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Preface

Dear Reader,

this is our eleventh Strategy and Programme Plan and we have a special birthday to celebrate: The present edition is the tenth to include a programme covering a period of several years. 2006 was the first year in which the Plan set out a four-year work programme of official statistics and the Federal Statistical Office's strategic orientation.

We have come a long way since then, and not only as regards the subject matter. The publication format has also been modified over the years. Some things have remained unchanged, however. The Strategy and Programme Plan continues to provide a topical overview of federal statistics – concisely yet comprehensively, and offering an outlook on the next few years.

Like previous editions, it describes how the system of federal statistics works, how the statistical offices in Germany collaborate and who the Federal Statistical Office's partners are at the national, European and international levels. These introductory explanations are given in chapter one.

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

Those interested in a more than cursory overview of the data we offer, will find every one of the nearly 380 sets of statistics for federal purposes in chapter three, together with information, for instance, on the number of responding units, on whether administrative data are used or primary data are collected, and on how often we provide results. This publication will also help those working more intensively 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.

The Strategy and Programme Plan is an electronic publication. If you would prefer us to send you a printed copy, please let us know.

Wiesbaden, May 2016



Dieter Sarreither
President of the Federal Statistical Office



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

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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 European Union (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 EU) 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

statistics. Thus, for instance, the Deutsche Bundesbank compiles monetary, currency and balance of payments statistics and the Federal Employment Agency provides several statistics on the labour market. In general, these statistics are obtained by evaluating the data material which accrues as a by-product in the usual work (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.

One focus of the work of the Federal Statistical Office is research and the development of new methods and techniques regarding federal statistics. New data requirements often emanate from 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.

It is usually the statistical offices of the Länder that are responsible for collecting and processing data in due time. 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 federal 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 co-ordinate 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 micro-data has increasingly gained in importance. This is done by the “research data centres”, which are attached both to the Federal Statistical Office and the statistical offices of the Länder.

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.

The statistical offices of the Länder 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⁾

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 processes the statistical data for other offices. This is based on Article 3a, which was inserted into the Federal Statistics Law in June 2005. Article 16, paragraph 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.

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.

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. The “Strategic Priority Plan” comprises measures defined and planned jointly by the statistical offices for selected action areas and related goals. Their implementation across the whole network of statistical offices is managed by the Board of Directors (ALG FS), which was established in 2011 (see chart “Bodies“ on page 15).

In 2014 the “Master Plan for a Reform of Official Statistics“ was finally evaluated. As part of that evaluation the statistical offices of the Federation and the Länder decided to integrate the continuation of persisting tasks and the further development of official statistics into the “**Strategic Priority Plan**”.

1)) The Bavarian Statistical Office is the oldest Land statistical office still existing on German soil, it was founded 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.

These measures, of which there are about 40 now, mainly concern the overall quality of federal and European statistics and 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 subject of “optimised co-operation“, which means cross-office fulfilment of tasks, also continues to play an important part.

Process of statistical production

The quality of statistical data depends not least on how the process of production is organised. The bodies of official statistics aim to standardise and thus optimise essential sub-processes of statistical production.

The basis for outlining the standardisation is the **Generic Statistical Business Process Model (GSBPM)**. It was developed by a joint working group of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE – see chart on page 25), Eurostat and the OECD. It breaks the processes of statistical production down into eight phases and a total of 44 sub-processes (see chart on page 14). Hence, the GSBPM describes the typical process for producing statistics, irrespective of the methodology, the survey content or specific features of the statistics. The **Business Process Model of Official Statistics (GMAS)** builds upon the breakdown into the above phases and sub-processes and translates the GSBPM into the processes of statistics production at the statistical offices – in terms of both language and content.

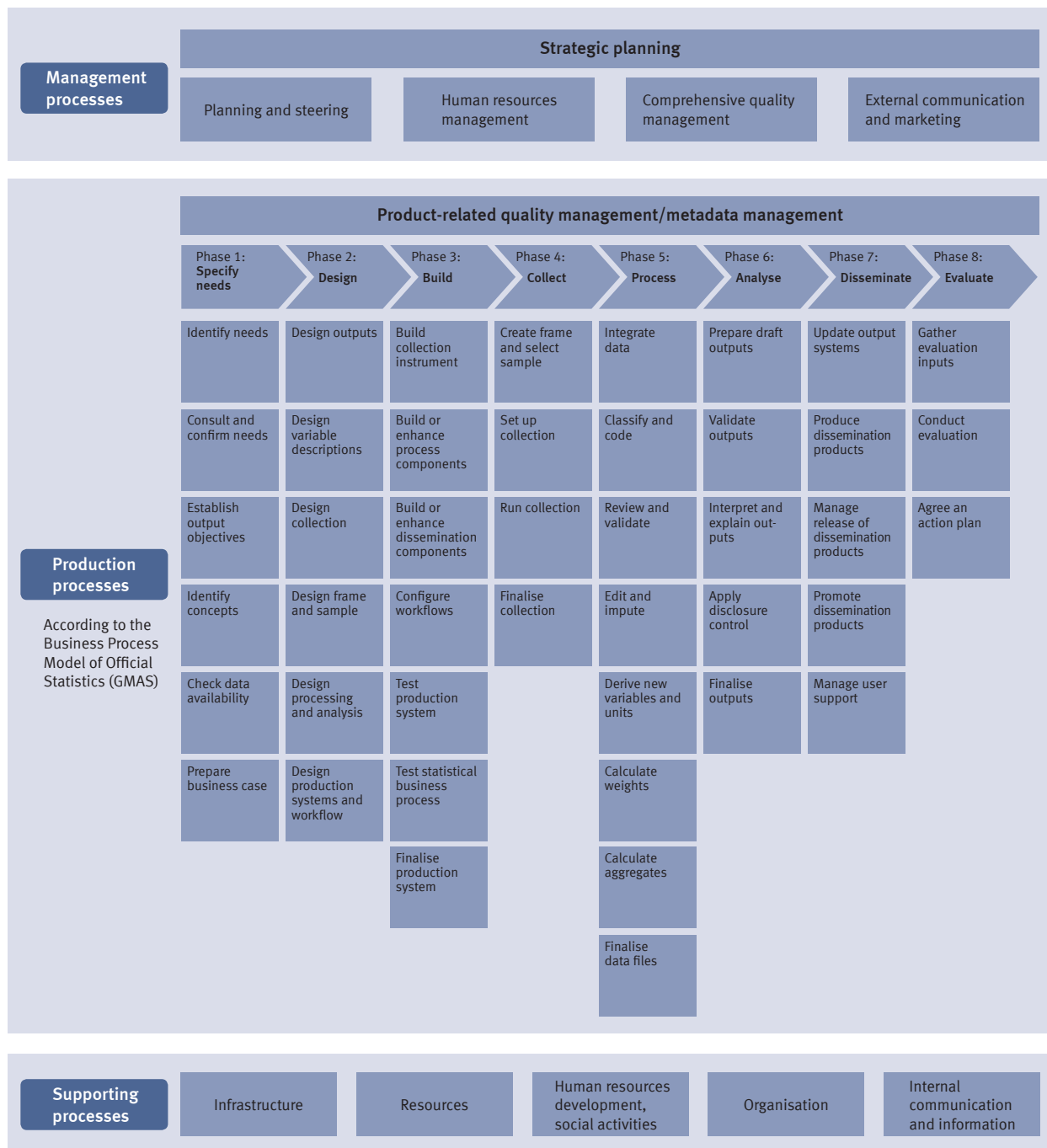
To implement the standardisation of processes, cross-cutting procedures are developed and cross-cutting tools are prepared for those sub-processes which are identical or similar in many statistics. This is to support the work of the specialised departments at the statistical offices in the best possible way and disburden them in the long run.

The starting point of the GSBPM 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. During the entire production process, the quality of outputs and products generated is considered in accordance with a general quality framework and with what is expected in terms of output. The information obtained can thus serve as an input for the overarching quality management process. Finally, using the descriptive metadata and informative comparisons, the data collected are further processed into statistical 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 overarching management and supporting processes which are indispensable for the functioning of any production and which accompany the production process on a continuous basis. The supporting processes comprise, for instance, resource administration, education

and training, and the settling of legal issues. The overarching management processes include, among others, the definition of a strategy and the comprehensive quality management, which serves as a control tool for total quality management (TQM).

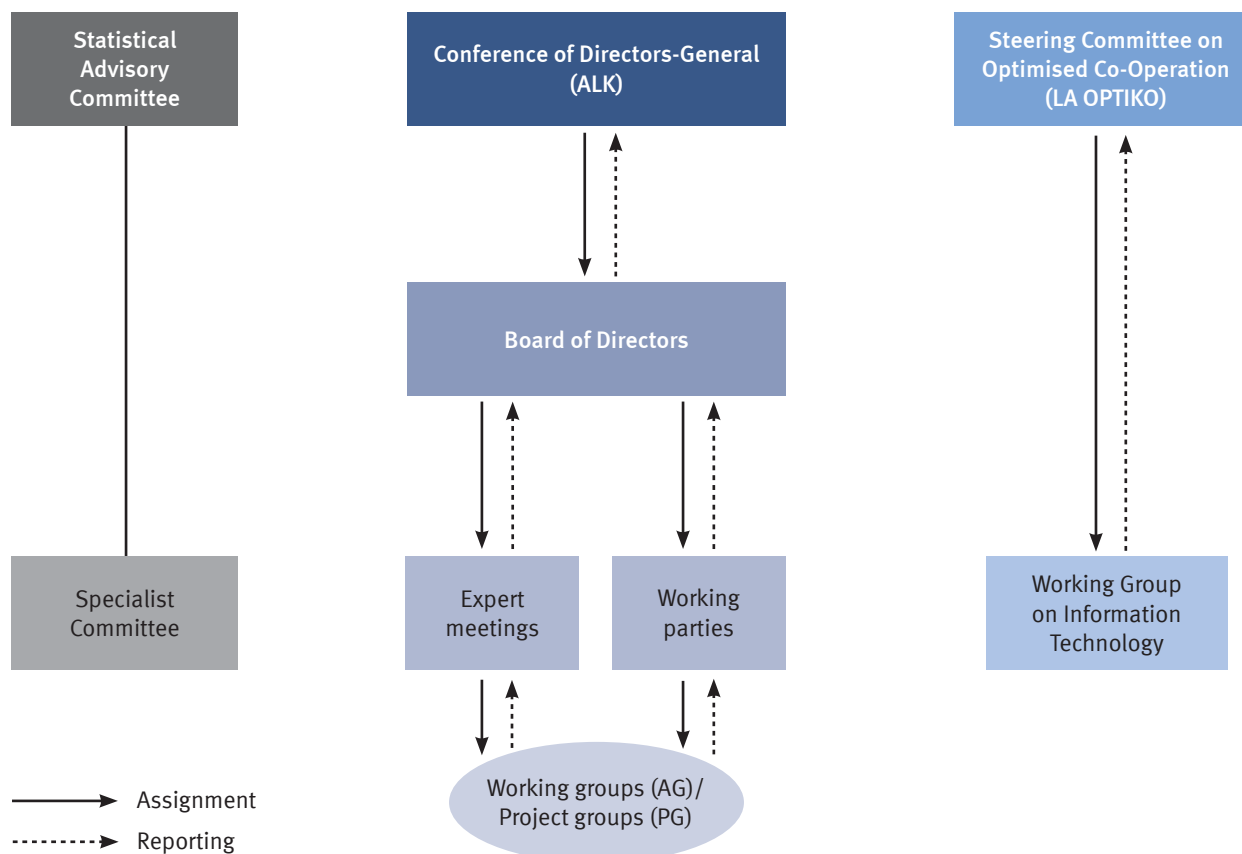
Sub-processes of statistical production



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 **Conference of Directors-General (ALK)** discusses matters of principle regarding the co-operation between the statistical offices of the Länder and the Federal Statistical Office.

At **expert meetings (RBs)**, specialists from the statistical offices of the Länder and the Federation discuss specific questions referring to individual sets of statistics.

The **Board of Directors (ALG FS)** is a link between the expert meetings and the Conference of Directors-General. It has a co-ordinating function, the task to resolve conflicts and the power to take decisions.

Working parties (AK) deal with tasks concerning several sets of statistics and/or cross-cutting topics and can be established by the ALK or the ALG FS. **Working groups (AG)** deal with special issues and central tasks and are established for an unlimited period of time. **Project groups (PG)** work on specific projects for a limited period of time; once the objective is achieved the project group is dissolved. Both bodies may be established by the ALK, the ALG FS, working parties and meetings of experts to deal with special issues and central tasks.

Upon completion of programme planning by the Conference of Heads of the Statistical Offices, the **Steering Committee on Optimised Co-operation (LA OPTIKO)** set up for supporting cross-office co-operation will determine the tasks to be accomplished in line with the model of optimised co-operation.

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

March 2016



The Federal Statistical Office has some 2,270 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 in March 2016).

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). On 1 January 2016, the BIT, the Federal Institute for IT Services (DLZ-IT) and the Data Processing and Information Technology Centre (ZIVIT) joined to form a new central IT provider of the Federation, the Federal Information Technology Centre (ITZBund). The ITZBund is under the administrative responsibility of the Federal Ministry of Finance. The staff members of the Federal Statistical Office who have so far carried out that work transfer to the

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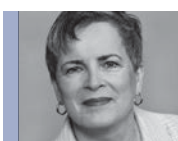
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Culture, Justice

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BIT/ITZBund. 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.

Except for a few sections or persons, the employees of Departments A to F 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. There is a system of joint administra-

tion involving the Federal Statistical Office, the **Federal Institute for Population Research** in Wiesbaden and the **Federal Institute of Sport Science** in Bonn.

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 eight 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

The "Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on European statistics" is the counterpart of the German Federal Statistics Law. It establishes rules for the co-operation 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.

This revision has important elements apart from strengthening ESS governance:

1. clarify the co-ordination role of the NSIs
2. ensure the professional independence of the NSIs and their heads
3. use the "Commitments on Confidence in Statistics" as a basis for implementing the Code of Practice
4. use administrative data more frequently

Statistical bodies of the EU

The main body of the ESS is the **European Statistical System Committee (ESS Committee – ESSC)**, which is chaired by Eurostat and encompasses the heads of the national statistical institutes of the Member States. The ESSC comments on the annual and multi-annual statistical programmes as well as on the establishment of priorities and discusses strategic issues of the ESS. Also, the ESSC participates in preparing implementing acts of the Commission. Furthermore, the ESSC 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), the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) and Switzerland participate as observers in the meetings of the ESSC.

An important preparatory body for the ESSC 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 ESSC. From May 2012 to the end of 2013, the President of the Federal Statistical Office was a member of the Partnership Group.

The **Conference of the Directors General of National Statistical Institutes of the European Union (DGINS)** is an annual conference dealing, in seminar form, with current strategic issues (that part is for the heads of the statistical institutes only) and one selected specialised topic. Every year the conference is hosted by a different EU Member State. In 2016 the DGINS will take place in Vienna, Austria.

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 limited to three years. Günter Kopsch, former Head of Department at the Federal Statistical Office, is the German Board member.

Issues of co-ordination between the ESS and the European System of Central Banks (ESCB) are discussed by the **Committee on Monetary, Financial and Balance of Payments Statistics (CMFB)**. It 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 "European Statistical Forum" (ESF) set up in 2013 is to improve the co-operation between the European Statistical System (ESS) and the European System of Central Banks (ESCB) at the strategic level, aiming to ensure the coher-

ence of macroeconomic statistics, avoid duplication of effort and minimise the burden on respondents. The co-operation is based on the Memorandum of Understanding concluded between the ESS and the ESCB in April 2013. The ESF meets once a year, coinciding alternately with ESS Committee or ESCB Statistics Committee sessions. It discusses strategic topics within the province of the statistical institutes and central bank statistics. When the ESF was founded, the Committee on Monetary, Financial and Balance of Payments Statistics became the operational arm of the ESF as regards the strategic co-operation of the ESS and the ESCB. The ESF adopts a joint work programme which is then implemented by the CMFB as the operational platform of the co-operation between the ESS and the ESCB. The ESF is composed of an equal number of ESS and ESCB representatives. Its members are, for each Member State, the head of the national statistical institute and a representative of the relevant central bank and, in addition, a representative of Eurostat and another of the European Central Bank.

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 ESSC 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 ESSC.

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 European 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. Compliance with the Code of Practice is monitored by a number of measures which include self-assessments of the statistical institutes and also mutual audits by experts (peer reviews). Great importance is attached to the peer reviews when it comes to improving the quality and independence of the ESS. The first round of peer reviews took place from 2006 to 2008. The second round of peer reviews was conducted from 2013 to 2015 on the basis of the experience collected in the first round.

Contrary to the first peer review round (2006-2008), the new round covered all 15 principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice and integrated other national data producers into the review process. The peer reviews officially started on 20 December 2013 when self-assessment questionnaires were distributed. The peer reviewers visited the Federal Statistical Office of Germany in the first week of December 2014. The work of the Federal Statistical Office and the statistical offices of the Länder was evaluated as well as that of two national data producers (Federal Employment Agency and Federal Motor Transport Authority).

In all, Germany received 28 recommendations for a better implementation of the European Statistics Code of Practice. The peer review of Germany was completed by submitting the planned improvement measures for implementing the peer review recommendations.

The peer review report and the improvement measures for Germany were published on the Eurostat website on 23 April 2015. Eurostat will annually check the implementation of the measures from 2016 as after the first round of peer reviews.

