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EUROSTAT

Brief description of the organisation[1]	▪ Eurostat is the Statistical Office of the European Communities and is situated in Luxembourg. ▪ Eurostat was established in 1953 to meet the requirements of the Coal and Steel Community. When the European Community was founded in 1958, it became a Directorate-General (DG) of the European Commission.
Mission[2]	▪ Eurostat's mission is to provide the European Union with a high-quality statistical information service. Its task is to provide the European Union with statistics at European level that enable comparisons between countries and regions. ▪ European Statistical System (ESS): ESS comprises Eurostat and the statistical offices, ministries, agencies and central banks that collect official statistics in the 27 EU and 4 EFTA Member States. Eurostat's role in the ESS is to lead the way in the harmonisation of statistics in close cooperation with the national statistical authorities.
Fields of Activity/ structure *Statistics*	▪ Fields of activity - production of European statistics: economic and monetary union, sustainable development, social agenda, competitiveness… ▪ Eurostat is organised in seven Directorates: Resources; Statistical Methods and tools, Dissemination; National and European accounts; Economic and regional statistics; Agriculture and environment statistics, statistical cooperation; Social statistics and information society; Business statistics
Mandate	▪ February 1997: Statistical law on division of responsibility between national and Community statistical authorities. It also defines the basic conditions, procedures and general provisions governing official statistics at EU level. This law was revised in 2009. ▪ In June 1997, Article 285 was inserted in the EU Treaty, providing Community statistics with a constitutional basis for the first time. Article 285 was a key step for EU statistics. More and more statistics have to be collected at Community level because of the development of the Union and it is no longer possible to ensure the availability of EU statistics on the basis of agreements alone.
Statistical work programme	▪ Multiannual 5 year programme: The current programme covers the period 2008-2012 and is intended to provide an overview of the strategies, priorities and work plans for the period. ▪ The five-year programmes are backed up by annual programmes that set more detailed objectives for each year. ▪ http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/pls/portal/!PORTAL.wwpob_page.show?_docname=982233.pdf

[1] Description of the statistics section/department in the organization
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Number of staff *Total / Statistical division*	▪ 830
Flagship Publications	▪ Europe in figures - Eurostat Yearbook ▪ European Economic Statistics ▪ Statistics in Focus ▪ Panorama (trade, tourism…)
Website	http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu

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