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Preface

Dear readers,

The present eighth edition of the Strategy and Programme Plan provides a topical overview of the domain of federal statistics – in a brief and comprehensive manner and with an outlook on the next few years.

Chapter one explains how the system of federal statistics works in general.

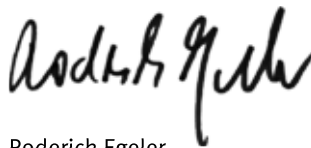
Chapter two presents the current strategy of the Federal Statistical Office and gives you examples of measures by which we intend to approach our goals.

Those interested in a more than cursory overview of the data we offer, will find every one of the nearly 400 sets of statistics prepared for federal purposes in Chapter three, together with information for instance on the number of respondents,

on the questions of whether administrative data are used or primary data are collected, and on the frequency with which we provide results. This publication will also help those dealing more closely with official statistics to retain an overview of the full picture. In addition to information on our statistics as “products” for the government, parliament and society, Chapter three also contains the “actions” by which we intend to improve our products.

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Wiesbaden, May 2013



Roderich Egeler
President of the Federal Statistical Office

1.0

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

Statistics as a public good

Public authorities supply the major part of statistical data in the Federal Republic of Germany. They provide “official statistics”, which include statistics for federal and Länder purposes as well as municipal statistics. As a rule, official statistics are a public good and available to everybody. Essential results are available free of charge via the media, the Internet or upon request. In addition to basic data services and the demand-based or target group-oriented standard provision of information, the statistical offices also process data material according to specifications of customers on a chargeable basis.

Official statistics form part of the informational infrastructure. In the area of politics, administration and business, they enable us to respond more rapidly to new framework conditions and to assess whether our actions are having the desired effect. Developments can be influenced if information is available on social, economic and ecological interrelationships. The quality of decisions improves if they are underpinned by secure information. The function of statistical information is similar to that of the media, namely to enlighten and inform. It is an essential part of a democratic society.

The users of official statistics are the ministries of the Federation and the Länder, parliaments and administrative authorities, business, industry and their associations, trade unions, the scientific community, 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 basic material for numerous further analyses. Official statistics are supplemented by non-official data provided by associations and scientific institutes. Their data are mainly tailored to specific user needs.

German statistical system

Federal statistics

Pursuant to Article 73 No. 11 of the Basic Law (GG), the Federation shall have exclusive legislative power with respect to statistics for federal purposes (federal statistics).

Federal statistics are specified in Article 1 of the relevant framework law, i.e. the Federal Statistics Law (BStatG): “(...) it is the function of statistics for federal purposes (federal statistics) to continuously **collect, compile, process, present and analyse data on mass phenomena.**”

Article 1 of the Federal Statistics Law goes on to define the **content and target recipients of federal statistics**: “The results provided by federal statistics serve to analyse **social, economic and ecological interrelationships** for use at the **federal, Länder and municipal levels**, by the scientific and **research community** and by **society at large.**”

Principles of federal statistics

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

- neutrality (impartiality)
- objectivity (traceability)
- 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 any influence. Therefore, the principles 1 and 6 of the Code of Practice for the national and Community statistical authorities in the European Union (cf. p. 20–24) refer to the issues of impartiality, objectivity and professional independence.

Other principles of federal statistics are:

- 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 fundamental right to informational self-determination. 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 are specified by law in Germany, in particular the variables, group of respondents and periodicity.

Official statistical surveys in Germany have to an increasing extent been determined by EU law (see also p. 18f. “European Statistical System”). In many cases, European legislation merely specifies the results to be provided and leaves the decision as to the ways of data compilation to the Member States. This is why the data collection for most of the European statistics (statistics for purposes of the European Union) is additionally governed in Germany by separate federal laws. In general, European and federal statistics are closely co-ordinated so that data collected for federal statistics can also be used for European statistics. Likewise, federal statistics can also be used for Länder purposes.

The principle of **functional concentration** ensures that statistical work is generally done by the statistical offices as specialised public authorities. Only as an exception have other bodies been entrusted with the production of federal sta-

tistics. 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 (the “administrative processes”) of the given institutions and is compiled and processed by them for statistical purposes.

It is a major advantage of a functional concentration of the statistical work of statistical offices that the individual sets of statistics can be harmonised in a way which allows to obtain a coherent and consistent overall picture. Besides, synergy effects can be used as the know-how and a comprehensive IT infrastructure are available for various statistics. The burden on respondents is reduced by using information from central registers, which can be evaluated for various purposes. Another major advantage of functional concentration is the resulting **division between statistical production and administrative processes**. That division enables the statistical offices to work neutrally and objectively.

The Federal Statistical Office

In accordance with Article 83 of the Basic Law, the Länder shall as a rule execute federal laws in their own right. Article 87, paragraph 3 of the Basic Law stipulates however that the Federation shall be entitled to establish autonomous federal higher authorities for matters on which it has legislative power. On the basis of that provision, the Federal Statistical Office was set up in 1950 as an autonomous federal higher authority for which the Federal Ministry of the Interior carries administrative responsibility.

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. However, in respect of subject-related matters, the various federal ministries exercise their specialist supervision. The production of each set of statistics is under the specialist supervision of the competent federal ministry which sees to the proper and timely compilation of the federal statistics prescribed by law. The Federal Statistical Office is independent and not subject to any directions regarding the specific matters of statistical work, the methodological and technical preparation and production of statistics.

The system of statistical offices

As explained above, federal statistics are governed by federal laws. Under Article 83 of the Basic Law, however, the Länder generally execute federal laws in their own right. Hence, federal statistics are basically produced conjointly by the 14 statistical offices of the Länder and the Federal Statistical Office. This working association is referred to as **“the system of statistical offices”** of the Federation and the Länder and the term **regional decentralisation** describes the underlying principle.

Accordingly, the statistical offices of the Länder are generally responsible for conducting statistical surveys prescribed by law. They are administratively and financially independent of the Federation and not subject to directions from the Federal Statistical Office or the federal ministries. This ensues from Germany’s federal structure. Article 84, paragraph 1 of the Basic Law lays down that the Länder are free to establish their own authorities. For that reason, there is no single type of Land statistical office. The organisational setup of the offices is quite different, as is the history of the individual statistical offices, some of which date well back into the 19th century.¹⁾ Apart from that, some of the Länder have set up joint offices so that not every Land has its own statistical authority.²⁾

Work-sharing between the statistical offices

One focus of the Federal Statistical Office’s work is on research and the development of methods and techniques for federal statistics. New data requirements often emanate from the federal ministries, but increasingly from the European Commission. 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 mandated by it are prepared by the Federal Statistical Office in technical and methodological terms. Uniform and co-ordinated methods and classifications guarantee uniform federal results that constitute an integral part of a statistical reflection of social, economic and ecological conditions and trends. 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.

1) The Bavarian Statistical Office was the first Land statistical office to be founded on German soil in 1808.

2) 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.

It is usually the statistical offices of the Länder that are responsible for collecting and processing data in due time. Therefore, the core processes of statistics production are performed at the statistical offices of the Länder for about two thirds of the federal statistics. However, legislation may also provide for a central survey. That is why the Federal Statistical Office performs all the working steps for about one third of the statistics, i.e. the data are collected and processed centrally, which is the case for instance in foreign trade statistics and cost structure statistics.

The Federal Statistical Office alone is in charge of compiling and disseminating federal results. This also includes providing advice to users and performing special evaluations of the data. Regional results, i.e. data for breakdowns below the Land level, are usually compiled and published by the statistical offices of the Länder.

The statistical offices also publish information jointly, for instance, in output databases (“GENESIS-Online”). They coordinate their publication programme with regard to the level of thematic and, above all, regional detail to produce an overall statistical picture which is thematically and regionally consistent.

Providing the scientific community with anonymised microdata and supplying results of integrated statistical systems like national accounts and environmental-economic accounts has increasingly gained in importance.

Cross-office fulfilment of tasks

Traditional work-sharing between the Federal Statistical Office and the statistical offices of the Länder is based on the assumption that most statistics are produced in parallel by the 14 Länder offices from the collection of data to the processing of Länder results.

As a matter of fact, the work has never entirely been performed in parallel as the statistical offices co-operated in the development of processing software in the sixties already, which is called co-ordination of standard programs and formats.

The co-operation of the statistical offices has increased quite notably since then. As a response to a recommendation made by the Federal and Länder Audit Offices in November 2002, the statistical offices of the Federation and the Länder agreed on a Master Plan for a Reform of Official Statistics in early 2003.

In line with that Master Plan, the statistical offices have extended their co-operation to include the processing of statistics. Here, one of the offices is commissioned to process the statistical data for other offices against reimbursement of costs, according to the principle “make or buy“. This is based on Article 3a, which was inserted into the Federal Statistics Law in June 2005. It created the legal basis for a new kind of work-sharing. Article 16 (2), second sentence, (new) of the Federal Statistics Law permits the transmission of individual data which is necessary for that purpose. These provisions of federal legislation are legally supported

by a framework agreement on the cross-office fulfilment of tasks in official statistics concluded by the Federation and the Länder in spring 2006, which combines the principle of “make or buy” with competitive elements. As another step taken 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 should in future be available for common use.

The cross-office fulfilment of tasks led to a subject-matter specialisation of many statistical offices, which now act as “patrons” for sets of statistical surveys covering related subjects.

Priority planning by the statistical offices of the Federation and the Länder

At the end of 2012, the Federal Statistical Office and the statistical offices of the Länder agreed to pursue their joint strategy by way of a co-ordinated set of measures, which are planned jointly and implemented across the whole network of statistical offices.

The about 30 measures mainly deal with the overall quality of federal and European statistics and with their methodological-technical development. Another field of interest is how the system of the statistical offices of the Federation and the Länder is perceived from the outside.

The responsibility for managing these measures lies with the Board of Heads of Department on “Specialised Statistics” (see chart on page 15), which was established in 2011.

Process of statistical production

The quality of statistical data depends not least on how the process of production is organised.

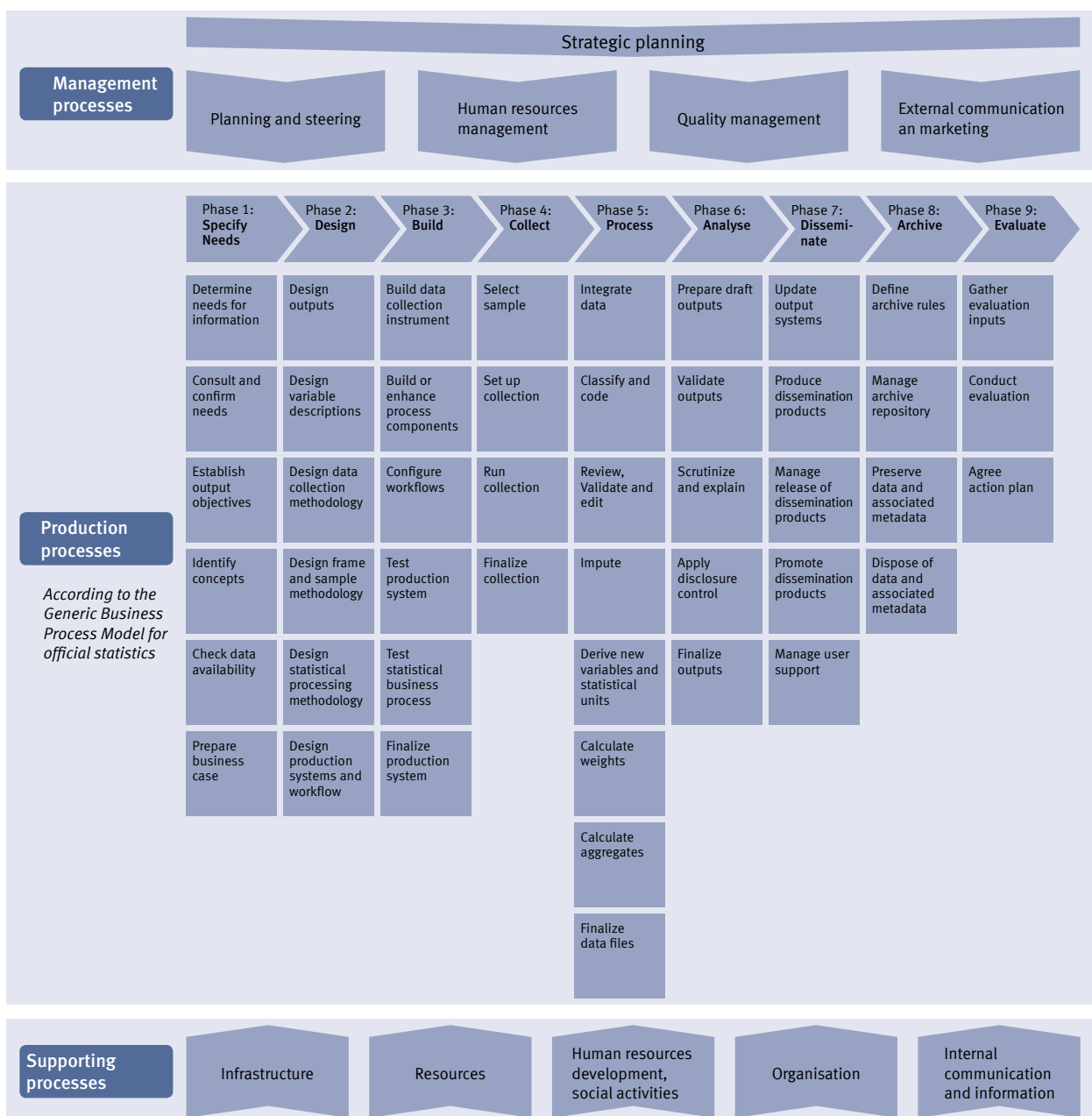
The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE – see chart on page 25) has developed a Generic Statistical Business Process Model (GSBPM) for official statistics. The model divides the production processes in the statistical offices in nine phases and a total of 47 sub-processes (see chart on page 14). Hence, the Generic Business Process Model describes the typical process for producing statistics, irrespective of the methodology, the survey content or particularities of the statistics. The starting point always is the need for specific statistical information. To align statistical data with user needs, the “data producers” and “clients” should first agree on the following: what information is required, what is it intended for and what scope should it have. If a (primary or secondary) statistical survey is necessary, the principle of legality requires that a legal basis should be set up which specifies the variables to be covered and the data collection methods to be employed. Then, an adequate data collection and processing concept must be developed. This concept must be implemented in practice and with regard to information technology. Finally, using the descriptive metadata and informative comparisons, the statistical data collected are further processed into statisti-

cal information, which is then made available to the users and the general public. Depending on what set of statistics is concerned, processes may be omitted, repeated or may occur in a different order.

In addition, there are cross-section management and supporting processes which are indispensable for the functioning of any production. The supporting processes comprise resource administration, education and training, structural and process organisation, the provision of information and communication technology and in-house installations, the settling of legal issues, social facilities and information man-

agement. The cross-section management processes include the definition of the strategy, planning and steering in general, human resources management and development, quality management, external communication and the staff representations.

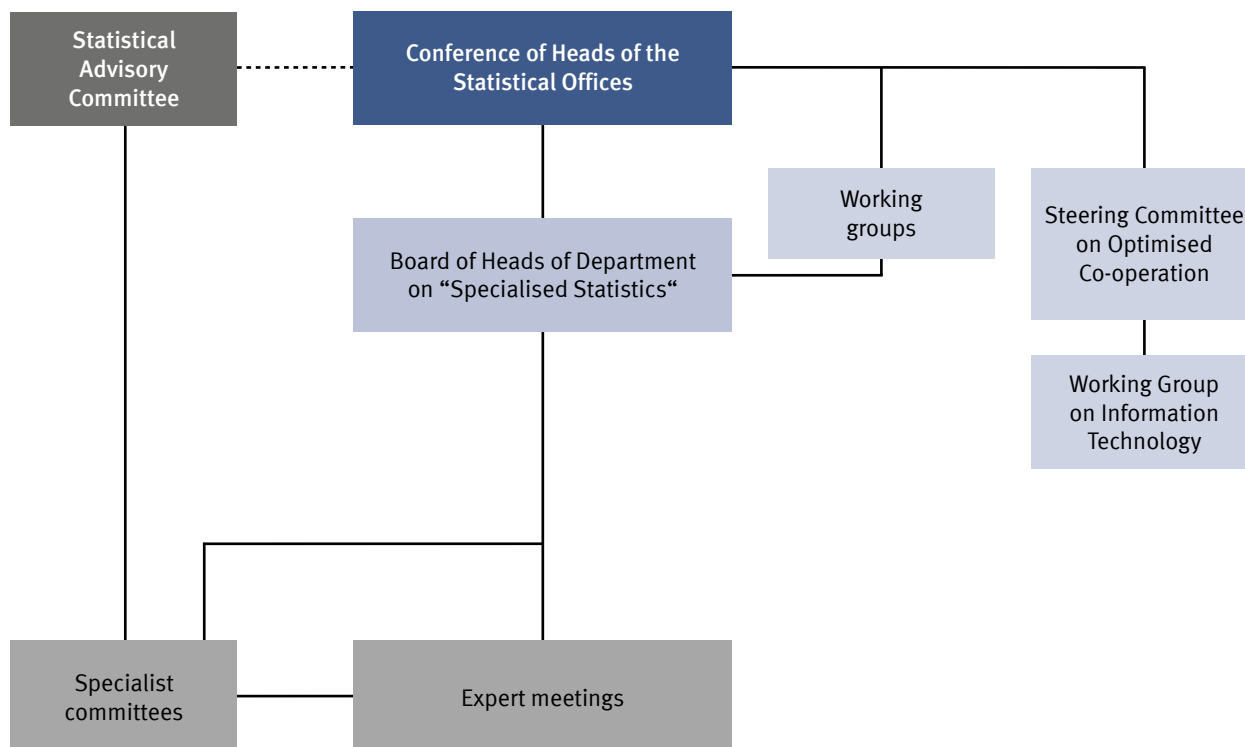
Sub-process of statistical production



Bodies

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

Important bodies involved in the national co-operation of the Federal Statistical Office



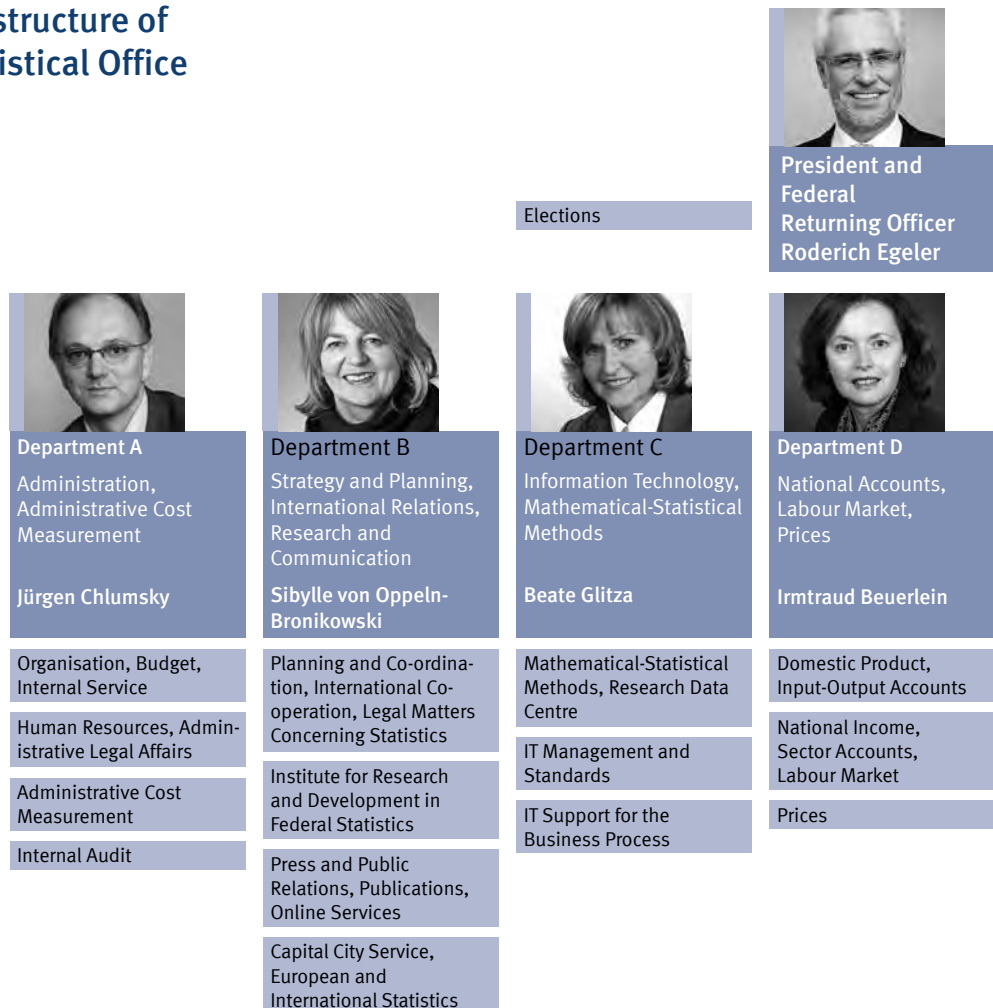
The **Conferences and Meetings of Heads of the Statistical Offices** discuss matters of principle regarding co-operation between the statistical offices of the Länder and the Federal Statistical Office. Upon completion of programme planning by the Conference of Heads of the Statistical Offices, the **Steering Committee on Optimised Co-operation** set up for supporting cross-office co-operation will determine the tasks to be accomplished in line with the model of optimised co-operation. Expert meetings are held on individual statistics where specialists from the statistical offices of the Federation and the Länder discuss questions pertaining to the working area concerned.

