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<i>Statement provided by:</i> AUSTRIA	
<i>Statement:</i> Statistics Austria supports the common position of the European Statistical System (ESS). Statistics Austria is appreciating the efforts and work made by the IAEG-SDGs group during the past years. In this respect, the importance of the Comprehensive Review 2025 is particularly highlighted. This requires additional efforts to involve all relevant positions and proposals of countries and organisations. This also concerns the measurement of the sustainability of tourism for which several indicators – showing the economic, social and environmental dimension of sustainability – are crucial and should be reflected within the list of SDG indicators. Presently, tourism related indicators are considered within target 8.9 (8.9.1: Tourism direct GDP as a proportion of total GDP and in growth rate) and within target 12.b (12.b.1: Implementation of standard accounting tools to monitor the economic and environmental aspect of tourism sustainability). They are, however, not sufficient to reflect the multidimensional nature of tourism. In particular indicators – among others – reflecting tourism employment and energy use by tourism could complete the overall picture of tourism being a basis for monitoring tourism development related to its social and environmental impacts. Statistics Austria would be willing to support the IAEG-SDG with substantial and technical work related to indicators for targets concerning (sustainable) tourism.	
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