



Executive summary of Statistics Portugal and ONA Annual Activities Report 2014

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1. Overview

The development of SP and ONA statistical activity in 2014 still had as framework the Annual Work Programme of the European Commission and the Annual Work Programme, operational documents for medium-term strategies, european and national, defined, respectively, in the "Community Statistical Programme for European Statistics" and in "General Guidelines of Official Statistical Activity" (LGAE0) 2013-2017.

The performance of SP in 2014 can be assessed by means of:

- The self-evaluation of its QUAR 2014, in which a percentage of 119,880% was achieved, justifying the proposed mention of "Good".
- The evaluation of the implementation of all activities in the Work Programme 2014 points out to an overall implementation rate of 91,3%, while making use of lower volume of human resources, less 4,1% than initially planned, and with a lower expenditure, about 7,2% less than initially budgeted.
- The maintenance of high satisfaction levels of statistical information clients/users, measured by regularly conducted User Satisfaction Surveys, which showed a slight increase compared to 2013.

2. Some Statistical activities and Surveys developed in 2014 by the SP and ONA could be highlighted

2.1 Concerning the statistical production process

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



- Continuing initiatives to increase the use of administrative data for statistical purposes, by SP and ONA.
 - Implementation of the new methodology for the Annual Survey on Industrial Production which reduced by about 2/3 the number of companies to be surveyed. This methodology served as the anchor for applying similar methodologies to the Annual Survey on Domestic Trade and the Survey on Rendered Services to Enterprises.
 - Widening the availability of Automatic Data transmission solutions in business surveys, enabling a simplification in the response by businesses, including, in 2014, 12 surveys.
- b) Concerning the improvement of the efficiency of the **data collection process**:
- Refreshing WebInq area in Official Statistics Portal, modernizing its functionalities and usability, and widening the scope to surveys on individuals and families.
 - Increasing the availability of electronic forms on the self-completed surveys.
 - Intensifying the use of validation tools and data analysis during the collection process (both in businesses and families surveys, as in the prices collection), in particular Business Objects (BO), as well as metadata, allowing timely corrective actions and improvement of the collected data.
 - Consolidating of metadata analysis, which resulted in more indicators for knowledge of the conditions of data collecting (face-to-face interview and telephonic interview), as well as the response patterns of respondents.
- c) Concerning the **statistical production process**:
- The implementation process of the 2010 was completed with the completion of the base 2011 of Portuguese National Accounts. The availability of 2011 base results was reflected in the update of a wide range of correlated information, in particular Quarterly Accounts, Regional Accounts, Satellite Accounts and the Excessive Deficit Procedure. After the completion of the 2011 national accounts base, centred in that year and implemented simultaneously for the years 2010 and 2011, took place the backward projection of results, producing series for the main macroeconomic aggregates for the period 1995-2009.
 - Compiling of Annual Accounts for Public Administrations (AP) for the period 1995-2013, based on the ESA 2010 and with 2011 as the benchmark year. Quarterly accounts have also been compiled since the first quarter of 1999, consistent with the new series of Annual Accounts.



- Starting production and dissemination, on a monthly basis, of estimates of employed and unemployed population by sex and age group, and corresponding rates, of the Labor Force Survey, from November.
- Implementing the National Health Survey, 2014.
- Implementing a new exercise on Demographic Projections on the Resident Population, by age and gender, 2011-2060 series, for Portugal and NUTS II Regions.
- Completion of Farm Structure Survey 2013.
- Conducting the Survey on Situation of Migrants and their Descendants in the Labour Market.
- Implementing and disseminating the Perspectives on Exports of Goods Survey.
- Reformulating statistical operations carried out under powers delegated by protocol to SP, based on the grouping of operations according to the nature of the data produced.
[DGEG|MAOTE]