At their meeting of November 2010, the Conference of Heads of the Statistical Offices decided to establish a **Board of Heads of Department on "Specialised Statistics"**, as a link between the expert meetings and the Conference of Heads of the Statistical Offices, with co-ordinating function, the task to resolve conflicts and the power to take decisions.

According to Article 4 of the Federal Statistics Law, the task of the **Statistical Advisory Committee** is to give advice to the Federal Statistical Office in fundamental matters. It represents various user groups (such as associations, trade unions and respondents), which use that body to contact the producers of federal statistics. The Committee also represents the interests of official statistics towards politicians, for example by submitting "recommendations on the further development of official statistics" to the Federal Government. 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.

Organisational structure of the Federal Statistical Office

May 2013



The Federal Statistical Office has some 2,540 staff members. About 20 % of the staff have an academic degree, most of them in economics but also, among other things, in social sciences, mathematics, law, geography, sociology, and computer science (situation as at May 2013).

Early in 2013, the operation of the Federal Statistical Office's IT infrastructure was assigned to the Federal Office for Information Technology (BIT), which is part of the Federal Office of Administration (BVA). The staff members of the Federal Statistical Office who have so far carried out that work transfer to BIT. Department C remains in charge of all other tasks involved with mathematical-statistical methods, the provision of IT support for the business process and the co-ordination of technical operations.

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



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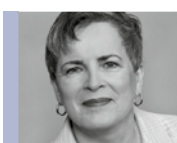
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Except for a few sections or persons, the employees of Departments A to E work at the Main Office in Wiesbaden, and most of the staff of Departments G and H at the Bonn Branch Office. In Berlin there are the Capital City Service – Berlin Information Point, International Statistics and the European Data Service, and the Bundestag Service Office.

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 of 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 accordance with Section 9 of the Act on the Formation of a Council of Economic Experts, the Federal Statistical Office provides an office in Wiesbaden for the Council of Economic Experts. The Office with ten persons reports directly 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

The European Statistical System (ESS) consists of the Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat), the national statistical institutes (NSI) and other national bodies, which are responsible in the individual Member States for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics. Together with the statistical offices of the Länder and the other German producers of data for European statistics, the Federal Statistical Office participates in developing the ESS further and in shaping the statistical programme at European level.

Eurostat, which is a Directorate-General of the EU Commission in Luxembourg, is the European Union's statistical agency and responsible for developing, producing and disseminating European statistics.

Legal basis of European statistics

On 1 April 2009, the "Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on European Statistics" (EC) 223/2009 entered into force. That framework regulation replaced the "Regulation on Community Statistics" of the year 1997. At European level, the Regulation is the counterpart of the German Federal Statistics Law. It establishes rules for the cooperation of Eurostat and the national statistical institutes and specifies, among others, how the development, preparation and dissemination of European statistics in the Member States shall be co-ordinated by the respective statistical institute (in Germany: the Federal Statistical Office) and establishes rules for the quality of statistical work: a separate Article defines, among others, the quality criteria; quality reports shall be prepared for all statistics; quality goals may be laid down in regulations relating to individual statistics. Rules for specific fields shall be established in individual statistics regulations.

Statistical bodies of the EU

The main body of the ESS is the **European Statistical System Committee (ESS Committee)**, which is chaired by Eurostat and encompasses the heads of the national statistical institutes of the Member States. The ESS Committee 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 ESS Committee participates in preparing statistical legal acts of the Commission. Furthermore, the ESS Committee comments on drafts of statistical framework legal acts of the European Parliament and the Council.

The European Central Bank (ECB), the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) participate as observers in the meetings of the ESS Committee.

An important preparatory body for the ESS Committee is the **Partnership Group**, which consists of four elected heads of statistical institutes of the Member States and the Director-General of Eurostat. Members ex officio are also the current, former and future Presidency of the Council. It discusses strategic issues and prepares the discussion of important items for the ESS Committee. In May 2012, the President of the Federal Statistical Office became a member of the Partnership Group for two years.

The **Conference of the Directors General of National Statistical Institutes of the European Union (DGINS)** is an annual conference dealing with current strategic issues and one selected specialised topic in the form of a seminar. Every year the conference is hosted by a different EU Member State. In 2013, the statistical institute of the Netherlands will host the DGINS.

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 deals with issues of co-ordination between the ESS and the European System of Central Banks (ESCB), in particular with projects of economic and finance statistics.

The **European Statistical Advisory Committee (ESAC)** is the user body of the ESS. The Advisory Committee, which consists of 24 members, primarily addresses issues of priority setting and programme planning. Eleven 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.

To monitor the implementation of the European Statistics Code of Practice (details will be given in the next section), an independent high-level user body was set up in 2009, the **European Statistical Governance Advisory Board (ESGAB)**. It annually reports to the European Parliament and 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 – gives advice to the Commission in important strategic issues regarding the credibility of European statistics and the Code of Practice.

In accordance with the Decision establishing the ESGAB (Decision No 235/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2008), the Board members' term of office is initially limited to 3 years. Since 23 March 2012, Günter Kopsch, former Head of Department at the Federal Statistical Office, has served a three-year term as the German Board member.

Code of Practice

The “European Statistics Code of Practice“ (for the full text please refer to the next but one section) is a voluntary commitment of the statistical offices at the national and European levels which is to strengthen the independence, integrity and accountability of these statistical authorities. It comprises 15 principles and the respective “indicators“.

The Code of Practice was initially adopted by the European Statistical System Committee (ESS Committee) in 2005 and communicated by Commission Recommendation COM(2005) 217. In the course of 2011, the Code was revised and on 28 September 2011 it was again adopted by the ESS Committee.

Through the 2011 revision, the former ESS Quality Declaration was integrated into the Code as its preamble and the terminology of the Code was harmonised with the texts of both the EU framework regulation on statistics 223 (2009) and the statistics quality framework of the European System of Central Banks (ESCB).

Important novelties of the 2011 Code of Practice are statements regarding the independence of statistical authorities (“indicator“ 1.8), the use of administrative data by statistical authorities (“indicators“ 8.7, 8.8 and 8.9) and standardisation (“indicator“ 10.4).

Since its adoption, the Code of Practice has had a major impact on the activities of the statistical institutes in Europe. The quality of statistical data and the integrity and independence of the statistical institutes have even more shifted into focus. During the first round of peer reviews from 2006–2008, Destatis was one of many NSI which passed through a self-assessment process in 2007 consisting of a questionnaire and a peer review by external experts from other statistical institutes. The experts (peers) recommended improvement measures which have gradually been implemented step by step in co-operation with the statistical offices of the Länder and the federal ministries. Since 2009, Eurostat has assessed the progress made in implementing the principles of the Code by the Member States in annual compliance monitoring rounds. This is done by updating the results of the peer reviews. From 2014 onwards, another round of peer reviews will presumably be held in the Member States on the basis of an audit approach. The requirements for this are currently being examined by a working group comprising NSI representatives. The ESS Committee is expected to take its final decision on the concept at the end of 2013.

Initiatives for the further development of the ESS

A complete reorientation of the ESS was initiated by the “Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the production method of EU statistics: a vision for the next decade COM (2009) 404“. On that basis, Eurostat developed a strategic implementation concept. The vision and its strategic implementation outline a new operating structure for the ESS, aiming at reorien-

tation by harmonising the methods of statistics production, through standardisation and the use of framework legal acts.

An essential goal of this new operating structure is to ensure that European statistics and in particular business statistics facilitate an assessment of the effects of the globalised economy. There are plans to set up a legal framework for this that permits to exchange confidential data for statistical purposes between the ESS statistical institutes and the system of central banks (ESCB).

The goals set out in Eurostat’s vision (COM (2009) 404, see above) are also reflected in the new **Multi-Annual Statistical Programme 2013–2017**. The focus is on the production of **multi-purpose statistics** and, above all, on the efficiency of statistics production.

In terms of content, the priorities of the new multi-annual programme 2013–2017 are determined not only by the “Vision“ but also by the initiatives of the Commission’s “EUROPE 2020“ programme COM (2010) 2020 and the legislative package for economic governance and strengthening the Stability and Growth Pact (ECOFIN decisions of 8 November 2011) and for measuring welfare to supplement the gross domestic product (European Parliament resolution of 8 June 2011 on “GDP and beyond“). The multi-annual programme 2013–2017 is specified and implemented through the respective annual work programmes.

The initiative to standardise statistics production within the ESS will be continued by a high-ranking working body for standardisation in which Germany is represented by the Vice-President of the Federal Statistical Office.

On 15 April 2011 the Commission published its Communication “Towards robust quality management for European Statistics“ COM (2011) 211. With its initiative, the Commission intends to develop further the quality management in the field of official statistics in general and in the sphere of government finance statistics in particular (excessive deficit procedure (EDP)).

In addition to ensuring the high quality of statistical indicators as part of the new economic policy co-ordination and the EUROPE 2020 strategy, the measures described in the Commission Communication are to safeguard the quality of the data on which the European System of Accounts (ESA) is based.

These activities are continued by an expert group on the EU stability data under the auspices of the Federal Statistical Office and in consultation with the Deutsche Bundesbank, the Federal Ministry of Finance and the Land Ministries of Finance.

Apart from that, the Commission Communication on robust quality management is aimed at further strengthening the governance of the ESS. One way to achieve this is to **amend Regulation (EC) on Statistics No 223/2009**. The formal legislative process at the EU Council and Parliament concerning the “Proposal for amending the Regulation on Statistics“ is still under way.

From the Commission's perspective, the aims of the amendment are as follows:

1. clarifying the co-ordination role of the national statistical institutes (NSI),
2. strengthening of ESS governance by ensuring the professional independence of the national statistical institutes and the heads of the institutes,
3. use of "Commitments on Confidence in Statistics" as the basis for implementing the Code of Practice,
4. enhanced use of administrative data.

European Statistics Code of Practice for the National and Community Statistical Authorities

Preamble

The vision of the European Statistical System

"The European Statistical System will be a world leader in statistical information services and the most important information provider for the European Union and its Member States. Based on scientific principles and methods, the European Statistical System will offer and continuously improve a programme of harmonised European statistics that constitutes an essential basis for democratic processes and progress in society."

The mission of the European Statistical System

"We provide the European Union, the world and the public with independent high quality information on the economy and society on European, national and regional levels and make the information available to everyone for decision-making purposes, research and debate."

To realize this mission and vision, the members of the European Statistical System strive for joint cooperation and continuous interaction with users according to the Principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice and general quality management principles including commitment of leadership, partnership, staff satisfaction and continuous improvement, in addition to integration and harmonization.

The European Statistics Code of Practice

The European Statistics Code of Practice is based on 15 Principles covering the institutional environment, the statistical production processes and the output of statistics. A set of indicators of good practice for each of the Principles provides a reference for reviewing the implementation of the Code. The quality criteria for European Statistics are defined in European Statistical Law.

Statistical authorities, comprising the Commission (Eurostat), National Statistical Institutes and other national authorities responsible for the development, production and dissemination of European Statistics, together with governments, ministries and the European Council, commit themselves to adhere to the Code.

The Principles of the Code of Practice together with the general quality management principles represent a common quality framework in the European Statistical System.

Institutional Environment

Institutional and organisational factors have a significant influence on the effectiveness and creditability of a statistical authority developing, 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.

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

- 1.1: The independence of the National Statistical Institutes and Eurostat from political and other external interference in developing, producing and disseminating statistics is specified in law and assured for other statistical authorities.
- 1.2: The heads of the National Statistical Institutes and of Eurostat and, where appropriate, the heads of other statistical authorities have sufficiently high hierarchical standing to ensure senior level access to policy authorities and administrative public bodies. They are of the highest professional calibre.
- 1.3: The heads of the National Statistical Institutes and of Eurostat and, where appropriate, the heads of other statistical authorities have responsibility for ensuring that statistics are developed, produced and disseminated in an independent manner.
- 1.4: The heads of the National Statistical Institutes and of Eurostat and, where appropriate, the heads of other statistical authorities have the sole responsibility for deciding on statistical methods, standards and procedures, and on the content and timing of statistical releases.

- 1.5: The statistical work programmes are published and periodic reports describe progress made.
- 1.6: Statistical releases are clearly distinguished and issued separately from political/policy statements.
- 1.7: The National Statistical Institute and Eurostat and, where appropriate, other statistical authorities, comment publicly on statistical issues, including criticisms and misuses of statistics as far as considered suitable.
- 1.8: The appointment of the heads of the National Statistical Institutes and Eurostat and, where appropriate, of other statistical authorities, is based on professional competence only. The reasons on the basis of which the incumbency can be terminated are specified in the legal framework. These cannot include reasons compromising professional or scientific independence.

Principle 2: Mandate for Data Collection.

Statistical authorities 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

- 2.1: The mandate of the statistical authorities to collect information for the development, production and dissemination of European Statistics is specified in law.
- 2.2: The statistical authorities are allowed by law to use administrative data for statistical purposes.
- 2.3: On the basis of a legal act, the statistical authorities may compel response to statistical surveys.

Principle 3: Adequacy of Resources.

The resources available to statistical authorities are sufficient to meet European Statistics requirements.

Indicators

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

Principle 4: Commitment to Quality.

Statistical authorities are committed to quality. They systematically and regularly identify strengths and weaknesses to continuously improve process and product quality.

Indicators

- 4.1: Quality policy is defined and made available to the public. An organizational structure and tools are in place to deal with quality management.
- 4.2: Procedures are in place to plan and monitor the quality of the statistical production process.
- 4.3: Product quality is regularly monitored, assessed with regard to possible trade-offs, and reported according to the quality criteria for European Statistics.
- 4.4: There is a regular and thorough review of the key statistical outputs using also 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 are absolutely guaranteed.

Indicators

- 5.1: Statistical confidentiality is guaranteed in law.
- 5.2: Staff sign legal confidentiality commitments on appointment.
- 5.3: Penalties are prescribed for any wilful breaches of statistical confidentiality.
- 5.4: Guidelines and instructions are provided to staff on the protection of statistical confidentiality in the production and dissemination processes. The confidentiality policy is made known to the public.
- 5.5: Physical, technological and organisational provisions are in place to protect the security and integrity of statistical databases.
- 5.6: Strict protocols apply to external users accessing statistical microdata for research purposes.

Principle 6: Impartiality and Objectivity.

Statistical authorities develop, produce and disseminate European Statistics respecting scientific independence and in an objective, professional and transparent manner in which all users are treated equitably.

Indicators

- 6.1: Statistics are compiled on an objective basis determined by statistical considerations.
- 6.2: Choices of sources and statistical methods as well as decisions about the dissemination of statistics are informed by statistical considerations.

- 6.3: Errors discovered in published statistics are corrected at the earliest possible date and publicised.
- 6.4: Information on the methods and procedures used is publicly available.
- 6.5: Statistical release dates and times are pre-announced.
- 6.6: Advance notice is given on major revisions or changes in methodologies.
- 6.7: All users have equal access to statistical releases at the same time. Any privileged pre-release access to any outside user is limited, controlled and publicised. In the event that leaks occur, pre-release arrangements are revised so as to ensure impartiality.
- 6.8: Statistical releases and statements made in press conferences are objective and non-partisan.

Statistical Processes

European and other international standards, guidelines and good practices are fully observed in the processes used by the statistical authorities to organise, collect, process and disseminate European 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, nonexcessive burden on respondents and cost effectiveness.

Principle 7: Sound Methodology.

Sound methodology must underpin quality statistics. This requires adequate tools, procedures and expertise.

Indicators

- 7.1: The overall methodological framework used for European Statistics follows European and other international standards, guidelines, and good practices.
- 7.2: Procedures are in place to ensure that standard concepts, definitions and classifications are consistently applied throughout the statistical authority.
- 7.3: The business register and the frame for population surveys are regularly evaluated and adjusted if necessary in order to ensure high quality.
- 7.4: Detailed concordance exists between national classifications systems and the corresponding European systems.
- 7.5: Graduates in the relevant academic disciplines are recruited.
- 7.6: Statistical authorities implement a policy of continuous vocational training for their staff.
- 7.7: Co-operation with the scientific community is organised to improve methodology, the effectiveness of the methods implemented and to promote better tools when feasible.

Principle 8: Appropriate Statistical Procedures.

Appropriate statistical procedures, implemented from data collection to data validation, underpin quality statistics.

Indicators

- 8.1: When European Statistics are based on administrative data, the definitions and concepts used for administrative purposes are a good approximation to those required for statistical purposes.
- 8.2: In the case of statistical surveys, questionnaires are systematically tested prior to the data collection.
- 8.3: Survey designs, sample selections and estimation methods are well based and regularly reviewed and revised as required.
- 8.4: Data collection, data entry, and coding are routinely monitored and revised as required.
- 8.5: Appropriate editing and imputation methods are used and regularly reviewed, revised or updated as required.
- 8.6: Revisions follow standard, well-established and transparent procedures.
- 8.7: Statistical authorities are involved in the design of administrative data in order to make administrative data more suitable for statistical purposes.
- 8.8: Agreements are made with owners of administrative data which set out their shared commitment to the use of these data for statistical purposes.
- 8.9: Statistical authorities co-operate with owners of administrative data in assuring data quality.

Principle 9: Non-excessive Burden on Respondents.

The reporting burden is proportionate to the needs of the users and is not excessive for respondents. The statistical authorities monitor the response burden and set targets for its reduction over time.

Indicators

- 9.1: The range and detail of European Statistics demands is limited to what is absolutely necessary.
- 9.2: The reporting burden is spread as widely as possible over survey populations.
- 9.3: 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.
- 9.4: Administrative sources are used whenever possible to avoid duplicating requests for information.
- 9.5: Data sharing within statistical authorities is generalised in order to avoid multiplication of surveys.
- 9.6: Statistical authorities promote measures that enable the linking of data sources in order to reduce reporting burden.

Principle 10: Cost Effectiveness.

Resources are used effectively.

Indicators

- 10.1: Internal and independent external measures monitor the statistical authority's use of resources.
- 10.2: The productivity potential of information and communications technology is being optimised for data collection, processing and dissemination.
- 10.3: Proactive efforts are made to improve the statistical potential of administrative data and to limit recourse to direct surveys.
- 10.4: Statistical authorities promote and implement standardized solutions that increase effectiveness and efficiency.

Statistical Output

Available statistics 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

- 11.1: Processes are in place to consult users, monitor the relevance and utility of existing statistics in meeting their needs, and consider their emerging needs and priorities.
- 11.2: Priority needs are being met and reflected in the work programme.
- 11.3: User satisfaction is monitored on a regular basis and is systematically followed up.

Principle 12: Accuracy and Reliability.

European Statistics accurately and reliably portray reality.

