



Executive summary of Statistics Portugal and ONA Annual Work Programme 2019

The activity of Statistics Portugal in 2019 is duly framed by the strategies of the National (2018-2022 General Guidelines of National Statistical Activity) and European (European Statistical Programme until 2020) Statistical Systems, which give special emphasis to technological innovations in the statistical production process in its different phases, as well as favouring access to new data sources, namely those of administrative nature.

Statistics Portugal shall pursue its Mission to *produce, in an independent and impartial manner, high-quality official statistical information, relevant to society, promoting the coordination, analysis, innovation and dissemination of national statistical activity, ensuring the integrated storage of data*, in accordance with the principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice, attentive to the needs of users, both in new areas of interest and in more appropriate forms of accessibility.

The statistical activity of the Entities with Delegated Powers of Statistics Portugal (ONA- Other National Authorities), as regards the statistics which production is delegated, shall be aligned with the same framework documents and shall form an integral part of Statistics Portugal's Activity Plan within the scope of its Coordination function.

In 2019, a significant set of ongoing statistical operations will be continued, representing the various statistical domains and complying with reporting obligations and methodological requirements established by European and national legislation on statistical matters.

Access to administrative data will continue to take place in several domains, in the constant pursuit of minimising the burden of collection operations on companies and citizens, with a significant impact on reducing the statistical burden, as well as the possibility of returning new statistical indicators to Society, which are more pressing and suited to the decision-making needs of users. To this end, the inter-institutional articulation with Public Administration and private entities will remain present, following the path already pursued in previous years.

In this context, the permanence of measures under Statistics Portugal's responsibility in the 2018 SIMPLEX+ Programme, being implemented in 2019 - "Single Information at Statistics Portugal+" - stands out.

Two other measures are present in this edition of the Simplex Programme: the creation of a "Remote Safe Center" and an "Automatic Statistics Service".

The Official Statistics Portal will continue to be the privileged channel for dissemination and communication, and continuous improvement activities will be maintained in its various functionalities and layout, supported by a review of dissemination and communication policies. The execution of the project for the construction of a new Portal will continue, within the scope of the application to SAMA 2020. Activities to promote statistical literacy will continue for various target audiences.

Feasibility studies will continue on the current use of unstructured information (Big data and others) and of the Web Scraping tool in the statistical production process, and on the modernisation and technological innovation actions throughout the production process. They will also aim at managing the reception, storage and processing of large volumes of data, notably administrative data, used for statistical production and dissemination.

Also noteworthy in this context is the project to develop the National Data Infrastructure (IND) at Statistics Portugal, which materialises the path that has been pursued in recent years with regard to the data integration process. Taking advantage of Statistics Portugal's competences, tasks and mission, the IND will seek to address the need for scale and critical mass to be able to respond to an increasingly complex society with new expectations of statistics. This is an evolution of Statistics Portugal and the development of new competences that will allow gaining resources, space to intensify innovation throughout the organic structure, through a greater return to society.



New activities or others, due to their periodicity, will also take place and be prepared in 2019. The following stand out:

In terms of statistical production

- Implementation of the 2019 Agricultural Census, of decennial occurrence, a large-scale operation which field data collection will begin in 2019 and continue into 2020.
- Start of preparatory work for the next edition (2020) of the Viticultural Survey.
- Start of preparatory work for the next edition (2020) of the Pesticide Use Statistics.
- Preparation of the 2021 Censuses Pilot Survey, which will take place in 2020, with the aim of testing the various methodological and operational components of the new census operation.
- Preparation of the 2018 Resident Population Database (BPR 2018).
- Methodological and applicational preparation and implementation of the new edition of the Fertility Survey (2019).
- Labour Force Survey modules (implementation and dissemination of the 2019 module: “Organisation of work and working time”; preparation of the 2020 module: “Accidents at work and work-related health problems”).
- Preparation and implementation of the ad hoc module of the Survey on Income and Living Conditions, which takes up the theme of the intergenerational transmission of social disadvantages.
- Preparation of the 2020 Household Finance and Consumption Survey, in collaboration with Banco de Portugal.
- Preparation of the 2020 Household Budget Survey.
- Preparation and collection of the 2019 National Health Survey, in collaboration with the National Institute of Health Dr. Ricardo Jorge.
- Implementation of the Pilot Survey on Safety in Public and Private Spaces, aiming at preparing a statistical operation with national representativeness on the issue of gender violence.
- Provision of information for the analysis of territorial dynamics, including the development of indicator systems to support the monitoring of territorially based public policies.
- Dissemination of the Study on the Local Purchasing Power and the Territorial Portrait of Portugal analytical study.
- Development of the project on “Food Waste” statistics.
- Preparation and dissemination of a new base for the Portuguese National Accounts, with 2016 as the reference year.
- Compilation and dissemination of the 2016 Social Economy Satellite Account and the results of the 2018 Volunteer Work Survey (ad hoc module of the Labour Force Survey).
- Implementation of the Survey on Management Practices within the Social Economy.
- Compilation of a new edition of the Sea Satellite Account, with reference to the year 2017, with results disaggregated by NUTS I.
- Extension of the coverage of the Services Production Price Index, namely as regards road freight transport activities.
- Feasibility study on the production of statistics on Agricultural Land Prices and Rents.
- Implementation of a feasibility study on the production and dissemination of an International Trade Flash Estimate.
- Development of International Tourism Statistics - simplified model for air borders and from administrative sources.
- Preparation of the new small Tourist Accommodation Survey aimed at local accommodation with under 10 beds.
- Extension of the set of results within the scope of Airports and Airfields Statistics.
- Development of the Information System on Gender Equality, under the EEAGrants programme and the Portugal + Igual (Portugal + Equal) Strategy.



Of the activities to be carried out by the ONAs, the following stand out:

- Dissemination of provisional data on Accidents at Work occurring in 2018, with a significant reduction in the time taken to make it available. [GEP/MTSSS]
- Implementation of a pilot survey on Special Needs in Higher Education Establishments. [DGEEC/MEd|MCTES]
- Preparation of the Technological Resources of Schools statistical activity. [DGEEC/MEd|MCTES]
- Completion of the project for the new statistical processing and dissemination subsystems of the Justice Statistics Information System. [DGPJ/MJ]
- Methodological, scientific and technological development aimed at enhancing the quality of statistics in the Fisheries sector. [DGRM/MM]
- Improvement of the quality and coverage of statistics on Energy and Geological Resources, ensuring that they are produced in accordance with methodologies harmonised at Community and international level. [DGEG/MATE]

In terms of international statistical cooperation

- Preparation of the Presidency of the Council Working Party on Statistics by Statistics Portugal, within the scope of the Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union, to take place in the first half of 2021.
- Active participation in European structures, in particular those of the European Statistical System (ESS), namely in its Committee and intensification of partnerships with Member States and Eurostat, in accordance with the objectives defined in the 2020 Vision for the ESS.
- Active participation in the work of Eurostat's ESSnets and Task Forces in various fields.
- Participation in the European Statistical Forum, which brings together the European Statistical System and the European System of Central Banks.
- Follow-up of the development of the 2030 Agenda and participation in the monitoring process of the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Cooperation to develop the statistical systems of other countries, particularly Portuguese-speaking countries, both bilaterally and within the framework of the CPLP.

HUMAN AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Human

The implementation of the Activity Plan for 2019 of Statistics Portugal and the ONAs foresees 1,041 employees:

- Statistics Portugal: 922 employees (senior staff, administrative and other assistants); includes 243 senior staff to be hired on a fixed-term basis for census operations (Agricultural Census 2019 and 2021 Censuses). In addition to these, 500 simultaneous service providers (interviewers) are planned for regular data collection operations and 1,300 for the Agricultural Census 2019.
- ONA: 119 employees.

Financial

The implementation of this Activity Plan will involve a total budgeted cost of €43.594 million:

- Statistics Portugal: €39.229 million (€29.145 million from the 2019 State Budget already allocated and €3.4 million from Own Revenues and European Funds; €6.6 million to be reinforced from the allocation at the beginning of 2019 for the Agricultural Census 2019, 2021 Censuses and National Data Infrastructure projects).
- ONA: €4.366 million.