Since 2009, Eurostat has evaluated in an annual monitoring round the progress which the Member States made in implementing the principles of the Code of Practice. This is to be continued after the peer review teams will have prepared recommendations for the Member States.

Initiatives for the further development of the ESS

The “ESS Vision 2020“ is a joint action paper of the European Statistical System (ESS). It is the response of the ESS stakeholders (Eurostat and the national statistical institutes of the Member States) to the challenges which official statistics is facing. According to the Vision, these challenges are presented by digitisation and the related “data revolution“. Globalisation processes have an impact on statistical processes, too, and they necessitate new indicators (for instance, of sustainable development, demography). The official statistics authorities are also facing the challenge of having to provide good quality in times of ever scarcer resources and funds. Last but not least, the Vision deals with the future of the European Union as a whole in a “period of crisis management“.

The Vision is to develop the ESS further while taking the challenges into consideration. The main issues here are promoting and strengthening quality and efficiency as well as proactivity and statistical competence. The Vision also raises the question of what “European statistics“ should be like in 2020 and what the ESS should have achieved by then.

These are the five key areas of the ESS Vision 2020:

1. identifying user needs and co-operation with stakeholders
2. quality management
3. new data sources
4. efficient and robust statistical processes
5. dissemination and communication

The ESS Vision 2020 entered its implementation phase immediately after the ESSC meeting in May 2014. Implementation is effected through selected projects, the Vision Implementing Projects (ESS.VIPs). New projects in the fields of big data, digital communication and analysis of user needs supplement the work portfolio. Instead of launching a separate project for the cross-cutting subject of quality management, a common framework for further work was created across all projects (Quality in the ESS Vision). Continuous prioritising of the projects will be required to ensure that the work portfolio remains restricted to what can possibly be done. An estimate of the implementation costs has yet to be provided.

The implementation projects will be realised as part of the multi-annual “**European Statistical Programme 2013–2017**”. The Commission plans to extend the multi-annual programme up to 2020 in order to synchronise the European Statistical Programme with the EU Multiannual Financial Framework for the years 2014–2020 (MFF). This also makes it possible to take adequate account of the five objectives of the “ESS Vision 2020”. The ESSC expressed its general support on the occasion of the 26th session in September 2015.

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 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.

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 credibility 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 sustainability.

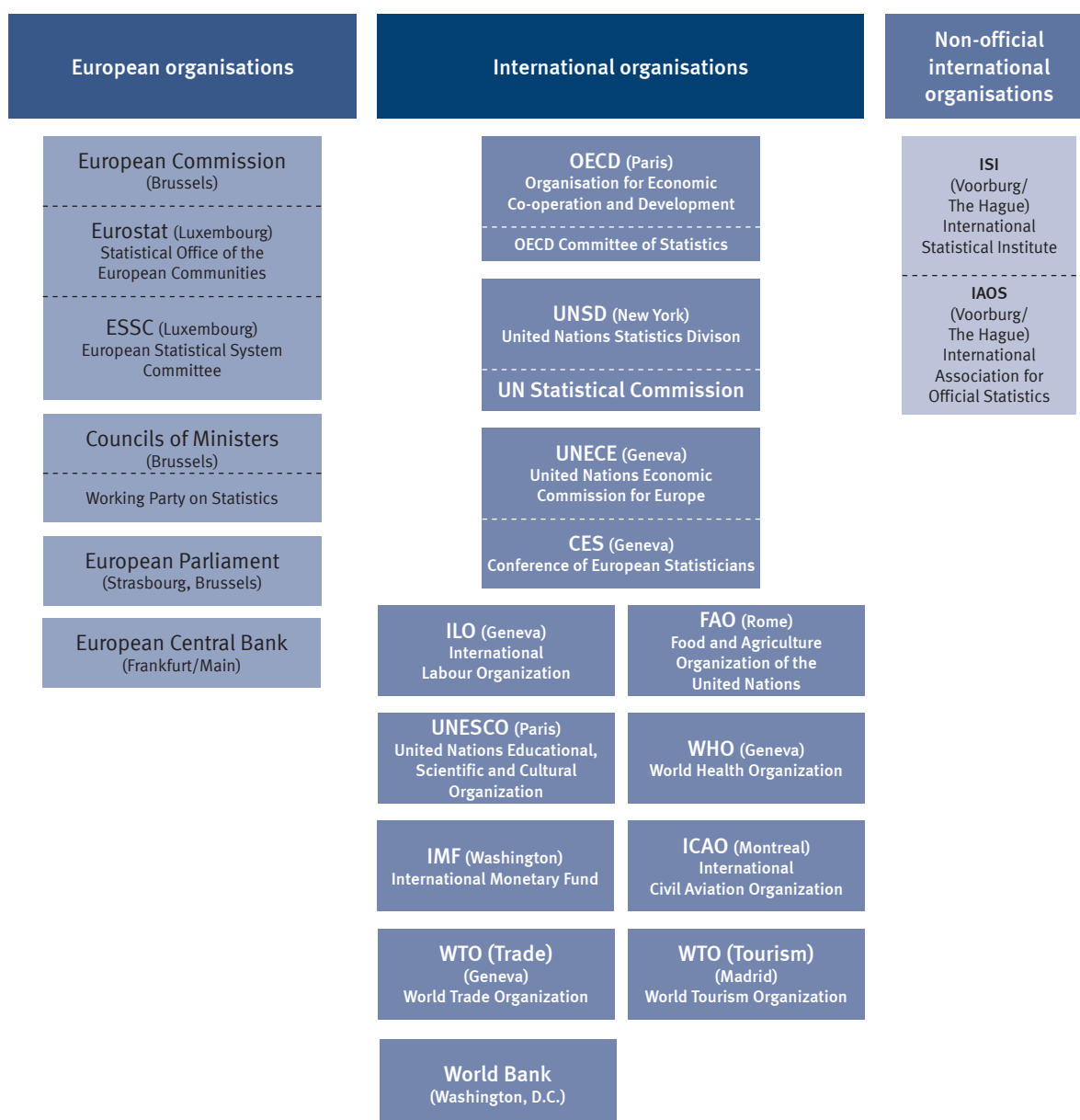
Building upon the internationally agreed Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) which expired at the end of 2015, the United Nations (UN) decided to launch another political initiative on sustainable development (SDGs/post-2015) at their Conference held in Rio de Janeiro from 20 to 22 June 2012 (“Rio+20”). This initiative entitled “**2030 Agenda for Sus-**

tainable Development” was adopted by the United Nations on 25 September 2015. It comprises 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Compliance with the Agenda will be monitored by an indicator framework with a large number of indicators, which is presently being developed.

The central statistical body for globally harmonised concepts, methods and classifications at 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

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



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 (UNECE). 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 and Statistical Policy (CSSP³⁾) to discuss strategic and subject-related issues. The annual plenary sessions of CSSP and CES are always held back to back, with the venue alternating between OECD headquarters in Paris and UNECE headquarters in Geneva. Until the end of 2015 the President of the Federal Statistical Office also was a member of the CSSP Bureau. The CSSP 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 2017 ISI World Congress will be held in Marrakesch, Marokko.

Since December 2015 the Federal Statistical Office has also been a member of the IAOS Executive Committee (sub-organisation of the ISI - International Association for Official Statistics).

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”).

3) The OECD Committee on Statistics (CSTAT) was renamed Committee on Statistics and Statistical Policy (CSSP) on 1 January 2014.

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Corporate vision and strategy of the Federal Statistical Office

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The Federal Statistical Office's set of values is based on two pillars: its corporate vision and its strategy. They determine both the status quo and the objectives to be attained.

The **corporate vision** of the Federal Statistical Office was updated in spring 2015.

The **strategy** was last revised in autumn 2015 at the closed conference of the senior management.

Corporate vision

The **corporate vision** contains the constant value orientation of the Federal Statistical Office.

In concise form, the **vision** describes the fundamental orientation to which the Federal Statistical Office adapts continuously. Thus the existing potential for development is considered. The corporate vision comprises the **self-image** of the Federal Statistical Office, its **mission** and the **basic principles of leadership and co-operation**.

Our vision:

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

Our self-image:

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.

In principle, the **mission** of the Federal Statistical Office is laid down by law (see chapter 1.0). The following sections describe how the Federal Statistical Office fulfils that mission and performs the related tasks.

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.

The **basic principles of leadership and co-operation** reflect the Federal Statistical Office's concept of leadership behaviour and teamwork.

They were developed jointly by the management and working levels. Interested colleagues had the opportunity to comment on and assess a first draft of the basic principles using a wiki on the intranet. After the results had been evaluated, a final version of the basic principles was drafted. That version was once again discussed internally and finally adopted in May 2015.

The objectives described provide guidance to all staff members of the Federal Statistical Office as to how they should interact with one another.

Basic principles of leadership and co-operation

The following statements are to explain how we want to treat each other. They are objectives that are to provide guidance.

We, the executives of the Federal Statistical Office, ...

- ... are aware of our role model position and act accordingly!
- ... are co-operative leaders who react reasonably to the situation!

- ... motivate, challenge and support our staff members in accordance with their skills and potential and promote gender equality!

- ... recognise and counteract excessive or insufficient workloads!

We, the staff members of the Federal Statistical Office, ...

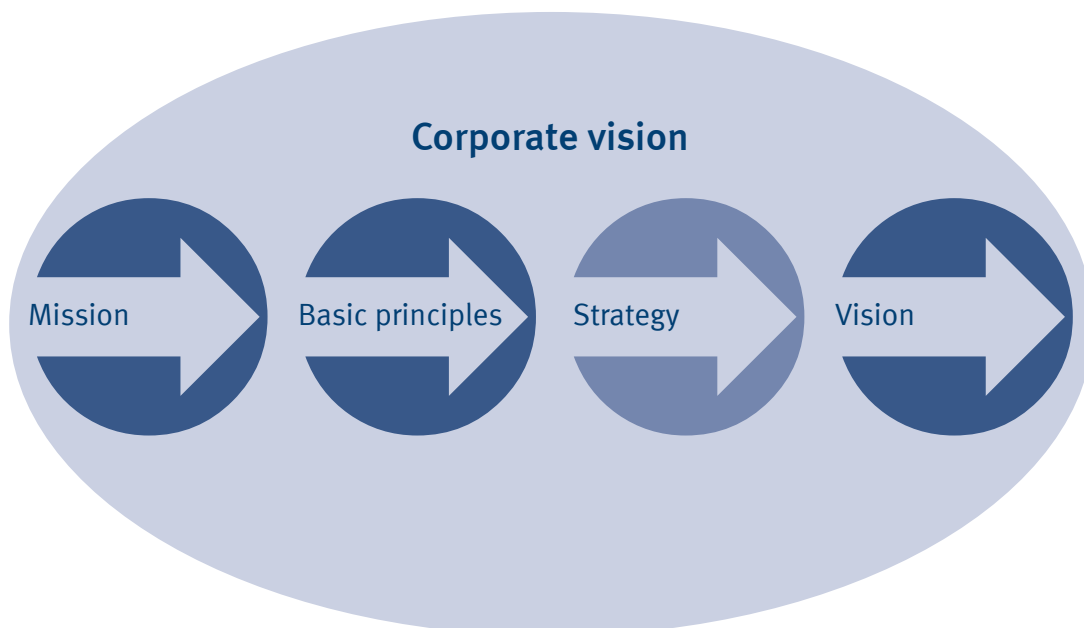
- ... commit ourselves to achieving the work objectives of our unit!
- ... are open to change!
- ... accept leadership by others and act loyally!

We all ...

- ... are able to work in a team and contribute to a friendly and congenial working atmosphere!
- ... co-operate with one another on the basis of trust and reliability!
- ... respect the different views, working situations and ways of living of our colleagues!
- ... are able to handle conflicts and solve problems in a topic-oriented manner!

An extended and more specific version of the corporate vision's basic principles is contained in the Human Resources Development Concept.

Corporate vision and strategy of the Federal Statistical Office in co-operation



Strategy

The Heads of the Office have last revised the strategy in co-operation with the heads of department at the closed conference of the senior management in autumn 2015.

As a consequence, the focus will shift towards communication with and perception by the outside world.

In a future-oriented and knowledge-based society, plans are made, decisions are taken and the decisions' success is evaluated on the basis of facts. As the leading provider of high-quality statistical information about Germany, the Federal Statistical Office plays an important role and aims to further increase its profile and visibility. The title "official" is a unique feature of our data, which comply with the principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice.

2020 Communication Strategy of the Federal Statistical Office

1. Strengthening the brand of "official statistics"

We strive to further raise the profile of official statistics. To reinforce trust in official statistics, we emphasise our quality standard and quality management. In particular the quality of our data and our independence are recognised by users. We promote the re-use of official data by third parties in accordance with the principles of the Open-Data-Charta. The reference to "Statistisches Bundesamt" serves both as a brand name and as a seal of quality.

2. Easier access

We continuously improve the accessibility of the information we offer. Our central statistical information system (GENESIS-Online) is user-friendly and presents the results of official statistics at federal and regional level. Our data are made available through readily accessible interfaces (open data). The digital information we offer is presented in a media-friendly format to support a variety of devices and can be easily accessed by popular search engines. We offer our information on platforms used by the target groups of our users.

3. Meeting the needs of target groups

We provide high-quality data on social, economic and ecological issues to our target users and promote their understanding of statistics. In addition to the general public, our target users comprise policy-makers and administration, the media, businesses and associations, the scientific and research communities as well as students and respondents. We analyse their diverse information needs. Modern market observation and monitoring instruments are employed for the analysis. We use a range of different communication channels to reach our target users, and we adjust the information and services we offer to their changing requirements. Competent staff are available to answer questions and provide advice.

4. Broadening the dialogue

We use forums and social media to communicate with our target users. The users' needs and ideas are taken into account in refining the range of information and services we offer.

5. Improving comprehensibility

Our information is provided in clear and comprehensible language and we use innovative forms of visualisation. In addition, we offer comprehensive information about the statistical methods and techniques applied.

The **action areas** essentially determine the path of future development. They are specified by strategic goals revised annually and corresponding actions. Thus the Federal Statistical Office is getting closer and closer to its vision. A regular strategy check makes it possible to identify new or changing challenges and adjust the focus accordingly. The above-mentioned communication goals, for example, form part of the overall strategy especially via the action areas of “quality”, “professional independence” and “partners”.

Action areas and strategic goals of the Federal Statistical Office

Quality

We meet the needs of our users and prepare our products in such a way that they fulfil the quality criteria of relevance, accuracy and reliability, timeliness and punctuality, coherence and comparability, accessibility and clarity. Our commitment to high quality standards includes the improvement of methodology and processes, and data security.

Strategic goal

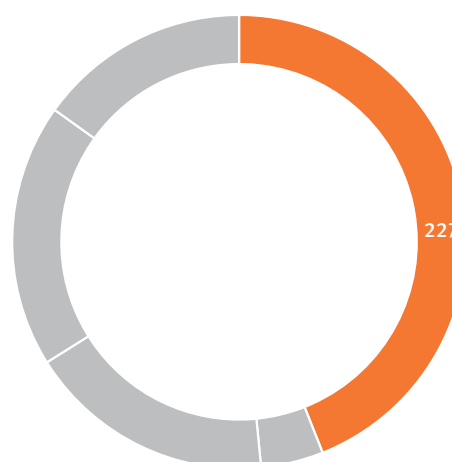
- Q1** We ensure the attractiveness of the products we offer by means of innovations.
- Q2** We ensure the high validity of our data during the entire data creation process.
- Q3** We create coherence in our results and between the methods, concepts and definitions applied.
- Q4** We improve the accessibility and comprehensibility of our information.
- Q5** We guarantee the confidentiality, integrity and availability of our data.
- Q6** We identify data needs in good time and ensure the relevance of the products we offer.

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

- carry out the project on “further development of the system of household statistics“
- 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)
- test instruments for surveying the labour market situation of immigrants as part of the labour force survey and conduct a pilot study of the work and family balance

- establish and conduct a quarterly survey of financial transactions (in the sphere of public finance statistics) and publish its results
- revise the methodological descriptions for national accounts (NA) in accordance with the European System of Accounts 2010 (ESA 2010)
- develop globalisation indicators further and publish them
- inform comprehensively and in an appealing form about the major sets of indicators for measuring the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- participate in the preparation of a quality report on the data quality in European national accounts (NA) to be submitted to the European Commission
- prepare a “generic IT security concept for the statistical offices of the Federation and the Länder“
- develop confidentiality concepts for processing geo-referenced data in the form of maps and a strategy for introducing their release
- revise the “Facts and Figures“ section of the website of the Federal Statistical Office in line with user requirements and reduce the workload of the information service
- develop a procedure for an early identification of information requirements (demand planning)
- create a concept for identifying problems which may interfere with the completion of tasks, taking precautions and reacting adequately.

Number of measures to the action area “Quality”



Professional independence

We develop, produce and disseminate our statistics respecting scientific independence and in an objective, professional and transparent manner. In doing so, we treat all users equitably.

