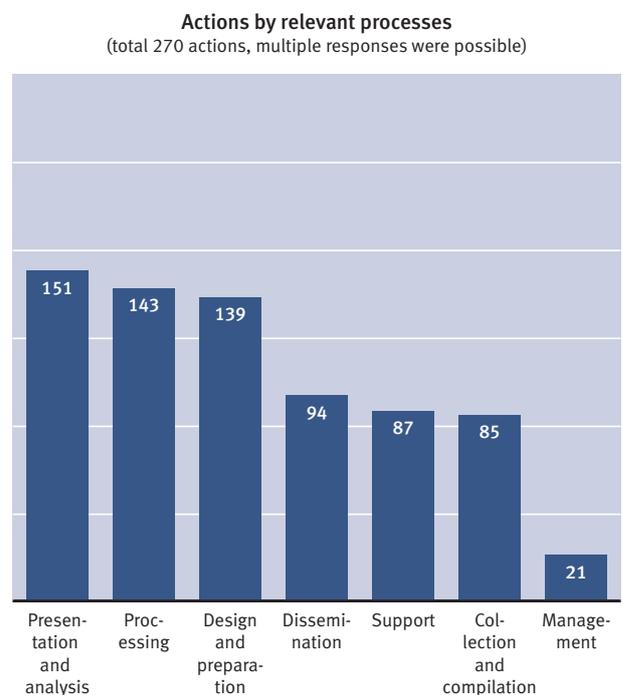
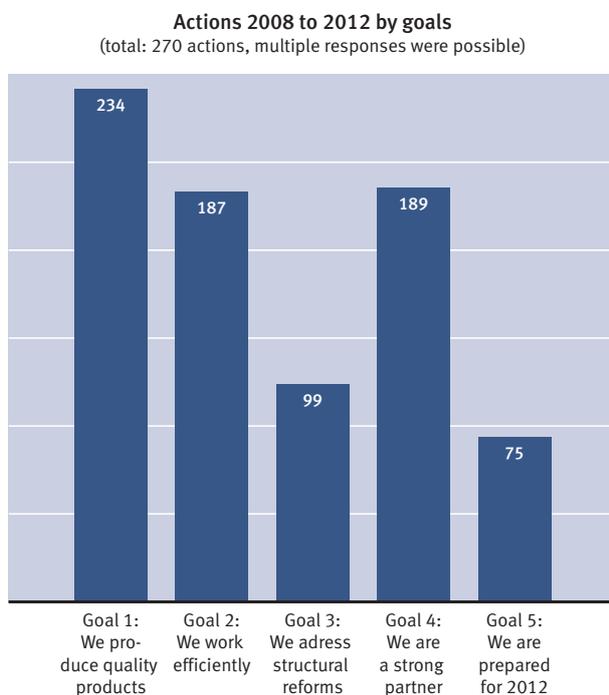
Most actions are to support the goal “We produce quality products”. This will be a focus for the Federal Statistical Office in the coming years. The goal “We are prepared for 2012” refers to the staff being ready for the future. As only few work units explicitly deal with staff matters, there are much fewer actions referring to that goal – although in none of the areas the number of actions alone is crucial for their effectiveness. Quite a number of actions support both the goal “We produce quality products” and the goal “We are a strong partner”. Better data quality often leads to improved perception in the general public and – due to the work sharing in the German and the European statistical system – results from better co-operation with other institutions.

The additional actions can also be structured by the internal processes (see “process of statistical production”) they refer to. The following presentation distinguishes between the five processes of “design and preparation”, “dissemination”, “support” and “management”, and the “core processes” consisting of “collection/compilation”, “processing”

and “presentation/analysis”. Multiple responses were possible. It is obvious that the focus is on design and preparation as well as the production of statistics (collection, processing, presentation):

Of altogether 270 actions, 121 are carried out in co-operation with the statistical offices of the Länder, and 149 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. Actions of design and preparation, too, are often performed together with the statistical offices of the Länder. However, the dissemination of federal results is 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 2008		Plan 2007		Ist 2007	
		EUR 1,000					
		receipts	costs	receipts	costs	receipts	costs
1.	Questions of principle, research and development for official statistics	-	8,225	-	6,858	0	8,051
1.1	Questions of principle, classifications, bodies of official statistics	-	4,107	-	3,766	0	4,020
1.2	Research and development	-	2,728	-	1,592	0	2,671
1.3	Mathematical and statistical methods	-	1,390	-	1,500	0	1,361
2.	Statistics production and other permanent tasks	575	121,963	102	108,608	2,171	107,818
2.1	Territory, population, labour market, European Parliament and Bundestag elections	-	21,383	-	11,850	246	9,564
2.2	Education, social security benefits, health, justice	225	6,888	-	6,912	781	6,743
2.3	Housing, environment	-	3,326	-	3,867	0	3,256
2.4	Statistics of individual sectors of economic activity	65	17,795	-	19,345	194	17,419
2.5	Foreign trade, enterprises, crafts	100	33,379	102	36,973	117	32,674
2.6	Prices, earnings and labour costs, income and consumption	-	14,729	-	14,018	134	14,453
2.7	Public finance	185	5,549	-	5,438	700	5,196
2.8	National accounts and Environmental- Economic Accounting	-	9,494	-	9,367	0	9,293
2.9	Standard cost model	-	9,419	-	838	0	9,220
3.	Statistics dissemination	519	25,212	92	30,478	1,611	24,679
3.1	Information services	-	6,524	-	7,115	272	6,387
3.2	Basic information supply (press, public relations, internet)	-	3,351	-	3,114	1	3,280
3.3	Standard provision of information, information systems, publications .	284	7,185	92	8,412	707	7,033
3.4	Customer-specific processing and advice/co-operation	235	8,151	-	11,837	630	7,979
4.	Services for institutions under joint administration	-	3,595	-	3,381	149	3,575
4.1	Liaison office/Services of the FSO for the Council of Economic Experts	-	2,207	-	2,152	0	2,195
4.2	Services of the FSO for the Federal Institute for Population Research	-	203	-	180	5	202
4.3	Services of the FSO for the Federal Institute for Sports Studies	-	444	-	395	143	442

Programme for the period 2008 to 2012

No.	Product areas Product groups	Plan 2008		Plan 2007		Ist 2007	
		EUR 1,000					
		receipts	costs	receipts	costs	receipts	costs
4.4	Administrative assistance for others	-	740	-	654	0	736
	Total	1,094	158,994	194	149,325	3,931	144,124
5.	Balancing against the budget result	-	1,100	-	- 4,261	866	7,861
5.1	Imputed receipts/costs	-	-14,347	-	-14,235	-	-11,702
5.1.1	Depreciation, imputed interest	-	- 6,538	-	- 5,032	-	- 4,152
5.1.2	Fictitious pension payments for public officials currently employed	-	- 4,950	-	- 6,345	-	- 4,692
5.1.3	Other: Imputed rents	-	- 2,858	-	- 2,858	-	- 2,858
5.2	Revenue/expenditure that is not product-oriented	-	15,447	-	9,974	866	19,563
5.2.1	Investments	-	15,447	-	9,974	-	19,563
5.2.2	Revenue	-	-	-	-	866	-
	Balancing result	1,094	160,094	194	145,064	4,797	151,985
	Memorandum item:	revenue	expenditure	revenue	expenditure	revenue	expenditure
	Balance of chapter 0608	1,094	160,094	194	145,064	4,797	151,985

Explanatory notes:

Columns 3 and 5 (plan 2008 – receipts): Planned receipts are based on the target revenue of the cameralistic budgets for 2008 and are due to revenue from fines and miscellaneous revenue.

Column 7 (actual 2007 – receipts): The actual receipts of 2007 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 2007 – 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.

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Contact: *Angela Schaff*

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 as well as preparation of decision papers for the Head of the Federal Statistical Office and further development of the statistical programme.

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

2006:	EUR 1,620,000	2007:	EUR 1,725,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 2,661,000	2007:	EUR 2,857,000
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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 system of the EU, international statistical systems	Preparation of decisions on questions of principle of the European Statistical System (ESS) 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 (burden on businesses caused by federal statistics, microdata for the scientific community, confidentiality/anonymisation).
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	Development of interdisciplinary statements and initiatives at the supranational and international levels, coordination of data and metadata supplies to the IMF, and planning of official journeys abroad (ADR), ADR reporting ¹⁾ .
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, integrated List of Statistics (compiled by the Federal Statistical Office and the statistical offices of the Länder)
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.
21120100	Metadata system for official statistics (metadata portal)	The metadata system is to enable the integration of metadata into standardised processes. As part of future SDMX deliveries to Eurostat, standardised metadata will have to be transferred, too. The first prototypical application of the metadata system in federal statistics will be the census in 2011. In addition to that, a metadata portal is to be set up so that the collections of metadata existing within the FSO/LSOs system can be drawn upon. It is intended to grant also external users access to metadata related with statistics and data collection.
21120110	SteP – Standardisation of the production process	To handle major processes which are part of statistical production, isolated solutions have been prepared for individual statistics. By developing common procedures and techniques, a uniform handling of these partial processes is to be made possible.

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) – Conference of European Statisticians (CES/ECE) – United Nations Statistical Commission – OECD Statistics Committee

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	yearly
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)	yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
New concept of the statistics database with metadata for federal and co-ordinated Länder statistics	1; 2; 4	design, dissemination, support	9/2007	12/2008	no
Co-ordination of the project "Standardisation of the production process" (SteP)	1; 2	design, collection, processing, presentation, support	5/2003	12/2012	yes
Setting up a metadata system of official statistics (concept of the metadata system for the census 2011, metadata portal for internal users, metadata system for internal and external users, metadata office for the FSO/ LSOs system)	1; 2; 4	design, collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	5/2007	12/2012	yes
Indicator systems in federal statistics (i. a. uniform and co-ordinated presentation)	1; 2; 4	processing, presentation	6/2006	12/2009	no
Modernisation of the European Statistical System (co-operation in task forces established under the "Krakow Action Plan")	1; 2; 4	management, support	5/2007	12/2008	no
Implementation of the European Statistics Code of Practice (quality assurance)	1; 2; 4	support	7/2007	12/2008	yes

Contact: Peter Schmidt

Classifications

Brief description

When mass phenomena are monitored by statistical surveys, there always is a multitude of data which 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

Main users

- specialised units of the FSO and LSOs
- Eurostat
- OECD
- UN

Primary costs

2006:	EUR 745,000	2007:	EUR 708,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 1,244,000	2007:	EUR 1,147,000
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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)
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), Classification of Types of Construction (CC)
21300065	Goods classifications ¹⁾	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 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
21300090	Classifications of Occupations	Classification of Occupations (KldB), International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO)

1) Contact: Dr. Klaus Geyer-Schäfer.

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Classifications of economic activities	irregular
Product classifications and lists	yearly, irregular
Classifications of persons	irregular
Regional classifications and lists	yearly, irregular
Other classifications	yearly, 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	1	design, processing, presentation, dissemination	1/2006	6/2010	no
Installation of a classification server	2	design	7/2004	12/2009	no

Contact: Prof. Dr. Manfred Ehling

Interdisciplinary research and development for official statistics

Brief description

Co-ordination of research and development projects in the context of federal statistics and the European Statistical System (ESS) as well as further development of statistical methods and procedures.

Main uses

- assistance and advice for specialised units in statistical production
- external representation of the Federal Statistical Office's methodological research activities and of cross-cutting aspects of statistical data quality

Main users

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

Primary costs

2006:	EUR 868,000	2007:	EUR 1,182,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 1,477,000	2007:	EUR 1,851,000
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Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
21120050	Co-ordination of research and development projects	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 (e.g. EPROS)	Co-ordination of the FSO's participation in European projects (e.g. in the context of the EU Framework Programmes on Research); information to specialised departments regarding a potential participation in European projects
21200030	Quality of statistical data (network on data quality)	Data quality management (e.g. coordinating the preparation of quality reports, development and introduction of tools to monitor the quality of statistical data), coordinating the implementation of the European Statistics Code of Practice in the area of data quality; coordination of concepts and methods regarding data quality with the statistical offices of the Länder and within the European Statistical System
22100010	Suitability tests in accordance with the Law on the Utilisation of Administrative Data	Studies on the use of administrative data for short-term economic and other statistical purposes according to the Law on the Utilisation of Administrative Data
22100040	Implementation of the subject-related data editing concept	Modernisation of statistical processing by testing and introducing new methods of data editing and processing
22100050	Project management of eSTATISTIK.core ¹⁾	Development and implementation of new methods regarding automatic data retrieval and transmission from the business accounting system; standardisation of certificates in cooperation with the business community to reduce the response burden on businesses
22100090	Further development of the programme of business statistics ²⁾	Adjustment of the programme of business statistics with the aim of identifying subject areas not yet covered by federal statistics and to integrate them into the programme. This is supplemented by special evaluations of individual statistics and cross-sectional analyses including several business statistics and reporting periods, drawing upon the business register
22100110	CENEX HICP quality adjustment ³⁾	Leading a co-operation project with seven national statistical institutes which serves to harmonise and further develop the measurement of price and quality developments of technical goods, books, rents, telecommunications and services in the health and social sectors

1) Contact: Birgit Frank-Bosch. – 2) Contact: Bernhard Veldhues. – 3) Contact: Irmtraud Beuerlein.