Indicators

- 12.1: Source data, intermediate results and statistical outputs are regularly assessed and validated.
- 12.2: Sampling errors and non-sampling errors are measured and systematically documented according to the European standards.
- 12.3: Revisions are regularly analysed in order to improve statistical processes.

Principle 13: Timeliness and Punctuality.

European Statistics are released in a timely and punctual manner.

Indicators

- 13.1: Timeliness meets European and other international release standards.
- 13.2: A standard daily time for the release of statistics is made public.
- 13.3: The periodicity of statistics takes into account user requirements as much as possible.
- 13.4: Divergence from the dissemination time schedule is publicised in advance, explained and a new release date set.
- 13.5: Preliminary results of acceptable aggregate accuracy can be released when considered useful.

Principle 14: Coherence and Comparability.

European Statistics are consistent internally, over time and comparable between regions and countries; it is possible to combine and make joint use of related data from different sources.

Indicators

- 14.1: Statistics are internally coherent and consistent (i.e. arithmetic and accounting identities observed).
- 14.2: Statistics are comparable over a reasonable period of time.
- 14.3: Statistics are compiled on the basis of common standards with respect to scope, definitions, units and classifications in the different surveys and sources.
- 14.4: Statistics from the different sources and of different periodicity are compared and reconciled.
- 14.5: Cross-national comparability of the data is ensured within the European Statistical System 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 are presented in a clear and understandable form, released in a suitable and convenient manner, available and accessible on an impartial basis with supporting metadata and guidance.

Indicators

- 15.1: Statistics and the corresponding metadata are presented, and archived, in a form that facilitates proper interpretation and meaningful comparisons.
- 15.2: Dissemination services use modern information and communication technology and, if appropriate, traditional hard copy.

- 15.3: Custom-designed analyses are provided when feasible and the public is informed.
- 15.4: Access to microdata is allowed for research purposes and is subject to specific rules or protocols.
- 15.5: Metadata are documented according to standardised metadata systems.
- 15.6: Users are kept informed about the methodology of statistical processes including the use of administrative data.
- 15.7: Users are kept informed about the quality of statistical outputs with respect to the quality criteria for European Statistics.

Further information at:

<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/quality>

International co-operation

The Federal Statistical Office co-operates closely with the statistics divisions of international organisations such as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the United Nations (UN). Thus German official statistics agencies also support supranational political goals such as implementing the internationally agreed Millennium Development Goals (MDG) of the United Nations to be attained by 2015.

The central statistical body for globally harmonised concepts, methods and classifications and the level of heads of statistical offices is the **United Nations Statistical Commission**, of which Germany has been a member since 2005. At the end of 2012, Germany was re-elected for another four-year term (until 2016).

The President of the Federal Statistical Office also 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.

Not only the UN but also the OECD Statistics Directorate prepare harmonised statistics and methods for international comparisons and perform statistical analyses. OECD Member states are, apart from the European industrialised nations, the USA, Canada, Australia, Korea, Japan and Israel. The heads of the statistical offices of the Member States meet regularly at the sessions of the OECD Committee on Statistics (CSTAT) to discuss strategic and subject-related issues. The annual plenary sessions of CSTAT and CES are always held back to back, with the venue alternating between OECD headquarters in Paris and UN-ECE headquarters in Geneva. The Vice-President of the Federal Statistical Office has been a member of the CSTAT Bureau since the end of 2012. The CSTAT Bureau consists of a limited number of OECD members and has the task of discussing major strategic issues as well as of preparing the meetings at head of office level.

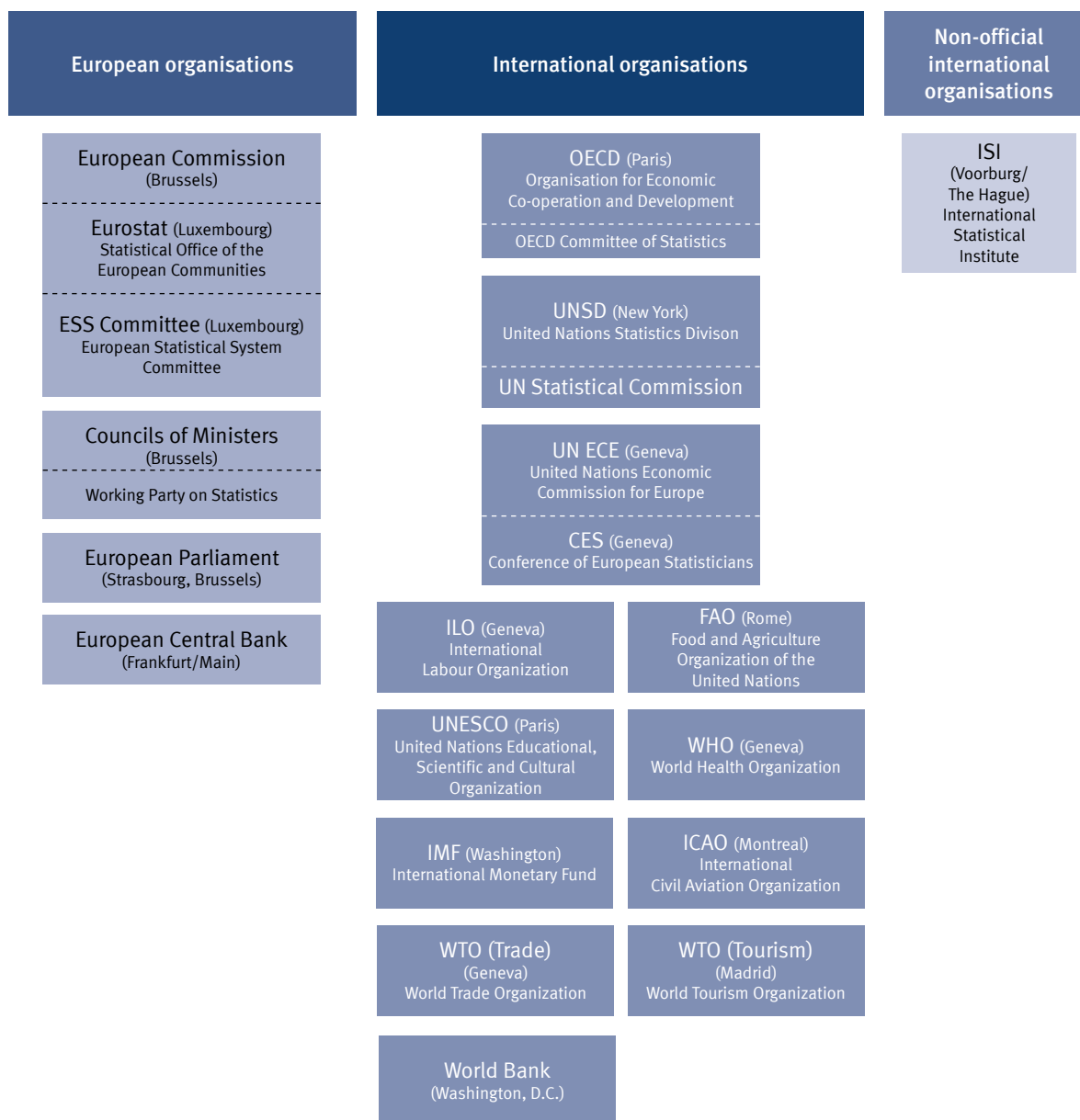
The Federal Statistical Office also co-operates with the international Labour Organization (ILO), the World Trade Organization (WTO), the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and numerous specialist agencies of the UN.

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 congresses every two years to promote the exchange of experience in the area of statistics. The 2013 ISI World Congress will be held in Hong Kong.

Since the beginning of the 1990s, the Federal Statistical Office has been engaged in development co-operation (see Chapter 3.3, "Co-operation with other countries").

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

The following chart provides an overview of the major organisations with which the Federal Statistical Office has co-operation relations at the supranational and international level



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Corporate vision, strategic action areas and strategic goals of the Federal Statistical Office

Corporate vision

In 1998, the Federal Statistical Office adopted the following corporate vision.

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.

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.

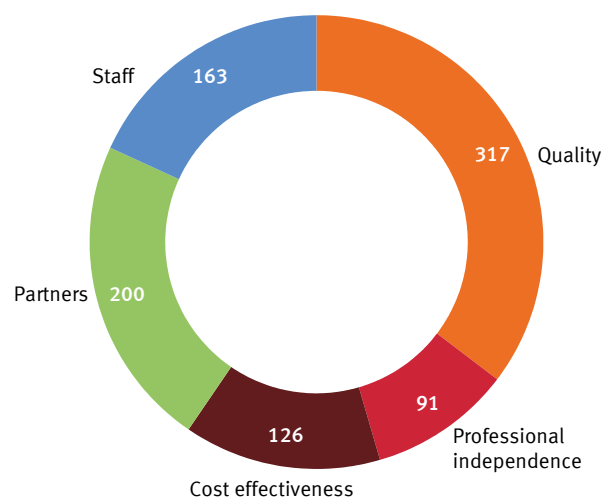
Vision

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 and the decision making processes in a democratic society 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.

Number of actions by action area
(total 196 actions, multiple responses were possible)



Strategic action areas and strategic goals of the Federal Statistical Office

Quality

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. Data security is also part of our commitment to quality.

Strategic goal

- Q1** We ensure the attractiveness of the products we offer by means of innovations.
- Q2** We ensure the high validity of our data during the entire data creation process.
- Q3** We create coherence in our results and between the methods, concepts and definitions applied.
- Q4** We improve the comparability of our results at European and international level.
- Q5** We guarantee the confidentiality, integrity and availability of our data.
- Q6** We improve the access to our information.

To reach this goal, we intend, among others, to:

- carry out the project on “further development of the system of household statistics“
- meet the urgent demand for time use data existing at national and European level by conducting a new time use survey
- introduce the coverage of orders on hand in manufacturing
- integrate European comparisons into publications of the Federal Statistical Office
- prepare a concept for the dissemination of microdata for the general public under the Open Government Data programme
- develop digital publications optimised also for tablet PCs
- prepare a new concept for the present system of continuous household budget surveys (on the basis of sample surveys of income and expenditure and continuous household budget surveys)



Professional independence

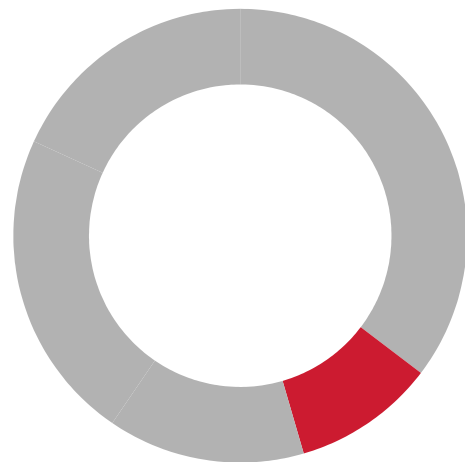
We guarantee the neutrality, objectivity and scientific independence of our work.

Strategic goal

- 11 We work towards an improvement of the framework conditions set for federal statistics.
- 12 We implement the best possible methods in co-operation with our partners.
- 13 We ensure impartiality in the process of releasing our results.

To reach this goal, we intend, among others, to:

- contribute to the further development of the Federal Statistics Law
- co-ordinate the co-operation of institutions contributing to European statistics as external data producers



Cost effectiveness

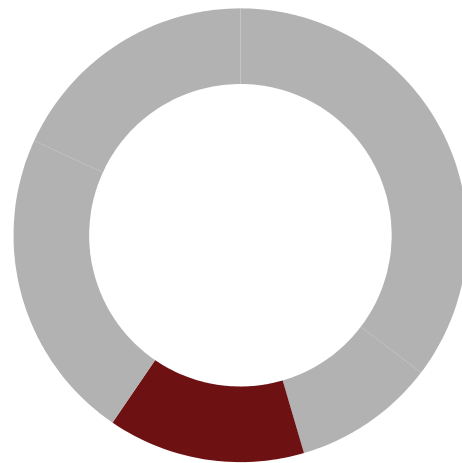
We create room for manoeuvre to be able to complete our programme of tasks.

Strategic goal

- E1** We prioritise our products and remove those that have become less relevant.
- E2** We optimise and standardise our processes.
- E3** We negotiate to find a balance between the programme of tasks and the resources available.

To reach this goal, we intend, among others, to:

- introduce process management at the Federal Statistical Office
- design and program the extended survey register for the new business register
- achieve an integration of administrative and survey data for the structure of earnings survey
- create a survey portal (eSTATISTIK.interaktionsportal) which the statistical offices of the Federation and the Länder can use to handle all data submitted online



Partners

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.

Strategic goal

- P1 We develop agreements on the division of work and the co-operation between the statistical offices of the Federation and the Länder.
- P2 We play a part in shaping the international statistical system – in particular the European Statistical System.
- P3 We see to the uniform implementation of European requirements in our function as a national co-ordinator.
- P4 We are being involved as experts in current political discussions and contribute to opinion-forming.
- P5 We intensify our co-operation with the scientific community.
- P6 We retain the high quality of IT operations with the help of the service provider BIT.
- P7 We minimise the burden on respondents.

To reach this goal, we intend, among others, to:

- make the bodies of the German Bundestag more aware of the Federal Statistical Office
- develop the strategy plan of the FSO/LSOs system further and implement appropriate measures of strategic controlling
- prepare the assessment of compliance with the European Statistics Code of Practice for the National and Community Statistical Authorities (ESS reviews)
- prepare a concept for providing microdata to the international scientific community
- comply with the obligation to submit data electronically
- provide the base for implementing the recommendations of the Statistical Advisory Committee for a better use of administrative data
- develop a concept for establishing co-operations with higher education institutions



Staff

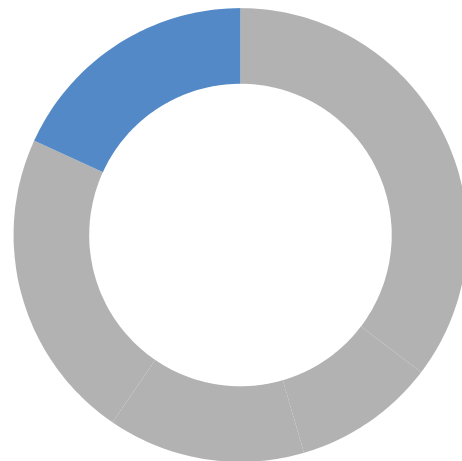
Our efficiency is based on the innovative power, competence and customer focus of all staff members at the Federal Statistical Office.

Strategic goal

- S1 We ensure that all tasks can be performed by targeting our personnel resources.
- S2 We shape development and change processes jointly.
- S3 We actively improve our competence on a regular basis.
- S4 We raise our scientific profile by means of improved methodology and analytic skills.
- S5 We notice excessive workloads and counter them.
- S6 We improve our attractiveness as an employer.

To reach this goal, we intend, among others, to:

- further the development of executives, among others, develop a concept for an improved exchange of experience
- prepare a concept for working, learning and transferring knowledge which meets the needs of the elderly
- conduct training courses on the subjects of change management and preventive health care
- introduce an exchange of experience among heads of divisions/heads of sections
- develop and introduce e-learning modules to form part of advanced training
- extend the use of assessment centres for staff recruitment in accordance with the requirements of the Human Resources Development Concept



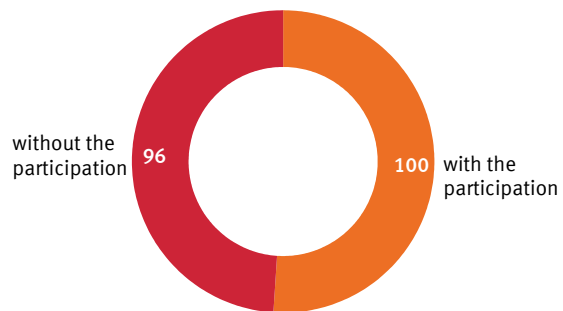
Strategy: Action areas and goals

Actions 2013–2017 by goals

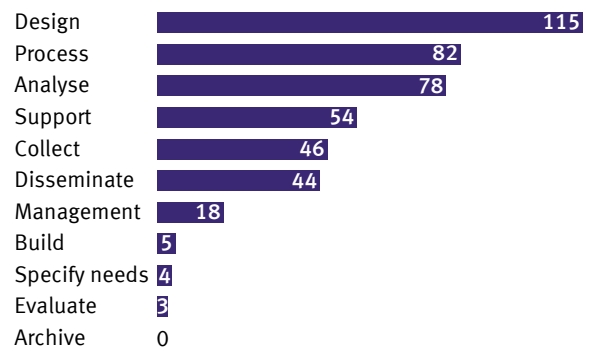
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Actions by processes
(multiples reponses were possible)



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The work programme for the years 2013 to 2017 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:** For primary surveys, number of respondents, for secondary surveys, number of units reporting data to the statistical offices.

The publications listed for every product area comprise on the one hand standard publications accessible via the website www.destatis.de (heading: “publications”). On the other hand, “grey literature” is mentioned which can be provided by the contacts indicated. In addition, the various specialised units of statistics offer also background information under their respective headings at www.destatis.de. The online series “STATmagazin” published at irregular intervals on the homepage www.destatis.de contains articles which have been specifically edited to make them easily comprehensible and if possible discuss a subject from the angle of various data sources.

Anything else done or planned is shown under “additional actions”. The purpose of the additional actions is to achieve the strategic goals.

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Total Costs of the Federal Statistical Office 2012 by product groups (in millions of Euro)

Foreign trade, business register and business demography, crafts	24,2
Statistics of individual sectors of economic activity (agriculture, industry, services, etc.)	18,9
Territory, population, labour market, elections	16,2
Prices, earnings and labour costs, income, consumption	15,5
National accounts and Environmental-Economic Accounting	9,5
Education, social security benefits, health, justice	9,3
Statistics dissemination (publications, information services, press work, etc.)	7,7
Public finance (public budgets, enterprises, public service personnel, taxes)	7,3
Standard Cost Model	7,1
Question of principle, classifications, bodies of official statistics	5,8
Housing, environment	4,1
Custom preparations	3,5
Research and development in federal statistics	2,9
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Co-operation with the scientific community	1,2
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3.1

Questions of principle, research and development in federal statistics

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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, supranational 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, supranational and international spheres

Main users

- Head of the Federal Statistical Office (FSO), specialised units 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

2011: EUR 2,633,000

2012: EUR 2,262,000

Total costs

2011: EUR 3,982,000

2012: EUR 3,337,000

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
12101000	National co-ordination – questions of principle, bodies	<p>System and programme of federal statistics: Preparation of decisions on questions of principle of federal statistics and analyses regarding the programme</p> <p>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)</p> <p>Co-ordination of interdisciplinary activities for federal statistics: Development of interdisciplinary statements and initiatives at the national level</p> <p>Institutionalised national bodies including their committees: Preparation and follow-up, in part also organisation of meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Statistical Advisory Committee – Conference of Heads of the Statistical Offices (ALK) – Board of Heads of Department on “Specialised Statistics” (ALG FS) – Interministerial Committee for Co-ordination and Rationalisation of Statistics (IMA-Statistik)/Committee of the Federation and the Länder on Statistics (BLA-Statistik)
12102000	Supranational and international co-ordination – questions of principle, bodies	<p>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</p> <p>Co-ordination of the activities performed at national level to develop, produce and disseminate European statistics</p> <p>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</p> <p>Institutionalised supranational and international bodies: Preparation and follow-up, in part also organisation of meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – European Statistical System Committee (ESS Committee) – Conference of the Directors General of the National Statistical Institutes at EU level (DGINS) – European Statistical Advisory Committee (ESAC) – OECD Statistics Committee – United Nations Statistical Commission – Conference of European Statisticians (CES/ECE)
12103000	Co-ordination of regional statistics, indicators	<p>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</p> <p>Indicator systems: Further development of the indicator systems database, co-ordination of interdisciplinary statements and initiatives in the sphere of indicator systems</p>

KLR no.	Product	Product description
35105000	Co-ordination and further development of business statistics ¹⁾	Co-ordination of the various surveys conducted among enterprises and local units when further developing the programme
44101690	Reform of business statistics ¹⁾	Development of a consistent system of business statistics which meets the users' demand for up-to-date results with a subject-matter and regional breakdown, is cost-effective as to its operation and accounts for bureaucracy reduction by relieving enterprises from reporting obligations for statistical purposes

1) Contact: Martin Beck.