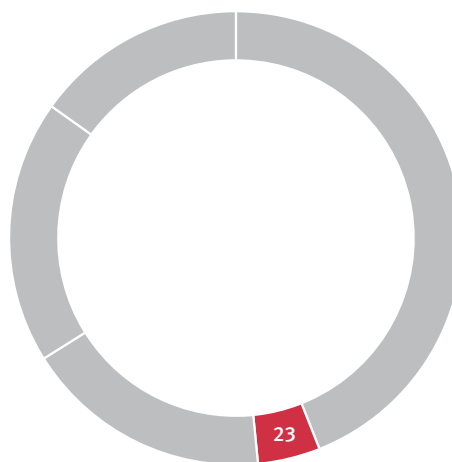
Strategic goal

- I1 We work towards an improvement of the conditions set for federal statistics.
- I2 We have unrestricted access to all micro data of federal statistics.
- I3 We strengthen the brand of “official statistics”.

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

- develop a concept for directly conveying the unique attribute of “official” statistics both in-house and to the outside world
- adapt and rebuild the system of hospital statistics so that the actual situation in in-patient healthcare is again completely reflected and all issues can be handled with the required detail
- introduce quality data sheets in the system of statistical offices for statistics which are in the focus of interest in Europe
- encourage a more frequent use of geodata in the processing, analysis and dissemination of official statistic

Number of measures to the action area
“Professional independence“



Cost effectiveness

We shape our processes to use staff, financial and IT resources effectively and efficiently.

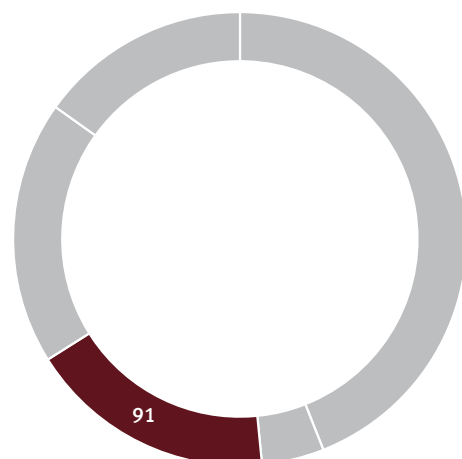
Strategic goal

- E1** We create room for manoeuvre by modifying our methods, procedures and structures.
- E2** We standardise our processes.
- E3** We study alternative data sources to identify cost-effective potential.
- E4** We digitise our administrative procedures.

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

- develop population statistics further for the purpose of determining population figures in future
- reprogram IT applications for business statistics in the sphere of energy and maritime transport
- develop cost-of-illness accounts further as framework conditions have changed
- develop an automatic IT-based system for deriving EU excessive deficit procedure data
- create country profiles of all UN states automatically
- introduce an IT architecture management system for the IT applications of statistics
- concentrate the development and documentation of methodological standards and guidelines for data editing in a centre of excellence
- develop a web-based survey instrument (mixed-mode surveys)
- analyse sources of big data with a view to their economic potential (participation in the ESS Task Force on Big Data)
- meet new demands placed on the GENESIS system to increase its attractiveness and use within the system of official statistics
- introduce an electronic procurement workflow

Number of measures to the action area
“Cost effectiveness“



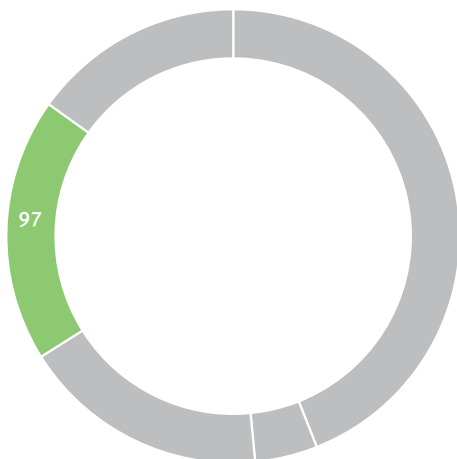
Partners

We maintain the partnerships we have established at national and international level, to jointly safeguard the statistical system and develop it further. Respondents are indispensable partners to us whose interests we take into account.

Strategic goal

- P1 We participate in political, social and scientific dialogue on the basis of our specialist competence, impartiality and objectivity.
- 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 aware of the burden placed on respondents and reduce that workload.
- P5 We increase respondents' willingness to participate.
- P6 We use the innovative power of science.
- P7 We take an active part in shaping the cooperation with the Federal Information Technology Centre (ITZBund).

Number of measures to the action area
"Partners"



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

- participate actively in the implementation of the 2020 ESS Vision
- participate in the selection and definition of an indicator system to be able to monitor progress made in the field of sustainable development (UN Sustainable Development Goals)
- co-ordinate all activities performed at national level to develop, prepare and disseminate European statistics
- contribute to the development of cross-cutting indicator sets for "Living well – Quality of life in Germany"
- prepare a manual for the recently included balance sheet item by sectors of the ESA 2010 transmission programme in co-operation with the OECD Task Force on land and other non-financial assets – Manual on Inventories
- prepare the implementation of FRIBS (Framework Regulation Integrating Business Statistics)
- prepare the 2021 Census
- provide gross earnings data from the structure of earnings survey for an assessment of minimum wage
- contribute to the improvement of the Kazakh statistical system by means of the World Bank funded project so as to further adjust the system to international standards
- manage the Conference of the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth (IARIW) in 2016
- analyse the use of simulation and model calculations (feasibility study on the establishment of a centre of excellence for the purpose)
- set up a monitoring system for the co-operation with the Federal Information Technology Centre (ITZ Bund)
- introduce IT change management and tool support

Staff

We ensure efficiency by promoting the creativity, competence and customer focus of all staff members.

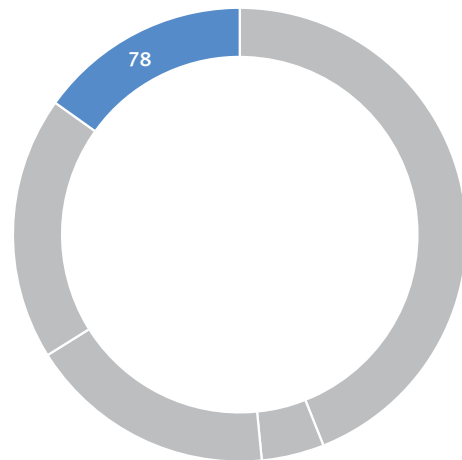
Strategic goal

- S1 We improve our attractiveness as an employer.
- S2 We shape development and change processes jointly.
- S3 We actively improve our competence.

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

- develop options as to how the sharing of family chores by men and women as partners can be supported under the equal opportunities plan 2016–2019
- reorganise health management at the Federal Statistical Office
- conclude an in-house service agreement on mobile working at the Federal Statistical Office
- conduct a comprehensive analysis of competence and manpower requirements at the Federal Statistical Office to safeguard the existing basis of expert labour and recruit qualified junior staff
- impart skills for the use of new mathematical statistical methods
- introduce project mentoring for a systematic exchange of experience on project management

Number of measures to the action area
“Staff“



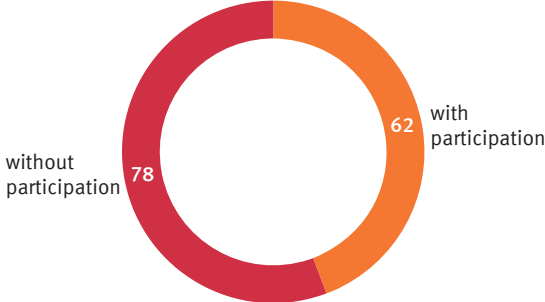
Strategy: Action areas and goals

Measures 2016 – 2020 by goals

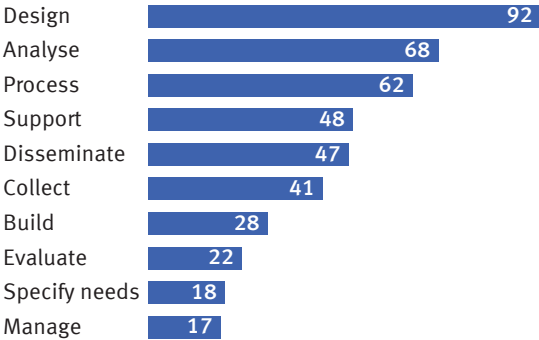
(total 140 measures, multiple responses were possible)



Number of measures with/without participation of the statistical offices of the Länder



Measures by processes (multiple responses were possible)





3.0

Programme for the period 2016 to 2020



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The work programme

The work programme (of the statistical offices of the Federation and the Länder) for the years 2016 to 2020 comprises 378 sets of statistics (March 2016). **About two thirds of these statistics are decentralised**, they are in line with the principle of regional decentralisation and the related division of labour in the FSO/LSOs system (see chapter 1.0 “The Federal Statistical Office as an integral part of the German and European Statistical Systems”).

Not for all sets of statistics is the required information obtained by means of data collection, there are various options: survey, calculation and register. **About three fourths of the just under 400 sets of statistics are based on surveys.** The statistical offices of the Länder or the Federal Statistical Office collect the data directly for slightly more than half of these 308 sets of statistics (primary surveys). In the other cases, the statistical offices only capture data for the respective statistics which originally had been collected for other than statistical purposes (secondary survey). The statistical offices use data here that are already available from administrative processes.

Calculations account for nearly one sixth of the work programme. No data are collected for that purpose as these are evaluation processes. New statistical information is obtained from survey results by using many different computation and estimation procedures. **There are six registers which are collections of data primarily used to support the data collection process but to some extent also for evaluation purposes.** All of them are maintained decentrally.

Information on the work programme

The work programme has been structured by products. The product areas presented are, first, “questions of principle, research and development in federal statistics” (chapter 3.1), second, “statistics production” (chapter 3.2) and “statistics dissemination and communication” (chapter 3.3) and, third in chapter 3.4, “internal 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 were incurred within a product class. For example, the primary costs of the product class “Foreign trade” do not include the costs of infrastructure services that are provided so that the respective services can be delivered – 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 “Foreign trade”.

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 chapter 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 “questions of principle, research and development in federal statistics”, “statistics production” and “statistics dissemination and communication” described in chapter 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 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 (chapter 3.2) is further described by the following characteristics:

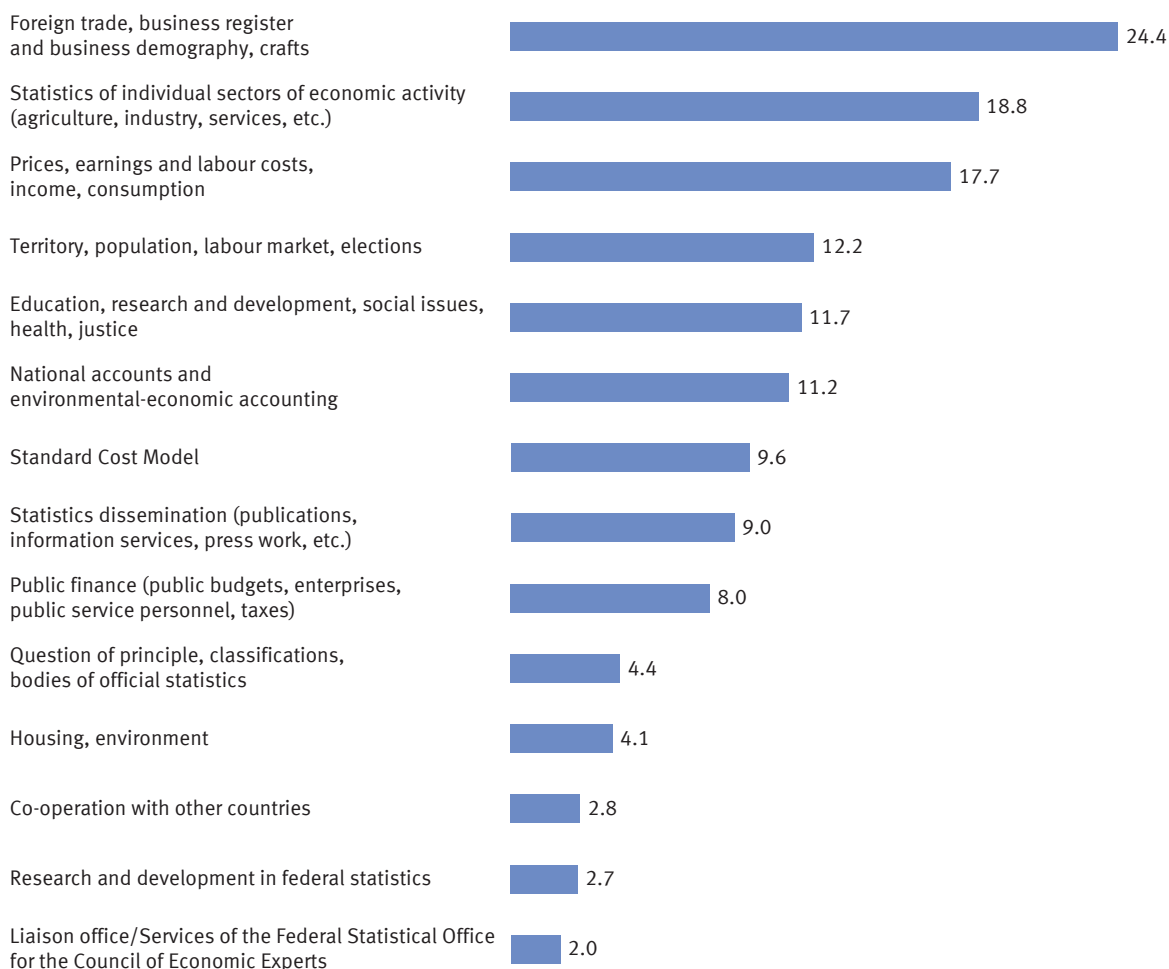
- **EVAS:** Number of the relevant statistics according to the “Integrated List of All Statistics Compiled by the Federal Statistical Office and the Statistical Offices of the Länder” (EVAS).

- **Type of task:** A distinction is made between primary surveys (data are collected 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.
- **Responding units:** For primary surveys, number of responding units (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 “other activities” or “additional actions”. The purpose of the additional actions is to achieve the strategic goals.

Product groups of the Federal Statistical Office and their respective total costs, 2015 (EUR mn)





3.1

Questions of principle, research and development in federal statistics

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Contact: Marion Engelter, Bernd Störtzbach

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

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

Primary costs

2014: EUR 2,147,000
2015: EUR 1,800,000

Total costs

2014: EUR 3,084,000
2015: EUR 2,581,000

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
12101000	National co-ordination	<p>System and programme of federal statistics: Preparation of decisions on questions of principle of federal statistics and analyses regarding the programme</p> <hr/> <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> <hr/> <p>Co-ordination of interdisciplinary activities for federal statistics: Development of interdisciplinary statements and initiatives at the national level</p> <hr/> <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 Directors-General (ALK) – Board of Directors (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	<p>Statistical system of the EU, international statistical systems:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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 – Co-ordination of the activities performed at national level to develop, produce and disseminate European statistics <hr/> <p>Co-ordination of interdisciplinary activities at the supranational and international levels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Development of interdisciplinary statements and initiatives at the supranational and international levels – Co-ordination of data and metadata supplies to the IMF <hr/> <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) – European Statistical Governance Advisory Board (ESGAB) – OECD Statistics Committee – United Nations Statistical Commission – Conference of European Statisticians (CES/UNECE)
12204100	Co-ordination of regional statistics, indicators ¹⁾	<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> <hr/> <p>Indicator systems: Further development of the indicator systems database, co-ordination of interdisciplinary statements and initiatives in the sphere of indicator systems</p>

1) Contact: Thomas Riede.

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
21120110	SteP – Standardisation of the production process ¹⁾	To handle major processes which are part of statistical production, isolated solutions have been prepared for individual statistics. By developing common procedures and techniques, a uniform handling of these partial processes is to be made possible
35105000	Co-ordination of business statistics ²⁾	Co-ordination of the various surveys conducted among enterprises and local units
35290106	Further development of the business statistics programme ²⁾	Further development of the business statistics programme

1) Contact: Frank Genßheimer. – 2) 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
Papers on statistical developments and projects at the national and European levels in the periodical “Wirtschaft und Statistik” (Economy and Statistics)	irregular

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Co-ordination of the national data producers for the ESS	P3	support	1/2011	6/2016	no
Active participation in implementing the ESS Vision 2020	P2	support	1/2015	12/2020	no
Involvement in the preparation of cross-cutting indicator sets for “Living well – Quality of Life in Germany“ ²⁾	Q4; P1; S3	specify needs, design, build, collect, process, analyse, evaluate, support	11/2014	12/2016	no
Preparing recommendations regarding a general strategy for the publication of small-area geo-referenced data for all of Germany ²⁾	Q1, 4; S3	design, build, analyse, disseminate	3/2016	12/2017	yes
Bilateral exchange with other national statistical institutes and continued membership of the UN Statistical Commission and the OECD CSTAT Bureau	P2	specify needs, design, support, manage	1/2012	12/2016	no
Meeting the requirements of the special data dissemination standard plus (SDDS+) of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)	P2	specify needs, support	1/2015	12/2019	no
Publishing a consolidated national statistical work programme including a progress report	I1; P3; S2–3	design, build, collect, process, disseminate, manage	8/2015	6/2018	yes

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2. – 2) Contact: Thomas Riede

Contact: Marion Engelter

Legal matters concerning statistics

Brief description

The preparation and application of relevant legal provisions 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 Federal Statistical Office (FSO) with regard to fundamental questions of statistical law.