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	1; 2; 3; 4	design, collection, presentation	11/2003	6/2009	yes
Setting up a network on data quality for the co-ordination of harmonised actions to improve data quality and implement the European Statistics Code of Practice	1; 2; 4	design, support, management	6/2006	12/2008	no
Evaluation of quality reports	1; 4	presentation, dissemination	7/2008	12/2010	no

Contact: Prof. 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

2006:	EUR 399,000	2007:	EUR 464,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 733,000	2007:	EUR 810,000
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Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
22200020	Co-ordination of questionnaire design and questionnaire evaluation	Improvement of data collection and of the framework conditions for processing by standardising survey documents; reduction of the response burden and improvement of data plausibility by optimising printed and electronic draft questionnaires; evaluations of questionnaires in the pretest lab and under field conditions

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Pretest laboratory for official statistics	1; 2	design	6/2006	12/2008	no

Contact: Ernst Schrey

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 for conducting sample surveys in the area of official statistics.

This product class also includes interdisciplinary methodological research and development in the fields of sampling techniques, time series analysis and forecasting procedures as well as methods to ensure statistical confidentiality and to edit statistical data, that is to correct errors in them. The mathematical and statistical methods developed must also be implemented into effective software solutions.

Main uses

- support of statistics production
- external representation of the Federal Statistical Office's research activities in the area of mathematical and statistical methodology

Main user

- specialised units of the FSO and LSOs

Primary costs

2006:	EUR 834,000	2007:	EUR 810,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 1,407,000	2007:	EUR 1,354,000
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Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
14000022	Methodical development for subject-related tasks	Mathematical and statistical support for the specialised units, especially project-related development of selection methods, estimation methods and methods to assess the accuracy for sample surveys of official statistics; development of automatic data editing procedures for faulty data and of methods to ensure statistical confidentiality in tables.
14000023	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 and automatic data editing procedures for faulty data.
14000024	Scientific software development	Implementation of mathematical-statistical methods into effective 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 application of mathematical and statistical methods for an automated editing of statistical data (error correction)	1; 2; 3	design, support	5/2008	4/2012	yes
Development of mathematical and statistical methodology (i. a. small area estimation methods) for the register-based census 2011	1;2; 4	design	5/2006	12/2011	yes
Estimation of measurement errors in panel surveys (application: microcensus) by means of latent class models	1; 2	design	7/2008	6/2009	yes
Ensuring statistical confidentiality in tables by controlled adjustment of tables (CTA: Controlled Tabular Adjustment) instead of cell suppression	2; 3	design	7/2006	12/2011	yes
Eurostat "Flash Estimation" project to improve the timeliness of selected short-term indicators	1; 4; 5	design, support	1/2007	9/2008	no
Methodology study on the feasibility of sample surveys in industry	1; 2	design, support	5/2006	12/2008	yes
Drawing up a new concept of sample surveys in agriculture in connection with the census of agriculture 2010	1; 2	design, support	1/2008	12/2012	yes
Drawing up a completely new concept of the sampling techniques for representative election statistics	1; 2	design, support	6/2007	11/2009	yes
Further development of the BV4.1 software for component analysis and seasonal adjustment of economic time series	1; 2; 4	presentation, support	10/2008	12/2011	no
Teleprocessing and confidentiality	1; 2; 4	design	1/2009	12/2011	yes
Development and dissemination of modern methods for the nondisclosure of tables within the European Statistical System as part of the EU-FP7, EURASI and ESSnet-SDC projects	2; 3	design, dissemination	1/2008	12/2012	no

3.2

Statistics production

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Wholesale and retail trade, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and of personal and household goods, hotel and restaurant industry, tourism <i>103</i> ■ Transport <i>106</i> ■ Services/ICT in enterprises <i>108</i>
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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

- specialised units of the FSO and LSOs
- businesses, the general public
- federal ministries

Primary costs

2006:	EUR 175,000	2007:	EUR 175,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 594,000	2007:	EUR 445,000
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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
Developing a new concept of the List of municipalities (GV-ISYS)	1; 2	design	1/2007	12/2008	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

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

Primary costs

2006:	EUR 653,000	2007:	EUR 1,009,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 1,121,000	2007:	EUR 1,788,000
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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
Preparing and conducting the census 2011	1; 2; 3; 4	design, collect, processing, dissemination	7/2006	12/2014	yes

Contact: Hermann Seewald

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 media, the general public

Primary costs

2006:	EUR 1,263,000	2007:	EUR 1,220,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 2,820,000	2007:	EUR 2,336,000
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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
12221	Household and family statistics	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	800,000

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 1, series 3	yearly
Subject-matter series 13, series 1	2-yearly
Living 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; 4	presentation, dissemination	1/2005	12/2012	yes
Thematic brochures/folders on living and working in Germany	1; 4	presentation, dissemination	10/2005	12/2012	no
Press activities concerning the microcensus	1; 4	presentation, dissemination	9/2004	12/2012	no
Quality studies and improvements to be implemented in the microcensus (monthly rapid evaluation of the action plan agreed upon with the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs)	1; 2; 3; 4	design, processing, presentation, dissemination	3/2003	2/2012	yes
Further development of the electronic data collection programme and possibly replacement of "Blaise"	2; 3; 4	design, collection, processing, support	1/2007	6/2011	no
Conceptual activities on setting up an electronic internet questionnaire (online survey programme)	1; 2; 3; 4	design, collection, processing, dissemination	1/2007	12/2012	no
Reform of household statistics	1; 2; 3; 4	design, collection, presentation, dissemination	1/2008	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 statistics on births and deaths, marriages and divorces, 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. For this purpose, data on naturalisations are required. In addition, basic data are available on the number of naturalisations and on the foreign population.

The development of mortality and life expectancy 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

2006:	EUR 850,000	2007:	EUR 753,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 1,507,000	2007:	EUR 1,266,000
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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
12641	Basic demographic data on the development of births in Germany (Art. 7 of Federal Statistics Law)	primary survey	decentralised	nonrecurrent (2006)	13,000
12651	Creation of civil partnerships	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	5,000
12661	Dissolution of civil partnerships	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
Foreign population by the country of citizenship	yearly
Naturalisations	yearly
Structural data on migration 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	yearly
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 Council regulation on Community statistics on migration and international protection for the transition period before the next population census	1; 4	design, collection, processing, presentation	1/2007	12/2008	yes
Survey on development of births according to Article 7 of Federal Statistics Law	1	design, collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	7/2005	6/2007	yes
Further development of continuous population statistics towards a register-based reporting system	1; 2; 3; 4	design, collection, processing	1/2008	12/2013	yes

Contact: *Rudolf Janke*

Employment market

Brief description

Coherent and comprehensive presentation of statistical labour market results by including all basic statistics that are available. In accordance with the internationally agreed Labour Force Concept of the International Labour Organization (ILO), monthly, quarterly and annual labour market results (partly in greater detail) are derived from the microcensus and the labour force survey (LFS).

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 relating to self-employed persons (incl. family workers) and employees in a breakdown by economic sectors, which are also incorporated into national accounts.

In co-ordination with the Federal Employment Agency, results on employees subject to full social insurance contributions and on marginal part-time workers are supplied every quarter, among others, as structural data in a detailed subject-related and regional breakdown.

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

2006:	EUR 3,174,000	2007:	EUR 2,020,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 4,143,000	2007:	EUR 2,850,000
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Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
13111	Statistics of employees subject to social insurance contributions	register	centralised	quarterly	–
13231	Unemployment statistics in the context of labour market statistics based on the ILO concept	primary survey	centralised	monthly	67,000
13321	Estimation of persons in employment and the labour force in the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany	calculation	centralised	monthly	–
13411	EU Labour Force Survey	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	800,000

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 1, series 4	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
Publication of ILO labour market statistics on the basis of special monthly evaluations of the labour force survey (LFS) and employment flash estimates (ETR)	1; 3	presentation, dissemination	5/2007	12/2012	no
Register-based survey of marginal part-time work	1	design, collection, processing, presentation	1/2008	12/2009	yes
Designing and disseminating coherent data on the labour market from the microcensus and the labour force survey	1; 2	presentation, dissemination, support	1/2007	12/2012	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 product class "Elections" comprises mainly the support of the Federal Returning Officer in preparing and holding elections to the German Bundestag and to the European Parliament and in maintaining a register of political parties.

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

The general election statistics both documents and analyses the data which the electoral bodies obtain as election results. They include, in particular, the number of persons entitled to vote, of actual voters inclusive of postal voters, of non-voters, and of valid and invalid votes in a breakdown by polling districts.

The representative election statistics, however, provides an analysis of the data obtained from the official ballot papers in a breakdown by sex and age groups.

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

2006:	EUR 610,000	2007:	EUR 512,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 955,000	2007:	EUR 851,000
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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	48,044,000
14121	Representative statistics of elections to the Bundestag	secondary survey	decentralised	4-yearly	1,384,000
14211	General statistics of elections to the European Parliament	secondary survey	decentralised	5-yearly	25,784,000
14221	Representative statistics of elections to the European Parliament	secondary survey	decentralised	5-yearly	798,000

Other activities

KLR no.	Product
39910010	Preparation and conduct of Bundestag elections
39910020	Preparation and conduct of European Parliament elections
39910030	Tasks according to the law on political parties: Among other things, maintaining a register showing the statutes, programmes and executive committee members of the political parties and their Land branches

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

Contact: *Heinz-Werner Hetmeier*

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

Primary costs

2006:	EUR 1,696,000	2007:	EUR 1,683,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 2,826,000	2007:	EUR 2,784,000
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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
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	5-yearly	10,000
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	–

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
Educational status of the population	yearly
Germany, a location of universities	irregular
Report on cultural finance	2-yearly
Culture at a glance	irregular
Report on the financial situation of the institutions of higher education	irregular
International education indicators in a comparison between German Länder	yearly
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
Further development of cultural statistics	1; 2; 3;4	design	6/2004	12/2013	yes
National reporting on education: Co-operation in the compilation of publications, the indicator database, regional education monitoring, etc.	1; 2; 3; 4	design, processing, dissemination	1/2007	12/2012	yes
Reprogramming the yearly higher education statistics	1; 2	collection, processing, presentation	6/2008	12/2011	yes
Development and publication of indicators reflecting the study process	1; 3; 4	design, presentation	1/2007	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

- Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)
- research ministries of the Länder
- Standing Conference of Land Ministers of Education (KMK)
- Eurostat, OECD

Primary costs

2006:	EUR 200,000	2007:	EUR 164,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 359,000	2007:	EUR 268,000
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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)	irregular

Contact: Dr. Bernd Becker

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

2006:	EUR 1,149,000	2007:	EUR 1,085,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 2,004,000	2007:	EUR 1,842,000
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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 to 9 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 to 9 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
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

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EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
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
22517	Statistics of educational assistance, of integration grants for emotionally disturbed, and of assistance for young majors	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	1,900
22521	Statistics of adoptions	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	700
22522	Statistics of approval for fostering, of curatorships, guardianships, right of custody, and child custody declarations	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 children and persons employed in day care centres	secondary survey	decentralised	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
22811	Social reporting in official statistics	calculation	centralised	irregular	–
22922	Statistics of parental allowance	secondary survey	centralised	quarterly	16

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 13, series 4 to 8	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	design, processing, presentation	11/2003	7/2008	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 and 2007	1; 2; 4	collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	2/2004	12/2009	yes
Setting up a system of social reporting: Unified poverty indicators at the federal and Länder level, report on government transfer payments	1; 2; 4	design, presentation, dissemination	6/2006	12/2009	yes
Transmission of data on the Social Security Code II "needs-oriented basic security" by the Federal Employment Agency to statistical offices	1; 2; 4	design, processing, presentation	10/2004	12/2008	yes

Contact: Karin Böhm

Health

Brief description

The health-related statistics and accounting systems collect and analyse data on the health situation and the health behaviour of the population in Germany, on aspects of medical care and the expenditure situation in the health sector. The hospital statistics provides information on the equipment and patients of the hospitals and prevention or rehabilitation facilities. For hospitals, costs are shown, too. For every death in Germany, the causes of death statistics shows not only demographic data but also the basic disease. The statistics of abortions gives an overview of the magnitude, structure and trend of abortions in Germany as well as of the life situation of the women concerned. In health expenditure accounts, expenditure in the health sector is determined by types of benefit, facilities and institutions making the expenditure. The disease-related cost accounts show the extent to which the German economy is affected by diseases. The health personnel accounts provide detailed information on the number and structure of personnel in the health sector. The systematic matching of health information and its online presentation at www.gbe-bund.de allow the data to be used intensively.

