



Classification of Business Functions

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CBF – Development and Endorsement

- Development:
 - **Eurostat took the lead** in building and testing the Classification of Business Functions in EU countries through the Global Value Chains (GVC) Survey
 - Based on Eurostat's experience and the work of experts, a draft Classification of Business Functions was developed.
- Endorsement: The Statistical Commission of the UNSD, at its **fifty-third session on 4 March 2022**, has **endorsed** the classification of business functions as an international statistical classification while requesting the Committee to develop a maintenance and implementation plan that clarifies implementing issues and supports countries in its use.

CBF - Implementation plan 1/2

- Custodian: **Eurostat** is the custodian of the classification.
- Correspondence tables: Eurostat works on the creation of correspondence tables linking CBF to various other statistics (currently foreseen for 2024, correspondences to NACE and ISIC are already available)
- Further development: Eurostat will explore further developing the implementation of the CBF in statistical manuals and frameworks, especially its use in GVC and international sourcing surveys.

CBF - Implementation plan 2/2

- First implementation: Eurostat will implement the CBF in the next [Global Value Chain \(GVC\) survey](#), to be carried out in 2024 in all EU and some EFTA countries (results available at the end of 2025).
- GVC survey, we will have data on
 - persons employed by business functions
 - international sourcing of business functions
 - information on enterprise GVC arrangements
- Data will cover the reference period 2021-2023 and enterprises in NACE Rev. 2 sections B to N, which have more than 50 employees

Thank you

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