Main use

- settling legal issues pertaining to statistical matters

Main users

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

Primary costs

2014: EUR 852,000
2015: EUR 921,000

Total costs

2014: EUR 1,215,000
2015: EUR 1,300,000

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
12106000	Fundamental questions of statistical law	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– 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

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 Federal Statistical Office and the Länder
- statistical institutes of foreign countries
- Eurostat
- OECD
- UN

Primary costs

2014: EUR 1,115,000
2015: EUR 1,280,000

Total costs

2014: EUR 1,602,000
2015: EUR 1,817,000

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> <hr/> <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> <hr/> <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> <hr/> <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> <hr/> <p>Classifications and lists for specific survey purposes: Classifications of the educational sector, Classification of States and Territories and administrative territorial classifications ²⁾, Country Nomenclature for the External Trade Statistics ¹⁾, functional classifications, International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death (ICD) ³⁾, classifications of transport statistics, other classifications and lists</p> <hr/> <p>Classifications of Occupations: Classification of Occupations (KldB), International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO/ISCO-COM)</p> <hr/> <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. – 2) Contact: Stephan Lüken. – 3) Contact: Karin Böhm.

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
Commodity Classification for Foreign Trade Statistics	yearly
Papers on the revision of classifications in the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics)	irregular

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Linking of the classification server to IDEV and further technical developments	Q1, 4; E2	design	1/2012	6/2017	yes

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

Contact: 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.

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 Federal Statistical Office and the Länder

Primary costs

2014: EUR 839,000

2015: EUR 594,000

Total costs

2014: EUR 1,252,000

2015: EUR 891,000

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 ESS</p> <hr/> <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> <hr/> <p>Co-ordination of research and development projects: R&D plan, central contact unit for the federal ministries for statistically relevant research projects</p>
12103100	Surveys under Article 7 of the Federal Statistics Law, demographic and regional standards ¹⁾	Fundamental issues of surveys according to Article 7 of the Federal Statistics Law

1) Contact: Marion Engelter.

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
Implementation of a metadata management system to provide IT support regarding quality data sheets in the FSO/LSOs system ²⁾	Q2, 4-5; E2; P3	design, build, process, analyse, disseminate, evaluate, support	8/2014	6/2017	yes
Study in the research area of microsimulation	Q1, 5; I2; P1, 6; S3	analyse, support	1/2015	12/2017	no
Methods development for mixed mode procedures	Q2; W2; P4	design, collect	11/2014	12/2019	yes
Analysis of big data with a focus on its economic potential	Q1, 3; E1, 3; P2, 4, 6; S2-3	specify needs, design, collect, process, analyse, disseminate, evaluate	1/2015	12/2016	no

1) For an explanation of the goals see Chapter 2. – 2) Contact: Frank Genßheimer.

Contact: *Thomas Riede*

Questionnaire development and pretests for federal statistics

Brief description

In order to improve data quality, experts of federal 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 survey instruments 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 Federal Statistical Office and the the Länder
- respondents

Primary costs

2014:	EUR 981,000
2015:	EUR 1,151,000

Total costs

2014	EUR 1,496,000
2015:	EUR 1,769,000

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. systematic testing of web-based survey instruments from a methodological angle, mixed mode survey designs) – further developing the work with persons obliged to report and with respondents <hr/> <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> <hr/> <p>Development and design of survey instruments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – testing and further developing questionnaire construction methods – central preparation of paper questionnaires – standardising the design of survey instruments – guidelines and instructions for a uniform design of survey instruments

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, methods to ensure statistical confidentiality, imputation procedures and methods 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 Federal Statistical Office and the Länder

Primary costs

2014: EUR 1,281,000

2015: EUR 1,247,000

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

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.
22100220	ESSNET-SDC-II (EU project)	In the sphere of statistical confidentiality, Eurostat concluded a framework partnership agreement with a consortium headed by the national statistical institute of the Netherlands in which the Federal Statistical Office participates. Since that agreement was concluded, two specific grant agreements (SGAs) have been awarded, another one is in preparation. The Federal Statistical Office is or was involved in all three of these projects. The “SGA TOOLS” project, which is currently getting started, covers the maintenance and upkeep of open source tools safeguarding statistical confidentiality (specifically Tau-Argus). Another SGA which will deal with the development of confidentiality concepts for the 2021 Census is in the tendering phase.

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
Further development of the BV4.1 software for component analysis and seasonal adjustment of economic time series	Q1	analyse, support	1/2008	12/2017	no
Concepts to ensure the statistical confidentiality of geo-referenced data processed to be presented in cartographic form	Q5; E2; S3	process	2/2014	3/2017	yes
Building of competence regarding the use of new mathematical- statistical methods in the specialised units	P4; S3	design, build, analyse, support	5/2015	1/2017	yes
Setting up a “Centre of Excellence for Data Editing“	Q2; E2	design, build, process	10/2014	4/2018	yes

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

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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

- Federal Government, federal ministries
- specialised units of the FSO and LSOs
- businesses
- private users, the general public

Primary costs

2014:	EUR 186,000
2015:	EUR 255,000

Total costs

2014:	EUR 271,000
2015:	EUR 367,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
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: *Stefan Dittrich*

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. With its "2011 Census", Germany joined the ten-yearly census rounds which are common practice internationally. In 2013 to 2015, results of that census were published and the procedure was evaluated in detail. In accordance with currently applicable EU regulations, Germany will participate in the next census round of 2021. Methodological and organisational preparations have started in 2015. Further tasks are providing counsel to the national legislator and planning the IT architecture and an expansion of staff numbers.

Main uses

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

Main users

- Federal Government, federal ministries
- European and international organisations
- political parties, associations
- social and economic research institutes
- producers of other specialised statistics
- the media, private users, the general public

Primary costs

2014:	EUR 1,979,000
2015	EUR 1,697,000

Total costs

2014:	EUR 2,798,000
2015:	EUR 2,494,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
12111	Population census	primary survey	decentralised	10-yearly	n. s. ¹⁾

1) The census of buildings and housing will cover about 20 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
The register-based procedure of the 2011 Census	non-recurrent (2011)
2011 Census – Population by sex, age, citizenship, marital status and religious affiliation	non-recurrent (2014)
“Zensus Kompakt” – Results of the 2011 Census in compact form	non-recurrent (2014)
2011 Census – Methods and procedures (joint publication)	non-recurrent (2015)
Papers in the periodical “Wirtschaft und Statistik“ (Economy and Statistics)	irregular
Results by topics: census database at https://ergebnisse.zensus2011.de/	

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Preparation and implementation of the 2021 Census	Q1–2, 4–5; I1; E2–3; P2–6; S2	design, build, collect, process, analyse, disseminate, support, manage	7/2014	12/2018	yes
Preparation and implementation of a concept for setting up and using a permanent address register	Q2; E1	design, build, collect, process, analyse, disseminate	1/2016	12/2019	yes

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

Contact: Anette Stuckemeier

Microcensus

Brief description

The microcensus is the official representative statistics of the population and the labour market and covers 1 percent 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.

Household surveys need to be developed further to ensure that European and national requirements on official household statistics can be complied with in a flexible manner also in the future and data production will remain demand-oriented. For this purpose, a project was initiated in 2012 for the further development of the system of household statistics.

The central idea is redesigning household statistics as an overall system, with household statistics that had formerly been kept rather separately now being covered by a joint survey. The Labour Force Survey of the European Union, LEBEN IN EUROPA (the German Community statistics on income and living conditions – EU-SILC) and information and communication technologies in households (IKT) are household statistics which will be integrated into the microcensus (see also the product class “Voluntary surveys on income, expenditure and living conditions of households”).

Main uses

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

Main users

- federal ministries: BMWi, BMFSFJ, BMG, BMAS, BMBF, BMVBS, BMVI, BMUB, BMI
- European Commission
- social and economic research institutes
- the media, private users, the general public

Primary costs

- 2014: EUR 2,581,000
- 2015: EUR 2,717,000

Total costs

- 2014: EUR 3,796,000
- 2015: EUR 3,940,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
12211	Microcensus standard programme	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	810,000
12212	Microcensus supplementary programme	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	810,000
12221	Household and family statistics	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	810,000

Other activities

KLR no.	Product
12206000	Further development of the system of household statistics/MZ 2020

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 do children live in Germany? etc.)	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 the system of household statistics/MZ 2020	Q3; E2; P3	design	9/2011	3/2020	yes

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

Contact: *Stephan Lüken*

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

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

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

2014:	EUR 1,565,000
2015:	EUR 1,804,000

Total costs

2014:	EUR 2,223,000
2015:	EUR 2,566,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
12411	Current updating of population figures	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
19911	Pilot survey of public service employees with a migrant background	primary survey	centralised	non-recurrent	15

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

Other activities

KLR no.	Product
31290010	Statistics of ethnic German repatriates and asylum-seekers
31241120	Future calculation of the population figure
45620201	Population data in accordance with the usual residence definition: Feasibility studies

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) ¹⁾	non-recurrent
Heading for gender equality? Education, employment and social matters – Differences in the situation of women and men (2014)	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
The German population up to 2060	irregular
Marriages, births and deaths by administrative districts	yearly
Cash insurance values for life annuities	irregular
Classification of Citizenships and Territories	irregular
Period life tables for Germany	yearly
Births in Germany – Facts and figures on the development of births	irregular
Papers in the periodical “Wirtschaft und Statistik” (Economy and Statistics)	yearly

1) 2016 edition in preparation.

Additional actions

Designation	Contri- bution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Partici- pation of LSOs
Expansion of population updates following the 2011 Census: reprogramming of population statistics processing (BASIS+)	Q1–2; E2	design, process	1/2010	6/2018	yes
Further development of population statistics: future calculation of the population figure	Q1–2, 6; I1, 3; E1, 3; P1–3; S2–3	specify needs, design, build, analyse, disseminate	1/2016	12/2018	yes

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



Contact: *Stephan Lüken*

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 social insurance contributions are supplied, among others, as structural data in a detailed subject-related and regional breakdown, and results are provided on unemployed persons.

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

- federal ministries: BMWi, BMAS, BMF
- Federal Employment Agency
- European Commission, Eurostat
- ILO, OECD
- European Central Bank, Deutsche Bundesbank
- economic associations, labour market and economic research institutes, trade unions and employers' associations
- private users, the general public

Primary costs

2014: EUR 1,208,000

2015: EUR 1,111,000

Total costs

2014: EUR 1,746,000

2015: EUR 1,598,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
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 ¹⁾	calculation	centralised	monthly	–
13411	EU Labour Force Survey ²⁾	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	810,000

1) Contact: Albert Braakmann. – 2) Contact: Anette Stuckemeier.

Other activities

KLR no.	Product
45421104	Pilot study on the 2017 ad-hoc module (self-employment) of the labour force survey
45620601	ESSnet Big Data I: Internet-based coverage of vacancies
45830501	Ad-hoc module of the EU, 2016: “Young people on the labour market“ ¹⁾

1) Contact: Anette Stuckemeier.

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 1, series 4	quarterly, yearly
Quality of employment – Earning money and what else counts (2015 edition)	irregular
Labour market at a glance – Germany and Europe (2016 edition)	irregular
Labour markets undergoing change, 2000 to 2009	non-recurrent
The employment accounts of the Federation and the Länder can be accessed via their common statistics portal at www.statistik-portal.de . ¹⁾	quarterly, yearly
Papers in the periodical “Wirtschaft und Statistik” (Economy and Statistics)	irregular

1) Contact: Albert Braakmann.

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Developing and disseminating indicators of the quality of work and of the degree to which the production factor of labour is used	Q1–2, 4; P2	design, analyse, disseminate	1/2010	6/2018	no
Pilot study on the labour force survey module “Reconciliation between work and family life“	Q1–3, 6; P1–2, 4, 6	specify needs, design, build, collect, evaluate	4/2016	12/2016	no
Testing of survey tools for the labour force survey module on the labour market situation of migrants	Q1–3, 6; P1–2, 4, 6	specify needs, design, build, collect, evaluate	9/2016	6/2017	no
Internet-based coverage of vacancies (big data pilot project)	Q1–3, 6; E1, 3; P1–2, 4	specify needs, design, build, collect, process, analyse, evaluate	2/2016	3/2018	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

2014:	EUR 1,325,000
2015:	EUR 956,000

Total costs

2014:	EUR 1,664,000
2015:	EUR 1,270,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
14111	General statistics of elections to the Bundestag	secondary survey	decentralised	4-yearly	61,946,900
14121	Representative statistics of elections to the Bundestag	secondary survey	decentralised	4-yearly	2,478,000
14211	General statistics of elections to the European Parliament	secondary survey	decentralised	5-yearly	61,998,800
14221	Representative statistics of elections to the European Parliament	secondary survey	decentralised	5-yearly	2,547,000

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
Comparative figures of former elections to the Bundestag and Länder 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: Pia Brugger

Education and culture

Brief description

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

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

- BMBF, Land ministries of education
- Standing Conference of Land Ministers of Education (KMK)
- German Science Council, Joint Science Conference (GWK)
- German Rectors' Conference (HRK)
- Eurostat, OECD, UNESCO

Primary costs

2014: EUR 2,493,000

2015: EUR 2,695,000

Total costs

2014: EUR 3,445,000

2015: EUR 3,673,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
21111	Statistics of schools of general education	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	34,500
21121	Statistics of vocational schools	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	8,900
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 of 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	half-yearly	400
21331	Statistics of guest students	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	400
21341	Statistics of personnel and posts	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	400
21351	Statistics of post-doctoral lecturing qualifications	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	400
21352	Doctoral students in Germany (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
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	–
21931	Survey of receipts and expenditures of non-government schools, including schools for nurses, midwives, etc. (Article 7 of the Federal Statistics Law)	primary survey	decentralised	irregular	5,200

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 11, series 1 to 8	yearly
Subject-matter series 14, series 3.6	yearly
Educational status of the population	yearly
Report on education finance	yearly
Institutions of higher education at a glance (2016 edition)	irregular
Vocational training at a glance (2013 edition)	irregular
International education indicators in a comparison between German Länder	yearly
Continuing education	yearly
Education in Germany – An indicator-based report including an analysis of education and people with disabilities (2016 edition)	2-yearly
Schools at a glance (2016 edition)	2-yearly
Cultural finance report	2-yearly
Employment in culture and the cultural industries – Special evaluation of the microcensus	irregular
Time used for culture and cultural activities in Germany	irregular
German students abroad	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; P1; S3	design	9/2014	12/2016	yes
National reporting on education: Co-operation in the compilation of publications, the indicator database, regional education monitoring, etc.	Q1, 3-4; E2; P2; S3	design, process, analyse	1/2009	12/2016	yes
Survey of receipts and expenditures of non-government schools and schools for nurses, midwives, etc. (survey conducted for the BMBF in keeping with Article 7 of the Federal Statistics Law)	Q2-3	design, collect, process, analyse	1/2014	9/2016	yes
Establishment of a flexible evaluation system for the statistics of higher education	Q1, 4-5; I2; E1; S3	analyse, disseminate	1/2014	12/2019	yes
Special survey of doctoral students in Germany	Q2-3; P2; S3	design, build, collect, process, analyse, disseminate, evaluate	4/2014	6/2016	yes
Revision of the legal bases of education statistics	Q1-3; I1; E1; P2-3	specify needs, design, build, collect	3/2014	12/2017	yes
Creating a data pool for the statistics of student pathways through higher education	Q1-3; I1; E1; P2-3; S3	design, build, collect, analyse, disseminate	1/2016	3/2018	yes

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

Contact: Pia Brugger

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

- BMBF, ministries of science of the Länder
- Standing Conference of Land Ministers of Education (KMK)
- Eurostat, OECD

Primary costs

2014:	EUR 284,000
2015:	EUR 345,000

Total costs

2014:	EUR 406,000
2015:	EUR 489,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
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	–
92911	Quantitative check of R&D coefficients (Art. 7 of the Federal Statistics Law)	primary survey	decentralised	non-recurrent	70,000
92921	Qualitative check of R&D coefficients (Art. 7 of the Federal Statistics Law)	primary survey	decentralised	non-recurrent	24

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 (welfare associations)
- science and education
- the media

Primary costs

2014:	EUR 1,705,000
2015:	EUR 2,594,000

Total costs

2014:	EUR 2,458,000
2015:	EUR 3,660,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
22111	Statistics of expenditure and revenue regarding public assistance	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	407
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	868
22124	Sample survey of recipients of subsistence payments	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	1,000
22125	Statistics of recipients of benefits for education and participation in accordance with the German Social Code, Book XII, Chapter 3	secondary survey	decentralised	quarterly	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	953
22132	Sample survey of recipients of benefits in accordance with the German Social Code, Book XII, Chapters 5 to 9	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	953
22151	Recipients of basic security benefits in old age and in cases of reduced earning capacity	secondary survey	centralised	quarterly	740
22152	Sample survey of recipients of basic security benefits in old age and in cases of reduced earning capacity	calculation	centralised	quarterly	–
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
22251	Statistics of recipients of benefits for education and participation pursuant to the Act on Benefits for Asylum-seekers	secondary survey	decentralised	quarterly	1,000
22311	Housing allowance as at 31 December	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	1,400
22312	Housing allowance – quarters	secondary survey	decentralised	quarterly	1,400
22313	Sample survey of housing allowance	calculation	decentralised	yearly	–
22411	Statistics of home care services	secondary survey	decentralised	2-yearly	13,000
22412	Statistics of in-patient nursing homes	secondary survey	decentralised	2-yearly	13,000
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

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
22518	Statistics of the protective mandate in cases of child endangerment	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	660
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	Youth service measures offered	secondary survey	decentralised	2-yearly	120,000
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	2-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
22546	Finance statistics of non-government day care centres for children (Art. 7 of the Federal Statistics Law)	primary survey	centralised	non-recurrent	in preparation
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	quarterly	16

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 13, series 4, 5 to 7	yearly
Statistics of parental allowance	quarterly, yearly
Statistics of home childcare allowance	quarterly
Statistics of assistance for war victims	2-yearly
Statistics of severely handicapped persons	2-yearly
Statistics of children and youth welfare	yearly
Day care for children – regional data	yearly
Report 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	Contri- bution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Partici- pation of LSOs
New concept for the statistics of measures in child and youth services	Q2	design	10/2010	8/2016	yes

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

Contact: Karin Böhm

Health

Brief description

The health-related statistics and accounting systems provide 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 supply 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 do not only show 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 cost-of-illness accounts show burden imposed on the German economy by diseases. The health personnel accounts provide detailed information on the number and structure of personnel in the health sector.