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
- the (specialised) public

Primary costs

2006:	EUR 1,111,000	2007:	EUR 991,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 2,051,000	2007:	EUR 1,698,000
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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
23141	Hospital statistics related to case flat rates (DRG data) – diagnoses and procedures	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	1,800
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)	yearly
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
Electronic coding system in the causes of death statistics	1; 2; 3; 4	design, collection, processing, presentation	1/2003	12/2008	yes
Technical implementation of the takeover of data from the death certificates without switches between media	1; 2; 3; 4	design	1/2007	12/2008	yes
Developing a concept of multi-causal causes of death statistics	1; 2; 4	design, processing, presentation	4/2008	6/2010	yes
Extension of the health-related range of products by new forms of presentation and channels for publishing the results	1	presentation, dissemination	1/2007	12/2008	no
Administrative statistics for the associations of free welfare institutions	1; 4	processing, presentation	1/2007	12/2008	yes
Quality assurance and further development of the statistics of diagnosis related groups (DRG statistics)	1; 2; 4	design, processing, presentation	1/2007	12/2008	no
Designing a procedure for using electronic death certificates	1; 2; 3; 4	design	1/2009	12/2011	yes
Health satellite account: Networking the health-related accounting systems with national accounts	1; 2; 3; 4	design, processing, presentation	1/2009	12/2010	no
SAS evaluation framework to analyse Land-related data of the DRG statistics by the statistical offices of the Länder	1; 2; 4	design, processing, presentation	1/2009	12/2010	yes
Further technical development of the Health Monitoring Information System (IS-GBE)	1; 2; 4	presentation, dissemination	1/2010	12/2011	no

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, Federal Office of Justice (Bfj)
- criminology
- the press, the (specialised) public

Primary costs

2006:	EUR 178,000	2007:	EUR 196,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 309,000	2007:	EUR 344,000
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Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
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
24271	Statistics in social jurisdiction	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	90
24281	Statistics in labour jurisdiction	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	100
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

Other activities

KLR no.	Product
32499010	Security report: Participation in the "Periodical security reports" on the crime situation and trend in Germany, commissioned by the Federal Government

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 10, series 1 to 5	yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Introduction of the JULIA software for all statistics on the administration of justice at the statistical offices of the Federation and the Länder	1; 2; 4	design, processing, presentation	1/2006	12/2012	yes
Development and introduction of administrative statistics on social courts and labour courts	1; 2; 4	design	1/2006	1/2009	yes
EU Crime and Safety Survey, preparation and first conduct (victim survey)	1; 4	design, collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	12/2011	12/2013	yes

Contact: Birgit Frank-Bosch

Johann Szenzenstein

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

2006:	EUR 319,000	2007:	EUR 317,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 574,000	2007:	EUR 533,000
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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	21,000
31121	Statistics of construction work completed	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	21,000
31131	Statistics of the volume of unfinished building projects	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	420,000
31141	Statistics of demolition of buildings and dwellings	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	24,000
31211	Census of buildings and dwellings ¹⁾	primary survey	decentralised	irregular	2,200,000
31231	Estimation of the stock of residential buildings and dwellings	calculation	decentralised	yearly	–
31311	Statistics of public financial support	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	17

1) Contact: Johann Szenzenstein.

Major publications (mostly in German)

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



Contact: Stefan Gruber

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

2006:	EUR 1,835,000	2007:	EUR 1,558,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 3,124,000	2007:	EUR 2,682,000
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Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
32111	Survey of waste disposal	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	8,000
32121	Survey of public waste disposal	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	20
32131	Survey of collection and return of packaging material	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	2,000
32141	Survey of processing and utilising site and demolition waste	primary survey	decentralised	2-yearly	2,000
32151	Survey of dangerous waste subject to special monitoring and documentation	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	20
32161	Survey of waste production	primary survey	decentralised	4-yearly	20,000
32211	Survey of public water supply	primary survey	decentralised	3-yearly	6,600
32212	Survey of public waste water disposal	primary survey	decentralised	3-yearly	7,200
32213	Survey of public waste water treatment	primary survey	decentralised	3-yearly	10,200
32214	Survey of sewage sludge	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	7,000
32221	Survey of non-public water supply and waste water disposal	primary survey	decentralised	3-yearly	18,500
32251	Survey of households' own water supply and disposal	primary survey	decentralised	3-yearly	13,400
32271	Survey of water and waste water charges	primary survey	decentralised	3-yearly	in preparation
32311	Survey of accidents involving water-endangering substances	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	500
32331	Survey of installations for handling water-endangering substances	secondary survey	decentralised	5-yearly	500
32421	Survey of specific substances affecting the climate	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	3,000
32511	Survey of investments for environmental protection	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	10,000
32521	Survey of the current expenditure on environmental protection	primary survey	centralised	3-yearly	10,000
32531	Survey of goods and services for environmental protection	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	15,000
32911	Overall steering file on environmental statistics (GLU)	register	decentralised	yearly	–

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
Implementation of the amended Environmental statistics law	1	design, collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	1/2007	12/2009	yes
Integrated IT solution for environmental statistics	2	design, processing, presentation	1/2007	12/2009	yes
Reprogramming the surveys of public water supply and waste water disposal	1; 2; 4	design, processing	7/2008	6/2011	yes
Observing goods and services for environmental protection (“green market”) – development of definitions and methods	1; 2; 3; 4;	design, collection, presentation	9/2008	6/2011	yes
Co-ordination of the integrated steering file of environmental statistics (GLU) and the new statistical business register (URS-Neu)	1; 2; 4	design, collection, processing	1/2007	12/2012	yes
Reprogramming the survey of the continuous expenditure for environmental protection	1; 2; 4	design, collection, processing	1/2010	12/2011	no

Contact: Michael Kuhn

Land use

Brief description

The area surveys provide stocktaking of 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. 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

2006:	EUR 38,000	2007:	EUR 19,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 60,000	2007:	EUR 29,000
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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	68
33141	Yearly survey of settlement and traffic areas	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	68

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
Sustainable development in Germany – indicator report	2-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
- associations
- research institutions
- market operators

Primary costs

2006: EUR 2,796,000 2007: EUR 1,704,000

Total costs

2006: EUR 4,089,000 2007: EUR 2,856,000

Some products of agricultural statistics are cofinanced from EU funds. As the statistical offices of the Länder are involved in the production of those products supported by the EU, the costs shown will in such cases contain reimbursements made to the statistical offices of the Länder. The EU funds have not been offset against the reimbursements because the costs are evaluated according to the no-netting principle.

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 livestock 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	35,000
41146	Census of agriculture – inland fisheries	primary survey	decentralised	10-yearly	4,000
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	11,000
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	3 times per year	1,500
41243	Reports on crop yields and holdings: fruit	primary survey	decentralised	4 times per year	1,900
41244	Reports on crop yields and holdings: vines and wine must	primary survey	decentralised	3 times per year	1,000
41246	Special coverage of crop yields and quality	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	10,000
41251	Basic survey of vine acreage	secondary survey	decentralised	10-yearly	10

Programme for the period 2008 to 2012

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
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	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
Drawing up a new concept of the agricultural structure survey from 2010	1; 2; 3; 4	design	10/2005	12/2010	yes
Meat inspection statistics (electronic data supply by veterinarians)	1; 2; 3; 4	collection	1/2006	12/2009	no
Incorporating the economic units of agriculture, forestry and fisheries (WZ sections A and B) into the statistical business register	1; 2; 4	collection	8/2007	1/2012	yes
Information for climate protection reports (emission inventories) in the area of agriculture	1;2;4	processing, dissemination	1/2008	12/2013	no
Adjustment of livestock surveys and surveys of animal production in line with the relevant new EU regulation	1; 2; 4	collection	9/2007	12/2011	yes
Adjustment of surveys of crop production in line with the relevant new EU regulation	1; 2; 4	collection	10/2008	12/2011	yes
Statistics on ecological production	1; 2; 4	design, collection, processing	1/2009	12/2012	no

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

Main users

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

Primary costs

2006: EUR 3,208,000 2007: EUR 3,113,000

Total costs

2006: EUR 5,798,000 2007: EUR 5,408,000

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	23,000
42121	Monthly production survey in manufacturing, mining and quarrying	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	20,500
42131	Quarterly production survey in manufacturing, mining and quarrying	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	23,500
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	–
42271	Annual report for local units in manufacturing, mining and quarrying	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	23,000
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	yearly	400

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	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
Implementation of the European FATS Regulation	1; 2; 4	design, processing, presentation	7/2006	7/2009	no
Reprogramming of the monthly report including survey of orders received in manufacturing, mining and quarrying	1; 2; 3; 4	design, processing	6/2007	12/2008	yes
Introduction of GP 2009 and WZ 2008 in the monthly production survey	1; 2; 3; 4	processing, presentation	7/2007	12/2008	yes
Introduction of GP 2009 and WZ 2008 in the quarterly production survey	1; 2; 3; 4	processing, presentation, dissemination	7/2007	12/2008	yes
Introduction of the PRODCOM list 2008	1; 2; 4	processing, dissemination	7/2007	6/2009	no
Implementation of a binding ad hoc module in the context of the EU Regulation concerning structural business statistics (SBS regulation)	1; 2; 4	design, collection, processing, presentation	2008	2010	yes
General application of eSTATISTIK.core in the major economic statistics and in suitable administrative statistics	1; 2; 3	design, dissemination	9/2007	9/2012	yes
Reprogramming the survey of materials and goods received	2; 3; 4	design, processing	8/2009	2/2011	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
- Eurostat, International Energy Agency (IEA)
- working party on energy balances
- associations

Primary costs

2006:	EUR 743,000	2007:	EUR 749,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 1,354,000	2007:	EUR 1,288,000
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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	900
43341	Survey of gas output, imports and exports, and sales proceeds	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	500
43351	Survey of power generating plants in mining and manufacturing	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	400
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	1,200
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	120
43521	Survey of biofuels	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	100
43531	Annual survey of energy utilisation in mining and manufacturing	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	41,500

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	1; 2; 4	processing, presentation	6/2004	12/2009	yes
Reporting on compliance with the law on climate protection statistics	1; 2; 4	processing, presentation, support	1/2007	12/2010	no
Cost structure survey for NACE D new and NACE E new (water, waste water, waste)	1; 2; 4	collection, processing, presentation	1/2008	12/2011	yes
Investment survey for NACE E (new)	1; 2; 4	processing, presentation	1/2008	12/2009	yes

Contact: Birgit Frank-Bosch

Building industry

Brief description

The building industry is part of the industry. The purpose of the monthly and quarterly surveys is short-term reporting in the building industry. They provide important short-term indicators and basic data for the calculation of indices.

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
- reporting within the scope of the EU structural business statistics regulation
- market monitoring
- national accounting

Main users

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

Primary costs

2006:	EUR 907,000	2007:	EUR 829,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 1,650,000	2007:	EUR 1,614,000
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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	7,700
44131	Quarterly survey in the finishing trade	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	7,000
44141	Statistics of orders on hand in the building industry proper (incl. indices)	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	7,700
44211	Annual survey incl. survey of investments in the building industry proper	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	7,000
44221	Annual survey incl. survey of investments in the finishing trade	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	6,500
44231	Supplementary survey in the building industry proper	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	76,000
44241	Supplementary survey in the finishing trade	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	18,700
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

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

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

The main function here is the production and publication of 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.

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.

The monthly recording of both the capacity of accommodation establishments and the degree of utilisation has been designed to assess the current trends in internal tourism in Germany. The quarterly statistics on tourism demand provides an overview of the travelling habits of the population in Germany.