2.2. Concerning the dissemination process

- 95.7 % of the planned statistical information was made available on time, according to the pre-announced calendar.
- Earlier availability of Quarterly National Accounts results, i. e. 60 days after the end of the reference quarter (10 days earlier). Was also accomplished the goal of anticipation of the release of Quarterly Accounts by Institutional Sector, which went from 90 to 85 days.
- Earlier dissemination of Immigration and Emigration Estimates in 2013.
- Early dissemination of the indicators on Mortality Complete Tables by NUTS II and Life Expectancies by NUTS III for the three-year period 2011-2013.
- Release not previously planned of the Mortality Complete Tables by NUTS III (new NUTS 2013) for four three-year periods: 2008-2010, 2009-2011, 2010-2012 and 2011-2013.
- Dissemination of the final results of the Fertility Survey 2013, conducted in partnership with the Foundation Francisco Manuel dos Santos.
- Dissemination of annual and infra-annual statistics of live births, deaths, marriages and divorces in 2013 and 2014, with availability of a new monthly indicator on child mortality.



- Early dissemination of the provisional results of the Income and Living Conditions Survey (EU-SILC) 2013, including the results of the ad hoc module on material deprivation.
- Dissemination of Food Balance for 2008-2012.
- Dissemination of the results of the Synthetic Index of Regional Development and partial Indexes of Competitiveness, Cohesion and Environmental Quality.
- Anticipation of the availability of the Integrated Accounting System for Enterprises 2013 (provisional data).
- Dissemination, at the end of the year, of the publication summary of main indicators of Justice Statistics 2013, "The numbers of Justice (2008-2013)". [DGPJ|MJ]
- Provision of a new form of presentation of a set of general indicators of education, which allow an overview of the organization and dimension of the Portuguese education system. [DGEEC|MEC]
- Availability, on the website, of the satisfaction survey for users of summaries / results publications; direct access to methodological documents and dissemination and review policies. [GEE|ME]

2.3. Concerning statistical cooperation:

- Continuation of regular monitoring by SP, of the implementation of delegating protocols with regard to delegated statistical activities.
- Participation in relevant task forces at European level , notably on the preparation of the round of Peer Reviews to ESS, 2020 Vision for the SESS, SIMSTAT (Single Market Statistics) , among others.
- Implementation of the "National Statistical Systems Training Programme for the Portuguese-speaking African countries and Timor-Leste", relating to enlargement of Phase 2 (2013) and starting of Phase 3 (2014-2015), approved by the CPLP (Community of Portuguese-speaking countries).
- Cooperation with candidate countries and potential candidates under "Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance" (IPA) to the EU.

It should be also noted the successful preparation of the work related to the implementation of the Peer Review 2014/2015 round, on the implementation of 15 Principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice, by SP and ONA.



3. Human and Financial Resources

SP and ONA allocated to the activities foreseen in the 2014 Work Programme, a total of 775 workers belonging to the staff (648 on SP and 127 on ONA), and a total of EUR 32 567 740 (88,7 % of SP responsibility).

4. Objectives in the context of the Assessment and Responsibility Framework (QUAR 2014)

The objectives established by SP within its Assessment and Responsibility Framework (QUAR), assessed in this Report, took into account SP Mission and Vision, the LGAEO 2013-2017 as well as the Work Programme for 2014:

Effectiveness Objectives

- O1. Consolidating the provision of official statistical information and extending its respective accessibility. (LGAEO 2013/2017- Obj1/LA17, Obj1/LA18)
- O2. Increasing statistical literacy in society. (LGAEO 2013/2017- Obj2/LA16)
- O3. Preparing properly the Peer Review Exercise of the European Statistics Code of Practice. (LGAEO 2013/2017-Obj1/LA1)
- O4. Keeping the high-quality statistical cooperation with countries belonging to CPLP (Community of Portuguese-speaking countries). (LGAEO 2013/2017- Obj3/LA10) in spite of limited resources.

Efficiency Objectives

- O5. Intensifying the use of technologically advanced collection modes and 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 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 (GEE/ME) (Protocol of statistical functions for the production of some labour market statistics under revision, in order to reflect to the new governmental structure, at present in GEE/ME but expected back to the GEP/MSESS soon);
- Directorate-General for Energy and Geology of the Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Energy (DGEG/MAOTE);
- General Directorate of Natural Resources, Marine Resources and Safety Services of the Ministry of Agriculture and Sea (DGRM/MAM).

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