The health monitoring information system of the Federation www.gbe-bund.de 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 and combines these data systematically. The Federal Statistical Office closely co-operates with the Robert Koch-Institute in that area.

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

Main users

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

Primary costs

- 2014: EUR 2,147,000
- 2015: EUR 2,326,000

Total costs

- 2014: EUR 3,148,000
- 2015: EUR 3,299,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
23111	Resources and personnel data of hospitals	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	2,000
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	2,000
23131	Diagnoses of hospital patients	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	2,000
23132	Diagnoses of patients in preventive care and rehabilitation facilities	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	700
23141	Hospital statistics related to case flat rates (statistics of diagnoses and procedures)	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	1,500
23151	Reference value for hospitals	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	– ¹⁾
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	Cost-of-illness accounts	calculation	centralised	irregular	–
23711	Statistics of diagnoses in outpatients	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	in preparation

1) Only use of data available from other sets of statistics.

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
44101640	Quality improvement of the causes of death statistics

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 12, series 3 to 7	yearly/irregular
List of hospitals and preventive care and rehabilitation facilities in Germany (List of hospitals)	yearly
Accidents, violence, self-inflicted injuries of children and juveniles	yearly
Online information system of the Federal Health Monitoring System at www.gbe-bund.de	continuous
Papers in the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics)	yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Revision and expansion of the health expenditure accounts as part of the changeover to the System of Health Accounts 2.0	Q1, 3; E2; P2-3; S2-3	design, process, analyse, disseminate	5/2013	12/2017	no
Introduction of statistics of disease prevalence in outpatient medical treatment (statistics of diagnoses in outpatients)	Q1, 4; P2; S3	design, collect, process, analyse, disseminate	1/2013	12/2016	no
Revision of hospital statistics	Q1-3; I1; E2; P1; S2-3	specify needs, design, build, collect, process, analyse, disseminate	7/2012	12/2017	yes
Further development of the reference value for hospitals	Q1; I3; E1; P1; S3	design, collect, process, analyse, disseminate	9/2015	9/2018	no
Further development of cost-of-illness accounts	Q1; I3; E3; P2; S3	design, build, collect, process, analyse, disseminate	1/2016	12/2017	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 legal policy measures
- national and international crime reporting

Main users

- federal ministries: BMI, BMAS, BMJV, Federal Office of Justice (BfJ)
- landministries of justice and judicial administrations
- EU, Eurostat, UN
- the media, private users, the general public

Primary costs

2014:	EUR 303,000
2015:	EUR 395,000

Total costs

2014:	EUR 434,000
2015:	EUR 558,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
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

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 10, series 1 to 5	yearly
Chapter 11 "Justice" of the Statistical Yearbook	yearly
Justice at a glance (2015 edition)	irregular
Papers in the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics)	irregular

Contact: Dr. Daniel Vorgrimler

Buildings and housing

Brief description

The stock of dwellings and residential buildings was determined by the census of buildings and housing of the 2011 Census. On the basis of that data, 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. Administrative data accruing at the building supervisory authorities of municipalities are used for the purpose. The statistics of building activity 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 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
- Eurostat
- UN, OECD
- economic associations

Primary costs

2014:	EUR 494,000
2015:	EUR 434,000

Total costs

2014:	EUR 711,000
2015:	EUR 625,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
31111	Statistics of building permits	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	24,000 ¹⁾
31121	Statistics of construction work completed	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	220,000 ¹⁾
31131	Statistics of the volume of unfinished building projects	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	470,000 ¹⁾
31141	Statistics of demolition of buildings and dwellings	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	23,000 ¹⁾
31211	Census of buildings and housing ²⁾	primary survey	decentralised	10-yearly	20,000,000
31231	Estimation of the stock of residential buildings and dwellings	calculation	decentralised	yearly	–

1) This is the number of reports becoming available with each building permit granted or construction work completed. Their number varies every year and cannot be determined beforehand. This is the number of reports provided in 2015. 2) Contact: Stefan Dittrich.

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 5, series 1, 3	yearly
Selected figures on the construction industry	monthly
Estimation of the stock of residential buildings and dwellings – Long-term series from 1969	yearly
Stock of buildings and dwellings in Germany – First results of the 2011 Census of Buildings and Housing ¹⁾	non-recurrent
Building and dwellings in the new Länder and Berlin-East – Comparison of results from the 2011 and 1995 Censuses of Buildings and Housing ¹⁾	non-recurrent

1) Contact: Stefan Dittrich.



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

- BMUB
- Federal Environment Agency (UBA)
- supranational and international institutions
- scientific community
- private users, the general public

Primary costs

2014:	EUR 2,444,000
2015:	EUR 2,440,000

Total costs

2014:	EUR 3,474,000
2015:	EUR 3,456,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
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	6,000
32212	Survey of public waste water disposal	primary survey	decentralised	3-yearly	6,500
32213	Survey of public waste water treatment	primary survey	decentralised	3-yearly	9,300
32214	Survey of public waste water disposal – sewage sludge	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	6,500
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	11,200
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	14,000
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	–

Other activities

KLR no.	Product
33256100	EU project: use of geo-data
45720202	Harmonised water statistics reports to the EU
45720302	Reports on the CReMA (Classification of Resourced Management Activities) and ReMEA (Resource management expenditure account) environmental classifications

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 19, series 1–3	yearly, series 2: yearly 3-yearly
Survey of specific substances affecting the climate – reports on results	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
Reprogramming the surveys of installations for handling water-endangering substances	Q2; E2	specify needs, design, collect, process, analyse	1/2014	6/2016	no

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

Contact: Hermann Seewald

Land use

Brief description

The official area statistics for all of Germany, which is compiled annually, provides basic data for land use monitoring. It is based on data from the official land registers of the Länder and therefore a secondary statistics, which means that data of third parties are used. The sustainability strategy of the Federal Government shows that great political importance is attached to the way this limited resource is used. For historical reasons, the Agricultural Statistics Act is the legal basis of the area survey as user interest initially focused on agricultural land use.

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

- federal ministries: BMVI, BMUB, BMEL
- Federal Office of Building and Regional Planning (BBR), Federal Environment Agency (UBA) and Federal Office for Nature Conservation (BfN)
- similar agencies at Land and municipality levels

Primary costs

2014:	EUR 164,000
2015:	EUR 84,000

Total costs

2014:	EUR 231,000
2015:	EUR 121,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
33111	Survey of areas by types of actual use	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	413

Other activities

KLR no.	Product
45710502	Copernicus project “Cop4Stat“: This project investigates whether satellite image data and derived products are suited for quality improvement, for expanding, in terms of subject-matter, the area information available, and for meeting upcoming reporting requirements of the European Land Use and Coverage Area frame Survey “LUCAS”.

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
Contributions to the “indicator report”	yearly

Contact: Hermann Seewald

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

- BMEL
- European Commission (Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development)
- Eurostat
- economic associations
- enterprises operating in agriculture, forestry and fishing

Primary costs

2014: EUR 2,333,000

2015: EUR 2,523,000

Total costs

2014: EUR 3,337,000

2015: EUR 3,703,000

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	Responding units
41111	Register of agricultural holdings (incl. register-based surveys)	register	decentralised	monthly	–
41121	Agricultural structure survey (ASE)	primary survey	decentralised	3-yearly	80,000 ¹⁾
41123	Community agricultural structure survey (ASE)	primary survey	decentralised	3-yearly	80,000 ¹⁾
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-recurrent (2010)	80,000
41213	General survey of ornamental plants	primary survey	decentralised	4-yearly	5,000
41214	Survey of edible fungi	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	50
41215	Survey of vegetables	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	6,000
41221	Survey of tree nurseries	primary survey	decentralised	4-yearly	2,500
41231	Survey of tree fruit growing	primary survey	decentralised	5-yearly	8,000
41232	Survey of bush berries	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	1,500
41241	Reports on crop yields and holdings: field crops and grassland (incl. areas under cultivation and stocks)	primary survey	decentralised	7 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	15,000
41271	Main survey of land use	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	80,000 ²⁾
41312	Livestock survey – cattle	calculation	decentralised	half-yearly	–
41313	Livestock survey – pigs	primary survey	decentralised	half-yearly	14,000
41314	Livestock survey – sheep	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	4,800
41321	Poultry statistics: survey in commercial brooders	primary survey	centralised	monthly	70
41322	Poultry statistics: survey in poultry slaughterhouses	primary survey	centralised	monthly	250
41323	Poultry statistics: survey in holdings with laying hen husbandry	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	1,500
41331	Statistics of slaughtering and slaughtering weights	secondary survey	decentralised	monthly	400

1) The agricultural structure survey and the Community agricultural structure survey are conducted at the same time. – 2) There are complete enumerations at irregular intervals which cover approximately 285,000 holdings.

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
41362	Survey of production in aquaculture businesses	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	5,000
41363	Price survey in aquaculture businesses	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	500
41911	Survey of the supply, in rural areas, of services provided by veterinarians specializing in livestock treatment (Article 7 of the Federal Statistics Law)	primary survey	decentralised	non-recurrent (2012)	4,000
49911	Meat inspection statistics	secondary survey	centralised	half-yearly	400

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-recurrent
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	Q2–3, 5; P1; S3	design, process, disseminate, evaluate	1/2008	5/2018	no

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

Contact: Dr. Daniel Vorgrimler

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. Important indicators for monitoring the business development in Germany are also calculated (for instance the index of new orders in manufacturing and the production index), which are based on the above data and other data sources. 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. In many cases the results of the structural surveys are used as basic data for further calculations of secondary statistics such as the contributions of the individual economic sectors to the gross domestic product.

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 and the regulation governing the European PRODCOM statistics
- market monitoring
- concentration studies
- national accounting

Main users

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

Primary costs

2014: EUR 2,724,000

2015: EUR 2,833,000

Total costs

2014: EUR 3,921,000

2015: EUR 4,029,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
42111	Monthly report incl. survey of orders received for local units in manufacturing, mining and quarrying	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	23,000
42121	Monthly production survey in manufacturing, mining and quarrying	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	20,300
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	12,000
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	centralised	yearly	380

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 4, series 2 to 4, 8	monthly, quarterly, half-yearly, yearly
Working document on “Wood in the rough and products of primary processing of wood”	yearly
Contribution to the Business Cycle Monitor	monthly
Papers in the periodical “Wirtschaft und Statistik” (Economy and Statistics)	yearly to multi-annual

Contact: Dr. Daniel Vorgrimler

Energy provision and use, utilities and waste management

Brief description

Energy and water supply, and also waste management, are part of industry. Surveys in this field cover all enterprises operating in electricity, gas and water supply, heating and cooling 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.

The statistics are also fed into the calculations of the production index, an important short-term indicator.

Main uses

- short-term indicator
- information basis for ensuring sustainable energy and water supply
- market monitoring
- reporting within the scope of the EU structural business statistics regulation
- national accounting
- environmental-economic accounting

Main users

- federal ministries: BMWi, BMUB, BMEL and corresponding ministries at Land level
- Federal Environment Agency (UBA)
- European Commission, Eurostat
- International Energy Agency (IEA)
- Working Party on Energy Balances (AGEB)
- Länder Working Party on Energy Balances (LAK)
- economic associations

Primary costs

2014:	EUR 815,000
2015:	EUR 862,000

Total costs

2014:	EUR 1,169,000
2015:	EUR 1,224,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
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

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
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)	non-recurrent
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 after the amendment to the energy statistics law (EnStatG)	Q2, I1; E2; P3	design, process, support	10/2015	12/2018	yes

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

Contact: Dr. Daniel Vorgrimler

Building industry

Brief description

The building industry is part of industry. The building industry statistics consists of short-term reporting in the building industry and reports on the structure.

Short-term reporting comprises monthly and quarterly surveys, which supply data for the calculation of important short-term indicators (for instance the production index) and other indices.

For reports on the structure, primary surveys are conducted annually which provide information on major structural data such as investments and the cost structures of 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 "Buildings and Housing").

Main uses

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

Main users

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

Primary costs

2014: EUR 936,000

2015: EUR 1,079,000

Total costs

2014: EUR 1,347,000

2015: EUR 1,534,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
44111	Monthly report in the building industry proper (incl. indices of orders received)	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	7,700
44131	Quarterly survey in the finishing trade and with property developers	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	8,200
44141	Statistics of orders on hand in the building industry proper (incl. indices)	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	7,700
44211	Annual survey incl. survey of investments in the building industry proper	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	7,200
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	74,000
44241	Annual survey in the finishing trade and with property developers	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	20,000
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
Selected figures on the building industry	monthly
Papers in the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics)	yearly

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 provides an overview of the travelling habits of the population in Germany. It is compiled for the sole purpose of fulfilling data provision requirements of the EU.

Main uses

- short-term indicator
- national accounting

Main users

- BMWi, Deutsche Bundesbank, Monopolies Commission
- Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW) of the European Commission, Eurostat, European Central Bank, international organisations
- economic and tourism associations, banks
- labour market and economic research institutes
- political actors at regional level

Primary costs

2014: EUR 1,777,000

2015: EUR 2,077,000

Total costs

2014: EUR 2,502,000

2015: EUR 2,886,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
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	22,000
45213	Monthly statistics of the hotel and restaurant industry	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	7,500
45214	Monthly statistics of motor vehicle sales including motor vehicle maintenance and repair	primary survey ¹⁾	decentralised	monthly	2,600
45241	Annual statistics of the wholesale and retail trade incl. motor vehicle maintenance and repair	primary survey	decentralised ²⁾	yearly	47,000
45342	Annual statistics of the hotel and restaurant industry	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	10,000
45412	Monthly survey of tourism	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	54,000
45911	Statistics of tourism demand (travelling behaviour)	primary survey	centralised	yearly	10,000

1) Incl. use of administrative data. – 2) Wholesale trade statistics are collected centrally.

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 6, series 6 and 7	monthly, half-yearly, yearly
Statistics of wholesale and retail trade, accommodation and food service activities	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
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	7/2017	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
- Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE) of the European Commission
- enterprises and economic associations in the transport sector
- transport research institutions

Primary costs

2014: EUR 1,553,000
2015: EUR 1,745,000

Total costs

2014: EUR 2,254,000
2015: EUR 2,474,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
46131	Statistics of freight transport by rail, monthly	primary survey	centralised	monthly	50
46132	Statistics of freight transport by rail, yearly	primary survey	centralised	yearly	100
46133	Statistics of freight transport by rail, 5-yearly	primary survey	centralised	5-yearly	100
46141	Statistics of long-distance passenger transport by rail ¹⁾	primary survey	centralised	quarterly, yearly, 5-yearly	5
46151	Statistics of transport flows in the railway network	primary survey	centralised	5-yearly	35
46161	Statistics of rail infrastructure	primary survey	centralised	yearly	300
46171	Statistics of railway accidents	primary survey	centralised	yearly	400
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 5,500
46241	Statistics of road traffic accidents	secondary survey	decentralised	monthly	1,000
46311	Statistics of enterprises in inland waterways transport	primary survey	centralised	yearly	1,000
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	360
46421	Statistics of transport performance in air transport	primary survey	centralised	monthly	25 ²⁾
46911	Pipeline statistics	secondary survey	centralised	monthly	1

1) The annual and five-yearly surveys are conducted with an extended survey programme. – 2) The figure refers to commercial airports. Additionally, 1,000 commercial and 1,400 non-commercial enterprises are surveyed annually.

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 8, series 1 to 7	monthly, quarterly, yearly
Transport at a glance (2013 edition) ¹⁾	irregular
Working documents on road traffic accidents, focussing on alcohol, children, buses, lorries, young drivers, older people, bicycles, and time series on road traffic accidents	yearly
Papers in the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics) on goods transport, passenger transport and road traffic accidents	yearly

1) A new edition is scheduled for 2017.

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Reprogramming of maritime transport statistics	Q2; E2	design, process	9/2011	12/2017	yes
Presenting small-area (geo-referenced) data of the statistics of road traffic accidents on maps	Q1–2, 4	design, build, process, disseminate	2/2014	12/2016	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.

The effective use of modern information and communication technologies (ICT) has become an important strategic factor for enterprises. By using ICT, enterprises can increase their productivity and thus improve their competitiveness.

The survey on the use of ICT in enterprises does not only provide information on the equipment of enterprises with modern information and communication technologies such as computers and fixed or mobile internet. It also gives an overview of the various aspects of using modern information technologies such as e-commerce, invoicing or cloud computing.

Main uses

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

Main users

- BMWi, Land ministries of economics, BMVI
- European Commission
- Eurostat
- central banks
- economic associations

Primary costs

2014: EUR 1,821,000

2015: EUR 1,987,000

Total costs

2014: EUR 2,574,000

2015: EUR 2,809,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
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	7,400
47415	Structural survey in the service sector	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	190,000
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.