Main uses

- short-term indicator
- national accounting

Main users

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

Primary costs

2006:	EUR 1,571,000	2007:	EUR 1,781,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 2,758,000	2007:	EUR 2,976,000
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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	9,000
45241	Monthly survey of motor vehicle sales and retail trade and of motor vehicle maintenance and repair	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	30,000
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	55,000
45541	Statistics of tourism demand	primary survey	centralised	quarterly	10,000

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

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Replacing the existing data editing programme (JEHGA) for the annual survey in domestic trade and the hotel and restaurant industry	1; 2	processing	1/2007	9/2011	yes
Changeover to WZ 2008 (Classification of Economic Activities) for the statistics in trade and the hotel and restaurant industry, and introduction of a new base year	1	collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	10/2007	7/2010	yes
Replacement of the MHG interactive data editing program	2; 3; 4	processing	10/2008	12/2014	no
Implementation of an enhanced sampling concept for statistics in the area of domestic trade and the hotel and restaurant industry	1; 2; 3; 4	collection, presentation, dissemination	1/2008	12/2009	no
Results of structural statistics regarding domestic trade and the hotel and restaurant industry in the GENESIS central user database	1; 2	dissemination	1/2008	12/2009	no
Using administrative data for the compilation of short-term statistics on domestic trade and the hotel and restaurant industry	1; 2; 3; 4	collection, processing, presentation	6/2008	9/2010	no
Pilot study on georeferencing in the monthly tourism survey	1; 2	design, processing, presentation	9/2007	12/2009	no
Migration to STATSPEZ of tabulation programs for structural statistics in the area of domestic trade	2; 3; 4	processing, presentation	1/2009	6/2010	no
Further development of the estimation program used for the compilation of monthly short-term statistics on domestic trade and the hotel and restaurant industry	1; 2; 4	processing, presentation	3/2008	6/2009	no
Implementation of the new EU directive on tourism statistics	1; 2; 3	design, collection, processing, presentation	7/2008	1/2012	no



Contact: Dieter Bierau

Transport

Brief description

Official transport statistics focus on the market monitoring of freight transport of the modes of transport including regional inter-relations, 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 uses

- basis for transport policy decisions and business decisions
- traffic safety analyses

Main users

- Federal and Land transport ministries
- Eurostat
- associations and research institutes

Primary costs

2006:	EUR 1,308,000	2007:	EUR 1,192,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 2,460,000	2007:	EUR 2,121,000
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Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
46131	Statistics of freight transport by rail	primary survey	centralised	monthly	30
46141	Statistics of long-distance passenger transport by rail	primary survey	centralised	quarterly	5
46151	Statistics of transport flows in the railway network	primary survey	centralised	5-yearly	10
46161	Statistics of rail infrastructure	primary survey	centralised	yearly	220
46171	Statistics of railway accidents	primary survey	centralised	yearly	370
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	2,400 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	400
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 – 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
In the Spotlight: Transport in Germany, 2006	irregular

Contact: Ludwig Wallacher

Services/ICT in enterprises

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.

The cost structure statistics of the liberal professions and other services give a picture of the expenditure incurred by the enterprises when providing their services and of its detailed structure. The cost structure statistics thus complement the statistics whose primary goal is to measure the result of economic activity.

Main uses

- short-term indicator
- reporting within the scope of the structural business statistics regulation
- bases for labour market and regional policies
- national accounting
- structural data on turnover, employment, intermediate consumption

Main users

- BMWi, Land ministries of economics
- Eurostat
- economic associations

Primary costs

2006:	EUR 1,875,000	2007:	EUR 664,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 3,109,000	2007:	EUR 1,096,000
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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	2
47414	Short-term statistical surveys in several service branches	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	4,000
47415	Structural survey in the service sector	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	150,000
47441	Indices of employment in the service sector	calculation	decentralised	quarterly	–
47451	Indices of turnover in the service sector	calculation	decentralised	quarterly	–
52551	Cost structure statistics in other service branches	primary survey	centralised	4-yearly	8,000
52571	Cost structure statistics for medical, dental and veterinary practices	primary survey	centralised	4-yearly	7,800
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.

Other activities

KLR no.	Product
34731100	Statistics of the insurance industry: Processing, provision and publication of the raw data supplied by the Federal Financial Supervisory Authority
34799900	Private organisations, third sector: Reporting on non-profit organisations serving households, voluntary and community work, etc. ¹⁾
35291120	ICT Impact Study (EU project): Study on the impact of information and communication technology ¹⁾

1) Contact: Peter Schmidt.

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 9	quarterly, 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
Pension funds: Analysis of the provision of national data on pension funds	1	design, collection, presentation	10/2007	12/2008	no
ICT impact study: Linking data of existing surveys for an analysis of the impact of ICT utilisation on the productivity of enterprises	1; 2; 3; 4	design, processing, presentation	12/2006	3/2009	no
Trade in services: Studying the international trade in services in addition to the information provided by foreign trade data	1; 4	design, presentation	1/2007	12/2008	no
Changing service statistics over to the current EU Classification of Economic Activities (NACE Rev. 2)	1	processing, presentation	10/2007	12/2009	no
Real estate industry in Germany: Supplementing and updating the report with the same title	1; 3	presentation, dissemination	1/2009	9/2010	no

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
- Deutsche Bundesbank, ECB
- OECD
- economic associations
- businesses operating at an international level

Primary costs

2006: EUR 17,056,000 2007: EUR 15,157,000

Total costs

2006: EUR 33,284,000 2007: EUR 28,532,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
51141	Intra-Community trade	primary survey	centralised	monthly	70,000
51231	Extra-Community trade	secondary survey	centralised	monthly	varying

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 7, series 1	monthly, 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
Sectoral foreign trade results	1	processing, dissemination	1/2005	12/2013	no
Mirror comparisons of foreign trade results with other EU countries (comparison of German dispatches with arrivals in the partner countries, and analysis of asymmetries)	1; 4	presentation	10/2004	12/2013	no
Further conceptual development of the Intrastat system	1; 2	collection, processing	12/2004	6/2010	no
Regular operation of the system of automated processing of foreign trade statistics (ASA)	1; 2; 5	collection, processing, presentation, dissemination, support	7/2006	12/2013	no
ATLAS system in exports (adjustment of statistics to the data supplies of the customs administration)	2	collection	2006	7/2009	no
Completeness check in the area of processing operations	1	collection, processing, support	1/2008	1/2009	no
Module "Reminders and administrative offences" for ASA	1; 2; 4	collection, processing	10/2008	12/2010	no
Setting up an extra-Community trade register	1; 2; 3; 4	collection, processing, presentation	2007	2013	no

Contact: Peter Schmidt

Business register

Brief description

The business register contains data on identifying characteristics, classifying characteristics and size for all economically active enterprises in Germany and their local units. It is thus a flexible 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. Analyses and evaluations of the business register are designed to replace censuses and to study specific issues such as the burdens placed on enterprises and business demography. The statistical business register serves as a basis for the further development of economic statistics towards a register-based system.

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
- national accounting

Main users

- FSO and LSOs
- Eurostat

Primary costs

2006:	EUR 687,000	2007:	EUR 779,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 1,603,000	2007:	EUR 1,689,000
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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 on the further methodological development and on structural data from the business register in the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics)	irregular

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Extension of the business register (URS): Including additional branches, information on business groups and interdependencies, etc.	1; 2	design, collection, processing, presentation	1/2006	12/2009	yes
(Regular) operation of the central administrative data storage units (storing data on persons employed and turnover)	2; 3	design, collection, processing	1/2008	12/2009	yes
Continuation and further development of the new business register system (URS Neu)	1; 2; 3	design, collection, processing, presentation	1/2008	12/2011	yes
Setting up and charging a survey satellite in the business register	2; 3	design, collection, processing, presentation	1/2009	12/2009	yes

Contact: Birgit Frank-Bosch

Business notifications, insolvencies, business demography

Brief description

For the demography of human populations, the smallest statistical unit is the natural person, the individual. Business demography is more complicated because the enterprise as a legal person is not always a meaningful statistical unit – for example, where enterprises are interconnected or are part of a group. Therefore, traditional business demography is complemented by a number of more recent products of the statistics of business notifications and insolvencies.

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.

Main uses

- presentation of business notifications
- information on debtors concerned, on the amount of debts out-standing and on numbers of employees

Main users

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

Primary costs

2006:	EUR 184,000	2007:	EUR 208,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 350,000	2007:	EUR 365,000
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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
52931	International sourcing	primary survey	decentralised	irregular	20,000
52941	Administrative data storage units – turnover and persons employed ¹⁾	secondary survey	decentralised	monthly	17

1) Contact: Peter Schmidt.

Other activities

KLR no.	Product
35291100	Statistical units: Survey according to Art. 7, Para. 2 of the Federal Statistics Law – Operationalising the enterprise concept for statistics (beyond the legal definition of enterprises) in the sense of the EU regulation on statistical units ¹⁾
35291101	Foreign Affiliates Trade Statistics (FATS): Methods and bases ¹⁾
35291102	EU project – Pilot study within the FATS scope (Inward FATS)

1) Contact: Peter Schmidt.

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

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Redesign of insolvency statistics: Including insolvency practitioners; adjusting the survey variables	1; 4	collection, processing, presentation	1/2007	12/2009	yes
Survey of debtor advice centres on the overindebtedness of households according to Art. 7 of the Federal Statistics Law	1; 2; 4	design, collection, processing, presentation	1/2005	12/2011	no
Development of an improved functionality of the processing programme for the statistics of business notifications	1; 2	processing	2/2008	12/2010	yes

Contact: Birgit Frank-Bosch

Crafts

Brief description

Crafts are defined by the Crafts Code. Crafts enterprises operate in nearly all economic sectors, i.e. in addition to construction and manufacturing, also in trade and the service sector. According to the law on crafts statistics, data on crafts are collected in the context of short-term statistics (quarterly reports on crafts) and a structural survey (crafts census). In the past, the crafts enterprises were surveyed directly to collect the relevant information.

Starting with reference year 2008, the quarterly reports on crafts have been produced by evaluating infra-annual administrative data instead of conducting a sample survey. This has allowed to abolish statistical reporting duties for about 41,000 crafts businesses, most of which are small or medium-sized enterprises. Additional plans have been made to replace crafts censuses, by which crafts enterprises have so far been directly surveyed, by evaluations of the business register.

Main uses

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

Main users

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

Primary costs

2006:	EUR 234,000	2007:	EUR 226,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 393,000	2007:	EUR 371,000
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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	–

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; 2; 3; 4	design	7/2002	12/2009	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, EU Commission, ECB, OECD, ILO
- public administration, especially federal ministries
- businesses and economic associations, financial markets

Primary costs

2006: EUR 4,408,000	2007: EUR 4,329,000
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Total costs

2006: EUR 7,779,000	2007: EUR 7,558,000
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Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
61111	Consumer price index for Germany	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	40,000
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	centralised	monthly	250
61221	Index of purchase prices for agricultural machinery and materials	primary survey	centralised	quarterly	550
61231	Index of producer prices for forestry products	secondary survey	centralised	monthly	13
61241	Index of producer prices for industrial products	primary survey	centralised	monthly	7,100
61261	Price indices for the construction industry	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	5,000
61262	House price index	secondary survey	decentralised	quarterly	125
61281	Index of selling prices in wholesale trade	primary survey	centralised	monthly	900
61311	Prices of air passenger and goods transport	primary survey	centralised	monthly	1
61321	Prices of rail passenger and goods transport	primary survey	centralised	monthly	100
61331	Index of producer prices for sea transport and coastal shipping	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	Producer prices of services	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	2,800
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
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 on base 2006 = 100, in accordance with the EU Regulation No. 1158/2005 concerning short-term statistics, Annex D	1; 4	design, collection, processing, dissemination	3/2003	12/2013	no
New computer program for federal processing of all price statistics	1; 2; 3	design, collection, processing, presentation	9/2003	6/2009	no
New co-ordinated standard program for consumer price index and HICP, second and third stages of completion	1; 2; 3	design, collection, processing, presentation	7/2007	9/2009	yes
Developing a house price index (3rd phase)	1; 2; 4	design, collection, processing, presentation	7/2007	9/2009	yes
Hedonic methods in price statistics (continuous calculation and further development)	1; 4	design, collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	1/2005	12/2013	yes
Centralised price collection regarding producer prices for the industry, wholesale prices and prices of agriculture and forestry	1; 2; 3	collection, processing, presentation	9/2006	12/2013	no
HICP at constant tax rates	1; 4	design, collection, processing, presentation	10/2005	12/2013	no
Introduction of explicit quality adjustment methods for technical products	1; 4	design, collection, processing, presentation	1/2005	12/2013	yes
Development of producer price and foreign trade price indices for specific branches in accordance with the new Statistical Classification of Economic Activities in the European Community (NACE Rev. 2 – Divisions 33, 37, 38 and 39)	1; 4	design, collection, processing, presentation	6/2008	12/2012	no

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Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
New requirements regarding the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP)	1; 4	design, processing, presentation	1/2009	12/2013	no
Feasibility study on a regional comparison of prices	1; 2; 3; 4	design	1/2010	6/2011	yes
Continuous calculation of house price indices	1; 4	design, collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	1/2010	12/2013	yes

Contact: *Martin Beck*

Earnings and labour costs

Brief description

Official statistics of earnings and labour costs 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 structure of earnings as well as labour costs.