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Annual report of the Federal Statistical Office	yearly
Strategy and Programme Plan	yearly
Information from official statistics	quarterly
The European Statistical System (e-mail newsletter)	quarterly
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 ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
EU INSPIRE directive – Annex 3: participating in the working group on "Statistical Unit-Population Distribution" to establish a geodata portal for environmental protection	Q6; P2–3; S4	design, analyse	4/2010	6/2013	no
Office of the Board of Heads of Department on "Specialised Statistics" (ALG FS)	P1	disseminate, support	3/2011	4/2013	yes
Amendment to the Federal Statistics Law: Implementation concept for the future use and release of small-area data	Q1, 4, 6; I2; S3–4	design, process, analyse, disseminate	7/2011	12/2013	yes
Further developing and implementing the joint strategy plan of the FSO and the LSOs	P1, 3	support, manage	1/2013	12/2013	yes
Procedure to harmonise the German positions vis-à-vis all bodies of the ESS	P2	design, disseminate, support	1/2012	12/2013	no

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

Contact: Marion Engelter

Legal matters concerning statistics

Brief description

The preparation and application of relevant legal bases for individual sets of statistics require legal support. In addition, legal bases of statistics have to be documented professionally and support has to be provided to the head of the FSO with regard to fundamental questions of statistical law.

Primary costs

2012: EUR 542,000

Total costs

2012: EUR 765,000

Main use

- settling legal issues pertaining to statistical matters

Main users

- Head of the Federal Statistical Office (FSO)
- specialised units of the FSO
- statistical offices of the Länder (LSOs)
- federal ministries

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
12106000	Fundamental questions of statistical law	Preparation of decisions on fundamental questions of national and European statistical law; documentation of the legal bases of statistics; provision of support to the head of the FSO in matters pertaining to statistical law
12107000	Individual statistical legal issues	Preparation and application of legal provisions for individual sets of statistics of the specialised units at the FSO

Major publications (mostly in German)

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

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Amendment to the Federal Statistics Law (BStatG)	I1	design	1/2009	7/2017	no

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

Contact: *Martin Beck*

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
- statistical institutes of foreign countries
- Eurostat
- OECD
- UN

Primary costs

2011: EUR 976,000
2012: EUR 1,213,000

Total costs

2011: EUR 1,447,000
2012: EUR 1,685,000

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
35104000	Classifications	<p>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)</p> <p>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)</p> <p>Product classifications at European/international level: List of products for European Production Statistics (PRODCOM), Statistical Classification of Products by Activity in the European Economic Community (CPA), Central Product Classification (CPC), Classification of Types of Construction (CC)</p> <p>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)</p> <p>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</p> <p>Classifications of Occupations: Classification of Occupations (KldB), International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO/ISCO-COM)</p> <p>Information system of classifications: Information system for internal and external users, installation and maintenance of a classification server</p>

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	quarterly, yearly
Other classifications	yearly, irregular
Papers on the revision of classifications in the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics)	irregular

Additional actions

Designation	Contri- bution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Partici- pation of LSOs
Linking of the classification server to IDEV and further technical developments	Q1, 6; E2	design	8/2012	10/2014	yes

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

Contact: Peter Schmidt, Thomas Riede

Interdisciplinary research and development in official statistics

Brief description

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

The conceptual bases for developing the system of household statistics further are currently being created by a project organisation.

Primary costs

2011: EUR 850,000

2012: EUR 941,000

Total costs

2011: EUR 1,156,000

2012: EUR 1,421,000

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 user

- specialised units of the FSO and LSOs

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
12203000	Data quality, cross-departmental methods development, contacts with researchers	<p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>Co-ordination of research and development projects: R&D plan, central contact unit (for the federal ministries) for statistically relevant research projects</p>
12204000	Surveys under Article 7 of the Federal Statistics Law, demographic and regional standards	Fundamental issues of pilot surveys according to Article 7 of the Federal Statistics Law
12206000	Further development of the system of household statistics	Project management and organisation, concept of content, survey instruments and survey management, evaluation concepts
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

1) Contact: Birgit Frank-Bosch.

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
METHODS – APPROACHES – DEVELOPMENTS – News from the Federal Statistical Office	half-yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Further development of the system of household statistics	Q3-4; E2; P3	design	9/2011	7/2017	yes
EU-Project: ESSnet Data collection for social surveys using multiple modes	Q1-2, 4; E2; P2; S4	design, collect, disseminate	1/2012	6/2014	no
Concept for building partnerships with universities	Q1; I2; P5	design, support	1/2013	9/2014	no

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

Contact: *Peter Schmidt*

Questionnaire development and pretests for federal statistics

Brief description

In order to improve data quality, experts of official statistics study not only sampling errors but also measurement errors which may be due to the survey instrument, respondents or interviewers. With the help of suitable testing methods, questionnaires can be tested at various development stages. To that end, different groups of persons are consulted (for instance experts, specialised statisticians, interviewers and potential respondents). On the one hand, these tests reduce the burden on respondents as the resulting questionnaires are easier to understand, and on the other hand, they improve the quality of the data obtained.

Main use

- optimised survey documents

Main users

- specialised units of the FSO and the LSOs
- respondents

Primary costs

2011: EUR 1,282,000
2012: EUR 1,007,000

Total costs

2011: EUR 1,735,000
2012: EUR 1,538,000

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
12201000	Questionnaire pretesting, data collection methods	<p>Further development of methods and procedures of federal statistics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – implementing cross-departmental projects (e.g. developing and checking a requirements profile for electronic questionnaires to be used in household surveys) – developing further the work with persons obliged to report and with respondents <p>Questionnaire pretesting and survey methods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – testing and further development of questionnaire construction methods – consultation, co-ordination, organisation and implementation of pilot studies to test survey procedures and processes – implementing pretests of survey instruments – implementing usability tests for online surveys – further developing the methodology of questionnaire testing procedures
12202000	Questionnaire development and design	<p>Further development of methods and procedures of federal statistics for the task area of “data collection methods“</p> <p>Development and design of survey documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – testing and further developing questionnaire construction methods – central preparation of survey documents – standardisation of survey documents – guidelines and instructions for a uniform design of survey instruments

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Revising the layout of all questionnaires to improve electronic document reading	E2	design, collect	10/2010	12/2013	yes

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

Contact: Prof. Dr. Manfred Ehling

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

2011: EUR 966,000

2012: EUR 992,000

Total costs

2011: EUR 1,214,000

2012: EUR 1,243,000

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.

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

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Reports on methodology	irregular

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Development of mathematical and statistical methodology (i. a. small area estimation methods) for the register-based census 2011	Q2; I2	design	5/2006	12/2013	yes
Ensuring statistical confidentiality in tables by controlled adjustment of tables (CTA: Controlled Tabular Adjustment) instead of cell suppression	Q3, 6; E2; P3	design	7/2006	12/2014	no
Further development of the BV4.1 software for component analysis and seasonal adjustment of economic time series	Q1; I2–3	analyse, support	1/2008	12/2015	no
Teleprocessing and confidentiality	Q1, 3–6; E2; S4	design	1/2009	12/2014	yes
European access to statistical information (EU FP7 project EURASI): further development of methods and procedures for automated disclosure control in tables, also cross-tabular	Q1, 3–6; E2; P2, 5; S3–4	design	5/2011	4/2015	no
Methodological studies for a reform of electoral law governing Bundestag elections	I3; P1	design	1/2009	9/2013	no

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

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Contact: Hermann Seewald

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
- Federal Government, Federal Ministries
- businesses, private users, the general public

Primary costs

2011:	EUR 339,000
2012:	EUR 224,000

Total costs

2011:	EUR 521,000
2012:	EUR 574,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
11111	Recording of territorial status	secondary survey	decentralised	monthly	11,339
11911	List of municipalities	register	decentralised	monthly	–

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
List of municipalities	quarterly, yearly

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. Data were collected with reference date 9 May 2011 under the 2011 Census. Results will be available from mid-2013.

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
- social and economic research institutes
- the media, private users, the general public
- producers of other specialised statistics

Primary costs

2011: EUR 4,868,000
2012: EUR 5,030,000

Total costs

2011: EUR 7,924,000
2012: EUR 7,256,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
12111	Population census	primary survey	decentralised	irregular	n. s. ¹⁾
12112	Population census test survey	secondary survey	decentralised	irregular	1,800

1) The census of buildings and housing will cover about 17.5 million proprietors of housing space; the household survey will include some 7.9 million natural persons. As it is unknown to what extent the two groups overlap, no total can be given.

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Register-based population census, 2010: results of the census tests (2004)	non-recurrent (2004)
The register-based procedure of the 2011 Census	non-recurrent (2011)

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Preparing and conducting the census 2011	Q1–4; P5	design, collect, process, analyse, disseminate	7/2006	12/2014	yes

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

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 nonofficial 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

- BMWi, BMFSFJ, BMG, BMAS, BMBF, BMVBS, BMU, BMI
- social and economic research institutes
- European Commission
- the media, private users, the general public

Primary costs

2011:	EUR 1,906,000
2012:	EUR 2,225,000

Total costs

2011:	EUR 2,600,000
2012:	EUR 3,272,000

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 1.1	4-yearly
Accompanying material for press conferences on various focal topics (e.g. persons living alone in Germany, how children live in Germany, etc.)	yearly
Papers in the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics)	yearly

Contact: Hermann Seewald

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
- social and economic research institutes
- the media, private users, the general public

Primary costs

2011:	EUR 1,550,000
2012:	EUR 1,335,000

Total costs

2011:	EUR 2,379,000
2012:	EUR 1,932,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
12411	Current population statistics	calculation	decentralised	quarterly	–
12421	Population projections	calculation	centralised	3-yearly	–
12511	Naturalisation statistics	secondary 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) ¹⁾	primary survey	decentralised	non-recurrent (2006)	13,000
12651	Creation of same-sex partnerships	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	5,000
12661	Dissolution of same-sex partnerships	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	1,000
12711	Migration statistics	secondary survey	decentralised	monthly	8,000

1) Data on the development of births are collected by the microcensus at four-year intervals.

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 1, series 1 and 2	yearly
In the Spotlight: Elderly people in Germany and the EU (2011 edition)	non-recurrent
Old age subject to change – Older people in Germany and the EU – 2012	non-recurrent
Population by migration status, regional data – Results of the microcensus	yearly
Migration (internal, external and total migration)	yearly
Current updating of the population	yearly
The German population up to 2060	irregular
Marriages, births and deaths by administrative districts	yearly
Commutation figures and cash insurance values for life annuities	irregular
Classification of States and Territories	irregular
Period life tables for Germany	irregular
Births in Germany – Facts and figures on the development of births	irregular
Papers in the periodical “Wirtschaft und Statistik” (Economy and Statistics)	yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Expansion of population updates following the 2011 Census: reprogramming of population statistics processing (BASIS+)	Q1–2; I2; E2; P6	design, process	1/2010	12/2015	yes
Implementation of the EU demography regulation planned for 2013: calculation of the number of the population in accordance with the “place of usual residence“ concept	Q4–5; I2; P3	design, build, collect, process, analyse	7/2013	8/2017	no

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

Contact: Rudolf Janke

Labour 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.

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

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

Main users

- BMWi, BMAS, BMF, Federal Employment Agency, Deutsche Bundesbank
- European Commission, Eurostat, ECB
- ILO, OECD
- economic associations, labour market and economic research institutes
- private users, the interested public

Primary costs

2011: EUR 1,898,000

2012: EUR 1,234,000

Total costs

2011: EUR 2,549,000

2012: EUR 1,784,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
13231	Unemployment statistics in the context of labour market statistics based on the ILO concept	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	35,000
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 ¹⁾	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	800,000

1) Contact: Hermann Seewald.

Other activities

KLR no.	Product
45421101	Effects of methodological time series breaks in the labour force survey
45421102	EU project “Implementation study of the model questionnaire for the measurement of employment and unemployment and the variables of the ad hoc module 2015 on work organisation and working time arrangements”

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 1, series 4	quarterly, yearly
Quality of employment – Earning money and what else counts (2012 edition)	irregular
Women and men on the labour market – Germany and Europe (2012 edition)	irregular
Labour markets undergoing change, 2000 to 2009	non-recurrent
Papers in the periodical “Wirtschaft und Statistik” (Economy and Statistics)	irregular

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Designing and disseminating coherent data on the labour market from the microcensus and the labour force survey	Q1-4, 6; P1-2, 4-5; S4	design, analyse, disseminate	1/2007	12/2013	yes
Replacing present software products used for calculations in employment accounts	Q1-2; E2; S1-5	design, process, analyse	7/2011	7/2014	no
Developing and disseminating indicators of the quality of work and of the degree to which the production factor of labour is used	Q1-2, 6; I3; P2, 4-5; S4	design, analyse, disseminate	1/2010	12/2015	no
Supporting the project on "Further development of the system of household statistics"	Q2-4; I2; E2; P1-2; S4	design	11/2011	12/2016	yes
Pilot study on the introduction of sample questionnaires in the labour force survey	Q1-4; I2; E2; P2, 7; S4	design, build, collect, analyse, evaluate	10/2012	7/2013	no

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

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 which contains the statutes, programmes and names of the executive committee members of the political parties and their Land branches – a task laid down in the Political Parties Act.

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

- politics and administration at Federation level
- political parties
- electoral research institutes

Primary costs

2011:	EUR 737,000
2012:	EUR 960,000

Total costs

2011:	EUR 1,206,000
2012:	EUR 1,342,000

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	62,168,000
14121	Representative statistics of elections to the Bundestag	secondary survey	decentralised	4-yearly	2,217,000
14211	General statistics of elections to the European Parliament	secondary survey	decentralised	5-yearly	62,223,000
14221	Representative statistics of elections to the European Parliament	secondary survey	decentralised	5-yearly	2,105,000

Other activities

KLR no.	Product
31491000	Preparation and conduct of elections
31492000	Tasks as laid down in the Political Parties Act

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
Provisional and final results of the Bundestag elections by constituencies	4-yearly
Electoral participation of and votes cast by men and women, by age groups	4-yearly (Bundestag election) 5-yearly (European Parliament elections)
Textual evaluation of the election results	4-yearly (Bundestag election) 5-yearly (European Parliament elections)
Results and comparative figures of earlier elections to the European Parliament, the German Bundestag and the Länder parliaments, and structural data for towns not attached to an administrative district and for rural districts	5-yearly
Preliminary and final results of the election of the members of the European Parliament by towns not attached to an administrative district and by rural districts	5-yearly
Election of the members from the Federal Republic of Germany to 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, Joint Science Conference (Gemeinsame Wissenschaftskonferenz – GWK)
- German Rectors' Conference (HRK)
- BMBF, Land ministries of education
- OECD, UNESCO, Eurostat

Primary costs

2011: EUR 3,340,000

2012: EUR 2,770,000

Total costs

2011: EUR 4,125,000

2012: EUR 3,768,000

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	34,900
21121	Statistics of vocational schools	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	9,000
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	1,100
21231	Statistics pursuant to the Professional Qualifications Assessment Act (BQFG)	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	1,000
21311	Statistics of students	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	400
21321	Statistics of examinations	secondary survey	decentralised	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
21352	Survey of persons preparing their doctoral thesis (Article 7 of the Federal Statistics Law)	primary survey	decentralised	irregular	20,000
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
21431	Survey of assistance pursuant to the Scholarship Programme Act (StipG), (Germany scholarship programme)	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	400
21521	European Continuing Vocational Training Survey (CVTS)	primary survey	decentralised	5-yearly	10,000
21541	Statistics of institutions providing continuing education (Article 7 of the Federal Statistics Law)	primary survey	decentralised	non-recurrent (2012)	15,000
21621	Cultural reports for national purposes	calculation	centralised	yearly	–
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 3.6	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
Report on education finance	yearly
Culture at a glance	irregular
Institutions of higher education at a glance (2012 edition)	irregular
Vocational training at a glance (2013 edition)	irregular
Report on the financial situation of the institutions of higher education	irregular
International education indicators in a comparison between German Länder	yearly
Continuing education	yearly
Education in Germany	irregular
Educational attainment of the population	yearly
Papers in the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics)	yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Further development of cultural statistics	Q1, 3-4; I2; P1, 4; S4	design	6/2012	4/2016	yes
National reporting on education: Co-operation in the compilation of publications, the indicator database, regional education monitoring, etc.	Q1, 3-4, 6; I3; E2; P1-2, 4-5; S3-4	design, process, analyse	1/2009	12/2016	yes
Mapping careers and mobility of higher education graduates and doctorate holders by means of an online survey ("Careers of Doctorate Holders" – CDH)	Q1; P1-2	design, collect, process, analyse	5/2010	6/2013	yes
Development of an indicator model for reporting on junior scientists	Q1, 3; P5; S4	specify needs, design, analyse	1/2013	9/2014	yes
Provision of statistical results on special needs support at schools	Q1, 3-4; P2, 4-5; S4	specify needs, design, collect, analyse, evaluate	2/2013	12/2014	yes

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

Contact: *Heinz-Werner Hetmeier*

Research and development

Brief description

Official research statistics cover 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)
- ministries of education of the Länder
- Standing Conference of Land Ministers of Education (KMK)
- Eurostat, OECD

Primary costs

2011:	EUR 262,000
2012:	EUR 255,000

Total costs

2011:	EUR 348,000
2012:	EUR 369,000

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

Social issues

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 and to fulfil other social policy tasks in fields such as public children and youth welfare, public assistance, and the support for people who are disabled or in need of long-term care. 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
- business associations, social and economic associations
- science and education
- the media

Primary costs

2011: EUR 1,716,000
2012: EUR 1,696,000

Total costs

2011: EUR 2,318,000
2012: EUR 2,440,000

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	500
22121	Statistics of recipients of subsistence payments (excl. short-term recipients) – recipients on 31 December	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	1,000
22122	Statistics of recipients of subsistence payments (excl. short-term recipients) – new recipients and leavers	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	1,000
22123	Statistics of recipients of subsistence payments with short-term provision of assistance	secondary survey	decentralised	quarterly	1,000
22124	Sample survey of recipients of subsistence payments	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	1,000
22131	Statistics of recipients of benefits in accordance with the German Social Code, Book XII, Chapters 5 to 9	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	1,000
22132	Sample survey of recipients of benefits in accordance with the German Social Code, Book XII, Chapters 5 to 9	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	1,000
22151	Recipients of basic security benefits in old age and in cases of reduced earning capacity	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	1,000
22152	Sample survey of recipients of basic security benefits in old age and in cases of reduced earning capacity	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	1,000
22211	Statistics of expenditure and revenue regarding benefits for asylum-seekers	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	1,000
22221	Statistics of recipients of normal benefits for asylum-seekers – recipients on 31 December	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	1,000
22231	Statistics of recipients of special benefits for asylum-seekers	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	1,000
22311	Housing allowance as at 31 December	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	–
22312	Housing allowance – quarters	secondary survey	decentralised	quarterly	–
22313	Sample survey of 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	10,000
22421	Statistics of recipients of long-term care allowances	secondary survey	centralised	2-yearly	7
22517	Statistics of educational assistance, of integration grants for emotionally disturbed, and of assistance for young majors	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	1,900
22518	Statistics of the protective mandate in cases of child endangerment	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	660

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
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
22545	Statistics of persons in day care facilities with more than one child minder and children cared for there	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	yearly	–
22922	Statistics of parental allowance	secondary survey	centralised	quarterly	16
22923	Statistics of home childcare allowance	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	in preparation

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 13, series 4 to 7	yearly
Statistics of severely handicapped persons	2-yearly
Statistics of parental allowance	quarterly
Statistics of severely handicapped persons	2-yearly
Day care for children – regional data	yearly
Reports on long-term care statistics	2-yearly
Thematic papers on public assistance	yearly
Papers in the periodical “Wirtschaft und Statistik” (Economy and Statistics)	yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Further development of social reporting: uniform poverty indicators at federal and Länder level, report on government transfer payments	Q2–3, 6; I2; P4	design, analyse, disseminate	11/2008	12/2013	yes
Quality assurance and further development of the statistics of official public assistance, of benefits for asylum-seekers, of housing allowance	Q2; I2; E2	design, process, analyse	1/2009	3/2013	yes
New concept for the statistics of measures in child and youth services	Q2; I2; E1; P5	design	10/2010	11/2014	yes
Programming and introduction of the new survey pursuant to the Child Protection Act (German Social Code, Book VIII, Section 8a)	Q1; I2; E2; P4	design	6/2011	5/2013	no
Reform of long-term care statistics in accordance with the Act to Reorient the Long-Term Care Insurance of 1 January 2013	Q1; E3; P4; S3	design, collect, process, analyse, disseminate, support	10/2012	1/2015	yes
Conversion of the statistics of recipients of basic security benefits in old age and in cases of reduced earning capacity in accordance with the German Social Code, Book XII, (EVAS no. 22151) from a decentralised annual statistics to a central quarterly statistics with an extended list of survey variables	Q1–2, 6; I1–3; E2–3; P4; S2–3	design, collect, process, analyse, disseminate, support	1/2013	12/2016	no
Concept and implementation of a central federal statistics of home childcare allowance	Q1; I2; E2; P4–5	design, collect, process, analyse, disseminate	1/2013	6/2014	no
Supplementing the statistics of parental allowance by information on the extent to which such benefits are currently claimed and on payments initiated	Q1; I2; E2; P4–5	design, collect, process, analyse, disseminate, support	1/2013	6/2014	no

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

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 provide 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 show not only demographic data but also the basic disease. The statistics of abortions give 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.