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 9, series 4.6	yearly
Subject-matters series 2, series 1.6	4-yearly
The service sector – Germany’s economic motor – selected results for 2003 to 2008	irregular
Branch reports	yearly
Germany as an information society	irregular
Volume with tables on the “Use of information and communication technologies (ICT) in enterprises“	yearly
Papers in the periodical “Wirtschaft und Statistik” (Economy and Statistics) on services statistics and ICT	irregular



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Foreign trade

Brief description

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

In order to minimise the reporting obligations of enterprises, a “qualified” single flow system is being tested in intra-Community trade. That procedure does not record (all) the arriving goods but draws upon the corresponding dispatches of the EU partner countries.

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
- European Central Bank, Deutsche Bundesbank
- European Commission, OECD
- economic associations
- businesses operating at an international level

Primary costs

2014: EUR 13,989,000

2015: EUR 14,897,000

Total costs

2014: EUR 19,767,000

2015: EUR 20,972,000

Individual statistics

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

Other activities

KLR no.	Product
45730502	Adjustment of the national IT network structures, development of a module and corresponding SAS routines for the foreign trade statistics processing system (ASA) for participation in the micro data exchange test (EU project)

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 7, series 1	monthly, yearly
Papers in the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics)	yearly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Publication of sectoral foreign trade data	Q1	analyse, disseminate	7/2011	12/2016	no
Draft of a new foreign trade statistics law	P3	design, process	1/2013	12/2018	no
Further development and publication of globalisation indicators	Q1; E2; S2	design, analyse, disseminate	1/2015	12/2019	no

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



Contact: *Martin Beck*

Business register

Brief description

The business register for statistical purposes 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.

For the European enterprise definition to be used properly, the business register will also have to show enterprise groups and complex statistical enterprises consisting of more than one separate legal unit. The specialised “enterprise profiling” procedure required for that purpose is to be established as part of business register for statistical purposes maintenance.

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

- Federal Statistical Office and statistical offices of the Länder
- Eurostat

Primary costs

2014: EUR 1,620,000
2015: EUR 1,601,000

Total costs

2014: EUR 2,193,000
2015: EUR 2,224,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
52111	Business register system (URS)	register	decentralised	yearly	–
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
45510601	Linking of data from business statistics (EU project)
45510602	Presentation and simulation of statistical units (EU grant)
45510603	Further development of data linking in business statistics (EU project)

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
Expanding the database of enterprise groups to make it a central application which contains all data on enterprise groups required by the EU business register regulation and can be maintained decentrally (by the statistical offices of the Länder)	Q1–3; I1; E2; P2–3; S1–3	design, collect, process, analyse	3/2014	2/2018	yes
Extending the database of the new statistical business register (URS-Neu) to include complex enterprises in the national business registers as provided for by the EU business register regulation	Q1–3; I1; E1–2; P2–3; S1–3	design, collect, process, analyse	5/2015	6/2018	yes
Developing a concept for business register use by the Deutsche Bundesbank	P3	specify needs, design	7/2016	12/2017	no
Preparing the implementation of FRIBS (Framework Regulation Integrating Business Statistics)	Q3, 6; E3; P2–3	specify needs, design, support, manage	1/2016	31/2018	yes

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

Contact: *Martin Beck*

Business notifications, insolvencies, cross-sectoral business statistics

Brief description

The function of the statistics of business notifications is to show business notifications in their entirety and to provide information on business start-ups and shut-downs of local units.

Insolvency statistics provide information on insolvency proceedings applied for by businesses, consumers and other debtors. In addition, data is obtained on the outcome of insolvency proceedings and on the discharge of residual debt.

As part of cross-sectoral business statistics, aggregate economic data for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and foreign-controlled enterprises (I-FATS) are generated for the individual economic activities on the basis of results already available from structural statistics.

Main uses

- presentation of business notifications
- presentation of the insolvency scene, among others, for economic policy decisions
- presentation of the “Mittelstand” (medium-sized enterprises) and the global interdependence of business

Main users

- federal ministries: BMWi, BMJV
- international organisations (Eurostat, European Central Bank, OECD)
- finance sector (Deutsche Bundesbank, credit institutions, insurances)
- economic associations
- universities and social and economic research institutes

Primary costs

2014:	EUR 601,000
2015:	EUR 610,000

Total costs

2014:	EUR 893,000
2015:	EUR 891,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
48112	Business statistics encompassing a number of fields	calculation	centralised	yearly	–
48121	Statistics of small and medium-sized enterprises	calculation	centralised	yearly	–
48131	Statistics of foreign-controlled enterprises	calculation	centralised	yearly	–
48211	Statistics of enterprises' access to funds	primary survey	decentralised	non-recurring (2010)	1,800
52311	Statistics of business notifications	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	130,000
52411	Statistics on filed insolvency proceedings	primary survey	decentralised	monthly	200
52431	Statistics of insolvency proceedings completed and discharge of residual debt	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	–
52931	International sourcing	primary survey	decentralised	irregular	20,000

Other activities

KLR no.	Product
35291101	Statistics of the structure and activities of foreign affiliates (FATS)
35293200	Flexible module of the EU structural business statistics regulation (SBS) on the subject of "access to finance"

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 2, series 4 and 5	monthly
Results of the statistics of insolvency proceedings completed and discharge of residual debt	irregular
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	irregular



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 the 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. The census of crafts, which surveyed approximately 563,000 craft enterprises in 1995, has also taken the form of a business register for statistical purposes evaluation since 2008. This means that crafts statistics are now completely based on administrative data.

Main uses

- basis for economic policy measures
- short-term indicator
- basic statistics for national accounting

Main users

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

Primary costs

2014:	EUR 214,000
2015:	EUR 217,000

Total costs

2014:	EUR 318,000
2015:	EUR 317,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
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
Papers on crafts statistics in the periodical “Wirtschaft und Statistik“ (Economy and Statistics)	irregular



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

- federal ministries
- European Central Bank, Deutsche Bundesbank
- EU Commission, OECD, ILO
- economic associations, financial markets

Primary costs

2014:	EUR 6,516,000
2015:	EUR 6,994,000

Total costs

2014:	EUR 9,219,000
2015:	EUR 9,877,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
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	5,200
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	1,160
61311	Producer price indices for transport and logistics services	primary survey	centralised	quarterly	480
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	1,610
61411	Index of import prices	primary survey	centralised	monthly	4,000
61421	Index of export prices	primary survey	centralised	monthly	4,000
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
36199940	Price index of typical political party expenditure
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

Other activities

KLR no.	Product
44101480	Calculation of the non-staff costs index for the reference value for hospitals
45430101	House sales indicators (EU project)
45430305	Flash estimate
45430307	Web scraping as a data source of the HICP, 2016 to 2017
45430308	Feasibility study on administered prices
45430309	Studies on outlet-type weighting
45430405	Purchasing power parities
45430406	Price survey for place-to-place index figures for Community officials in accordance with Article 64 of the EU Staff Regulations (2016 to 2019)

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 17, series 1 to 10	monthly to yearly
Subject-matter series 3, series 2.4	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)	irregular

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Calculating price indices relevant for standard rates to adjust benefits paid pursuant to the German Social Code, Parts II and XII	Q2; I2	design, process, analyse	8/2010	8/2016	no
Development of a quality management system for consumer price statistics	Q2–3; P3; S3	design	7/2010	12/2016	yes
Automated price survey on the internet: analysing the preconditions for implementation	E2	collect	1/2014	9/2016	no
Development of a new non-staff costs index for the reference value for hospitals	Q2, 5; E1	design, process, analyse	6/2016	6/2018	no
Sales prices and rents of agricultural plots (project)	Q1, 3; E2	design, process	4/2016	3/2018	yes

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

Primary costs

2014: EUR 1,305,000
2015: EUR 1,338,000

Total costs

2014: EUR 1,923,000
2015: EUR 1,927,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
62111	Structure of earnings survey	primary survey	decentralised	4-yearly	60,000
62112	Survey of earnings 2015 (Article 7 of the Federal Statistical Law)	primary survey	decentralised	non-recurrent	12,000
62121	Annual estimation of the earnings structure	calculation	centralised	yearly	–
62211	Statistics of agreed earnings	secondary survey	centralised	monthly	–
62221	Quarterly index of agreed earnings and working hours	calculation	centralised	quarterly	–
62231	Monthly index of agreed earnings and working hours	calculation	centralised	monthly	–
62241	Remuneration of Federal Government officials (incl. Article 65 of EU statute)	calculation	centralised	yearly	–
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, series 1 to 4	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
Earnings structure survey 2014 in industry and the service sector by sample survey and secondary use of existing statistics	Q2-3, 5; E2; P2; S2-3	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	Q2-3, 5; E2; P2; S2-3	collect, process, analyse, disseminate	7/2014	12/2018	yes
2015 earnings survey commissioned by the BMAS, for assessing the impact of minimum wage scheduled for June 2016	Q1; P1	design, build, collect, process, analyse, disseminate	6/2015	12/2016	yes

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 selected 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
- reassessing standard needs for the purposes of public assistance and unemployment benefit II
- determining the living expenses for children
- basic information for other specialised statistics and statistical satellite systems

Main users

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

Primary costs

2014: EUR 6,272,000

2015: EUR 4,285,000

Total costs

2014: EUR 8,708,000

2015: EUR 5,867,000

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	23,000
63421	EU-SILC: Household questionnaire	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	14,000
63511	Statistics of overindebtedness ¹⁾	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	1,400
63911	Time use survey of households (Article 7 of the Federal Statistics Law)	primary survey	decentralised	irregular	5,100
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-recurrent (2008)	200
93111	Test of respondents' willingness to participate in official household surveys (Article 7 of the Federal Statistics Law) ²⁾	primary survey	decentralised	non-recurrent (2014)	7,500

1) Contact: Martin Beck. – 2) Contact: Thomas Riede.

Other activities

KLR no.	Product
36397100	Implementing core 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)
45830203	Project to adjust the EU-SILC methodology to new EU requirements

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
At home in Germany – Equipment and housing situation of households (2009 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
Further methodological and conceptual development of the permanent sample of households ready to respond	Q1; E2	design, collect, process, analyse	3/2007	12/2016	yes
Further methodological and technological development of the 2018 sample survey of income and expenditure (EVS)	Q1–5; E2; P2; S2–3	design, collect, process, analyse	1/2005	1/2021	yes
Conducting the time use survey of households (EVAS 63911)	Q1; E2; P1	design, collect, process, analyse, disseminate	5/2011	12/2016	yes
New concept for household budget surveys	Q1, 3; E2; P3	specify needs, design, build	7/2013	12/2023	yes
Using electronic household books in the sample survey of income and expenditure (EVS) 2018	Q1–3; E2	design, collect	6/2020	10/2022	yes

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

Contact: Peter Bleses

Public finance

Brief description

The finance statistics of the overall public budget regularly provide a comprehensive and detailed picture of the entire public finance. They show the sources and amount of public revenue and to what extent public expenditure could be funded by public revenue. The financial balance as defined in public finance statistics is calculated as the difference of revenue and expenditure. The financial situation is shown by the public debt statistics on the one hand and the public financial assets statistics on the other. The finance statistics of the overall public budget show the finances of the core and extra budgets of the Federation, the Länder, the municipalities and associations of municipalities and the social security funds as well as the financing shares of the European Union.

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, economics and of the interior, BMVI, BMBF
- central data point of the Land finance ministers (ZDL)
- European Central Bank, Deutsche Bundesbank
- Eurostat, OECD, UN, IMF
- local authority central associations

Primary costs

2014: EUR 2,053,000
2015: EUR 2,292,000

Total costs

2014: EUR 2,964,000
2015: EUR 3,349,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
71122	Budget estimates of the core budgets of the Federation (incl. EU shares) and the Länder	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	17
71311	Quarterly debt of the core and extra budgets of the overall public budget	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	2 820
71312	Quarterly debt of the core budgets of the Federation and the Länder	secondary survey	centralised	quarterly	17
71321	Annual debt of the core and extra budgets and other public funds, institutions and enterprises of the public sector	calculation	decentralised	yearly	–
71322	Annual debt of the core budgets of the Federation and the Länder	primary survey	centralised	yearly	17
71327	Annual debt of the core budgets of municipalities/associations of municipalities	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	12,100
71328	Annual debt of the extra budgets of the Federation, the Länder, municipalities/associations of municipalities and social insurance, and of the core budgets of social insurance	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	5,420
71411	Financial assets of the core and extra budgets of the overall public budget	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	17,737
71511	Quarterly cash results of the core and extra budgets of the overall public budget	calculation	decentralised	quarterly	–
71512	Quarterly cash results of the core budgets and of the extra budgets using cameralistic/double-entry accounting of the Federation (incl. EU shares), the Länder and social insurance	calculation	centralised	quarterly	–
71517	Quarterly cash results of the core budgets and of the extra budgets using cameralistic/double-entry accounting of the municipalities/associations of municipalities	calculation	decentralised	quarterly	–
71711	Accounting results of the core and extra budgets of the overall public budget	calculation	decentralised	yearly	–
71712	Accounting results of the core budgets, of the extra budgets using cameralistic/double-entry accounting and of other public funds, institutions and enterprises using cameralistic/double-entry accounting of the Federation (incl. EU shares), the Länder and social insurance	calculation	centralised	yearly	–

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
71717	Accounting results of the core budgets, of the extra budgets using cameralistic/double-entry accounting and of the other public funds, institutions and enterprises using cameralistic/double-entry accounting of the municipalities/associations of municipalities	calculation	decentralised	yearly	–
75111	Management of the group of respondents for statistics of public finance and personnel	register	decentralised	irregular	–
79961	Administrative statistics of public and private development assistance funding	primary survey	centralised	yearly	1,000

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 to 3 and 5, 5.1	quarterly, yearly
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; P3; S2	design, process, analyse	2/2016	2/2018	yes
Harmonisation of finance statistics in view of the shift from cameralistic to double-entry accounting (quality assurance in double-entry accounting)	Q1–3; I1; E2; P3; S2–3	design, collect, process, analyse, support	1/2004	12/2016	yes
New concept for the quarterly debt statistics	Q2–3; P2–3	design, collect, process, analyse	3/2013	6/2016	yes
Setting up a quarterly statistics of financial transactions to improve the coherence and integrity of the results of finance statistics	Q2–3; P2–3	design, collect, process	3/2013	12/2017	yes
Quality assurance in finance and personnel statistics by integrating core budgets and hived-off units	Q3; E2; S2	design, process, analyse	1/2009	8/2016	yes
Feasibility study on a provisional statistics of the annual revenue and expenditure of public budgets	Q1; I1; E1; P1; S3	design, collect, process, analyse, evaluate	11/2014	3/2017	no

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 percent 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

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

Main users

- federal and Land ministries of finance and economics
- European Central Bank, Deutsche Bundesbank
- Eurostat, OECD, UN, IMF

Primary costs

2014:	EUR 286,000
2015:	EUR 325,000

Total costs

2014:	EUR 410,000
2015:	EUR 474,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
71329	Annual debt of other public funds, institutions and enterprises	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	13,300
71611	Quarterly data of extra budgets using commercial accounting	primary survey	decentralised	quarterly	2,500
71811	Annual accounts of extra budgets using commercial accounting and of other public funds, institutions and enterprises using commercial accounting	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	15,300

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 14, series 2 and 5, 5.1	quarterly, yearly

Contact: Peter Bleses

Taxes

Brief description

In tax statistics, a distinction is made between the short term presentations of cash tax revenue, the 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 and electricity. The air transportation tax statistics provides an overview of the number of air passengers transported.

Main uses

- basis for tax policy decisions
- basis for an impact assessments of legislation and related budget planning as well as tax revenue forecasts by the Federation and the Länder
- 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 and the enterprise landscape

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

2014: EUR 2,004,000

2015: EUR 2,183,000

Total costs

2013: EUR 3,186,000

2014: EUR 3,205,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
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	11,000
73111	Wage and income tax statistics	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	20
73121	Statistics of business partnerships and communities	secondary survey	decentralised	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 ¹⁾	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	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' share in turnover tax: model computations	calculation	centralised	3-yearly	–
73911	Electronic balance sheet	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	in preparation
79911	Statistics of tobacco tax	secondary survey	centralised	quarterly	1
79921	Beer tax statistics	secondary survey	centralised	monthly ¹⁾	1
79922	Survey of the brewing industry	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	1
79923	Sparkling wine tax statistics	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	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
79991	Administrative statistics of air transportation tax	secondary survey	centralised	yearly	1

1) From 2017, the survey will be conducted annually.

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 14, series 4 and 7 to 10	monthly to yearly
Inheritance and gift taxes	yearly
Excise duties	yearly
Papers in the periodical “Wirtschaft und Statistik” (Economy and Statistics) on other tax statistics	irregular
Joint publication “Taxes – regional data “ (2014 edition)	non-recurrent

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
New concept for the tax statistics system: setting up annual federal statistics on corporation tax, wage and income tax supplemented by net income statements, electronic balance sheet for model computations regarding municipalities' income tax share	Q1–4, 6; E2	design, build, process, analyse	12/2014	9/2019	yes

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

- federal ministries: BMI, BMF, BMAS
- Land ministries
- courts of audit of the Federation and the Länder
- Federal Employment Agency
- trade unions

Primary costs

2014: EUR 654,000

2015: EUR 682,000

Total costs

2014: EUR 940,000

2015: EUR 995,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
74111	Personnel statistics of the public service	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	18,000
74113	Personnel statistics of the publicly controlled institutions and enterprises with private legal status	primary survey	decentralised	yearly	10,000
74211	Statistics of public service pensioners	secondary survey	decentralised	yearly	1,000
79992	Administrative statistics of education and training provided by the Federation	primary survey	centralised	half-yearly	33
79993	Gender equality statistics of the Federation	primary survey	centralised	yearly	106

Other activities

KLR No.	Product
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 Räth

Domestic product, input-output accounts

Brief description

The domestic product computation provides data on the production, use and distribution of the gross domestic product, i.e. 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.