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
- Deutsche Bundesbank, European Central Bank
- economic associations, trade unions
- Federal Employment Agency
- social and economic research institutes

Primary costs

2006: EUR 1,035,000	2007: EUR 1,064,000
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Total costs

2006: EUR 1,880,000	2007: EUR 1,859,000
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Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
62111	Structure of earnings survey	primary survey	decentralised	4-yearly	34,000
62211	Statistics of agreed earnings	secondary survey	centralised	half-yearly	–
62221	Index of agreed earnings and working hours	calculation	centralised	quarterly	–
62231	Provisional index of agreed earnings	calculation	centralised	monthly	–
62241	Remuneration of Federal Government officials (incl. Article 65 of EU statute)	calculation	centralised	yearly	9
62311	Survey of earnings in agriculture	primary survey	decentralised	4-yearly	1,500
62321	Quarterly survey of earnings	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	40,500
62411	Labour cost survey	primary survey	decentralised	4-yearly	30,000
62421	Labour Cost 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
Project of setting up a database of agreed wages and salaries Implementation of stages 1 – 3	1; 2	design, collection, dissemination	1/2006	12/2009	no
Labour cost survey, 2008	1; 2	collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	7/2006	12/2010	yes
Structure of earnings survey in agriculture, 2010	1	collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	1/2009	2/2011	yes
Including the earnings in the public service in the quarterly survey of earnings	1; 3; 4	design, processing, presentation, dissemination	1/2008	12/2009	no
Special evaluation of the 2006 structure of earnings survey regarding differences in the earnings of women and men	1; 3; 4	collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	1/2008	12/2009	no
Expanding the calculation of the index of agreed earnings to consider agreed payments made at irregular intervals	1; 2	presentation	5/2009	5/2011	no
Structure of earnings survey, 2010: Sample survey and secondary utilisation of existing statistics	1; 2	collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	4/2009	9/2012	yes

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

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 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
- reports on poverty and wealth, national social reporting
- adjusting the standard rates of public assistance and unemployment pay II
- determining the living expenses for children

- drawing up the European action plans on social integration
- basic information for other specialised statistics and statistical satellite systems

Main users

- Federal Government, especially BMAS, BMG, BMFSFJ, BMELV
- federal and Land ministries of finance and economics, BMVBS
- Deutsche Bundesbank, EU Commission, Eurostat, ECB, OECD, UN, IMF
- science and research
- political parties and associations
- businesses and the media

Primary costs

2006:	EUR 2,791,000	2007:	EUR 3,044,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 4,542,000	2007:	EUR 4,781,000
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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: General information	primary survey	decentralised	5-yearly	75,000
63221	Sample surveys of income and expenditure: household book	primary survey	decentralised	5-yearly	75,000
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	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	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	12,000
63951	European Household Survey (§ 7 II BStatG)	primary survey	decentralised	non recurring (2008)	200
69911	Basic statistics on indebtedness of households ¹⁾	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	1,000

1) Contact: Birgit Frank-Bosch.

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 15, series 1 and 2 (continuous household budget surveys)	yearly, irregular
Sample survey of income and expenditure (Subject-matter series 15, No. 1 – 7)	irregular
Where has time gone?	irregular
Table volume on the time use survey 2001/2002	irregular
Subject-matter series 15, series 4 (information technology in households)	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
Sample survey of income and expenditure 2008 – further development and preparation of the survey for 2008	1; 2	design, processing, presentation, dissemination	5/2005	12/2009	yes
Further evaluation and updating of results of the time use survey 2001/2002	4	design, processing, presentation, dissemination	6/2005	12/2010	no
Compiling the EU-SILC microdata files from 2006	4	design, processing, presentation, dissemination	6/2006	12/2011	no
First conduct of the harmonised continuous household budget survey from 2005	1; 2	design, collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	7/2004	12/2009	yes
Further development of EU-SILC	1; 4	design, processing, presentation, dissemination	7/2004	12/2011	yes
Further development of the survey of private ICT use	1; 4	design, processing, presentation, dissemination	1/2005	3/2011	yes
Determining the living expenses for children on the basis of the sample survey of income and expenditure 2008	1	design, presentation, dissemination	4/2006	12/2010	no
Further methodological and conceptual development of the permanent sample of households ready to respond (DSP)	1	design, collection, processing, presentation	5/2007	12/2012	no
Setting up a service point for the permanent sample (DSP)	2	design, support	7/2007	12/2008	no
Pilot project on using an electronic household book to be conducted in parallel to the 2009 continuous household budget survey	1; 2	design, support	7/2007	6/2010	no
Technical harmonisation of the system of household budget surveys	2; 4	design, support	5/2008	6/2009	no

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Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Pilot survey in the context of developing a European Household Survey (EHS)	1; 4	design, collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	7/2007	12/2010	yes
Pilot survey to ask people about their old-age provision	1; 4	design, collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	6/2007	12/2010	yes

Contact: Hans Rehm

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

2006:	EUR 1,324,000	2007:	EUR 1,106,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 2,313,000	2007:	EUR 1,819,000
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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	7
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	13,700
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	5
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	13,700
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	secondary survey	centralised	quarterly	1
71313	Quarterly debt of special federal funds	secondary survey	centralised	quarterly	2
71316	Quarterly debt of the Länder	secondary survey	centralised	quarterly	16
71321	Annual debt of the overall public budget	calculation	centralised	yearly	–
71322	Annual debt of the Federation	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	1
71323	Annual debt of special federal funds	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	2
71326	Annual debt of the Länder	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	16
71327	Annual debt of municipalities	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	13,400
71328	Annual debt of special-purpose associations	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	3,300
71411	Financial assets of the overall public budget	calculation	centralised	yearly	–

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
71412	Financial assets of the Federation	primary survey	centralised	yearly	1
71413	Financial assets of special federal funds	primary survey	centralised	yearly	5
71415	Financial assets of social insurance	primary survey	centralised	yearly	7
71416	Financial assets of the Länder	primary survey	centralised	yearly	16
71417	Financial assets of municipalities	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	13,400
71418	Financial assets of special-purpose associations	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	4,400
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	1,000

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
Quality assurance for EU notification procedures: Systematic review of the finances of the Federation and the Länder as basic data for reporting in the context of the EU Stability Pact	1; 2; 4	collection, processing, presentation	1/2006	12/2015	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; 3; 4	collection, processing, presentation	6/2005	12/2013	no
Reprogramming the applications used for the processing and publication of the accounting results of public budgets, the annual debt statistics of the Länder and municipalities and public funds, institutions and enterprises	1; 2; 3; 4	design, collection, processing, presentation	12/2005	12/2010	yes
Ensuring comparable data bases for the work of the Federalism Commission II and the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Finance	1; 2; 3; 4	design, collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	1/2008	12/2013	yes
Harmonisation of finance statistics in the course of introducing a double-entry accounting system	1; 2; 3; 4	collection, processing, presentation	1/2004	12/2013	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, and enterprises. The latter include not only the municipal undertakings, federal and Land undertakings but also all institutions 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. Public funds, institutions and enterprises which, in accordance with the European System of Accounts, belong to the general government sector are additionally covered at quarterly intervals.

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

2006:	EUR 244,000	2007:	EUR 201,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 417,000	2007:	EUR 339,000
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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	13,000
72112	Quarterly data of public funds, institutions and enterprises of general government	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	3,000
72211	Annual debt of public funds, institutions and enterprises	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	13,500
72212	Quarterly debt of public funds, institutions and enterprises of general government	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	3,400
72311	Financial assets of public funds, institutions and enterprises of general government	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	3,400

Contact: Volker Kordsmeyer

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

2006: EUR 1,071,000 2007: EUR 1,084,000

Total costs

2006: EUR 1,939,000 2007: EUR 1,982,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
71211	Tax revenue statistics	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 (notice in advance)	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	20
73321	Turnover tax statistics (assessment)	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	Energy tax statistics	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
79971	Administrative statistics of corporation tax	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	20
79981	Administrative statistics of trade 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
Methodological development: Turnover tax statistics on the basis of the law on administrative data use	1	design, processing, presentation	3/2005	9/2009	yes
New concept of wage tax distribution (electronic wage tax card) – annual wage tax distribution	1	collection, processing, presentation	9/2004	6/2010	yes
Introduction of NACE Rev. 2 in tax statistics	1	collection, processing, presentation	1/2006	3/2010	yes
Annual administrative statistics on corporation taxes and trade tax	1; 4	collection, processing, presentation	1/2007	12/2011	no
Further development of triannual income tax statistics	1	processing, presentation	5/2006	12/2008	yes
Development of a tax payer panel based on annual income tax statistics	1; 4	processing, presentation	9/2006	12/2009	no
Development of a turnover tax panel from annual turnover tax statistics	1	processing, presentation, dissemination	1/2006	12/2009	no
New concept of the tax statistics system: Setting up annual federal statistics on inheritance and gift tax as well as on turnover tax on the basis of advance turnover tax returns, and annual statistics of partnerships	1; 2; 3	design, processing, presentation	8/2006	12/2011	yes
Continued development of a new concept of the tax statistics system, i. a. new turnover tax statistics based on tax assessments and annual federal statistics on inheritance and gift tax and on partnerships	1; 2; 3	design, processing, presentation	1/2009	12/2015	yes

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 labour market statistics, national accounting and parts of the labour cost survey
- 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, BMAS
- Land ministries
- trade unions
- Federal Employment Agency
- courts of audit

Primary costs

2006:	EUR 329,000	2007:	EUR 315,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 600,000	2007:	EUR 603,000
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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 and 6.1	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
4th report of the Federal Government on pensions for public officials: i.a. model calculations of the pension expenditure until 2050, administrative statistics and actuarial calculations regarding the pension fund of the Federation	1; 2; 4	processing, presentation, support	4/2006	10/2009	no
New concept of statistics on public service personnel due to the reform of laws regarding collective bargaining and public officials	1	collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	6/2005	12/2008	yes

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Albert Braakmann

Domestic product computation, sector accounts

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.

In addition, a system of socio-economic reporting is being developed in line with the concepts of national accounting.

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

2006: EUR 4,222,000 2007: EUR 4,111,000

Total costs

2006: EUR 6,981,000 2007: EUR 6,621,000

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	–
87111	Socio-economic reporting system	calculation	centralised	irregular	–

Other activities

KLR no.	Product
38121120	Estimating future pension payments of general government
38131110	Covering government expenditure by functions at the two-digit level of the COFOG classification
38199960	Measuring productivity in the general government sector

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 18, series 1 and 3 as well as series S (special contributions)	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
Revision of the international System of National Accounts (SNA 93) and the European System of Accounts (ESA 95)	1; 4	design	10/2004	12/2011	no
Representation of research and development as production and investment in national accounts	1; 3; 4	design, processing, presentation	1/2006	12/2013	no
Quality checks of government finance data for general government subsectors	1; 4	design, processing, presentation	1/2006	12/2013	no
EU harmonisation of the calculation methods for government revenue and expenditure	1; 3; 4	design, processing, presentation	1/2006	12/2013	no
Participation in government finance checks and Task Forces	1; 2; 4	design, presentation	1/2006	12/2013	no
Effects of demographic change	1; 2; 4	design, presentation	1/2007	12/2013	yes
Checks of individual cases, sector delimitation, difficult cases in the general government sector	1; 3; 4	design, presentation	1/2006	12/2013	no
Compiling quarterly sector accounts	1; 2; 4	processing, presentation	1/2006	12/2013	no
Expansion of model computations on the pension burdens of the Federation to include the Länder and municipalities	1; 3; 4	design, processing	1/2008	12/2013	no
Further development of GDP flash estimations	1; 2; 3; 4	design, processing	1/2007	12/2013	no
Government expenditure in a detailed breakdown by functions (COFOG-II) as a basis for analysing government finance in the context of the EU Stability and Growth Pact	1; 3	processing, presentation	4/2008	12/2013	no
Public and private partnership models in national accounts	1; 2; 3; 4	design, processing, presentation	1/2009	12/2013	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, EU-KLEMS, ICT)

Main users

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

Primary costs

2006: EUR 1,133,000 2007: EUR 1,028,000

Total costs

2006: EUR 1,885,000 2007: EUR 1,646,000

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	–

Other activities

KLR no.	Product
38141110	Combining monetary, physical and time-related input-output tables
38199972	EU-project: Further development of price and volume measurement

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 in national accounting	1; 2; 3; 4	design, processing, presentation	1/2005	7/2009	no
Productivity in an EU comparison EU-KLEMS	1; 2; 3; 4	design, processing, presentation	1/2008	12/2013	no
Estimation of current input-output tables (IOT) and of supply and use tables	1; 2; 3; 4	design, processing, presentation	1/2007	12/2011	no

Contact: Michael Kuhn

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

Primary costs

2006:	EUR 652,000	2007:	EUR 710,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 1,003,000	2007:	EUR 991,000
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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
Sustainable development in Germany – indicator report	2-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
National and international sustainability reporting, i.e. compilation of the 2008 indicator report, further methodological development of indicators	1; 3; 4	design, processing, presentation	1/2007	12/2013	no
Agriculture and environment	1; 3; 4	design, processing, presentation	1/2005	4/2009	no
Further development of existing UGR components	1; 3; 4	design	1/2006	12/2011	no
Participation in revising the international SEEA Handbook (System of Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting)	1; 4	design	1/2008	12/2013	no

Contact: Bernd Schmidt

Administrative cost measurement

Brief description

Both at the national and the international level, it is a definite political goal to simplify legal provisions and to reduce bureaucracy. In this context, knowledge about the amount of the costs caused by administrative burdens is an important requirement for controlled and wide-ranging reduction of such administrative burdens.