The health monitoring information system of the Federation (IS-GBE) provides statistical information on health in an online database. It stores data from the statistical offices of the Federation and the Länder and from many external institutions. The Federal Statistical Office is responsible for the integration of new data and the 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 that area. The database may be accessed at www.gbe-bund.de.

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 an European system of health statistics and for meeting international delivery commitments
- provision of statistical results in a uniform and coherent information system over time, including full documentation of the metadata

Main users

- BMG, BMFSFJ, BMAS
- Advisory Council on the Assessment of Developments in the Health Care System
- Eurostat, OECD, WHO
- public health research institutes
- private users, the (specialised) public

Primary costs

2011: EUR 2,067,000

2012: EUR 1,899,000

Total costs

2011: EUR 2,820,000

2012: EUR 2,731,000

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	2,100
23112	Resources and personnel data of preventive care and rehabilitation facilities	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	1,200
23121	Cost data of hospitals	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	2,100
23131	Diagnoses of hospital patients	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	2,100
23132	Diagnoses of patients in preventive care and rehabilitation facilities	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	800
23141	Hospital statistics related to case flat rates (statistics of diagnoses and procedures)	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	1,800
23211	Causes of death statistics	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	440
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	–

Other activities

KLR no.	Product
32381000	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 1 billion data grouped to form informative indicators
44101480	Reference value for hospitals
44101510	Out-patient morbidity statistics
44101640	Quality improvement of the causes of death statistics

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 12	yearly/irregular
List of hospitals and preventive care and rehabilitation facilities (List of hospitals)	yearly
Health at a glance (2009 edition)	irregular
Accidents, violence, self-inflicted injuries of children and juveniles (2011 edition)	non-recurrent
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 ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Quality improvement of the causes of death statistics	Q2, 4, 6; I2; E2-3; P1-2, 5; S1-3	design, processing, support	7/2011	12/2014	yes
Revision and expansion of the health expenditure accounts as part of the changeover to the System of Health Accounts 2.0	Q1, 3-4; I3; E3; P1, 4; S1-3, 5	design, processing, analyse, disseminate	5/2013	6/2015	yes
Introduction of a statistics of disease prevalence in outpatient medical treatment (statistics of diagnoses in outpatients)	Q1, 6 I3, E3, P2, S3	design, collect, process, analyse, disseminate	1/2013	6/2013	no

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

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

- BMI, BMJ, Federal Office of Justice (Bfj)
- ministries of justice and judicial administrations of the Länder
- the press
- private users, the (specialised) public

Primary costs

2011:	EUR 350,000
2012:	EUR 232,000

Total costs

2011:	EUR 465,000
2012:	EUR 336,000

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
24941	Pilot survey of crime victims (Article 7 of the Federal Statistics Law)	primary survey	centralised	non-recurring (2009)	1,000

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 10, series 1 to 5	yearly
Justice at a glance (2011 edition)	irregular

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Developing a software to evaluate all data from the statistics of justice for the statistical offices of the Federation and the Länder and the BMJ (data pool of justice statistics)	Q6; E2; P1	design	1/2008	12/2013	yes

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

Contact: *Birgit Frank-Bosch*
Johann Szenzenstein

Buildings and housing

Brief description

Drawing upon the stock of dwellings and residential buildings as determined by the census of buildings and housing of the 2011 Census, the statistics of building activity provides information on the filing of applications, the granting of permits, the completion of construction projects and the demolition of buildings and dwellings on the basis of administrative data accruing at the building supervisory authorities of municipalities. It thus gives important clues as to future trends in the construction industry and makes it possible to monitor the medium and long-term development of the stock of buildings and its structure. Further significant information on construction activity is supplied by the primary surveys of the building industry statistics. Please refer to the product class of “building industry“ on the subject.

Main uses

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

Main users

- federal ministries
- economic associations
- Eurostat
- UN, OECD

Primary costs

2011:	EUR 498,000
2012:	EUR 593,000

Total costs

2011:	EUR 682,000
2012:	EUR 864,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
31111	Statistics of building permits	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	16,000
31121	Statistics of construction work completed	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	170,000
31131	Statistics of the volume of unfinished building projects	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	334,000
31141	Statistics of demolition of buildings and dwellings	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	16,000
31211	Census of buildings and dwellings ¹⁾	primary survey	decentralised	10-yearly	2,200,000
31231	Estimation of the stock of residential buildings and dwellings	calculation	decentralised	yearly	–

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 environmental surveys provide important basic data to assess the environmental situation, ecological burdens and their changes. A distinction is made here between two types of surveys. One of them monitors resources management in the field of water extraction and the environmental load of emissions in waste management, waste water management and air quality control. The other type of survey quantifies 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
- private users, the general public
- supranational and international institutions

Primary costs

2011: EUR 2,725,000
2012: EUR 2,228,000

Total costs

2011: EUR 3,671,000
2012: EUR 3,194,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
32111	Survey of waste disposal	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	12,000
32121	Survey of public waste disposal	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	20
32131	Survey of the collection of transport and secondary packaging	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	2,000
32136	Survey of sales packaging returned	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	100
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 public waste water disposal – 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	8,000
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	10,000
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


Other activities

KLR no.	Product
33255100	Eco-market projects – Environmental goods and services
33256100	EU project: use of geo-data

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Co-ordination of the integrated steering file of environmental statistics (GLU) and the new statistical business register (URS-Neu)	Q2–3; E2; S5	design	1/2007	12/2015	yes
Reprogramming the survey of the continuous expenditure for environmental protection	Q2; E2; S5	design	1/2012	12/2013	no
Preparation of a survey of goods, construction work and services in the sphere of environmental protection based on the new EU regulation 691/2011	Q1–2, 4; E2; P2, 4–5	design	1/2012	12/2017	yes
Reprogramming the surveys of installations for handling water-endangering substances	Q2; E2	design	1/2012	6/2015	yes
Reprogramming the surveys of public water supply and waste water disposal	Q2; E2	design, process	7/2008	4/2013	yes

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.



Contact: Dr. Ruth Brand

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, the four-yearly census of land use and a supplementary annual survey of settlement and traffic areas taken from 2001 were converted into an annual census from 2009. The statistics provide 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, BMU
- Federal Office of Building and Regional Planning (BBR), Federal Environmental Agency (UBA) and Federal Office for Nature Conservation (BfN)
- similar agencies at Land and municipality levels

Primary costs

2011:	EUR 32,000
2012:	EUR 41,000

Total costs

2011:	EUR 44,000
2012:	EUR 59,000

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	yearly	413

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 3, series 5.1	yearly
Papers in the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics)	irregular
Benchmarks and information on the survey of settlement and traffic areas by type of actual use	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
- economic associations
- enterprises operating in agriculture, forestry and fishing

Primary costs

2011: EUR 4,632,000

2012: EUR 2,672,000

Total costs

2011: EUR 5,834,000

2012: EUR 3,858,000

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 (incl. register-based surveys)	register	decentralised	monthly	–
41121	Agricultural structure survey	primary survey	decentralised	3-yearly	300,000
41141	Census of agriculture – main survey	primary survey	decentralised	10-yearly	300,000
41151	Census of agriculture – survey of agricultural production methods (ELPM)	primary survey	decentralised	non-recurring (2010)	80,000
41213	General survey of ornamental plants	primary survey	decentralised	4-yearly	10,000
41214	Survey of edible fungi	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	120
41215	Survey of vegetables	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	9,000
41221	Survey of tree nurseries	primary survey	decentralised	4-yearly	3,000
41231	Survey of tree fruit growing	primary survey	decentralised	5-yearly	12,000
41232	Survey of bush berries	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	2,000
41241	Reports on crop yields and holdings: field crops and grassland (incl. areas under cultivation and stocks)	primary survey	decentralised	8 times per year	8,000
41243	Reports on crop yields and holdings: fruit	primary survey	decentralised	4 times per year	1,300
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	7,000
41251	Basic survey of vine acreage	secondary survey	decentralised	10-yearly	10
41252	Survey of vine acreage (viticultural land register)	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	10
41253	Grape harvest survey	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	10
41254	Survey of wine production	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	10
41255	Survey of wine stocks	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	25,000
41261	Wood felling statistics (survey of wood-producing holdings)	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	8,000
41271	Main survey of land use	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	320,000
41312	Livestock survey – cattle	secondary survey	decentralised	half-yearly	–
41313	Livestock survey – pigs	primary survey	decentralised	half-yearly	20,000
41314	Livestock survey – sheep	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	5,000
41321	Poultry statistics: survey in commercial brooders	primary survey	centralised	monthly	100
41322	Poultry statistics: survey in poultry slaughterhouses	primary survey	centralised	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	500
41362	Survey of production in aquaculture businesses	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	15,000
41363	Price survey in aquaculture businesses	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	500

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
41911	Survey of the supply, in rural areas, of services provided by veterinarians specialising in livestock treatment (Article 7 of the Federal Statistics Law)	primary survey	centralised	non-recurring	4,000
49911	Meat inspection statistics	secondary survey	centralised	half-yearly	500

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 3, series 1 to 4	quarterly to irregular
Agriculture in Germany and in the European Union (2009)	non-recurring
Agriculture at a glance (2011 edition)	irregular
Papers in the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics)	yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Climate protection reports (emission inventories) in the area of agriculture	Q2–5; I2–3; P1,4; S3–4	process, disseminate	1/2008	12/2019	no
Adjustment of surveys of crop production in line with the relevant EU regulation	Q2; I2; E2; P1–3; S2, 4	design, process	10/2008	6/2013	yes
Statistics of organic production EC-implementing regulation No 889/2008	Q3–4; I2; P1,3; S3–4	design, collect, process	1/2009	6/2013	no
Reprogramming the register of agricultural holdings	Q3–4; I2; E2; S1–3	design	1/2009	9/2014	yes

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

Contact: Birgit Frank-Bosch

Manufacturing, mining and quarrying

Brief description

Manufacturing, mining and quarrying are part of industry. The purpose of monthly production surveys and monthly reports is short-term reporting in the area of manufacturing, mining and quarrying. They provide the basis for calculating important short-term indicators and other indices. They are supplemented by quarterly surveys supplying additional information on the structure and the amount of goods produced.

Structural surveys provide information on additions to and disposals of fixed assets (investments in and sales of tangible fixed assets) of enterprises and local units, on cost and performance structures and on materials and commodities received by enterprises.

Statistics of fertilisers and wood working statistics, which are shown as separate specialised statistics, also belong to manufacturing.

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 corresponding ministries at Land level
- Deutsche Bundesbank, European Central Bank
- European Commission, Eurostat
- OECD, IWF, UN
- economic associations, trade unions, and chambers of commerce
- labour market and economic research institutes, universities
- Federal Cartel Office

Primary costs

2011: EUR 2,969,000

2012: EUR 2,740,000

Total costs

2011: EUR 4,199,000

2012: EUR 4,015,000

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	19,800
42131	Quarterly production survey in manufacturing, mining and quarrying	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	23,600
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	yearly	–
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	37,000
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
42271	Annual report for local units in manufacturing, mining and quarrying	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	23,000
42321	Statistics of fertilisers	primary survey	centralised	quarterly	100
42341	Wood working statistics	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	400

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 4, series 2, 3, 4, 8	monthly, quarterly, half-yearly, yearly
Working document on “Wood in the rough and products of primary processing of wood”	yearly
Working document entitled “Annual report for local units“	yearly
Papers in the periodical “Wirtschaft und Statistik” (Economy and Statistics)	yearly to multi-annual

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
General application of eSTATISTIK.core in the major economic statistics and in suitable administrative statistics	Q3; E2	design, collect	9/2007	12/2015	yes
Integration of the survey of investments for enterprises and local units into the StatVG framework application	Q3; E2	design, process, analyse	4/2011	10/2013	yes
Introducing the coverage of orders on hand in manufacturing	Q1	collect, process, analyse, disseminate	11/2011	6/2014	yes

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

Contact: Birgit Frank-Bosch

Utilities and waste management

Brief description

In accordance with the present Classification of Economic Activities (WZ 2008), waste management now forms part of industry, which had already been the case with energy and water supply. The surveys of utilities and waste management cover all enterprises operating in the fields of electricity, gas, remote heating and water supply and in waste water and waste disposal. These statistics are in the focus of interest as the strategic supply and security aspects of an economy's energy and water supply have to be considered on the one hand, and since waste management is of considerable importance for environmental policy on the other.

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
- economic associations

Primary costs

2011:	EUR 945,000
2012:	EUR 833,000

Total costs

2011:	EUR 1,336,000
2012:	EUR 1,220,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
43111	Monthly report covering enterprises in the fields of energy and water supply	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	2,100
43211	Survey of investments covering enterprises in the fields of energy supply, water supply, waste water and waste disposal, remediation activities	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	10,000
43212	Survey of investments covering local units in the fields of energy supply, water supply, waste water and waste disposal, remediation activities	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	10,000
43213	Survey of investments in the field of gas supply – covering enterprises extracting natural gas or petroleum gas	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	10
43214	Survey of investments in the field of gas supply – covering enterprises installing or operating natural gas or petroleum gas lines	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	10
43221	Cost structure survey in the fields of energy supply, water supply, waste water and waste disposal, remediation activities	primary survey	centralised	yearly	10,000
43311	Monthly report on electricity and heat generation for general supply by power generating plants	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	1,000
43312	Monthly report on the electricity supply by supply system operators	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	1,000
43321	Monthly report on gas supply	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	16
43322	Survey of the generation, utilisation and sale of producers' natural gas and petroleum gas	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	9
43331	Survey of electricity sales and sales proceeds of electricity suppliers and electricity sellers	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	900
43341	Survey of the generation and sale of gas and the sales proceeds of gas suppliers and gas sellers	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	800
43342	Survey of the sale, imports and exports of natural gas and petroleum gas and producers' sales proceeds	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	9
43351	Survey of the power generating plants of local units in manufacturing, mining and quarrying	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	400
43371	Survey of the electricity input of supply system operators	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	1,000
43381	Survey of sewer gas extraction, utilisation and sale	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	1,200
43391	Survey of liquefied gas sales	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	130

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
43411	Survey of heat generation, utilisation, purchase and sale	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	1,000
43421	Geothermia survey	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	100
43511	Survey of coal imports	primary survey	centralised	monthly	120
43521	Survey of biofuels	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	100
43531	Survey of the energy use of local units in manufacturing, mining and quarrying	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	44,500

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 4, series 6	yearly
Energy at a glance (2009 edition)	irregular
Papers in the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics)	yearly to multi-annual

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Reprogramming of energy statistics in accordance with the energy statistics law (EnStatG)	Q2-3; E2	design, process	1/2010	12/2013	yes
Amendment to the energy statistics law	Q1	specify needs, design, build, evaluate, support	1/2013	12/2013	yes

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

Contact: Birgit Frank-Bosch

Building industry

Brief description

The building industry is part of industry. The building industry statistics consists of short-term reporting in the building industry (monthly and quarterly primary surveys which provide the basis for calculating important short-term indicators and other indices), and reports on the structure (annual primary surveys informing about investments and cost structures in the building industry). Further information on the construction activity is supplied by the statistics of building activity compiled on the basis of administrative data (see "Building and Housing").

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, chambers and guilds
- universities, labour market and economic research institutes

Primary costs

2011:	EUR 1,023,000
2012:	EUR 960,000

Total costs

2011:	EUR 1,447,000
2012:	EUR 1,410,000

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	7,200
44131	Quarterly survey in the finishing trade and with property developers	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	7,400
44141	Statistics of orders on hand in the building industry proper (incl. indices)	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	7,200
44211	Annual survey incl. survey of investments in the building industry proper	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	6,300
44221	Annual survey including survey of investments covering enterprises of the finishing trade and property developers	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	6,500
44231	Supplementary survey in the building industry proper	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	73,000
44241	Annual survey in the finishing trade and with property developers	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	18,000
44252	Structural survey of small enterprises in the building industry	primary survey	centralised	yearly	6,000
44253	Cost structure survey in the building industry proper	primary survey	centralised	yearly	3,000
44254	Cost structure survey in the finishing trade	primary survey	centralised	yearly	3,000

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

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Determining Länder results for the finishing trade as a whole by combining administrative and primary data	Q1; E2	design, process, analyse, disseminate	1/2010	9/2013	yes
Reprogramming the mDAMAST software used to process building statistics	Q2; E2	design, process	10/2010	12/2015	yes

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

Contact: Bernhard Veldhues

Wholesale and retail trade (incl. maintenance and repair of motor vehicles), accommodation and food service activities, 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 yearly statistics on tourism demand provide 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
- economic associations, banks
- labour market and economic research institutes

Primary costs

2011: EUR 1,990,000

2012: EUR 1,905,000

Total costs

2011: EUR 2,769,000

2012: EUR 2,879,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
45211	Monthly statistics of wholesale trade and commission trade	primary survey ¹⁾	centralised	monthly	6,000
45212	Monthly statistics of retail trade	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	30,000
45213	Monthly statistics of the hotel and restaurant industry	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	7,400
45214	Monthly statistics of motor vehicle sales including motor vehicle maintenance and repair	primary survey ¹⁾	decentralised	monthly	2,800
45241	Annual statistics of the wholesale and retail trade (incl. motor vehicle maintenance and repair)	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	55,000
45342	Annual statistics of the hotel and restaurant industry	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	12,000
45412	Monthly survey of tourism	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	55,000
45911	Statistics of tourism demand (travelling behaviour)	primary survey	centralised	yearly	10,000

1) Incl. use of administrative data.

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 6	monthly, half-yearly, 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 ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
New concept for the processing of the monthly survey of tourism	Q2; E2	design, process	12/2009	12/2015	yes
Modernising the processing of short-term statistics in wholesale and retail trade and accommodation and food service activities (MHG 2.0 program)	Q2; E2	design, collect, process	9/2011	6/2015	yes

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

Contact: *Bernhard Veldhues*

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
- economic associations, labour market and economic research institutes

Primary costs

2011: EUR 1,717,000
2012: EUR 1,668,000

Total costs

2011: EUR 2,406,000
2012: EUR 2,453,000

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	150
46141	Statistics of long-distance passenger transport by rail	primary survey	centralised	quarterly	7
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	410
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 6,000
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
Road traffic accidents, structural data	yearly
Road traffic accidents, time series	yearly
Transport at a glance (2013 edition)	irregular
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
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

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Reprogramming of maritime transport statistics	Q2; E2	design, process	9/2011	12/2015	yes

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

Contact: *Bernhard Veldhues*

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.