The input-output accounts aim at a detailed presentation of the goods-related and production-related interactions between the sectors of the national economy and the rest of the world. Input-output analyses allow especially to study the multiplier effects of economic transactions. Important is the input-output accounting for structural analysis and description of structural change as well as the basis for model and simulation calculations.

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 economic policy decisions
- basis for studying the economic structure and interactions, multiplier analyses
- basis for economic forecasts
- 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 Länder, environmental-economic accounting, tourism, sport)

Main users

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

Primary costs

2014: EUR 3,714,000

2015: EUR 3,972,000

Total costs

2014: EUR 5,387,000

2015: EUR 5,705,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
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
45410101	Tabular approach for the production approach
45410801	Determining and assessing ways to integrate land/real estate into the balance sheet (EU project)
45410901	Development of supply and use tables in prices of the previous year for Germany (EU project)

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	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Further development of GDP flash estimations	Q1; E2; P2; S3	design, process	1/2007	12/2015	no
National Accounts Quality Reporting	Q2; I3; E2; P2; S3	analyse, evaluate	9/2015	7/2018	no
National accounts methodological descriptions in accordance with ESA 2010	Q2–4; I3; P1; S3	design, evaluate	1/2015	6/2017	no
Completing of balance sheets (inventories)	Q1, 3; P2; S2–3	design, analyse	6/2014	12/2016	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 which have to be determined.

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 the measurement of well-being.

Main uses

- description and analysis of the economic situation
- basis of economic and tax revenue forecasts, economic and fiscal 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
- European Central Bank, Deutsche Bundesbank
- UN, IWF, OECD
- Council of Economic Experts, social and economic research institutes, universities, business associations
- the media, private users, the general public

Primary costs

2014: EUR 2,640,000

2015: EUR 2,938,000

Total costs

2014: EUR 3,794,000

2015: EUR 4,236,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
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)
45420201	Separate accounts for private households and non-profit institutions serving households
45420301	Review, presentation and treatment of transfers made by EU institutions in national accounts (EU project)
45420501	Preparatory work for table 29: “Accrued-to-date pension entitlements in social insurance” – three-yearly

Major publications (mostly in German)

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

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Checks of individual cases, sector delimitation, difficult cases in the general government sector	Q1–3	design, analyse	1/2006	12/2018	no
Extension of model computations on pension liabilities of the Federation to include Länder and municipalities	Q1; P2	design, process, analyse	9/2007	8/2017	no
Measuring welfare in national accounts: acting on the proposals of the Stiglitz Commission, implementing EU and other initiatives	Q1; P1	design	1/2010	12/2016	no
Managing the Conference of the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth (IARIW) in 2016	P6	design, disseminate, support	8/2014	8/2016	no
Setting up and operating an automatic IT-based system for deriving EU excessive deficit procedure data	Q2, 5; E2; S2	design, build, analyse	7/2015	10/2019	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.

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

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

Primary costs

2014:	EUR	808,000
2015:	EUR	860,000

Total costs

2014:	EUR	1,135,000
2015:	EUR	1,210,000

Individual statistics

EVAS	Statistical product	Type of task	Reporting channel	Periodicity	Responding units
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 ¹⁾	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	–

1) Contact: Hermann Seewald.

Other activities

KLR no.	Product
38561100	Reporting on sustainable development
45720701	Overall environmental protection expenditure accounting

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Subject-matter series 3, series 5.1 ¹⁾	yearly
Subject-matter series 19, series 6	yearly
Environmental use and the economy – report on environmental-economic accounting	yearly
Environmental use and the economy – tables on environmental-economic accounting	yearly
Contributions to environmental-economic accounting	irregular
Sustainable development in Germany – indicator report	2-yearly
Environmental-economic accounting – newsletter	half-yearly
Papers in the periodical “Wirtschaft und Statistik” (Economy and Statistics)	irregular

1) Contact: Hermann Seewald.

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; P1	design, process, analyse	1/2007	12/2018	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 excessive 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.

As the “Act to Institute a National Regulatory Control Council” was amended in 2011, extended assessments of administrative costs imposed by legislation have to be made to prevent legislation from causing unnecessary bureaucracy in the first place. The review by the National Regulatory Control Council relates to the direct consequences of a proposed regulation, i.e. its compliance costs. 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. On behalf of the Federal Government, citizens and enterprises will regularly be surveyed from 2015 about their perception of contacts with public authorities in specific situations in life.

The product “administrative cost measurement” mainly consists of time data capture among respondents, of cost estimates, the provision and maintenance of central databases on compliance costs, and the collection and provision of data on how satisfied citizens and enterprises are with the administration.

Main use

- reducing administrative burdens on business, citizens and administration

Main users

- Federal Government, German Bundestag, Bundesrat (Federal Council), National Regulatory Control Council

Primary costs

2014: EUR 5,371,000

2015: EUR 7,033,000

Total costs

2014: EUR 7,647,000

2015: EUR 9,646,000

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
11301000	Questions of principle and methodology of administrative cost measurement	Basic and methodological issues of applying the Standard Cost Model to measure administrative costs, among other things, setting up and maintaining the database for the coverage of compliance and administrative costs, data quality assurance, co-operation with federal ministries
11302000	Time and cost data capture, cost estimate	Measurements among the addressees of the legal requirements and information obligations, especially regarding the time required for complying with an obligation to provide information; determination of the accruing compliance costs and the administrative costs
11304000	Ex-ante estimations, data evaluation, controlling	Determination of the costs of new regulatory proposals; data management; data evaluation (administrative costs, compliance costs, satisfaction surveys, special projects); controlling (administrative cost index, compliance costs, bureaucracy brake); calculations for the barometer of burdens for official statistics; supporting the ministries in carrying out legislation impact assessment

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Providing new user-oriented features into the database of bureaucratic information and reporting obligations (WebSKM)	Q1; E2	design, analyse, disseminate	7/2012	8/2016	no

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

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Statistics dissemination and communication

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Contact: Doris Stärk

Press and public relations

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.

As a rising number of providers offer statistical data on the internet, “official” is no longer automatically perceived as the unique attribute of the brand. Public relations work includes targeted marketing measures and methods to make the Federal Statistical Office and its products better known and win more customers.

Main uses

- informing the society about statistical results
- conveying a customer-friendly and user-friendly image
- enhancing the public’s awareness and acceptance of official statistics
- strengthen the brand of “official statistics”

Main users

- financial markets
- the media, the general public

Primary costs

2014: EUR 1,085,000
2015: EUR 897,000

Total costs

2014: EUR 1,367,000
2015: EUR 1,151,000

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
12301001	Press Office	<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; journalist information service; scheduling (calendar of press releases); preparation, conduct and follow-up of press conferences and press seminars in terms of organisation and content, also preparation of accompanying material</p> <hr/> <p>Organising, preparing and conducting interviews with the heads of the Federal Statistical Office and the specialised units</p> <hr/> <p>Communication with online communities and in social networks</p>
12302002	Marketing	<p>Design and implementation of actions improving the communication with user groups to strengthen the brand of „official statistics“</p>

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Press brochures on press conferences	about 10 per year
Press releases	about 550 per year

Contact: Claudia Brunner

Capital City Service, customer communications

Brief description

This product class basically comprises all customer-related activities of the Federal Statistical Office. Its cornerstones are information provision, events, trade fair presence and, last but not least, political consultancy in the capital, Berlin.

The Central Information Service is the portal for all customer enquiries. Everyone may contact the Service by means of a special form (www.destatis.de/contact) but also by telephone. The Central Information Service manages and co-ordinates the replies in close co-operation with the specialised departments. In accordance with the “online first” strategy, web-based advice is provided and the customer is enabled to search on his own for information on the website of the Federal Statistical Office (www.destatis.de). The customer management system links the service units involved and ensures timely communication with a single source.

Information stands at fairs and events relevant to statistics enable the direct dialogue with users.

The Berlin-based Capital City Service “Berlin Information Point” provides advice to political and related institutions and ensures the rapid and direct supply of statistical information. There is a service office in the German Bundestag which meets the information needs of bodies and Members of Parliament. Target groups are also proactively provided with statistical data. For example, the Berlin Information Point Forum offers background briefings on statistical results. STATISTIK-BRIEF, the quarterly newsletter for the capital, provides statistical information on a topical political issue. Users from the scientific community may use the research data centre at the Berlin Information Point.

Main uses

- statistical advice and support of parliamentary activities
- dissemination of official statistics
- raising the awareness of statistics
- technical discussions with the target groups
- access to microdata for the scientific community

Main users

- academia, the scientific and research community
- the business world
- social and economic associations
- private users, the general public
- **our partners in the capital:** offices of Members of Parliament, parliamentary groups and scientific services in the German Bundestag as well as German members of the European Parliament
- Federal Chancellery, federal ministries
- foreign embassies, German missions abroad
- representations of Länder
- associations
- research institutes

Primary costs

2015: EUR 1,275,000

Total costs

2015: EUR 1,820,000

As the scope of this product class has changed, the costs are not comparable with those of earlier years.

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
12401000	Capital City Service, customer communications, Bundestag Service Office, inquiry management, public affairs	<p>Capital City Service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Co-ordination and answering of inquiries from the political sphere and public authorities (ministries, embassies, associations) – Bundestag Service Office: statistical counselling of Bundestag members and administrative staff, co-operation with the Reference and Research Services of the German Bundestag, dossiers – Co-operation with bodies of the German Bundestag – Berlin Information Point Forum: background briefings and other inhouse events <hr/> <p>Central Information Service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Free oral and written advice – Co-ordination and communication with specialised units – Special searches against reimbursement of the costs <hr/> <p>Fairs and visitor service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Planning and managing the attendance at fairs and events – Service for visitor groups <hr/> <p>Customer communications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Operation of the customer management system (user support and systems maintenance, technical enhancement of the customer management system) – Analysis of user needs (e.g. by means of text mining) – Preparation of FAQs for the website of the Federal Statistical Office

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Communicating in its function as a service and knowledge provider for the 18th German Bundestag	Q4–5; P1; S3	analyse, disseminate, support	3/2014	12/2016	no
Handling of incoming inquiries to a greater extent by the Central Information Service (second implementation stage)	Q4, 6; I3; E1–2; P1; S3	specify needs, disseminate	1/2016	12/2016	no
Developing a procedure for an early identification of information requirements (demand planning)	Q4, 6	specify needs, design, analyse, evaluate	2/2016	12/2016	no
Preparing a concept for a future customer management system	Q6; E2	disseminate, evaluate, support	1/2016	4/2018	no
Professionalisation of customer management system evaluations	Q4, 6; E1–2	collect, process, analyse, evaluate, support	1/2016	8/2016	no

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

Contact: Claudia Brunner

International statistics

Brief description

The specialised unit of International Statistics offers statistical data on all UN Member States in the world. Web portals provide direct access to European (www.destatis.de/europa) and international statistics (www.destatis.de/international). Both portals are completely in German and English. The portals facilitate the access to the numerous databases and show how Germany fares when data are compared. In addition, the specialised unit supplies international data for statistical publications, press releases and for international time series stored in the Genesis database. The data are mainly from Eurostat, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank and other UN organisations. The specialised unit may be contacted by users for questions about the data offered and methodological aspects.

Main uses

- disseminating statistical products on official European and international statistics
- presenting statistical cross-country comparisons in the entire product portfolio of the Federal Statistical Office
- supporting the government, society and the business world in their search for statistics on the EU and worldwide

Main users

- academia, the scientific and research community
- businesses and economic associations
- politics and administration
- the media and information providers
- private users, the general public

Primary costs

2015: EUR 730,000

Total costs

2015: EUR 1,050,000

As the scope of this product class has changed, the costs are not comparable with those of earlier years.

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
12402000	International statistics	<p>International statistics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Online services and publications concerning European and international statistics (e.g. web portal “Europe in figures”, web portal “International statistics”; chapter “International“ in the Statistical Yearbook, international comparative data in other publications such as “STATmagazin” and “At a Glance“) – Support provided to all departments using European and international statistics – Co-operation with international organisations in the further development of dissemination – Answering inquiries from European and international bodies of statistics about methodological issues

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Country profiles for all UN countries at the touch of a button: automation of all processes	Q1–2, 4; E2; P2; S3	process, analyse, disseminate	7/2014	10/2016	no
State-of-the-art dissemination of international data for measuring the international Sustainable Development Goals of the UN	Q4, 6; I3; P1–2; S3	analyse, disseminate	7/2016	6/2018	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 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 use

- 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
- academia, the scientific and research community
- businesses
- information providers
- private users, the general public

Primary costs

2014:	EUR 1,653,000
2015:	EUR 1,836,000

Total costs

2014:	EUR 2,369,000
2015:	EUR 2,585,000

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
12303001	Online editorial work	Central internet editorial work
12304001	GSB administration and web services, intranet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Administration, training and further development regarding the content management system (GSB) – functional enhancement of the website – database supported standard products for the “indicators” section – interactive graphic web applications – central intranet editorial work – user statistics
12305001	Electronic publications, STATmagazin, joint federal and Länder publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Final editing and enhancement of electronic publications (classifications, quality reports, specialised reports, STATmagazin, joint federal and Länder publications, subject-matter series and special publications) – user advice <p>GENESIS database: provision of data for GENESIS and GENESIS-Online, user support</p>

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
User-oriented revision of the webpages of the “Facts and Figures” section to reduce the workload of the information service	Q1, 3–5; E1–2	disseminate, evaluate	1/2015	7/2016	no
Analysis of user behaviour as regards the content of our website by means of usability tests, tracking software and an evaluation of the new information service concept	Q1, 4, 6	specify needs, disseminate, evaluate	4/2016	1/2018	no

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. The joint publications issued together with the statistical offices of the Länder also are of great significance. An important product is the publication of the scientific periodical “Wirtschaft und Statistik” (Economy and Statistics), which received a new design in 2015.

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

2014:	EUR 1,485,000
2015:	EUR 1,744,000

Total costs

2014:	EUR 2,070,000
2015:	EUR 2,413,000

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
12302002	Distribution	Distribution management, co-operation with the distribution partners, maintaining the free and exchange distribution lists, licencing, promotional activities for publications, online-marketing, image promotion
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 and graphical representations for publications of the Federal Statistical Office, e.g. Statistical Yearbook, brochures, publication series "Statistics and Science"
12307001	Economy and Statistics, Data Report	Editing of the periodical "Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics), editing of the multi-annual cross-section publication "Datenreport" (Data Report – the social report for Germany)), editing of "StatistikCampus" on the internet

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Statistical yearbook	yearly
"Wirtschaft und Statistik" (Economy and Statistics)	2-monthly
Data report	2-yearly
Brochures and leaflets	as required



Contact: Doris Stärk

Library

Brief description

The library of the Federal Statistical Office at the Wiesbaden headquarters is the largest specialised library for statistics in Germany. Its main task is to supply the Federal Statistical Office with literature and information. The stock comprises some 500,000 media units (such as books, CD-ROMs, periodical issues) and about 1,200 periodicals. External users, too, can access the library catalogue online through the website www.destatis.de (“Press & Services” > “Library”) and use the workstations in the reading room.

Main uses

- 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

2014:	EUR 933,000
2015:	EUR 869,000

Total costs

2014:	EUR 1,268,000
2015:	EUR 1,190,000


Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
12302002	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	Q4	disseminate, support	2/2013	7/2019	no

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



Contact: Prof. Dr. Manfred Ehling

Research Data Centre

Brief description

Since 1 August 2013 it has been laid down in Article 3 of the Federal Statistics Law that providing individual data (statistical microdata) for scientific purposes is a task to be performed by the Federal Statistical Office.

The research data centre of the Federal Statistical Office grants the scientific community controlled access to official microdata, as does the research data centre of the statistical offices of the Länder. Geared towards user needs, the research data centres will further extend academia's access to official microdata while observing confidentiality provisions.

It is possible to use official microdata at workstations in safe centres in the statistical offices, and by remote data execution. In addition, the range of scientific use files is going to be extended considerably to comply with requests from the scientific community.