Within the scope of the Federal Government's Programme for Bureaucracy Reduction and Better Legislation, the Federal Statistical Office identifies and measures administrative costs according to the Standard Cost Model (SCM), which has become established in several European countries. That model replaces subjective estimation of administrative burdens by objective measurement. What is measured is information obligations. The Federal Statistical Office is responsible for the consistent application of the methodology and the practical implementation of the model and it gives advice to all parties involved, especially all federal ministries. The product "administrative cost measurement" consists mainly of a database provided and maintained centrally to cover the information obligations, of (time) measurements among those obliged to provide information, and of determining the quantity component (number, frequency).

Main use

- Reducing information and documentation obligations for businesses, citizens and authorities

Main user

- Federal Government, German Bundestag, Council for the Review of Legal Norms

Primary costs

2006:	EUR 604,000	2007:	EUR 6,071,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 972,000	2007:	EUR 9,187,000
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Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
44101260	Standard Cost Model (SCM) – Basic and methodical issues	Basic and methodical issues of applying the Standard Cost Model to measure administrative costs, among other things, setting up and maintaining the database for the coverage of administrative costs, data quality assurance, co-operation with federal ministries
44101261	Standard Cost Model (SCM) – Measurement methods, measurement of time required	Measurement among the addressees of the information obligations, especially regarding the time required for complying with an obligation to provide information

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Contact: *Thomas Riede*

Information services

Brief description

Over 500 staff members of the Federal Statistical Office provide statistical results and information in oral, written and electronic form.

The efforts to design a uniform appearance of the various information services are shaped and supported by a web-based customer management system of the Federal Statistical Office.

The Statistical Information Service is one of the large, cross-department information services.

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

2006:	EUR 3,616,000	2007:	EUR 3,298,000
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Total costs

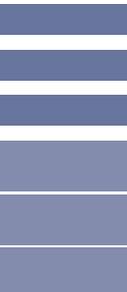
2006:	EUR 5,993,000	2007:	EUR 5,411,000
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Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
14030070	Introduction of a customer management system (CMS) in the information services	Introduction of a CMS in all relevant units of the Office, content-related and technical co-ordination of system operation
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	Information provided upon 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
Permanent operation of the customer management system: Support of the specialised units in the introduction phase	1; 2; 4	dissemination	1/2007	12/2009	no
Telephone Contact Centre: Introduction of a software allowing better control of the capacity of the telephone information services in terms of incoming calls	1; 2	design, dissemination, support	6/2008	6/2010	no



Contact: *Thomas Riede*

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, conducting interviews, and organising the journalist information service.

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

2006:	EUR 701,000	2007:	EUR 660,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 1,126,000	2007:	EUR 1,028,000
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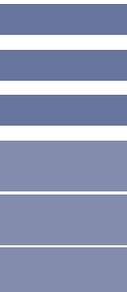
KLR no.	Product	Product description
11030010	Press/media and public relations activities	Internal press activities, for example, evaluation of the media response, design of the web site content, consultation of the specialised departments, Destatis Newsletter
42100020	Press activities	Compilation of press releases as well as their handling in content and technical terms and dissemination; scheduling (calendar); preparation, conduct and follow-up of press conferences and press seminars in terms of organisation and content, including preparation of accompanying material and production of audio podcasts; organisation of and support for interviews; press and public relations activities performed before, during and after the population census 2011 (2007-2014)
42100070	Image brochure	

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Press brochures on press conferences	about 15 per year
Press releases	about 550 per year

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Press and public relations activities in relation to the population census	1; 4	dissemination	1/2007	12/2014	yes



Contact: *Thomas Riede*

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

2006:	EUR 485,000	2007:	EUR 514,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 728,000	2007:	EUR 756,000
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Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
42200010	Public relations activities	Preparation, design, stand construction, support, stand service at fairs; service for visitor groups at the Destatis location

Contact: Claudia Brunner

Capital City Service Berlin Information Point

Brief description

The Berlin Information Point is the Federal Statistical Office's contact point in the capital of Germany. It provides information and advice to important institutions in Berlin and ensures rapid and direct supply of statistical information. Its office in the German Bundestag is a central service providing statistical information. The office's task is to answer the enquiries made by Members of Parliament, parliamentary groups, scientific services and other Bundestag bodies. Besides, the office provides information on major statistical trends. The services the Berlin Information Point provides for the capital are also available to the German federal government, ministries, federal authorities, embassies, associations and the scientific community. The info centre, which encompasses a visitor service and reading room, has been designed to meet the large number of information requests made by the citizens of Berlin. The reading room provides access to the stock of information produced by German and European official statistics. Statistical lectures for and co-operation projects with key customers in Berlin contribute to a wider use and better understanding of statistical information. Science and research users who wish to use microdata for data analyses can do so in the rooms of the research data centre at the Berlin Information Point.

Main uses

- statistical advice and support of political activities in the capital of Berlin
- dissemination of official statistics
- raising the awareness of statistics
- support for the work of special interest groups and foreign representative bodies in Berlin
- access to microdata for the scientific community

Main users

- offices of Members of Parliament, parliamentary groups and scientific services in the German Bundestag and the European Parliament
- German federal government, ministries, foreign embassies
- scientific community
- economic associations
- citizens living in the greater Berlin-Brandenburg area

Primary costs

2006:	EUR 308,000	2007:	EUR 331,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 532,000	2007:	EUR 536,000
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Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
41100050	Capital City Service and co-operation with key customers	Co-ordination and centralised answering of statistical enquiries by political institutions in Berlin (federal ministries, embassies, federal authorities, associations); service office at the German Bundestag, co-operation measures such as speeches to improve external perception, trade fairs, statistical contributions to publications
41200030	Berlin Infotheque	Giving advice to reading room visitors and to groups visiting the Information Point; maintaining the stocks in the reading room, magazine for external users and Information Point staff; maintaining the online PC platforms

Contact: Claudia Brunner

International Statistics, EDS European Data Service

Brief description

International Statistics provides information on nearly all countries, regions and economic areas of the world. Infoservice International gives advice to users for data research, guides through the online data offers of international institutions and compiles tailor-made tables. The website offers interactive access to basic indicators in 160 countries, selected country profiles and a collection of links to statistical institutions worldwide. International articles are prepared, too. For the EU data demand, the EDS European Data Service offers its services in co-operation with Eurostat. Users can get free advice and be guided through the EU databases by means of the bilingual website. All Eurostat publications can be downloaded or ordered free of charge (www.eds-destatis.de).

Main uses

- supporting the society and businesses in meeting the European and worldwide data demand
- disseminating statistical products on the EU and the international world
- presenting cross-country comparisons, in particular comparisons with Germany
- supporting the awareness of “Europe” in the population
- developing further the European statistical dissemination system in co-operation with Eurostat and the European Statistical Data Support Network

Main users

- education, science and research
- businesses and economic associations
- citizens
- politics and administration
- the media

Primary costs

2006:	EUR 390,000	2007:	EUR 445,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 647,000	2007:	EUR 695,000
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Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
41200010	EDS: User support for the location of Germany	Support for all users in Germany regarding the search for data and publications on the EU and its member states, for methodologies and regarding the solution of technical data access problems. Annual contract management with Eurostat and co-ordination in the Eurostat network. Maintenance of the web pages www.eds-destatis.de ; compilation of tailor-made data packages and sale of publications (outside the Eurostat contract)
41200060	International Statistics	Infoservice International, provision of an online user guide with country data, preparation of international contributions to Destatis publications (such as tables in the Statistical Yearbook, Data Report, STATmagazin, In the Spotlight)

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Re-orientation of the internet platform on international statistics (data of foreign countries)	1; 2; 4	presentation, dissemination	1/2008	12/2009	no
Compiling publications of the series "In the Spotlight: Youth and family in Europe" as well as international statistics articles for Destatis publications (tables in the Yearbook, Data Report, STATmagazin)	1; 2; 4	dissemination	1/2008	12/2010	no

Contact: *Thomas Riede*

Library

Brief description

The library of the Federal Statistical Office is the largest specialised library for statistics in Germany. Its main task is to supply 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. Users can access the library catalogue online through the website www.destatis.de.

Main use

- provision of up-to-date information, scientific literature for research purposes, background material and reference works

Main users

- staff of the Federal Statistical Office
- external scientists, students and the general public

Primary costs

2006:	EUR 551,000	2007:	EUR 518,000
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Total costs¹⁾

2006:	EUR 45,000	2007:	EUR 43,000
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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 and the general public; active interlending, co-operation with library institutions; increasingly IT-supported orientation of the library, e. g. through publications server

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Online publication management: Setting up a central publications server	1; 2; 4	dissemination, support	1/2005	6/2009	yes

Contact: Doris Stärk

Publications, Corporate Design

Brief description

The publications product class comprises various editorial and design activities regarding the publications of the Federal Statistical Office. In addition to numerous publications on specialised topics, a number of cross-section publications (e.g. Statistical Yearbook; The German Länder: Structures and Trends) and the methodical series Statistics and Science are published. With a wide range of leaflets and brochures, public relations measures are supported. What is also growing in importance is the joint publications issued together with the statistical offices of the Länder. Another major product is the monthly publication of the 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 Federal Statistical Office.

Main use

- dissemination of statistical results

Main users

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

Primary costs

2006:	EUR 4,494,000	2007:	EUR 3,626,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 7,137,000	2007:	EUR 5,697,000
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Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
22400020	Distribution and marketing	Co-operation with distribution partner, maintaining the free and exchange distribution lists, licencing
22400110	Customer monitoring	Concept and conduct of Destatis-wide and special customer surveys and analyses for all dissemination media
42100040	Free information brochures, leaflets, key data on Germany	Editorial handling, concept, consulting, design, pre-printing stage, production support
43310010	Yearbook	Statistical yearbook for the Federal Republic of Germany
43310020	Economy and statistics ¹⁾	Monthly publication, including weekly updating of the tables for the web site – weekly service
43310040	Other publications	Design and compilation of charts and tables as well as publication of subject-matter series, working documents, project reports, thematic series: “In the spotlight”, “Forum of federal statistics” and “Spectrum of federal statistics”, classifications
43320010	Regional statistics	Publication of the CD-ROM as a joint product of the FSO and the LSOs (yearly)

1) Contact: Brigitte Reimann.

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
New edition of Data Report (edition 2008)	1	dissemination	1/2008	12/2008	no
Visualisation of statistics by charts	1; 2	presentation, dissemination	1/2010	12/2013	no

Contacts: 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 LSOs. The product includes the centralised co-ordination and maintenance of the metadata and of common database contents.

The IS-GBE, which is accessible at www.gbe-bund.de, is based on data collected by the FSO and LSOs and by many external institutions. The Federal Statistical Office is responsible for operating the IS-GBE, including the integration of new data, maintenance, administration and further development of the system in both content and technical terms. The Federal Statistical Office closely co-operates with the Robert-Koch Institute in the GBE area. 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 of specialised statistics

Primary costs

2006:	EUR 1,388,000	2007:	EUR 937,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 2,085,000	2007:	EUR 1,579,000
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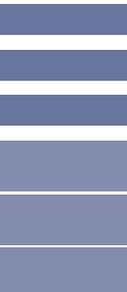
Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
43210010	GENESIS database: contents	Data provision for GENESIS and GENESIS-Online
43210020	GENESIS database: user service	Service for customers/users of GENESIS-Online and the data service
32380000	Health monitoring system (GBE)	As an online database, the information system of the GBE of the Federation provides information on all areas of health monitoring. The core of the information system currently is a stock of over 800 million data grouped to form informative indicators
43240010	Metadata information system for official statistics ¹⁾	Development of a metadata system for documentation and research purposes

1) Contact: Dr. Markus Zwick.