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

2011: EUR 2,123,000

2012: EUR 2,146,000

Total costs

2011: EUR 2,984,000

2012: EUR 3,021,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
47311	Statistics of insurance companies and pension funds	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	1
47414	Short-term statistical surveys in the service sector	primary survey ¹⁾	decentralised	quarterly	5,200
47415	Structural survey in the service sector	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	180,000
52551	Cost structure statistics in other service branches	primary survey	centralised	4-yearly	9,300
52571	Cost structure statistics in the medical sphere	primary survey	centralised	4-yearly	8,100
52911	Utilisation of information and communication technologies in enterprises	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	20,000

1) Incl. use of administrative data.

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

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 9	quarterly, yearly
The service sector – Germany’s economic motor – selected results for 2003 to 2008	irregular
Papers in the periodical “Wirtschaft und Statistik” (Economy and Statistics) on services statistics	yearly to multi-annual

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Survey on the use of information and communication technologies in enterprises	P4	design, process, analyse	1/2009	12/2014	yes
Reprogramming of service statistics	E2	collect, process	4/2010	6/2013	yes
ICT Impact Project: Analysing the impact of ICT on the productivity of enterprises by linking individual data	Q1	design, process, analyse	12/2010	11/2013	yes

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

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 cover the cross-border trading of goods between Germany and the other EU Member States. Extra-Community trade statistics cover 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 ministries, Deutsche Bundesbank
- European Commission, ECB
- OECD
- economic associations
- businesses operating at an international level

Primary costs

2011: EUR 16,579,000

2012: EUR 14,217,000

Total costs

2011: EUR 22,887,000

2012: EUR 20,885,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
51141	Intra-Community trade	primary survey	centralised	monthly	60,000
51231	Extra-Community trade	secondary survey	centralised	monthly	varying

Other activities

KLR no.	Product
35190200	Analysing the trade between affiliated enterprises by linking foreign trade statistics and business statistics (EU project)
35190500	Extended use of VIES data in foreign trade statistics (EU project)
35190600	Integration of the EORI number (Economic Operator Registration Identification Number) into the ASA stock of addresses (EU project)
35190700	Globalisation indicators by linking foreign trade statistics and business statistics (EU project)
45730101	Redesign of Intrastat (EU project)
45730102	Sectoral foreign trade in services (EU project)
45730103	Redesign of Intrastat II
45730104	Consequences of a qualified single-flow system
45730501	Study of a centralised Intrastat declaration system for multinational enterprises (EU project)

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 7	monthly, yearly
Papers in the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics)	yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Further conceptual development of the Intrastat system; in particular, integration of the “summary statement” going to the Federal Central Tax Office (BZSt) and the Intrastat declaration to the statistics authorities, and use of further administrative data of the BZSt (VIES data)	Q2; E2; P1–2, 7; S3–4	design, collect	4/2011	12/2013	no
Development of globalisation indicators	Q1; S4	design	1/2010	9/2013	no
Publication of sectoral foreign trade data	Q1	analyse, disseminate	7/2011	12/2016	no
Analysis of intra-firm trade as a globalisation indicator	Q1; P2, 4; S3–4	analyse	7/2012	6/2013	no
Draft of a new foreign trade statistics law	I2; P3	design, process	1/2012	12/2016	no
Implementation of extended imputation procedures for quality assurance in the processing of foreign trade statistics	Q2	process, support	8/2012	7/2014	no
Mirror exercises with Denmark and Poland using the ATIMA analysis software programmed in SAS by Destatis	E2	analyse, disseminate	1/2013	12/2013	no

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.



Contact: *Martin Beck*

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

2011: EUR 2,330,000
2012: EUR 1,897,000

Total costs

2011: EUR 3,109,000
2012: EUR 2,745,000

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	monthly	–
52941	Administrative data storage units – turnover and persons employed	secondary survey	decentralised	monthly	17

Other activities

KLR no.	Product
44100480	Analyses of concentration statistics for the Monopolies Commission (legal units)
44610050	ESSnet project: "Use of administrative and accounts data for business statistics" (EU project)
44101531	Development of a functional concept for integrating the Euro Group Register (EGR) into the German business register (EU project)
45510101	Evaluation and optimization of a software tool for address data processing of enterprise group data
45510301	ESSnet project: "Consistency of concepts and applied methods of business and trade-related statistics", part 2
45510302	ESSnet project: "Consistency of concepts and applied methods of business and trade-related statistics", part 3: "2012 project on characteristics and definitions"

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 ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Extension of the business register (URS): Including additional branches, information on business groups and interdependencies, etc.	Q3-4; P2-3	design, collect, process, analyse	1/2006	6/2013	no
Setting up and charging a survey satellite in the business register	Q1-4, 6; I1-2; E1-3; P1, 3, 6; S1-3, 6	design, collect, process, analyse	1/2011	12/2015	yes
ESSnet profiling: participation in a European consortium of statistical institutes to develop methods for analysing enterprise groups	Q1-4; I1-2; E2-3; P1-4; S1-6	design, analyse	5/2009	12/2013	no
Expanding the database of enterprise groups	Q1-4; I1-2; E2-3; P1-3, 6; S1-3, 6	design, process, analyse	1/2011	12/2015	yes
New system of business registers "URS Neu" (Master Plan project): combining the business registers of the FSO and the LSOs	Q2-4, 6; I1-2; E1-2; P1, 3, 6; S2	design, collect	1/2004	12/2013	yes

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

Contact: *Martin Beck*

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

2011:	EUR 593,000
2012:	EUR 478,000

Total costs

2011:	EUR 996,000
2012:	EUR 708,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
48111	Structural statistics of foreign affiliates in trade and industry	calculation	centralised	yearly	–
48211	Statistics of enterprises' access to funds	primary survey	decentralised	non-recurring	1,800
52311	Statistics of business notifications	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	130,000
52411	Statistics of insolvency proceedings applied for	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	200
52431	Statistics of insolvency proceedings completed and discharge of remaining debts	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	in preparation
52931	International sourcing	primary survey	decentralised	irregular	20,000

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 2, series 4 and 5	monthly
Working document "Enterprises and local units: business notifications in the Länder"	yearly
Papers in "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics) on insolvencies and business notifications	yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Redesign of insolvency statistics: Including insolvency practitioners; adjusting the survey variables	Q1–2; E1; P4; S2	collect, process, analyse	1/2007	12/2013	yes

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

Contact: *Martin Beck*

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. Crafts censuses, by which crafts enterprises have so far been directly surveyed, have also been replaced by evaluations of the business register. This means that crafts statistics are now completely based on administrative data.

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

2011:	EUR 245,000
2012:	EUR 197,000

Total costs

2011:	EUR 413,000
2012:	EUR 293,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
53111	Crafts census	secondary survey ¹⁾	decentralised	yearly	–
53211	Quarterly crafts report	secondary survey ¹⁾	decentralised	quarterly	–

1) Analyses and evaluations of the business register and other administrative data available.

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 4, series 7.1 and 7.2	quarterly/yearly

Contact: Michael Kuhn

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
- federal ministries
- economic associations, financial markets

Primary costs

2011: EUR 6,199,000
2012: EUR 5,895,000

Total costs

2011: EUR 8,391,000
2012: EUR 8,542,000

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	calculation	centralised	monthly	–
61131	Retail prices index	calculation	centralised	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	20
61231	Producer price index of products from wood felling	secondary survey	centralised	monthly	13
61241	Index of producer prices for industrial products	primary survey	centralised	monthly	5,700
61261	Price indices for the construction industry	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	5,000
61262	Residential property price indices	secondary survey	centralised	quarterly	460
61281	Index of selling prices in wholesale trade	primary survey	centralised	monthly	900
61311	Producer price indices for transport and logistics services	primary survey	centralised	quarterly	1,000
61351	Consumer price indices for transport, postal and telecommunication services	primary survey	centralised	monthly	15
61361	Producer price indices for business services	primary survey	centralised	quarterly	1,800
61411	Index of import prices	primary survey	centralised	monthly	3,000
61421	Index of export prices	primary survey	centralised	monthly	3,000
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
61621	Price surveys for place-to-place price comparisons in the EU (purchasing power parities)	primary survey	centralised	half-yearly	500

Other activities

KLR no.	Product
44100290	Compilation of price indices for the European Space Agency (ESA)
44100520	Calculation of place-to-place index figures for cost-of-living allowances of German officials abroad
44100530	Calculation of place-to-place index figures for the German Development Service
44100540	Calculation of daily and overnight allowances according to the Ordinance on Official Travel Abroad (BMI)
45430101	House sales indicators (EU project)
45430402	Price surveys for place-to-place index figures for EU staff members
45430403	Purchasing power parities: Eurostat contract of 2013

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 17	monthly, quarterly, half-yearly, yearly
Prices at a glance (2011 edition)	irregular
Data on the development of energy prices – Long-term series	monthly
Papers in the periodical “Wirtschaft und Statistik” (Economy and Statistics)	monthly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
New methods for measuring prices in the manufacture of machinery and equipment and in the textile industry	Q2, 4; E2	collect, process	9/2010	12/2013	no
Development of producer price and foreign trade price indices for the newly created divisions of the Statistical Classification of Economic Activities NACE Rev. 2 (33, 37, 38 and 39)	Q1–4; I2; P2–3; S1	design, collect, process, analyse	6/2010	7/2013	no
Systematic integration of seasonal products into the calculation of consumer price indices	Q1–4; P2–4	design, process, analyse	1/2010	12/2013	yes
Calculating price indices relevant for standard rates to adjust benefits paid pursuant to the German Social Code, Parts II and XII	Q2; I2; E2; P1, 4	design, process, analyse	8/2010	12/2019	no
Development of a quality management system for consumer price statistics	Q2–4; P3; S3–4	design	7/2010	7/2014	yes
Feasibility study on automated price collection in the internet	E2	collect	1/2012	4/2014	no

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

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. The information obtained on collective agreements in the course of preparing the statistics of agreed earnings is available to the public in an online database.

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

2011: EUR 1,167,000
2012: EUR 1,261,000

Total costs

2011: EUR 1,960,000
2012: EUR 1,865,000

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
62121	Annual estimation of the earnings structure	calculation	centralised	yearly	–
62211	Statistics of agreed earnings	secondary survey	centralised	monthly	–
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	–
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	34,000
62421	Labour Cost Index	calculation	centralised	quarterly	–
62431	Annual estimation of labour costs	calculation	centralised	yearly	–

Other activities

KLR no.	Product
36291100	Statistics of employee pension schemes

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 16	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 labour costs	irregular
Online database of agreed earnings at www.destatis.de/Tarifdatenbank	continuous

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Labour cost survey 2012 in industry and the service sector by sample survey and secondary use of existing statistics	Q2-5; I2-3; E2; P2, 4; S1-3	collect, process, analyse, disseminate	7/2010	12/2014	yes
Earnings structure survey 2014 in industry and the service sector by sample survey and secondary use of existing statistics	Q2-5; I2-3; E2; P1-2, 4; S1-3	collect, process, analyse, disseminate	7/2012	12/2016	yes
Labour cost survey 2016 in industry and the service sector by sample survey and secondary use of existing statistics	Q1-2; E2	collect, process, analyse, disseminate	7/2014	12/2018	yes
Introducing a statistics of employee pension schemes	Q1-2, 5-6; I2-3; E2-3; P1, 4; S1-3	design, collect, process, analyse, disseminate	7/2011	12/2014	yes
Study on restructuring the structure of earnings survey with the aim of using administrative data	E2	design	8/2012	6/2014	no

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

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 ministries, especially BMAS, BMG, BMFSFJ, BMELV
- European Commission, Eurostat
- political parties, special interest groups and professional associations
- economic associations
- the media

Primary costs

2011: EUR 3,622,000

2012: EUR 3,614,000

Total costs

2011: EUR 4,954,000

2012: EUR 5,136,000

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	60,000
63221	Sample surveys of income and expenditure: household book	primary survey	decentralised	5-yearly	60,000
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
63511	Statistics of overindebtedness ¹⁾	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	1,000
63911	Time use survey (Art. 7 of the 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 Programme of Social Surveys (EPSS)	primary survey	decentralised	non-recurring (2008)	200

1) Contact: Martin Beck.

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 15, series 1 (receipts and expenditure of selected households)	yearly
Subject-matter series 15, series 2 (equipment of households)	yearly
Subject-matter series 15, series 3 (income and living conditions in Germany and in the EU)	yearly
Subject-matter series 15, series 4 (households in the information society (ICT))	yearly
Subject-matter series 15, numbers 1 – 4 (sample survey of income and expenditure)	irregular
Subject-matter series 15, numbers 5 – 7 and special number 1 (household budget surveys)	irregular
Where has time gone?	non-recurring (2003)
Time use – table volume I on the time use survey 2001/2002	non-recurring (2006)
At home in Germany – Equipment and housing situation of households (2009 edition)	irregular
Papers in the periodical “Wirtschaft und Statistik” (Economy and Statistics)	yearly

Other activities

KLR no.	Product
36397100	Implementing ore variables (common core variables of European social statistics)
36399910	Feasibility study on the analysis of data from continuous household budget surveys (LWR) and sample surveys of income and expenditure (EVS)

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Concept for analysing and checking the qualitative assessment of EU-SILC data	Q2-4; P1-2, 4-5	design	1/2011	12/2013	no
Further methodological and conceptual development of the permanent sample of households ready to respond	Q1; E2; P5	design, collect, process, analyse	3/2007	12/2016	yes
Further methodological and technological development of the 2013 sample survey of income and expenditure (EVS)	Q1-6; I2-3; E1-2; P1-2, 4-5; S1-5	design, collect, process, analyse	1/2005	9/2015	yes
Conducting the 2012/2013 time use survey of households	Q1; I3; E2; P1, 5; S4	design, collect, process, analyse, disseminate	5/2011	12/2015	yes
Using an electronic household book in the continuous household budget surveys	Q1-2; I2; E2	design, collection	9/2012	4/2015	yes
New concept for household budget surveys	Q1, 3-4; E2; P3	specify needs, design, build	7/2013	12/2018	yes

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.



Contact: *Peter Bleses*

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

2011: EUR 2,269,000
2012: EUR 2,063,000

Total costs

2011: EUR 3,055,000
2012: EUR 2,983,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
71122	Budget estimates of the Federation	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	1
71123	Budget estimates of special federal funds	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	10
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 general government extra budgets using cameralistic accounting	secondary survey	centralised	quarterly	200
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/associations of municipalities	secondary survey	decentralised	quarterly	12,300
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 general government extra budgets using cameralistic accounting	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	200
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 / associations of municipalities	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	12,400
71148	Accounting results of special-purpose associations	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	3,100
71311	Quarterly debt of the overall public budget	calculation	centralised	quarterly	–
71312	Quarterly debt of the Federation	secondary survey	centralised	quarterly	1
71313	Quarterly debt of special federal funds	secondary survey	centralised	quarterly	20
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	20
71325	Annual debt of social insurance	primary survey	centralised	yearly	400
71326	Annual debt of the Länder	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	16
71327	Annual debt of municipalities / associations of municipalities	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	12,300

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EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
71328	Annual debt of special-purpose associations of the general government sector	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	2,400
71411	Financial assets of the overall public budget	calculation	centralised	yearly	–
71412	Financial assets of the Federation	primary survey	centralised	yearly	1
71413	Financial assets of special federal funds	primary survey	centralised	yearly	20
71415	Financial assets of social insurance	primary survey	centralised	yearly	400
71416	Financial assets of the Länder	primary survey	centralised	yearly	16
71417	Financial assets of municipalities / associations of municipalities	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	12,300
71418	Financial assets of special-purpose associations of the general government sector	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	2,400
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 to 5	quarterly, yearly
Quarterly cash results of the core budgets of Länder and municipalities/associations of municipalities	quarterly
Papers in the periodical “Wirtschaft und Statistik” (Economy and Statistics)	half-yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Quality assurance for EU notification procedures: review of the finances of the Federation and the Länder as basic data for reporting in the context of the EU Stability Pact	Q3-4; I2; P1, 3; S2	design, process, analyse	1/2006	12/2015	yes
Harmonisation of finance statistics in view of the shift from cameralistic to double entry accounting (quality assurance in double-entry accounting)	Q1-4; I1-3; E2-3; P1, 3; S1-3, 5	design, collect, process, analyse, support	1/2004	12/2016	yes
New concept for the quarterly debt statistics	Q2-4; I2; P1-4	design, collect, process, analyse	3/2013	12/2015	yes
Setting up a quarterly statistics of financial transactions to improve the coherence and integrity of the results of finance statistics	Q2-4; I2; P1-4, 7	design, collect, process, analyse, disseminate	2/2013	12/2014	yes
Quality assurance in finance and personnel statistics by integrating core budgets and hived-off units	Q3-4; I2; E2; P1; S2	design, process, analyse	1/2009	12/2015	yes

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

Contact: Peter Bleses

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

2011:	EUR 317,000
2012:	EUR 235,000

Total costs

2011:	EUR 426,000
2012:	EUR 344,000

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	14,000
72112	Quarterly data of public funds, institutions and enterprises of general government	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	3,000
72212	Quarterly debt of public funds, institutions and enterprises of general government	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	2,600
72221	Annual debt of public funds, institutions and enterprises of general government	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	2,600
72222	Annual debt of other public funds, institutions and enterprises (non-government sector)	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	13,300
72311	Financial assets of public funds, institutions and enterprises of general government	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	2,600

Other activities

KLR no.	Product
44101620	Central data management/use in finance and personnel statistics (ZDHN)

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 14, series 2 and 5	quarterly, yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Integration of the annual balance sheet statistics of public enterprises (JAB) into the overall JAVA project of finance and personnel statistics (FIPS)	Q2; I2; E2	design, collect, process	1/2011	7/2013	yes

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

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 show 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
- business associations
- social and economic research institutes

Primary costs

2011: EUR 2,194,000

2012: EUR 2,104,000

Total costs

2011: EUR 2,999,000

2012: EUR 3,155,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
71211	Tax revenue statistics	secondary survey	centralised	quarterly	17
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	Statistics of business partnerships and communities	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	16
73321	Turnover tax statistics (assessment)	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	16
73511	Trade tax statistics	secondary survey	decentralised	3-yearly	20
73611	Statistics of inheritance and gift taxes	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	20
73711	Wage tax distribution	secondary survey	decentralised	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	3-yearly	–
79911	Statistics of tobacco tax	secondary survey	centralised	quarterly	1
79921	Beer tax and sparkling wine tax statistics	secondary survey	centralised	monthly	1
79931	Energy tax statistics	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	1
79932	Electricity tax statistics	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	1
79941	Statistics of spirits monopoly and spirits tax	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	2
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
79991	Administrative statistics of air transportation tax	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	1

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 14, series 4 and 7 to 10	monthly, quarterly, yearly, 3-yearly
Inheritance and gift taxes	yearly
State incentives for Riester private pension plans	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 ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
New concept of the tax statistics system: setting up annual federal statistics on turnover tax based on advance turnover tax returns and on trade tax, corporation tax, wage and income tax	Q1–3, 6; E2	design, process, analyse	5/2010	2/2016	yes
Model calculations for a reform of real property tax for selected municipalities	Q1; I3; P1; S4	design, collect, process, analyse	4/2011	6/2013	no

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

Contact: Peter Bleses

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 cover 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 of the Federation and the Länder

Primary costs

2011: EUR 613,000

2012: EUR 563,000

Total costs

2011: EUR 824,000

2012: EUR 813,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
74111	Personnel statistics at the federal level	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	500
74121	Personnel statistics of the Land and municipality spheres	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

Other activities

KLR No.	Product
44100140	Gender equality statistics (BMFSFJ)
44100570	Special activities for the BMI as part of the personnel statistics and the statistics on public service pensioners

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

Contact: Dr. Norbert R ath

Domestic product, input-output accounts

Brief description

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.

