



Executive summary of Statistics Portugal and ONA Annual Activities Report 2013

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1. Overview

This report describes and assesses Statistics Portugal (SP) and ONA performance in 2013 according to the Annual Work Programme developed according to the General Guidelines of Official Statistical Activity (LGAE0) 2013-2107 and taking into account the Annual Work Programme of the European Commission, duly aligned with the European Statistical Work Programme for 2013-2017.

The performance of SP in 2013 can be assessed by means of:

- The self-evaluation of its QUAR 2013 – Assessment Responsibility Framework – in which a percentage of 116.972% was achieved, justifying the proposed mention of “Good”;
- The evaluation of the implementation of all activities in the Work Programme points out to an overall implementation rate of 93%, while making use of lower volume of Human Resources (less 3.1% than initially planned), and with a lower expenditure (about 3.5% less than initially budgeted);
- The maintenance of high satisfaction levels of statistical information users, measured by User Satisfaction Surveys, which showed a slight increase compared to 2012.



2. Some Statistical activities and Surveys developed in 2013 by the SP and ONA

2.1 Concerning statistical production

a) Concerning **cost and burden reduction on respondents**:

- Intensification of initiatives intended to increase the use of administrative data for statistical purposes, aiming to reduce costs for Statistical Authorities and the burden on respondents.
- Design of a new sampling methodology for the Annual Survey on Industrial Production that allowed a substantial reduction on the number business units.
- Improvement of the procedures that allow higher response rates at CATI Data collection mode surveys aiming at optimization of resources and consequent cost reduction.
- Use of electronic applications for data collection in all statistical operations in the area of Education and Science. [DGEEC|MEC]
- Functional analysis and development of an IT application for data collection for the three areas of public mediation (labour, and family and criminal matters). [DGPJ|MJ]

b) Concerning the improvement of the efficiency of the **data collection process**:

- Using the National Dwellings Register (FNA) for better samples, calling for increased responses rates in household surveys.
- Using Automatic Data Transmission practices instead of using electronic data collection questionnaires (implementation in 3 surveys).
- Starting improving and refreshing WEBINQ area in SP Portal, aiming at modernizing its functionalities and usability.
- Extending the electronic data collection in household surveys.
- Making available a new electronic questionnaire for the Intrastat System, increasing the proportion of business declarations sent to SP by this means, which has reached a rate of 99,3% in 2013.

c) Concerning the **statistical production process**:

- Producing the Portuguese National Accounts into the new 2011 basis.
- Producing short-term statistics indicators into the new 2010 basis.
- Completion of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) long series, available now for the period 1948/2013.



- Adoption of the new Harmonized System (UN Product Nomenclature), with impact on the adjustment of the Combined Nomenclature and on other products used in International Trade Statistics.
- Conclusion of the Census 2011 programme.
- Starting of the Data treatment and analysis of the information concerning the Occurrence of Accidents at Work in the public sector. [GEE|ME]
- Introduction of new variables in the statistical operations in the area of education statistics, namely related to the students attendance and their administrative system and teachers functions system (full-time / part-time). [DGEEC|MEC]

2.2. Concerning dissemination

- 97.6% of the planned statistical information was made available on time, according to the pre-announced calendar.
- Earlier availability of the Labour Force Survey results, i.e. 38 days after the end of the data reference period (7 days earlier).
- Earlier release of provisional data of the Integrated Business Accounts System.
- First time provision of data on business establishments as part of the Integrated Business Accounts System for the years 2008-2011.
- Dissemination of the definitive estimates of the resident population, inter-census 2001-2010.
- Dissemination of the first results of the Fertility Survey 2013, conducted in partnership with the Foundation Francisco Manuel dos Santos.
- Dissemination of two studies characterizing housing stock.
- Dissemination of the Sustainable Development Indicators for 2012.
- First time dissemination of indicators on emerging phenomena of temporary emigration and demographic aging.
- First time dissemination of the Portuguese Wellbeing Index for the period 2004 to 2012 (preliminary results for the latest year).
- Early dissemination of the revised regional mortality tables by NUTS II (1999-2001 to 2009-2011) and NUTS III (2004-2006 to 2009-2011).
- Earlier provision of results of the Road Freight Transport survey, as a result of optimization of processes, both in the data collection and in the results of analysis.
- Meeting the target agreed for responses and clarifications to users requests of statistical information.



- First time dissemination of official statistical information on students with special educational needs. [DGEEC|MEC]
- Production and dissemination of Statistics on civil enforcement proceedings in 1st instance courts. [DGPJ|MJ]

2.3. Concerning statistical cooperation:

- Leading the project "Purchasing Power Parities", amongst the Southern European Countries Group.
- Participation in European projects promoted by the European Institute for Gender Equality in the area of gender equality.
- Satisfying the increased requests from the Portuguese-speaking African countries (PALOP) and Timor-Leste for training SP staff within the National Statistical System Training programme.

3. Human and Financial Resources

SP and ONA allocated to the activities foreseen in their 2013 Work Programme a total of 788 human resources (656 on SP and 132 on ONA), and a total of financial resources of EUR 34 922 870 (88,54 % of SP responsibility).

4. SP Objectives in the context of the Assessment and Responsibility Framework (QUAR 2013)

In 2013 the operational objectives established by SP within its Assessment and Responsibility Framework (QUAR), are also assessed and explained in this Report. These objectives were defined taking into account the SP Mission and Vision, the LGAEO 2013-2017, as well as the Work Programme for 2013:

Effectiveness Objectives

- O1. Consolidating the provision of official statistical information. (LGAEO 2013/2017- Obj1/LA17, Obj1/LA18);
- O2. Increasing statistical literacy in society. (LGAEO 2013/2017- Obj2/LA16);
- O3. Meeting the SP Training Programme. (LGAEO 2013/2017- Obj3/LA11);
- O4. Keeping the high quality statistical cooperation with countries belonging to CPLP (Community of Portuguese-speaking countries). (LGAEO 2013/2017- Obj3/LA10).



Efficiency Objectives

O5. Intensifying the use of more advanced collection modes and more user-friendly to the respondent. (LGAEO 2013/2017- Obj1/LA9);

O6. Increasing the appropriation of administrative data for statistical purposes. (LGAEO 2013/2017- Obj1/LA2; Obj1/LA3; Obj1/LA4);

O7. Upgrading of the infrastructure of statistical production systems. (LGAEO 2013/2017- Obj1/LA6; Obj1/LA7).

Quality Objectives

O8. Providing, in a timely manner, relevant high-quality official statistics to society. (LGAEO 2013/2017- Obj2/LA1; Obj2/LA5; Obj2/LA7).

5. List of other National Authorities (ONA)

- Directorate General of Education and Science Statistics of the Ministry of Education and Science (DGEEC/MEC);
- Directorate General for Justice Policy of the Ministry of Justice (DGPJ/MJ);
- Strategic Studies department of the Ministry of Economy and Employment (GEE/MEE) (Protocol of statistical functions for the production of some labor market statistics under revision, in order to reflect the new governmental structure, at present in GEE/ME but expected to go back to the GEP/MSESS soon);
- Directorate-General for Energy and Geology of the Ministry of Economy and Employment (DGEG/MEE);
- General Directorate of Natural Resources, Marine Resources and Safety Services of the Ministry of Agriculture, Sea, Environment and Spatial planning (DGRM/MAMAOT).

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