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Providing a comprehensive bilingual website content on the basis of GENESIS	1; 2; 3	dissemination	1/2009	12/2010	no



Contact: Doris Stärk

Internet

Brief description

The product “internet” comprises the dissemination of results, services and offers of official statistics as well as user care. The internet is the medium through which both the basic information services for the population and the regular supply of professional customers with specialised information is ensured. Also, the tools offered for data collection and for the further methodological development of statistics are integrated. The central internet editorial team co-ordinates and maintains the relations with other data providers of the FSO and official statistics in general (for instance the Federal Returning Officer, Council of Economic Experts, statistics portal of the FSO and LSOs). Standard electronic products are administered and offered by the Office’s publication service.

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

2006:	EUR 677,000	2007:	EUR 660,000
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Total costs

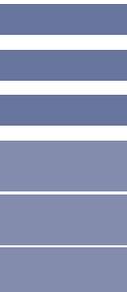
2006:	EUR 1,158,000	2007:	EUR 1,096,000
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Products

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

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Optimisation of GENESIS-Online: Among other things, clear structure, search function	1; 2	dissemination	1/2008	12/2010	no
Dynamisation of tabular and graphical presentations – also for complex indicator systems – on the internet	1; 2; 4	dissemination	1/2008	12/2010	no



Contact: Dr. 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 is going to be extended considerably, complying with requests from the scientific community.

Main use

- improving the informational infrastructure

Main user

- scientific users of microdata of official statistics

Primary costs

2006:	EUR 1,286,000	2007:	EUR 922,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 2,079,000	2007:	EUR 1,313,000
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Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
14010024	Learning and Information Platform Statistics (LIPS)	Based on a Wiki system, a methodical-statistical knowledge database is set up on the intranet
44200010	Contacts with the scientific community ¹⁾	Contacts with institutions of higher education and scientific institutions, e.g. German Statistical Society, market research, social research and economic research institutes; granting the yearly Gerhard Fürst Award
44200020	Organisation and support of research visits to the Federal Statistical Office ¹⁾	
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, absolutely anonymised individual data for research (Public Use Files) and instruction (Campus Files)
44210020	Organisation and support of teleprocessing and support for guest scientists	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	Project regarding the preparation of panel data records in the area of economic statistics
44210040	Archiving and retrieval of microdata stocks	
44200050	FDZ: international co-operation	Contact of the FDZ with Eurostat and with international scientific institutions
44210060	Integrated European Census Microdata (IECM project)	Participation in a project of Minnesota University regarding the integration of absolutely anonymised microdata of European population censuses and microcensuses
44210070	Combined Company Data for Germany (KombiFiD)	Within the scope of a feasibility study, the goal of the co-operation project "Combined Company Data for Germany" (KombiFiD) is to combine enterprise data across the borders of different data producers and to find out what analysis potential is provided by such data stocks extending across institutions
44210080	Series of lectures on economic and social statistics – Data production and analysis in official statistics	Lectures at universities and universities of applied sciences

1) Contact: Prof. 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
Establishing of the research data centre as a permanent task of official statistics	3; 4	design, presentation, dissemination	4/2005	12/2010	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

2006:	EUR 1,649,000	2007:	EUR 1,746,000
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Total costs

2006:	EUR 2,246,000	2007:	EUR 2,271,000
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Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
44510000	Project-related co-operation with other countries	Within the scope of TACIS, PHARE, Twinning and other programmes
44520000	Bilateral and international contacts, government consulting	Co-ordination and implementation of bilateral co-operation with statistical offices of other countries and other international contacts as well as government consulting
44610010	IMF standard ¹⁾	Continuous processing of metadata according to the Special Data Dissemination Standard of the International Monetary Fund

1) Contact: Angela Schaff.

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 new Twinning projects	4	support, dissemination, management	1/2007	12/2011	no
Participation in the EU Neighbourhood Programme	4	support, dissemination, management	1/2007	12/2011	yes
Participation in the MDG initiatives of the World Bank and the federal government	4	support, dissemination, management	1/2007	12/2011	no
Acquisition and implementation of EU and World Bank funded projects regarding EU accession and Balkan countries	4	support, dissemination, management	1/2007	12/2011	yes
Acquisition and implementation of EU and World Bank funded projects regarding countries of Central Asia	4	support, dissemination, management	1/2007	12/2011	yes

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 user

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

Primary costs of all special activities

2006: EUR 1,997,000 2007: EUR 1,771,000

Total costs of all special activities

2006: EUR 3,066,000 2007: EUR 2,653,000

Special activities (selection)¹⁾

KLR no.	Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Begin	End	Participation of LSOs	Contact
44100290	Compilation of price indices for the European Space Agency (ESA)	1; 4	processing, presentation	perma- nent task		no	Irmtraud Beuerlein
44100830	Results on combined transport	1; 4	processing, presentation	1/2004	perma- nent task	no	Dieter Bierau
44100200 44100480	Evaluations of concentration statistics for the Monopolies Commission	1; 4	processing, presentation	1/1978	perma- nent task	no	Peter Schmidt
44100510	Evaluations for the report on poverty and wealth of the Federal Government (BMAS)	1; 4	design, presentation	1/2000	12/2009	no	Dr. Bernd Becker
44100750	Special activities for the BMI as part of the statistics of public service personnel and pensioners	1; 4	processing, presentation	perma- nent task		no	Hans Rehm
44101070	Transport of hazardous goods	1; 4	processing, presentation	1/2004	perma- nent task	no	Dieter Bierau
44100540	Calculation of daily and overnight allowances according to the Ordinance on Official Travel Abroad (BMI)	1; 4	collection, processing, presentation	perma- nent task		no	Irmtraud Beuerlein
44100520	Calculation of place-to-place index figures for cost-of-living allowances of German officials abroad	1; 4	collection, processing, presentation, dissemination	perma- nent task		no	Irmtraud Beuerlein
44100340	Special processing for national and international surveys in the area of research and experimental development (BMBF)	1; 4	processing, presentation	1/1985	12/2009	no	Heinz- Werner Hetmeier
44100140	Statistics of the advancement of women, commissioned by the BMFSFJ (statistical data on gender equality)	1; 4	processing, presentation	perma- nent task		no	Hans Rehm
44100570	Special evaluations for the pension report of the Federal Government	1; 4	processing, presentation, support	perma- nent task		no	Hans Rehm
44100530	Calculation of place-to-place index figures for the German Development Service	1; 4	processing, presentation	perma- nent task		no	Irmtraud Beuerlein

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KLR no.	Designation	Contri- bution to goal no.	Process	Begin	End	Partici- pation of LSOs	Contact
44101250	Health and old age: Information on the health situation and health care of people from the age of 65 and on the health expenditure of an ageing society	1; 4	presentation	1/2006	open	no	Karin Böhm
44101160	Project: Automated coding of causes of death	1; 2	processing	1/2003	open	yes	Karin Böhm
44100910	Setting up a separate database of enterprise groups	1; 2; 3	design, collection, processing, presentation	1/2005	open	yes	Peter Schmidt

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.

3.4

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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.

Every year, a work plan/schedule is prepared for decentralised federal statistics in the context of the FSO/LSOs system. Its implementation is monitored based on deadline controlling.

The long-term archiving of digital microdata in the FSO/LSOs system has to be accompanied in subject-matter terms by means of annual archiving and deletion plans on the basis of an archiving management database. The efficient work-sharing in the FSO/LSOs system is supported by an office for the committee of the Federation and the Länder on organisation and implementation (see Chapter 1).

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

2006: EUR 1,002,000 2007: EUR 908,000

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 the structural and process organisation of the FSO; organisation chart; schedule of responsibilities; rules of procedure; guidelines for project management and efficiency calculations; TEA and EDA databases
13010013	Process management, process organisation	Participation in organising core, supporting and management processes in the FSO and in the FSO/LSOs system; administration of the Destatis process model (process map)
13040020	Staff suggestion management	Staff suggestion scheme (internal staff suggestion management), link to the staff suggestion management of the Federal Ministry of the Interior ("Idee 21")
13040030	Controlling	Annual planning calendar, support of the annual closed management meeting and annual programme planning by means of indicator and milestone controlling
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	Administration of the EFQM organisational tool (Statistical Quality Offensive), organisation of QM self-assessments and assessments by external parties, preparation of Quality Reports
21400030	Support for the Organisation and Implementation Committee (AOU)	Management of the office to assist the AOU chair and also support of and counselling for the FSO representatives in the AOU

1) Contact: Brigitte Reimann.

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
Implementation of a specialised concept for the future long-term archiving of digital microdata in the FSO/LSOs system	1; 2	support	7/2006	12/2010	yes
Integrated IT solution for planning and controlling the Destatis portfolio (portfolio management system – PMS)	1; 2	management, support	1/2008	12/2009	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
- BMI (subject-related and administrative supervisory authority)
- German Bundestag

Primary costs

2006: EUR 1,417,000 2007: EUR 1,318,000

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 also	Providing the budget funds required to perform the tasks:
13022020	rendering of accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – distributing and managing budget funds – performing payments – involvement in issues of budgetary law – budgetary reporting, budget balance
13022011	Budgeting	Managing the department budgets
13030010	Cost and performance accounting	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	2	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. In late 2005, a large proportion of the Office's employees had to move to temporary offices. The completion of the longer-term restoration and improvement work to all parts of the Office is scheduled for July 2010.

Main uses

- supporting the core area of statistics production
- restoration of the office building in Wiesbaden

Main user

- staff members of the Federal Statistical Office

Primary costs

2006: EUR 6,784,000 2007: EUR 7,031,000

In addition, costs incurred for the management of the FSO's real estate (incl. imputed rents): about EUR 10,504,000 for 2006, about EUR 9,963,000 for 2007. 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	Providing the building infrastructure: – 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	
15010041	Building maintenance	Maintenance of real estate used for official purposes
15010042	Construction measures and transfers to other buildings due to restoration	Handling construction and transfer projects, management of the complete restoration of the office building at the Wiesbaden main location
15020010	Car pool	Operation of own cars and renting of cars
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 (mail administration centre)	Receipt and dispatch of postal items
15060010	Postal services (internal messenger service)	Sorting and distribution of postal items
15070010	Administration of records	Archive and filing department
15070020	Digitalised old files	File digitalisation
15080010	Telephone exchange	
15080020	Health and social matters management	– 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	Language Service ¹⁾	
15080050	Production of print products	Digital printing, 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	2	support	9/2006	12/2012	no
Operation of a central scanning system to digitalise old files	1; 2	support	9/2006	12/2012	no
Introduction of an electronic order management system in the Language Service	1; 3; 5	dissemination, support	1/2007	12/2008	no



Contact: *Hans-Joachim Stede*

Human resources, advanced training

Brief description

The focus of the product class “Human resources, advanced training” is on targeted further development of the staff qualifications so that current and future tasks of official statistics can be fulfilled. Using the tools of human resources planning, management and development as well as advanced training, this area supports the specialised departments and their staff in providing high-quality statistical information.

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

2006:	EUR 6,224,000	2007:	6,557,000
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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	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	Recruitment of internal and external staff incl. exchange of personnel
12030010	Individual staff matters	The human resources 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 incl. collective	Regular performance appraisals for public officials and performance appraisals for persons employed under collective agreements
12030060	agreement on performance-related remuneration	
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⁾	Conduct of staff opinion surveys
12040010	Vocational training	For apprentices to become office communications specialists, information technology specialists or market and social research specialists
12050040	General advanced training: Organisation	Advanced training measures in the following areas: – statistics – leadership and co-operation – communication – organisation and individual working arrangements – information technology
12050050	Conduct	
12050070	IT-specific advanced training: Organisation	
12050080	Conduct	
12050041	ESTP – European Statistical Training Programme ²⁾	Co-ordination of the training programme and contact at the Federal Statistical Office

1) Contact: Prof. Dr. Manfred Ehling. – 2) Contact: Waltraud Moore.