National wealth accounts refer to the stock of nonfinancial material and immaterial assets produced. The Federal Statistical Office publishes selected data on the tangible assets of the economy, especially on the stock of fixed assets and the stock of consumer durables of households. These data are the basis for determining the consumption of fixed capital in the economy, which measures the depreciation of fixed assets caused by use and 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, multiplier analyses
- basis for economic forecasts and economic policy decisions
- data basis for the calculation of EU own resources and VAT own resources
- assessment of the economic situation, basis for economic policy decisions
- data basis for other accounting and satellite systems (e.g. national accounts of the L ander, environmental-economic accounting, tourism, sport)

Main users

- federal ministries
- European Commission, Eurostat
- ECB, Deutsche Bundesbank
- UN, IMF, OECD
- Council of Economic Experts, economic research institutes
- social and economic research institutes, economic associations

Primary costs

2011: EUR 5,711,000

2012: EUR 3,550,000

Total costs

2011: EUR 7,560,000

2012: EUR 5,135,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
81111	Production and uses of domestic product	calculation	centralised	quarterly	–
81511	Input-output accounts	calculation	centralised	yearly	–
81611	National wealth accounts	calculation	centralised	quarterly	–
81711	Satellite systems	calculation	centralised	irregular	–

Other activities

KLR no.	Product
38200000	National accounts of the Länder
44101590	Creating the conditions for preparing use tables at basic prices
44101610	Determining investments in military weapons systems, the consumption of fixed capital and the stock of fixed assets of such systems
45410801	Determining and assessing ways to integrate land/real estate into the balance sheet

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 18, series 1.1 to 1.5 as well as series S (special contributions)	quarterly, yearly, irregular
Papers in the periodical “Wirtschaft und Statistik” (Economy and Statistics)	yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contri- bution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Partici- pation of LSOs
Representation of research and development as production and investment in national accounts	Q1, 3-4; I2; P1-2,5; S2-3	design, process, analyse	1/2006	12/2014	no
Further development of GDP flash estimations	Q1; I2; E2; P2; S3	design, process	1/2007	12/2014	no
Major revision of national accounts in 2014: introduction of GDP calculation methods speci- fied by SNA 2008 and ESA 2010	Q3-4; I2; E2; P2-3; S3-4	design, process, analyse	2/2012	12/2014	no
Estimation of current input-output tables (IOT) and of supply and use tables	P2	design, process, analyse	1/2007	12/2013	no

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

Contact: Albert Braakmann

National income, sector accounts

Brief description

The distribution approach shows the transition from the gross domestic product generated in the domestic territory to the gross national income (GNI) available to residents and its components. The GNI consists of the compensation of employees on the one hand and property and entrepreneurial income on the other – both taken together are called net national income at factor cost –, taxes on production and imports less subsidies, and consumption of fixed capital. Disposable income, saving and net lending/net borrowing are other key data.

All distributive transactions are presented in detail at the various stages of distribution in the system of national accounts. Transactions among individual domestic sectors are shown, and transactions with the rest of the world. The domestic sectors include non-financial and financial corporations, general government and households including non-profit institutions serving households. The general government account yields government final consumption expenditure, and net lending/net borrowing provides the figure essential for the government deficit.

This picture is supplemented by areas which concern households in the first place. These include socio-economic analyses of income distribution, determining the unpaid work of households and – as a new task – the measurement of well-being.

Main uses

- description and analysis of the economic situation
- basis of economic and tax revenue forecasts, economic policy decisions
- GNI as a data basis for calculating EU budget funds
- gross wages and salaries as a basis of pension adjustment
- establishment of the government deficit for EU fiscal surveillance
- provision of data for an analysis of socio-economic developments and the measurement of well-being

Main users

- federal ministries
- European Commission, Eurostat
- ECB, Deutsche Bundesbank
- UN, IWF, OECD
- Council of Economic Experts, social and economic research institutes, universities, business associations
- the media

Primary costs

2011: EUR 1,130,000

2012: EUR 2,370,000

Total costs

2011: EUR 1,493,000

2012: EUR 3,418,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Number of respondents
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
44101600	Implementing the provisions of ESA 2010 to cover reinsurance (EU project)
44101680	Presentation of standard guarantees in general government accounts (EU project)

Major publications (mostly in German)

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

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
EU harmonisation of the calculation methods for government revenue and expenditure	Q1–4	design, process, analyse	1/2006	12/2014	no
Participation in government finance checks and Task Forces	Q1–4; P1–3	design, analyse	1/2006	12/2014	no
Checks of individual cases, sector delimitation, difficult cases in the general government sector	Q1–4	design, analyse	1/2006	12/2014	no
Expansion of model computations on the pension burdens of the Federation to include the Länder and municipalities	Q1, 4; I2; P2, 4;	design, process, analyse	9/2007	12/2014	no
Measuring welfare in national accounts: acting on the proposals of the Stiglitz Commission, implementing EU and other initiatives	Q1; P4	design	1/2010	9/2013	no
Use of information from household surveys and tax statistics to present the income distribution in national accounts	Q1, 3–4; P2, 5; S4	design, support	4/2010	9/2013	no
Implementation of the more stringent EU requirements for government fiscal data, especially those of Directive 2011/85/EU	Q2–4; I1–2; E2–3; P1–4, 6–7; S1–3	design, process, analyse	4/2011	12/2013	yes
Design of methods to cover illegal criminal activities (for instance smuggling, drug trafficking) in national accounts	Q2; I2	design, process, analyse	1/2012	12/2014	no

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

Contact: *Stefan Gruber*

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.

Primary costs

2011:	EUR 487,000
2012:	EUR 671,000

Total costs

2011:	EUR 656,000
2012:	EUR 951,000

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

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	–

Other activities

KLR no.	Product
38514400	Lot 3 – Climate accounts: Supporting the methodological development of water and energy accounting checks (EU project)
38514500	Private consumption and use of water within the country and abroad (EU project)
38561100	Reporting on sustainable development
44101660	Federal Environment Agency project on sustainable consumption
45720701	Overall environmental protection expenditure accounting

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 3, series 5.1	yearly
Subject-matter series 19, series 6	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 ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
National and international sustainability reporting, among others, compilation of indicator reports on the German sustainability strategy, further development of indicators (indicator systems)	Q1; I3; P1; S4	design, process, analyse	1/2007	12/2017	no
Participation in revising the international SEEA Handbook (System of Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting)	Q1-4; P2	design	1/2008	12/2014	no

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

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.

Pursuant to the “Act to Institute a National Council for the Review of Legal Norms“, extended assessments of administrative costs imposed by legislation have to be made to prevent legislation from causing unnecessary bureaucracy in the first place. The examination by the Council for the Review of Legal Norms relates to all consequences of a proposed regulation, including the burden caused by fulfilling. The burden of meeting legal requirements and the administrative costs involved according to the Standard Cost Model have to be determined and shown.

The Federal Statistical Office is responsible for the consistent application of the methodology and for conducting measurements. It supports the Federal Government in reporting and success monitoring and gives advice to all parties involved.

The product “administrative cost measurement” consists mainly of the collection of information on burdens among respondents, of cost estimates, and of the provision and maintenance of central databases on the extent of burdens due to requirements.

Main use

- Reducing the burden of information and documentation requirements on business, citizens and administration

Main users

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

Primary costs

2011: EUR 5,972,000

2012: EUR 4,943,000

Total costs

2011: EUR 8,132,000

2012: EUR 7,137,000

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
11301000	Questions of principle and methodology of administrative cost measurement	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
11302000	Time and cost data capture, cost estimate	Measurement among the addressees of the information obligations, especially regarding the time required for complying with an obligation to provide information

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Integration of a guide to information obligations into the database of bureaucratic information and reporting obligations (WebSKM)	Q1; I2; P4	design, analyse, disseminate	6/2012	6/2015	no
Providing new user-oriented features into the database of bureaucratic information and reporting obligations (WebSKM)	Q1, 4; E2; P1	design, analyse, disseminate	7/2012	12/2014	no

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

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Contact: Doris Stärk

Press and public relations, information services, customer management

Brief description

Press work 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.

On account of their large scope and special importance, press and PR activities related with the 2011 Census are treated as a separate product named “census communication”.

Public relations activities in general include products aimed at the internal and external presentation of the Federal Statistical Office.

The Statistical Information Service supplements the specialised information services of the statistics units and co-ordinates inquiries which concern more than one field of statistics. Upon request, it will supply statistical results in oral, written and electronic form. An important tool for co-ordinating the various information services is a web-based customer management system for whose concept and operation the Statistical Information Service is also responsible.

Main uses

- informing the society about statistical results
- informing staff members
- conveying a customer-friendly and user-friendly image
- enhancing the public’s awareness and acceptance of official statistics

Main users

- customers from education, science and culture
- trade and industry
- partners from politics and the society
- the media
- financial markets
- staff of the Federal Statistical Office
- respondents
- the general public
- private users of specialised statistics

Primary costs

2011: EUR 7,581,000

2012: EUR 1,742,000

Total costs

2011: EUR 8,220,000

2012: EUR 2,487,000

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
12301001	Press and public relations, information services	<p>Evaluation of the media response, consultation of the specialised departments; compilation of press releases and their handling in content and technical terms, dissemination of press releases;</p> <p>journalist information service;</p> <p>scheduling (calendar of press releases);</p> <p>preparation, conduct and follow-up of press conferences and press seminars in terms of organisation and content, also preparation of accompanying material</p> <p>Preparation, design, stand construction, support, stand service at fairs;</p> <p>service for visitor groups at the Destatis location</p> <p>Customer monitoring:</p> <p>Design and conduct of Destatis-wide and special customer surveys and analyses for all dissemination media</p> <p>Free information and information requiring special searches against reimbursement of the costs, co-ordination of answers to inquiries which concern several specialised units and are thus treated in parallel by those units</p>
12302001	Customer management, census communication, Social Web	<p>Basic issues and further conceptual development of the 2011 Census communication; further development, evaluation and editorial control of the web pages "www.zensus2011.de"</p> <p>Content-related and technical co-ordination of system operation of the customer management system (CMS)</p>

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 ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Customer monitoring concept (linking customer and feedback surveys, analyses from the customer management system and other instruments)	Q1; E2	design, disseminate	4/2012	8/2014	no
Press and public relations activities in relation to the population census 2011	Q1, 6	disseminate	1/2007	12/2014	yes
Corporate image survey 2012	Q1, 6; E1	design, collect, process, analyse	11/2012	3/2014	no

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

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 advice to political institutions in Berlin and ensures the rapid and direct supply of statistical information. A service office for statistics at the German Bundestag meets the information requirements of Members of Parliament, parliamentary groups, committees and scientific services. Its Forum room provides a platform for the dialogue between Destatis and its customers in the capital where statistical results and developments can be discussed in background briefings, panel discussions or press briefings. Users from the scientific and research communities who wish to use microdata can do so in 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
- federal ministries, foreign embassies, German missions abroad
- scientific community
- economic associations and interest groups representing the socially disadvantaged

Primary costs

2011:	EUR 348,000
2012:	EUR 370,000

Total costs

2011:	EUR 454,000
2012:	EUR 525,000

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
12401000	Capital City Service, Bundestag Service Office, inquiry management	Co-ordination and answering of statistical enquiries of political institutions by a centralised unit; service office at the German Bundestag; communication of statistics in the capital (e.g. involvement in public relations activities of the federal ministries, proactive provision of information to the bodies and parliamentary groups of the Bundestag); events in the Information Point Forum room to promote the dialogue in the field of statistics (background briefings, panel discussions)

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Holding background talks about current social policy issues with important customers in the capital	P4–5	analyse, disseminate	1/2010	12/2013	no
Preparation of a periodic e-newsletter for customers in the capital (political institutions)	Q6; P1	analyse, disseminate, support	1/2010	12/2013	no
Co-operation with the Federal Ministry of the Interior in the sphere of public relations work	Q6; P4	disseminate, support	1/2009	12/2013	no
Enhancing the Bundestag bodies' awareness of Destatis	P4	analyse, disseminate, support	9/2010	12/2015	no

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

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
- politics and administration at national and international level
- the media
- private users and the general public

Primary costs

2011:	EUR 943,000
2012:	EUR 793,000

Total costs

2011:	EUR 1,236,000
2012:	EUR 1,000,000

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
12402000	European and international statistics	Infoservice International, provision of a web portal on international statistics which contains basic indicators and statistical links to all G-20 states, preparation of international contributions to Destatis publications (e.g. chapter "International" in the Statistical Yearbook, Data Report, STATmagazin, At a Glance)
41200010 41200011 41200013	EDS European Data Service	Support to all German-speaking users in their search for data and publications on the EU and its member states, for methodologies and solutions for technical problems regarding data access; management of the contract concluded with Eurostat on the dissemination of EU statistics; co-operation with the partners in the European Statistical Data Support Network; public relations activities to make official European statistics better known

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
New concept of the EDS website	Q4, 6; E2	disseminate, support	1/2011	9/2013	no
Promoting cross-country comparisons at European and international level in products of Destatis	Q4; E2	process, analyse, disseminate	10/2010	12/2014	no

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.



Contact: Doris Stärk

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. (“Press & Services”> “Library”).

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
- scientists, students
- private users, the general public

Primary costs

2011: EUR 1,097,000
2012: EUR 940,000

Total costs

2011: EUR 1,209,000
2012: EUR 1,109,000

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
12308001	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 ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Digitizing own publications	Q6	disseminate, support	7/2010	12/2015	no
Operation of a publications server for archiving online publications of the statistical offices of the Federation and the Länder	Q6; I3; E2; P3; S2	disseminate, support	8/2010	12/2015	yes

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.



Contact: Doris Stärk

Publications

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, cross-section publications like the Statistical Yearbook and the Data Report are issued. 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
- statistical offices

Primary costs

2011:	EUR 2,065,000
2012:	EUR 1,467,000

Total costs

2011:	EUR 2,551,000
2012:	EUR 2,091,000

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
12306001	Graphics and design, print editing	Statistical graphs, visual language; development of new products and adaptation of the corporate design to current requirements Concept, editing, layout of publications of the Federal Statistical Office, e.g. Statistical Yearbook, pocketbooks, thematic and specialised reports, publication series "In the Spotlight", publication series "Statistics and Science"
12307001	Economy and Statistics, Data Report	Editing of the monthly publication "Economy and Statistics", including weekly updating of the tables for the website (Weekly Statistical Reports) and editing of the multi-annual cross-section publication "Data Report – the social report for Germany"
12308002	Distribution	Distribution and marketing: Co-operation with distribution partner, maintaining the free and exchange distribution lists, licencing

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
New concept for the journal "Economy and Statistics": new design for tables and charts, modernisation of the layout and adjustment to current standards	Q1, 3, 6; I3; E2; S2–3, 5	disseminate	4/2013	1/2014	no
Provision of statistical information for tablet PCs and smartphones (e-publishing)	Q1, 6	disseminate	11/2012	3/2014	no

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.



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, statistics portal of the FSO and LSOs). Standard electronic products are also offered as downloads on the website.

One of the website’s pillars is the GENESIS database. GENESIS-Online contains the most comprehensive range of daily updated statistical data.

Main uses

- providing all user groups with current information and results of official statistics of the day
- provision of statistical results in a uniform and coherent information system over time, including full documentation of the metadata

Main users

- politics and administration at national and international level
- education, science and culture
- businesses
- information providers
- private users of specialised statistics, the general public

Primary costs

2011: EUR 1,473,000

2012: EUR 1,407,000


Total costs

2011: EUR 1,997,000

2012: EUR 2,099,000

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
12303001	Online editorial work	Central internet editorial work, user service
12304001	GSB administration and web services, GENESIS-Online, intranet	Administration and further development of the content management system (GSB), technical enhancement of the website, central intranet editorial work GENESIS database: provision of data for GENESIS and GENESIS-Online, user support
12309000	Electronic publications, STATmagazin, joint federal and Länder publications	Questions of principle and enhancement of electronic publications (classifications, quality reports, specialised reports, STATmagazin, publication series "Statistics and Science", joint federal and Länder publications, subject-matter series and special publications), preparation of the Publications Catalogue, management of the publications section on the Destatis website, user advice



Contact: Prof. Dr. Manfred Ehling

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 users

- education, science and culture
- social and economic research institutes

Primary costs

2011: EUR 1,282,000
2012: EUR 734,000

Total costs

2011: EUR 1,616,000
2012: EUR 1,219,000

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
12205000	Research Data Centre	<p>National user service for the scientific community in terms of infrastructure and methodology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – questions of principle regarding national data access – access to microdata (preparation, further development and maintenance of Scientific Use Files, Public Use Files and CAMPUS-Files; organisation and support of remote data execution and safe centres at the Federal Statistical Office) – maintaining 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 – contacts with institutions of higher education in the sphere of teaching – series of lectures – archiving and retrieval of microdata stocks <p>Research projects and international issues of data access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – questions of principle regarding international data access – Eurostat microdata access – an informational infrastructure for the E-Science Age (InfiniT) – combining business statistics on the basis of unique identifiers; Combined Company Data for Germany (KombiFiD and AFID) – Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS)
44610040	ESS-net project on “Decentralised access to EU microdata sets“ (EU project):	Feasibility study on the establishment of an EU-wide network of Research Data Centres to improve the scientific community’s decentralised access to microdata of Community statistics
44610070	FP7: Data without Boundaries	EU project
44610080	ESS-net project on “Decentralised and Remote Access to Confidential Data in the ESS“ (EU project)	EU project

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 ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Establishing of the Research Data Centre as a permanent task of official statistics	Q5–6; I2; E2; P5; S3–4	design, analyse, disseminate	8/2009	12/2015	yes
Concept for providing microdata to the general public under the BMI open government portal (“govdata.de“)	Q1, 5–6	design	4/2013	7/2015	yes

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

Contact: *Angela Schaff*

Co-operation with other countries

Brief description

Since the beginning of the nineties, the Federal Statistical Office has been actively involved in the setting up and development of statistical systems in other countries. The basis of this mandate are agreements on partnership and co-operation in Europe, treaties with the partner countries, and bilateral agreements with statistical offices. Such co-operation is to help countries wishing to accede to the EU with the adoption of the *acquis communautaire*. It also supports the establishment and restructuring of official statistics in the New Independent States, China, Mongolia and other developing countries.

Employees of the Federal Statistical Office train their expert colleagues on the spot in courses, give advice in expert missions when international standards have to be translated to the situation in the country, and provide support to delegations of foreign visitors. Advice is given on a range of specialised statistical, organisational and institutional aspects.

As a rule, such projects are commissioned by international organisations like the European Union or the World Bank

Co-operation projects may run for several years or consist of ad-hoc measures. "Twinning projects" are of special importance: this is a close partnership between similar public institutions beyond the mere implementation phase of a project.

Main uses

- support and consulting for partner countries in statistical matters
- preparation of candidate countries for accession to the EU by their adopting the *acquis communautaire*
- advice on the adoption of EU standards in selected fields to countries of the European neighbourhood policy (ENP)
- support to succession states of the former Soviet Union in approaching international standards
- support to Asian states, in particular China

Main users

- statistical institutions in the partner countries
- UN, OECD, World Bank, IMF, ILO

Primary costs

2011: EUR 1,449,000

2012: EUR 1,129,000

Total costs

2011: EUR 1,762,000

2012: EUR 1,398,000

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
12104000 12105000	Bilateral and international co-operation, reporting systems, planning of official trips abroad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Principles of developing and co-ordinating bilateral and multinational projects of statistical co-operation – focus: candidate, neighbouring and developing countries, Asia, Russia, New Independent States – Concepts for planning the measures (acquisition): expert missions, study visits, seminars and information visits – Matters pertaining to contracts in statistical co-operation – Project controlling and reporting – Bilateral co-operation with partner offices abroad (except for EU/EFTA states) – Project-related co-operation, especially Twinning projects – Co-operation with international bodies – Publications and presentations of programmes and projects of the statistics co-operation unit – Liaison to the organisations responsible for development aid: UNDP (United Nations Development Programme), Paris 21, Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of the OECD – Official trips abroad (planning, reporting) – Maintenance of project databases, portfolio databases

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Statistics across borders	half-yearly/yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Acquisition of new Twinning projects	P2	disseminate, support, manage	1/2007	12/2013	no
Participation in the EU Neighbourhood Programme	P2	support, manage	1/2007	12/2013	yes
Participation in the MDG initiatives of the World Bank and the federal government	P2	dissemination, support, manage	1/2007	12/2013	no
Support to the Macedonian Statistical Office in adopting the acquis communautaire of the EU under an EU Twinning project	P2; S3	disseminate, support, manage	9/2011	9/2014	yes
MONSTAT – Strengthening the National Statistical System of Mongolia	P2; S3	support, manage	8/2010	12/2014	yes
KAZSTAT – World Bank-funded Twinning project to enhance statistics in Kazakhstan	P2; S3	support, manage	9/2012	12/2017	yes
Project to support Turkey in the process of adapting its system of official statistics to the acquis communautaire of the EU (USST III)	P2; S3	support, manage	1/2008	1/2015	yes
Twinning project under the EU Neighbourhood Programme to support Armenia in the process of adapting its system of official statistics to the acquis communautaire of the EU	P2; S3	support, manage	12/2010	6/2013	yes
EU Twinning project to support Bosnia and Herzegovina in the process of adapting its system of official statistics to EU standards	P2; S3	support, manage	10/2011	12/2013	yes

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

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Contact: *Hans-Joachim Stede*

Organisation, quality management, controlling

Brief description

The organisational development at the Federal Statistical Office includes the traditional tasks of structural and process organisation using the tools of organisation chart and schedule of responsibilities, rules of procedure, job description and assessment, calculation of manpower requirements, process management, staff suggestion management (staff suggestion scheme) and the co-ordination of economic feasibility studies.