Main use

- improving the informational infrastructure

Main users

- academia, the scientific and research community
- social and economic research institutes

Primary costs

2014: EUR 718,000

2014: EUR 618,000

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

Products

KLR no. ¹⁾	Product	Product description
14032031	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 – providing microdata (preparing, refining and maintaining scientific use files, public use files und CAMPUS files; organising and supporting remote data execution and the operation of safe centres in the Federal Statistical Office) – maintaining contacts with economic institutions and associations (i.a. German Data Forum) – organising scientific events, maintaining the metadata system of the research data centres at the statistical offices of the Federation and the Länder – methodology of access to census microdata – “Combined Company Data for Germany“ administrative office <hr/> <p>Research projects and international issues of data access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – questions of principle regarding international data access – microdata access to European data

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
Papers in the periodical “Wirtschaft und Statistik“ (Economy and Statistics)	irregular
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

Contact: Bernd Störtzbach

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 Community patrimony (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

2014: EUR 2,538,000

2015: EUR 2,549,000

Total costs

2014: EUR 2,830,000

2015: EUR 2,829,000

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
12104000 and 12105000	Bilateral and international co-operation, reporting systems	<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, Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) – 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 – 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
World Bank-funded Twinning project to enhance statistics in Kazakhstan	P2; S3	disseminate, support, manage	9/2012	12/2017	yes
Gearing the statistical co-operation activities of the Federal Statistical Office to the BMWi's high-priority policy areas of foreign trade and the BMZ's/GIZ's regional priorities of development policy	P2	support, manage	9/2011	6/2016	no
Supporting the statistical institute of Azerbaijan in adopting the <i>acquis communautaire</i> of the EU in selected statistical domains under an EU Twinning project	P2; S3	disseminate, support, manage	9/2015	9/2017	yes

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



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Internal Services

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Contact: Hans-Peter Lüüs

Organisation, quality management, controlling

Brief description

The organisational development at the Federal Statistical Office includes the traditional tasks of structural and operational organisation using the tools of organisation chart, organisation and functions manual, 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.

There also is an organisational development-oriented total quality management in place at the Federal Statistical Office which is based on the EFQM concept of the European Foundation for Quality Management. Another important tool used for organisational development is a controlling system that includes supervising and supporting the annual planning cycle, especially the closed conferences of the senior management and annual programme planning, and monitoring activities and milestones agreed upon.

Every year, a work plan and a time schedule are prepared for decentralised federal statistics in the context of the FSO/LSOs system. Its implementation is monitored on the basis of deadline controlling. The long-term archiving of digital microdata in the FSO/LSOs system is supported, in subject-matter terms, by annual archiving and deletion plans based on an archiving management database.

Main uses

- optimising the use of resources
- organisational development
- process improvement
- 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

2014: EUR 1,144,000

2015: EUR 1,624,000

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

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
11101000	Organisation, quality management, assessment of personnel requirements	<p>Structural, operational and process organisation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – organisational development – papers and statements on the structural and operational organisation of the FSO – organisation chart; organisation and functions manual – development and maintenance of the organisational part of EPOS <hr/> <p>Assessment of personnel requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – efficiency calculations – calculation of manpower requirements <hr/> <p>Quality management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – administration of the TQM organisational tool (Statistical Quality Offensive) – organisation of EFQM self-assessments and assessments by external parties – staff suggestion scheme (internal staff suggestion management) – link to the staff suggestion management of the Federal Ministry of the Interior (“Idea 21”)
11102000	Controlling, process management	<p>Controlling:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – supporting the annual closed conference of the senior management and annual programme planning – controlling of activities – work planning and scheduling, controlling of deadlines for federal statistics – maintaining the uniform list of federal statistics and co-ordinated Länder statistics (EVAS) <hr/> <p>Process management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – further developing and implementing a process management system in the entire FSO – operating the archiving management system for digital microdata of the FSO/LSOs system – rules of procedure

Major publications (mostly in German)

Title	Periodicity
Organisation chart	monthly

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Introducing a set of strategic indicators	S2-3	design, support, manage	12/2013	10/2016	no
Taking stock of all risks at the Federal Statistical Office and developing a concept for dealing with them	Q5	design, analyse, support, manage	4/2016	12/2016	no
Implementing the reorganization of the information service	Q4; E1-2	disseminate, support	11/2014	10/2016	no
Developing a calculation model to determine the manpower required for specialised processes of statistics production	E1-2	design, analyse, support, manage	1/2015	10/2016	no
Introduction of a new portfolio management system at the Federal Statistical Office	E1	support	10/2015	4/2018	no
Introduction of coaching services providing project support	S3	design, disseminate, support	5/2016	10/2017	no

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

Contact: Hans-Peter Lüüs

Budget, cost and performance accounts

Brief description

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

The goal of accounting is to obtain reliable data on the revenue and expenditure of a specific period. Cost and performance accounting provides information on where and for which products 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

2014: EUR 1,538,000

2015: EUR 1,741,000

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

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
11103000	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 <hr/> <p>Third party funded projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – costing of national statistics and statistics of the EU, settlement with the statistical offices of the Länder – costing, financial control and execution of orders commissioned by the EU, third parties and federal authorities <hr/> <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> <hr/> <p>Cost and performance accounting, product-based budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – supporting the management levels through KLR information – collecting and processing KLR data – KLR reporting – maintaining and further developing the subject-related KLR system

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Process-based reorientation of cost and performance accounting	E1–2	design, analyse, support, manage	11/2014	12/2016	no

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

Contact: Hans-Peter Lüüs

Internal services

Brief description

Internal services in administration deal with real estate, personnel and products. Together with the IT infrastructure they provide the indispensable basis of business operation.

Overseeing construction activities, cleaning, reception and security services – all this is to ensure the smooth functioning of business at all Federal Statistical Office locations.

In contrast, internal services focusing on the staff benefit the personnel directly, for instance travel management, the working time recording system, and health and social services.

Internal services focusing on the products of the Federal Statistical Office are, for example, the in-house printing shop and the language service.

Procurement comprises the provision and management of all physical resources used for official purposes, with the exception of information technology.

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

2014: EUR 11,433,000

2015: EUR 11,739,000

In addition, costs incurred for the management of the FSO's real estate (incl. imputed rents): about EUR 10,417,000 for 2014 and 9,954,000 for 2015. 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 communication) and are contained in the relevant total costs.

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
11104000	Internal service, health and social services management	<p>Travel management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – provision of funds required, bookings and reservations <hr/> <p>Time recording and attendance management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – general working time arrangements – time recording – handling times of absence <hr/> <p>Car pool:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – operation of own cars and renting of cars <hr/> <p>Provision and management of material (excl. IT):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – supply of material, equipment and furniture to the staff according to demand <hr/> <p>Postal services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Receipt and dispatch of postal items, sorting and distribution of postal items <hr/> <p>Administration of records:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – file digitalisation <hr/> <p>Production of print products:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – digital printing and final processing <hr/> <p>Placing of orders for printed and electronic publications to be produced</p> <hr/> <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
12105000	Language service, official trips abroad ¹⁾	<p>Language Service</p> <hr/> <p>Official trips abroad:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – planning, reporting
11105000	Procurement, facilities management	<p>Procurement unit: central control and implementation of procurement activities, co-ordination of the procurement network, standardisation of the procurement process</p> <hr/> <p>Facilities management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – planning and control of the restoration of parts of buildings and remedy of defects – planning and control of construction work at the Bonn Branch Office and for the BISP – catering (operation of canteen and kitchen) – security service: ensuring the accessibility and protection of the FSO – management and maintenance of buildings <hr/> <p>Environmental management</p>

1) Contact: Bernd Störtzbach.

Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Introduction of an electronic procurement workflow	E2	design, support	1/2014	6/2018	no
Renovation of the canteen located at the Wiesbaden headquarters	S1	support	1/2015	6/2017	no
Improvement and further development of the health management services at the Federal Statistical Office	S1–3	support, manage	2/2016	2/2018	no
Introduction of “long-term working time accounts” for the staff members of the Federal Statistical Office on the basis of an inhouse service agreement	S1	support, manage	12/2015	8/2016	no
Introduction of a shared service offering to prepare and conduct of meetings/conferences at the Federal Statistical Office	E2; S2	design, support, manage	1/2016	11/2017	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.

Main use

- supporting the staff

Main users

- Head of the Federal Statistical Office
- staff members of the Federal Statistical Office
- BMI

Primary costs

2014: EUR 4,889,000

2015: EUR 5,032,000

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

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
11201000	Human resources development	<p>Systematically identifying, activating and increasing the achievement and learning potentials of the staff members</p> <hr/> <p>Staff inflow and outflow: Recruitment of internal and external staff (also by means of assessment centres) and exchange of personnel</p> <hr/> <p>Personnel planning, management of posts, human resources development concept</p> <hr/> <p>Organisational and technical support for the Electronic Staff, Organisation and Job Management System (EPOS information system)</p> <hr/> <p>Fundamental issues of public service law</p> <hr/> <p>Staff assessment: Regular performance appraisals for public officials, Granting of performance bonuses and assignment of performance brackets to public officials and persons employed under collective agreements</p> <hr/> <p>Conduct of staff opinion surveys and upward feedback surveys at intervals of several years</p> <hr/> <p>Dealing with gender equality issues</p>
11202000	Personnel support	<p>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, including staff registration</p> <hr/> <p>Fundamental questions of collective bargaining legislation</p>
11203100	Education and Training	<p>Organisation, conduct and participation in general and IT-specific advanced training measures of the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - statistics - leadership and co-operation - women and gender specific issues - communication, foreign languages - organisation and individual working arrangements - information technology <hr/> <p>Corporate training of the statistical offices of the Federation and the Länder (GemFo)</p> <hr/> <p>Development and implementation of e-learning activities</p> <hr/> <p>Decentralised advanced training courses of the Federal Academy of Public Administration (BAköV)</p>
12105000	ESTP ¹⁾	<p>Co-ordination of the German contribution to the European Statistical Training Programme (ESTP)</p>
11203200	Apprentices	<p>Training as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - office communications specialists - information technology specialists - market and social research specialists - office management clerks

1) Contact: Bernd Störtzbach.

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)	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
Conducting a comprehensive analysis of competence and manpower requirements at the FSO (analysis of manpower requirements)	S2	support	2/2016	12/2016	no
Introduction of “mobile working” on the basis of an inhouse service agreement for a better work and family balance	S1	support	11/2015	8/2016	no
Supporting the sharing of family chores by men and women as partners under the equal opportunities plan 2016-2019	S1	design, support, manage	12/2015	12/2016	no
List of activities for recruiting potential candidates at an early time and for retaining them	S1	design, support	01/2016	9/2016	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 Federal Statistical Office
- departments of the Federal Statistical Office
- statistical offices of the Länder
- federal ministries

Primary costs

2014: EUR 689,000

2015: EUR 756,000

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

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
11204000	In-house counsel, proceedings for disciplinary and regulatory offences, General Equal Treatment Act complaints bureau	<p>Support in matters of administrative, personnel and civil law</p> <hr/> <p>Representation of the Federal Statistical Office in legal matters</p> <hr/> <p>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</p> <hr/> <p>Handling of administrative appeal proceedings, administrative proceedings and regulatory offence procedures</p> <hr/> <p>Tasks pertaining to the General Equal Treatment Act</p>

Contact: Uwe Halfpaap

Internal audit

Brief description

Internal auditing is an instrument used by the Heads of the Federal Statistical Office 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.

Furthermore, matters are dealt with that pertain to the Freedom of Information Act and the Act on the Further Use of Information Held by Public Bodies.

The internal audit section is also responsible for handling applications of staff members who wish to accept gifts or rewards, for considering possible sponsoring activities and preventing corruption at the Office.

The Head of the Internal Audit Section has also been appointed Data Protection Commissioner. In this capacity he works towards compliance with the Federal Data Protection Act and other data protection provisions, in which he is supported by the internal audit team. Employees and citizens may talk to him directly in that function also.

Main uses

- reports of the auditors
- quality assurance
- minimisation of risk
- decisions on applications in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act
- considering issues of data protection legislation
- protection against corruption
- counselling in sponsoring matters

Main users

- Heads of the Federal Statistical Office
- staff members of the Federal Statistical Office
- private users, the general public

Primary costs

2014: EUR 265,000

2015: EUR 448,000

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

Products

KLR no.	Product	Product description
11100100	Internal audit	<p>Internal audit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ensuring the lawful, appropriate and efficient fulfilment of the Office’s tasks – Handling of applications in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Act on the Further Use of Information Held by Public Bodies – Implementation of corruption prevention activities – Counselling in sponsoring matters <hr/> <p>Data Protection Commissioner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Holding the list of procedures in keeping with Section 4 g (2) of the Federal Data Protection Act – Working towards compliance with data protection provisions – Counselling in data protection matters – Providing support in exercising the data protection rights of employees, customers, suppliers and citizens

Contact: Frank Genßheimer

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 the Federal Information Technology Centre (ITZBund).

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

- customer-oriented and secure IT management to support the processes of statistics production and management

Main users

- departments of the Federal Statistical Office
- Eurostat, statistical offices of the Länder
- institutions under joint administration with the Federal Statistical Office and other agencies for which the BMI carries administrative responsibility

Primary costs

2014: EUR 4,082,000

2015: EUR 3,512,000

The primary costs have been allocated to the task areas supported (research/development/questions of principle, statistics production and dissemination and communication) 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.
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.
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.
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
Combining technical measures for the treatment of metadata in the statistics production process	Q2–4; E2	design, support	1/2012	12/2016	yes
Introduction of IT architecture management for IT applications of statistics	Q2, 5; E1–2; S2	design, support	1/2014	12/2016	no
Assistance with requirements analyses and quality assurance of IT projects	Q2, 4–5; E2	collect, process, disseminate, support	2/2013	6/2017	no
IT-based procedure for record linkage by means of addresses	Q2–3; E2; P4	collect, process	4/2013	6/2017	no
IT project: implementing a metadata management system for the IT support of quality data sheets within the FSO/LSOs system	Q2, 4–5; E2; P3	design, build, process, analyse, disseminate, evaluate, support	8/2014	6/2017	yes
Implementing those tasks of the implementation plan of the IT Planning Council concerning IT security which are relevant for the FSO/LSOs system	Q5	design, build, collect, process, analyse, disseminate, evaluate, support, manage	9/2014	3/2018	yes
Setting up a monitoring system for the co-operation with the Federal Information Technology Centre	P7	support, manage	3/2016	1/2018	no
Introduction of IT change management and tool support	E2; P7	support	3/2015	1/2018	no

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

Contact: *Lucas Quensel-von Kalben*

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. The area of Geoinformation encloses methodical-technical works to the use of the space relation in the statistics and production of new statistics products.

Main use

- management; statistics production and dissemination

Main users

- departments of the Federal Statistical Office
- statistical offices of the Länder
- BMI

Primary costs

2014: EUR 7,348,000

2015: EUR 7,546,000

The primary costs have been allocated to the task areas supported (research/development/questions of principle, statistics production and dissemination and communication) 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. 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-ISys, 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.
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.

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

Products

Nr. ¹⁾	Product	Product description
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.

Other activities

KLR no.	Product
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Additional actions

Designation	Contribution to goal ¹⁾	Process	Start	End	Participation of LSOs
Reprogramming the List of Municipalities (GV-ISys)	Q1–5; E2; S2–3	process	11/2010	12/2015	yes
GENESIS information system: automation and modernisation of the interfaces to the standard business process (see p. 14), in particular to the transfer of data and metadata from processing and to quality management; extension of methodology regarding confidentiality	Q1–5; E2; P1; S2	process, analyse, disseminate	1/2015	12/2017	yes
Continuation of “eSTATISTIK.integration“ (development of standard tools for data processing in statistics) in view of e-government and the SteP initiative	Q1, 4–5 E2; S2–3	design, build, collect, process, support	10/2014	12/2020	yes
Supporting the analysis potential with regard to geo-referenced data (spatial data) in specialised statistics	Q1–2, 4; I1; E1, 3	design, analyse, disseminate, evaluate	4/2015	12/2017	yes

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

Contact: Frank Genßheimer

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 (Circa, BSCW), 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.

Another important component under the Federal Government's digitisation strategy is the introduction of an electronic documents management system (Basic eFile Service) and the planning work related with that introduction, which is performed in co-operation with the administration of the Federal Statistical Office.

Main uses

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

Main users

- staff of the Federal Statistical Office and the statistical offices of the Länder
- Internet users

Primary costs

2014: EUR 703,000

2015: EUR 667,000

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

Products

No. ¹⁾	Product	Product description
14000016	Information and knowledge management	<p>The information and knowledge management (IWM) attempts to optimise 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>The Federal Statistical Office 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. The Federal Statistical Office 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) 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
e-cooperation: collaboration platform and introduction of a system to replace the conference management software CIRCA	Q5; E2; S2	design, support, manage	1/2013	6/2018	yes

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 Directors
ALK	Conference of Directors-General
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
BIT	Federal Office for Information Technology
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
BMEL	Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture
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
BMJV	Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection
BMUB	Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety
BMVI	Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure
BMWi	Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy
BMZ	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
BSCW	Basic Support for Cooperative Work
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
CReMA	Classification of Resourced Management Activities
CVTS	Continuing Vocational Training Survey
Destatis	Federal Statistical Office
DIHK	Association of German Chambers of Industry and Commerce
DRG	Diagnosis Related Groups
DV	Data processing

Abbreviation	Designation
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
EDS	European Data Service
EDP	Excessive Deficit Procedure
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
ESSC	European Statistical System Committee, ESS Committee
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 Union
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
GNI	Gross National Income
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-ISys	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

Abbreviation	Designation
IOT	Input-output tables
IS-GBE	Health monitoring information system
IT	Information technology
ITZBund	Federal Information Technology Centre
IWM	Information and knowledge management
IWMS	Information and knowledge management system
KLR	Cost and performance accounting
KMS	Customer management system
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
ReMEA	Resource management expenditure account
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)
SGB	Social Code (Sozialgesetzbuch)
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

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URS	Business register for statistical purposes
USST	Upgrading of the Statistical System of Turkey
VO	Regulation
WHO	World Health Organization
WZ	Classification of Economic Activities
ZDL	Central data point of the Land finance ministers