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
We are Destatis (Vocational training at the Federal Statistical Office)	yearly
Advanced training programme (internal publication of the Federal Statistical Office)	yearly
Gender equality plan (internal publication of the Federal Statistical Office)	four-yearly
Advanced training guidelines (internal publication of the Federal Statistical Office)	irregular
Personnel statistics (internal publication of the Federal Statistical Office)	half-yearly
Appraisal interview (internal publication of the Federal Statistical Office)	irregular
Human resources development scheme (internal publication of the Federal Statistical Office)	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	4; 5	support	1/2009	12/2013	no
Development of executives	4; 5	support	1/2005	12/2013	no
Vocational training offensive (additional opportunities for apprentices in the context of the National Pact for Education and Training and Young Skilled Workers)	4; 5	support	9/2004	8/2013	no
Measures relating to performance-oriented payment	5	support, management	6/2006	12/2013	no
Evaluation of the human resources development scheme	5	support, management	7/2009	12/2013	no
Improved reconciliation of work and family life	2; 5	support, management	1/2009	12/2013	no
Co-ordination of the European Statistical Training Programme (ESTP) in relation to Eurostat (National Contact Point) and the Member States ¹⁾	4	support	1/2008	open	no

1) Contact: Waltraud Moore.

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.

Main use

- settling legal issues

Main users

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

Primary costs

2006: EUR 407,000 2007: EUR 432,000

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	
22300030	Contract matters	Conclusion of contracts

Major publications (mostly 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

2006: EUR 279,000 2007: EUR 390,000

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: Computer centre, network, telecommunication. 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) are used at the data processing centre of the Federal Statistical Office. The data are largely stored in central storage systems (Storage Area Network). 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 production and administration

Main users

- Departments of the FSO
- Eurostat (data deliveries), LSOs
- institutions of the administrative union with the FSO
- respondents
- users of online services

Primary costs

2006: EUR 10,892,000 2007: EUR 10,743,000

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. ¹⁾	Product	Product description
14000001	Document processing and data capture	Most of the paper documents received during data collection for centralised statistics are scanned in an automated manner; characters not identified are corrected manually. The data of a smaller number of documents are captured manually (partly by 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 OCR software (OCR - optical character recognition).
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, operation of telecommunication equipment and of the infrastructure for procedures in the context 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 technological basis consists of a complex security infrastructure incl., among other components, virus scanners, internet filters, and firewall systems, and an automated data backup procedure. The relevant requirements are stipulated by the binding Implementation Plan for the Federal Administration within the framework of the National Plan for Information Infrastructure Protection.
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, IWMS, 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.
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), the staff information system (EPOS) and the finance and administration management software MACH M1.

KLR no. ¹⁾	Product	Product description
14000020	IT services for partner authorities	The Federal Statistical Office provides central IT services for several partner authorities: the Federal Institute for Population Research (BIB), the Council of Economic Experts (SRW), the Procurement Agency of the Federal Ministry of the Interior (e-allocation platform), the Federal Institute of Sport Science (BISp) and the Social Welfare Institution of the Internal Administration of the Federation (SWB). This 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
Innovation measures in network operation (LAN) due to office building restoration	2; 5	support	4/2005	10/2011	no
Capacity expansion and permanent quality assurance of external network links	2; 4; 5	support	2/2005	12/2013	no
Reorganisation of IT services settlement	2; 5	support	2/2006	12/2008	no
Integration of voice communication into the FSO's network infrastructure	2; 5	support	1/2007	6/2011	no
Introduction of an identity management system to consolidate digital identities and simplify authentication (Single Sign-on)	2; 5	support	11/2005	9/2009	no
Project leadership regarding the „RZ consolidation” main project and leadership or co-operation in other projects concerning IT consolidation within the sphere of competence of the BMI	2; 3; 4; 5	support	7/2007	7/2011	no
Planning and implementation of the necessary client and server IT safety measures in accordance with the Implementation Plan for the Federal Administration (UP-Bund)	4; 5	support	9/2009	8/2012	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

- statistics production and administration

Main users

- departments of the FSO
- LSOs
- respondents

Primary costs

2006: EUR 6,213,000 2007: EUR 5,870,000

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. 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 and adaptation of tools and standard software for use within production.
14000011	eStatistics: Data collection using the internet (IDEV, eSTATISTIK.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 XBRL), servers for incoming data (eSTATISTIK.Core), the relevant software (IDEV) and also components to derive information from business accounting systems.
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, survey database)
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 and also support for the conduct of meetings (CIRCA) and consulting (Information Point)
14030030 14030040	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
14030050	Customer/address database of the Federal Statistical Office ³⁾	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: Hans-Joachim Stede. – 3) Contact: Thomas Riede.

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Setting up and maintaining central directories and registers, for instance, a List of municipalities (GV-ISYS) and Business register system (URS)	1; 2; 3	design, processing, support	10/2004	12/2011	yes
Development of software tools for eStatistics	1; 2	design, support	1/2005	12/2010	yes
Automated data transmission from accounting systems of businesses and public institutions (eStatistik.Core)	1; 2; 3	design, support	6/2004	12/2011	yes
Development of a modern census IT procedure	1; 2; 3	design, support	6/2005	12/2011	yes
Knowledge management (support for stage 2 of the IWMS project)	1; 2; 4	support	6/2005	12/2009	no
Integrated project monitoring and documentation with introduction of a modern procedural model in software development	2	support	8/2005	12/2010	yes
Incoming data base and integrated survey management	1; 2; 3	design, collection, processing	6/2005	12/2011	yes
Redesigning the microcensus IT procedure in the context of a new concept of household statistics	1; 2; 3; 4	collection, processing, management	1/2006	12/2008	yes

Contact: Beate Glitza

IT user service, statistical and geo-information systems

Brief description

Functions of the IT user service are to ensure the use of feasible evaluation and analysis procedures for standard and ad-hoc work and of the relevant publication tools and to provide the specialised units with the major part of these tools and also the IT infrastructure required. The individual 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 georeferencing 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 use

- administration, statistics production and dissemination

Main users

- specialised units of the FSO and the LSOs
- external users of the information systems

Primary costs

2006: EUR 6,085,000 2007: EUR 5,101,000

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. 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 is a central data warehouse to provide statistical information for evaluation and publication purposes. It ensures a comparable form of presentation and exchangeability of data within the scope of co-operation with the LSOs. Within its existing user interfaces (e.g. GENESIS-Online, GENESIS-Client, GENESIS Webservices), 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	<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, increasingly linked to activities aimed at setting up geodata infrastructures – Provision of the technical infrastructure for the web-based cartographic presentation of statistical data – Access to tools for the production of maps and the geo-referenced analysis of statistical data for the FSO staff – Provision of the technical infrastructure to include the FSO in national and international activities aimed at setting up geodata infrastructures

KLR 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
Upgrade of the automated software distribution	2	support	1/2007	12/2009	no
External online services and interfaces: Development of web services to access metadata and data in GENESIS	1; 2; 4	support	7/2006	12/2010	no
Extending the GENESIS metadata system	1; 2; 4	presentation, dissemination, support	1/2006	12/2010	yes
Further development of alternative client infrastructures (mobility, cost reduction)	2; 4	support	1/2006	12/2009	no
Extending the SAS competence centre for support of specialised departments	1; 2; 5	processing, presentation, support	1/2005	12/2011	no
Conceptualisation and implementation of teleprocessing within the scope of the improvement of access to statistical microdata for the scientific community: science server	1; 2; 4	presentation, dissemination, support	3/2007	12/2009	no
Planning and permanent implementation of an integrated Internet Map Server (IMS)	1; 2; 4	presentation, dissemination, support	1/2006	12/2009	yes
Development of a subject-related concept for the use of grid maps in official statistics	1; 2; 3; 4	processing, presentation, dissemination, support	1/2008	12/2011	yes
Integration of GENESIS into the CMS-based website content with interfaces to mapping (cartography)	1; 2; 4	dissemination, support	1/2007	12/2009	no

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Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Optimisation of IT service management processes	1; 2; 4	support	6/2007	12/2009	no
Migration to a future-oriented operating system for clients (MS Vista)	2; 5	support	6/2009	12/2011	no
Conceptualisation and implementation of information technology to integrate official statistics into national (IMAGI/GDI-DE) and supranational (INSPIRE/ESDI) geodata infrastructures	1; 2; 4	presentation, dissemination, support	1/2009	12/2010	yes

Contact: *Thomas Riede*

Information management

Brief description

Information management focuses on designing and assisting 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
- support of communication and conference management
- information and communication processes on the basis of a uniform system
- support of process and work organisation

Main users

- staff of the FSO and the LSOs
- Internet users

Primary costs

2006: EUR 875,000 2007: EUR 753,000

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	Information and communications platform – Intranet	The intranet of the Federal Statistical Office provides a central information platform for all staff members. The chief editorial staff for the intranet are responsible for maintaining its editorial content, advancing the system in subject-matter terms, ensuring proper subject-related operation and assuring quality, for instance, with regard to barrier-free access.
14010023	Information and communications platform – StaNet/CIRCA	Destatis operates the statistical extranet (StaNet) of the statistical offices of the Federation and the Länder, is responsible for the chief editorial work and supports the system's advancement in subject-matter terms. This also includes the development and maintenance of CIRCA, a meeting management software. Destatis chairs and manages the affairs of many bodies and working groups which need a direct exchange of information between all those engaged in the bodies concerned.

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal no.	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Setting up an information and knowledge management system (IWMS), 2nd stage: introduction of a document management system	2; 5	support	1/2005	12/2012	yes

Annex

List of abbreviations

Abbreviation	Designation
AFBG	Upgrading Training Assistance Act
AG	Working group
APC	Work station
ASA	Automated processing in foreign trade statistics
ASE	General agricultural structure survey
ASI	Automated processing in intra-Community trade statistics
ATLAS	Automated Tariff and Local Customs Clearance System (online procedure for customs declarations)
AVT	Supply and use tables
BAföG	Federal Law on Education and Training Promotion
BDSG	Federal Data Protection Act
BIB	Federal Institute for Population Research
BISp	Federal Institute of Sport Science
BLA-Statistik	Committee of the Federation and the Länder on Statistics
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
CENEX	Centres and Networks of Excellence
CES	Conference of European Statisticians
CMS	Content Management System
COFOG	Classification of the Functions of Government
CVTS	Continuing Vocational Training Survey
Destatis	Federal Statistical Office
DV	Data processing
EBE	Crop production reports
ECB	European Central Bank
ECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
EDS	European Data Service

Abbreviation	Designation
EFQM	European Foundation for Quality Management
EG	European Communities
EHS	European Household Survey
EPOS	Electronic Staff, Organisation and Job Management System
EPROS	European Plan of Research in Official Statistics
ESS	European Statistical System
eSTATISTIK.core	Common Online Raw Data Entry (online reporting procedure based on an automated generation of statistical raw data from data of businesses and authorities and automatic data transmission to a central internet data portal)
ESVG	European System of Accounts
ETR	Employment accounts
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 Trade Statistics
FDZ	Research data centre
FEU	Public funds, institutions and business enterprises with an accounting system of their own
FSO	Federal Statistical Office
GDP	Gross domestic product
GENESIS	Common New Statistical Information System
GIS	Geographical Information System
GLU	Overall steering file "Environmental statistics"
GP	Product Classification for Production Statistics
GV-Isis	Information System of the List of Municipalities
HICP	Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices
ICT	Information and communication technology
IDEV	Internet-based data collection of the statistical offices of the Federation and the Länder (form-based online reporting procedure)
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMA-Statistik	Interministerial Committee for Co-ordination and Rationalisation of Statistics
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IOT	Input-output tables
IS-GBE	Health monitoring information system
IT	Information technology
IWMS	Information and knowledge management system
KLR	Cost and performance accounting
KMS	Customer management system
LAN	Local Area Network
LFS	Labour Force Survey (Arbeitskräfteerhebung)

Abbreviation	Designation
LSOs	Statistical offices of the Länder
LUCAS	Land Use and Land Cover Area Frame Statistical Survey
LWR	Continuous household budget surveys
MZ	Microcensus
NACE	Statistical Classification of Economic Activities in the European Community
NAP	National action plans
NGT	Food, beverages, tobacco products
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PHARE	Programme of Community aid to the countries of Central and Eastern Europe
PL	Plausibility
PRODCOM	List of products for European production statistics
R&D	Research and Development
SAS	Statistical Analysis System
SBS	Structural business statistics
SDC	Statistical disclosure control
SKM	Standard Cost Model
SNA	System of National Accounts of the United Nations
SQL	Structured Query Language
SRW	Council of Economic Experts
StaNet	Extranet of the statistical offices in Germany
STATSPEZ	Statistical table specification (tool for the specification, generation and presentation of statistical analyses)
SteP	Standardisation of the production process
TACIS	Technical Assistance to the Commonwealth of Independent States and Mongolia
TAPAS	Technical Action Plan for Agriculture Statistics
TVÖD	Collective agreement for the public service
UGR	Environmental-Economic Accounting
UN	United Nations
UNCEEA	UN Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting
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
VO	Regulation
WHO	World Health Organization
WZ	Classification of Economic Activities
ZBE	Time use survey