The quality management (“Quality Offensive Statistics”) is based on the EFQM concept (European Foundation for Quality Management). Indicator and milestone controlling includes the support of the annual closed management meetings and the annual programme planning.

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.

Main uses

- use of resources
- administrative modernisation
- quality assurance
- co-operation between the FSO and the LSOs

Main users

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

Primary costs

2011: EUR 1,372,000

2012: EUR 1,311,000

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
11101000	Organisation, quality management, assessment of personnel requirements	<p>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; calculation of manpower requirements; further development and maintenance of the TEA and EDA databases</p> <p>Administration of the EFQM organisational tool (Statistical Quality Offensive), organisation of QM self-assessments and assessments by external parties, preparation of Quality Reports</p> <p>Staff suggestion scheme (internal staff suggestion management), link to the staff suggestion management of the Federal Ministry of the Interior ("Idee 21")</p>
11102000	Controlling, process management	<p>Supporting the annual closed management meeting and annual programme planning by means of indicator and milestone controlling</p> <p>Participation in organising core, supporting and management processes in the FSO and in the FSO/LSOs system; controlling and documenting the archiving of digital microdata in the FSO/LSOs system</p> <p>Work planning and scheduling and also controlling of deadlines for federal statistics and co-ordinated Länder statistics; integrated list of statistics (federal statistics and co-ordinated Länder statistics)</p>

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Guideline for project management	irregular

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Introduction of process management at the Federal Statistical Office as a pilot agency of the Federal Ministry of the Interior (government programme of "Transparent and Networked-based Administration")	E1-2	design	2/2012	8/2014	no
Introducing uniform rules and instruments at the FSO and the LSOs for the long-term archiving of digital statistical data (microdata)	Q6; E2; P1	disseminate, support	10/2004	9/2016	yes

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

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 Federal Statistical Office, specialised units of the Federal Statistical Office
- BMI (subject-related and administrative supervisory authority)
- German Bundestag

Primary costs

2011: EUR 1,620,000

2012: EUR 1,599,000

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
1110300	Budget, cost and performance accounts	<p>Budgetary administration, cash management and accounting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - preparing the budgetary and financial planning documents (including contributions) - participating in the process of setting up the budget - distributing and managing budget funds - performing payments - involvement in issues of budgetary law - budgetary reporting, budget balance <p>Management of third-party funds (budgeting):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - managing the department budgets <p>Financial accounting: Recording the material expenditure and receipts according to the principle of double-entry accounting in the software Mach c/s; online transmission to the budget/cash/accounting system of the Federation (HKR interface)</p> <p>Cost and performance accounting, product-based budget: Supporting the management levels through KLR information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - collecting and processing KLR data - KLR reporting - maintaining and further developing the subject-related KLR system

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. Phase one of the restoration (main building) was completed in April 2009. In a second phase, the adjoining buildings will be restored by summer 2013.

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

2011: EUR 8,587,000

2012: EUR 10,882,000

In addition, costs incurred for the management of the FSO's real estate (incl. imputed rents): about EUR 11,810,000 for 2012. 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
11104000	Internal service	<p>Management of official journeys</p> <p>Administration and management of real estate used for official purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – administration and management with regard to real estate – co-ordinating and managing the distribution of rooms <p>Reception, security service: Ensuring the accessibility and protection of the FSO</p> <p>Operation of canteen and kitchen</p> <p>Building maintenance: Maintenance of real estate used for official purposes</p> <p>Car pool: Operation of own cars and renting of cars</p> <p>Procurement matters and procurement (excl. IT): Procurement of material, equipment and furniture according to demand</p> <p>Management of material (excl. IT): Provision of material, equipment and furniture for the staff according to demand</p> <p>Postal services: Receipt and dispatch of postal items, sorting and distribution of postal items</p> <p>Administration of records: Archive and filing department, file digitalisation</p> <p>Telephone exchange</p> <p>Health and social matters management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – housing assistance – health prevention, advice and care – social prevention, advice and care – occupational health – ergonomics at work and job safety – service at the health centre – first aid <p>Language Service¹⁾</p> <p>Production of print products: Digital printing and final processing</p> <p>Placing of orders for printed and electronic publications to be produced</p> <p>Environmental management</p>
11105000	Project Group “Restoration“	<p>Planning and control of the construction project “complete restoration“ in Wiesbaden</p> <p>Planning and control of construction work at the Bonn Branch Office and for the BISP</p>

1) Contact: Angela Schaff.

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Complete restoration and transfer (2nd restoration phase – adjoining buildings)	–	support	6/2011	8/2013	no
Introduction of an electronic workflow regarding applications for leave in the working time recording system and optimisation of working time management	E2	design, support	3/2011	8/2013	no

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

Contact: *Heinz-Christoph Herbertz*

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.

Primary costs

2011: EUR 4,814,000

2012: EUR 5,444,000

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.

Main use

- supporting the staff

Main users

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

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
11201000	Human resources development	Systematic identification, activation and enhancement of staff members' performance and learning potentials Recruitment of internal and external staff including exchange of personnel (incoming and outgoing staff)
11202000	Personnel support	Human resources planning to adjust the staff structure to current and future requirements Services within the scope of individual and fundamental matters of the staff with regard to other staff members, the Head of the FSO and Heads of Department, staff representations, the superior authority and other external institutions Performance appraisals incl. collective agreement on performance-related remuneration: Regular performance appraisals for public officials and performance appraisals for persons employed under collective agreements Conduct of staff opinion surveys ¹⁾
11203100	Education and Training	Organisation, conduct and participation in general and IT-specific advanced training measures of the following areas: – statistics – leadership and co-operation – women and gender specific issues – communication – organisation and individual working arrangements – information technology
11203200	Apprentices	Training as office communications specialists, information technology specialists or market and social research specialists

1) Contact: Peter Schmidt.

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 ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Development of executives, e.g. concept for an improved exchange of experience, training course on change management and preventive health care	S2–3, 5	support, manage	1/2005	12/2014	no
Vocational training offensive (additional opportunities for apprentices in the context of the National Pact for Education and Training and Young Skilled Workers)	S3	support	9/2004	8/2013	no
Improved reconciliation of work and family life	S2, 5	support, manage	1/2009	12/2013	no
Introduction of e-learning modules: “Introduction to Official Statistics“ under the joint training programme of the FSO and the LSOs	I1; S3	design, manage	11/2010	6/2014	yes
Development of a concept for dealing with an ageing staff body	S2	support, manage	3/2012	6/2013	no
Introduction of e-learning modules as part of advanced training at the Federal Statistical Office	S3	design, support, manage	7/2012	6/2014	no

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

Contact: *Heinz-Christoph Herbertz*

Administrative legal matters

Brief description

The product class “Administrative legal matters“ comprises all legal matters of the Federal Statistical Office which pertain to administration and personnel.

Main use

- settling legal issues

Main users

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

Primary costs

2011: EUR 1,429,000¹⁾

2012: EUR 739,000

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.

¹⁾ This also includes the costs of the product class “Legal matters concerning statistics“, which has been shown separately since 2012 (see p. 45).

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
11204000	Disciplinary matters, administrative legal matters and tasks pertaining to the General Law on Equal Treatment	Support in matters of administrative and personnel law
11205000	In-house counsel	Representation of the Federal Statistical Office in legal matters
11206000	Contractual matters, proceedings relating to administrative appeals and regulatory offences	Concluding contracts (incl. contracts with the EU and other international and supranational institutions) from the tendering procedure, contractual arrangements, the signing of contracts, the checking of bills up to the orders for payment Handling of administrative appeal proceedings, administrative proceedings and regulatory offence procedures



Contact: *Joachim Hoffmann*

Internal audit

Brief description

Internal auditing is an instrument used by the Heads of the FSO in managing and controlling the Office. It serves the purposes of quality assurance and supports the Heads of the Office in exercising administrative supervision and specialist supervision in respect of a subject. The internal audit section checks and assesses risks and thus helps to improve business processes. Being the contact for corruption prevention, the Head of the Internal Audit Section is the person who the Heads of the Office, employees and citizens may talk to without having to use official channels. Corruption prevention entails providing advice to the Heads of the Office, sensitizing employees, observing and evaluating signs of corruption.

Finally, the Data Protection Commissioner of the Office, who works towards compliance with the Federal Data Protection Act and other provisions of data protection, comes from the internal audit section. Data protection is to shield the individual from any invasion of personal privacy through the handling of personal data.

Main use

- reports of the auditors

Main user

- Heads of the FSO

Primary costs

2011: EUR 511,000

2012: EUR 451,000

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
11100100	Internal audit	Ensuring the lawful, appropriate and efficient fulfilment of tasks

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IT infrastructure and IT user service

Brief description

The focus is on operating the IT infrastructure of the Federal Statistical Office: computer centre, network, telecommunication and user service. 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 information technology.

Since the beginning of 2013, the IT infrastructure of and IT user service for the Federal Statistical Office have largely been provided by the Federal Office for Information Technology (BIT) at the Federal Office of Administration. To this end, the BIT operates a large number of server and storage systems at the FSO locations in Wiesbaden, Bonn and Berlin.

The operation of this infrastructure serves the purposes of central statistics production including data collection, storage, safeguarding and filing, and the presentation and dissemination of the results. In addition, extensive advisory and support services are provided (central user support, desktop support).

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

2011: EUR 12,373,000

2012: EUR 13,227,000

From 2013, IT infrastructure and user service have been planned for in the budget of the Federal Office of Administration and the respective budget funds have been managed there.

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

Products

No. ¹⁾	Product	Product description
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. Both statistical and management procedures are supported. The statistical procedures are partly developed and operated in co-operation with the LSOs. For their operation, a standardised and centrally available infrastructure is provided to supply meta-information to the procedures.
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.
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.
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, remote access for staff members and maintenance partners, name service), the authentication and directory services (IDM, LDAP, RADIUS, DHCP), the network and system management software and the file and print services are preconditions for the entire IT operation at the Federal Statistical Office. To ensure that the data protection requirements of Destatis are met, comprehensive network-integrated security infrastructures are in operation (VPN, firewall, encryption, central virus scanner, etc.).
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 c/s.

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

No. ¹⁾	Product	Product description
14000020	IT services for partner authorities	The Federal Statistical Office provides central IT services for several partner authorities and institutions: 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) 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 ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Server consolidation and virtualisation	E2; P6; S3	support	1/2013	6/2014	no
Improving the energy efficiency of IT systems	E2; P6; S3	support	1/2010	12/2013	no
Establishing an IT infrastructure for operating the new business register (URS-Neu)	Q5; E2; P6; S3	design, support	1/2010	6/2014	yes
Introducing a new client management system for the automatic deployment of software to client computers	E2; P6; S1	support	1/2010	6/2013	no

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

Contact: *Thomas Lindenstruth*

IT management and standards

Brief description

Services are supplied here which are essential for providing an IT infrastructure and for planning and implementing IT projects. This includes, among others, drawing up the IT budget, preparing the IT project portfolio, supporting the specialised units in IT requisition (managing requests for IT) and in describing and implementing projects in co-operation with the statistical offices of the Länder (IT organisation), and co-ordinating the technical operation with the Federal Office for Information Technology (BIT) of the Federal Office of Administration.

By planning and implementing requirement analyses, process modelling and software testing, important services are rendered at the interface between IT and the specialised units. Support is provided also in co-ordinating IT strategy and IT architecture and issues are dealt with which concern IT security.

Standard methods and IT tools for metadata and quality management provide a basis for continuous documentation of the statistical process. The exchange of data and metadata, which has been standardised internationally, is supported by means of standard tools.

Information technology support is provided to the Federal Returning Officer at Bundestag and European elections.

Main use

- Administration, statistics production

Main users

- departments of the FSO
- Eurostat, LSOs
- BMI

Primary costs

2012: EUR 2,816,000

The product class “IT management and standards“ was created when the Federal Office for Information Technology (BIT) of the Federal Office of Administration was commissioned with handling the IT infrastructure and IT user service. Therefore, the costs cannot be compared with those of the preceding year.

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

Products

No. ¹⁾	Product	Product description
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.
14000021	IT management services	Management of requests for IT and of IT systems, IT use and 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 ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Improving IT security in line with the requirements of the Implementation Plan for the Federal Administration	Q2, 5; E2; P6; S2-3	support	9/2009	12/2013	yes
Client and server IT security measures in accordance with the Implementation Plan for the system of the Federal Statistical Office.	Q5; E2; P6; S1	process, support, manage	1/2009	12/2013	no

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

Contact: Rudi Petter

IT support for the business process

Brief description

IT support is provided in all phases of statistics production at the Federal Statistical Office and within the FSO/LSOs system. It includes the design, development, maintenance and process integration of standard and individual software and the integration of commercial standard tools for data collection and processing, evaluation and analysis and for the supply and release of information. In addition, IT cross-section and administrative procedures are developed and maintained, and advisory services, support and training are provided for the users of such products. All products and tools developed are geared towards a uniform concept with the aim of processing all data from collection to publication without switching between media in the course of a standardised statistical process. In this context, major products are IDEV/.CORE, .BASE, SAS, GENESIS and GIS systems. In addition to methodological work, the area of geoinformation comprises legal activities regarding the utilisation of georeferencing in statistics and the preparation of new statistical products.

Main use

- statistics production and dissemination

Main users

- departments of the FSO
- LSOs

Primary costs

2012: EUR 11,325,000

The product class “IT support for the business process“ was created when the Federal Office for Information Technology (BIT) of the Federal Office of Administration was commissioned with handling the IT infrastructure and IT user service. Therefore, the costs cannot be compared with those of the preceding year.

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

Products

No. ¹⁾	Product	Product description
14000001	Document processing and data capture	Most of the paper documents received during data collection for centralised statistics are 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).
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
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.

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

No. ¹⁾	Product	Product description
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

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

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Setting up and maintaining central directories and registers, for instance, Census 2011, the List of Municipalities (GV-ISYS) and the new Business Register (URS Neu)	Q1–6; I2; E1–3; P1, 6; S1–5	collect, process, support	1/2005	6/2014	yes
Development of software tools under the e-government project eSTATISTIK.integration	Q1, 5; I1 U2; E2; P1; S1–3	design, collect, process, support	4/2009	12/2015	yes
Development of a central data portal (integrated input database on XML basis)	Q1; I2; E2; P1, 6; S1–3	design, support	6/2005	12/2013	yes
Use of SAS in implementing processes that are in line with the standardisation of the production process (SteP)	Q1–3; I2; E2; P1 ; S2	process, analyse, support	1/2008	12/2013	yes
GENESIS information system on the basis of open source software	Q1; E1–2; P6	analyse, disseminate, support	1/2009	12/2014	yes
IT procedure for data exchange according to the SDMX standard	Q3–4, E2; P2–3	design, disseminate, support	1/2010	12/2014	no

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Development of concepts and methods for using small-area data of subject-matter statistics	Q1, 4–6; I1–2; P1, 3	design, process, analyse, disseminate	1/2011	12/2014	yes
Web cartography on map server basis: implementing web-based map services under the Geodata Infrastructure Initiative of the Federation	Q1, 3, 6; I2–3; E1–2; P1, 3	analyse, disseminate, support	1/2011	12/2014	yes
Combining technical measures for the treatment of metadata in the statistics production process	Q2–3, 6; E2	design, support	1/2012	12/2015	yes
Introduction, initial start-up and filling of the software eSTATISTIK Interactive Portal	Q1, 6; I1; E2; P1, 4; S3, 5	collect, support	4/2012	12/2013	yes

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

Contact: *Thomas Lindenstruth*

Information and knowledge management

Brief description

Information and knowledge management deals with questions of principle and the conceptual further development of a strategy for knowledge production, reproduction, distribution, exploitation and logistics.

Structured knowledge retention is becoming increasingly important given the demographic change in the employee structure.

Its components are, among others, the technical and conceptual maintenance of the central content management system Government Site Builder (GSB), the provision and integration of collaboration tools, the methods and elements of eGovernment, and IT for central information services offered by the library together with the necessary subject-matter related administration of the various systems.

Information and knowledge management comprises the final editorial work concerning the StaNet sites for communication within the FSO/LSOs system and the subject-matter related administration of software products used in the entire Office (such as the conference management software Circa).

Main uses

- staff information
- support of communication and conference management
- optimising the co-operation and processes

Main users

- staff of the FSO and the LSOs
- Internet users

Primary costs

2011: EUR 954,000

2012: EUR 733,000

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
14032029	Information and knowledge management	<p>The information and knowledge management (IWM) attempts to optimize processes to the benefit of staff members on a continuous basis, to identify technical innovations in order to exploit them, to enable synergies between existing applications and to meet organisational challenges. In accordance with this set of tasks, the IWM co-ordinates and controls various projects such as Government Site Builder (GSB) migration, groupware or document management. Furthermore, current trends and state-of-the art technology are studied and new fields of action identified.</p> <p>Information and communications platform – Intranet: Destatis operates the statistical Extranet (StaNet) of the statistical offices of the Federation and the Länder, provides the chief editorial team and furthers 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.</p>

1) Contact: Peter Schmidt.

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Migration of intranet and internet contents to a new content management software (GSB 4.x)	Q1, 6; E2; S2-3, 5	disseminate, support, manage	1/2009	6/2013	no
Optimising co-operation by an area-wide introduction of groupware	Q6; E2; P6; S2-3, 5	support, manage	10/2009	12/2014	no

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2.

Annex

List of abbreviations

Abbreviation	Designation
AFBG	Upgrading Training Assistance Act
AFID	Official Company Data for Germany
AG	Working group
ALG FS	Board of Heads of Department on “Specialised Statistics”
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
BZSt	Federal Central Tax Office
CIRCA	Communication and Information Resource Centre Administrator
CENEX	Centres and Networks of Excellence
CES	Conference of European Statisticians
CMS	Customer Management System
COFOG	Classification of the Functions of Government
CVTS	Continuing Vocational Training Survey
Destatis	Federal Statistical Office
DRG	Diagnosis Related Groups
DV	Data processing
EBE	Crop production reports
ECB	European Central Bank
ECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
ECOFIN	Economic and Financial Affairs Council
EDA	Database for work processes/job descriptions

Abbreviation	Designation
EDS	European Data Service
EFQM	European Foundation for Quality Management
EG	European Communities
EHS	European Household Survey
EGR	Euro Groups Register
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
GSB	Government Site Builder (content management system)
GUS	Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)
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
INSPIRE	Infrastructure for Spatial Information in Europe
IOT	Input-output tables
IS-GBE	Health monitoring information system
IT	Information technology
IWM	Information and knowledge management
IWMS	Information and knowledge management system

Abbreviation	Designation
KLR	Cost and performance accounting
LAN	Local Area Network
LFS	Labour Force Survey
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
NSIs	National Statistical Institutes
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
RatSWD	German Data Forum
R&D	Research and Development
SAS	Statistical Analysis System (Software)
SBS	Structural business statistics
SDC	Statistical disclosure control
SDMX	Standard Data and Metadata Exchange (data exchange format)
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
STATA	Statistical analysis software
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
TEA	Telephone, e-mail and postal address directory
TVÖD	Collective agreement for the public service
UGR	Environmental-Economic Accounting
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
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