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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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FOREWORD

1. On a number of occasions the Commission, Council and Parliament have expressed their interest in the drawing up, by the Statistical Office of the European Communities, of work programmes covering statistical activities in the years ahead.
2. To meet these demands in a manner which is calculated to enable the Council to examine and approve such programmes, the Commission has adopted a procedure whereby a programme covering the statistical activities of the Community in the years ahead will be prepared at regular intervals and submitted to the Council for approval.
3. In instituting this procedure, the Commission has the following considerations in mind:
 - 3.1 At a time when demands for statistics are increasing rapidly, co-ordination is essential. Otherwise there will be needless waste and confusion caused by a proliferation of requests for figures.
 - 3.2 Requests for statistics come from many directions each reflecting a different need. But unless they are co-ordinated the result is an accumulation of overlapping and potentially conflicting demands.
 - 3.3 Many requests may be aimed at a limited number of suppliers of information, who may increasingly resent and oppose any duplication and inconsistency.
4. The programme and the associated procedures for consultation and discussion provide the means for co-ordination.
5. The principal features of the proposals and the new procedures are:
 - 5.1 The bringing together of the major statistical and closely related activities of concern to the Community into one programme, the central core being the SOEC's own programme.
 - 5.2 The possibilities of improved co-ordination that such a comprehensive programme presents.

- 5.3 Consultation with the interested parties, particularly the principal users of the information, including the European Parliament.
- 5.4 The opportunity for the Council to review annually the adequacy of the Community statistical programme, its priorities and its relevance to policy needs and thus to approve its general lines.
6. This procedure was followed for the second statistical programme covering the years 1977 - 1979 which was approved by the Council on 29 July 1977 (Doc. T/626/77 (AGRI)). The first and third programmes were merely circulated as information documents to Commission services and the Statistical Offices of the Member States.
7. The Council is asked to approve the general lines of the Community's statistical programme. The programme is submitted to Council in parallel with the formulation of the Commissions' budget proposals to ensure consistency between the two as regards the financial implications. At the same time, the programme is sent to the Parliament for information. Authority to finance individual projects will be sought in the appropriate manner : the major statistical projects are normally subject of an Act of Council.

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GENERAL LINES
OF THE PROGRAMME

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FOURTH STATISTICAL PROGRAMME 1979-1981

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The 1979-1981 working programme for EUROSTAT is drawn up with a view to developing the statistical system of the European Communities in such a way that it will constitute an optimum information source and practical tool, primarily for the use of the European Community's own institutions and Member States.

Considerable importance is therefore attached to the ideal of achieving a suitable balance between, on the one hand, those types of statistics which are largely intended to give an up-to-the-minute picture of economic and social developments, particularly as regards employment, production, prices and external relations, and, on the other hand, those types of statistics which are intended more for use in describing structures or analysing society.

In both cases, it is essential to ensure as high a degree of continuity as possible, with a view to providing, among other things, a practical basis for forecasts.

In drawing up the programme and deciding on the statistical work to be done, every possible effort is made to meet the requirements of the administration of the European Communities, while taking account of the capacity of the various national statistical institutions to provide the necessary basic information.

- 1.2 The programme is concerned with Community statistical activities in the years 1979-1981. As with previous programmes, it concentrates on the work of the Statistical Office of the European Communities (EUROSTAT), but it also takes into account work of a statistical interest carried out by other Directorates-General of the Commission.
- 1.3 In the first section, the purposes to be served by the programme are recalled as is the nature of the decision which the Commission seeks to obtain from Council on such programmes.
- 1.4 As these programmes are intended to form part of a regular annual series, each covering three years only, it is to be expected that, from year to year, there will normally only be a limited number of changes. Changes, however, become cumulatively significant over the years. They reflect responses to new short-term priority needs and they indicate a movement towards new long-term objectives. To put proposed innovations in the draft programme into a better perspective, this first section contains a brief review of past and future developments.

2. PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAMME

2.1 The programme is a multi-purpose document in that it:

- 2.1.1 enables the Commission to determine its priorities for statistical work in the years ahead
- 2.1.2 gives Council the opportunity to give its approval on the broad lines of the programme
- 2.1.3 promotes the role of EUROSTAT as integrator at the centre of the Community's statistical system and improves coordination between EUROSTAT and the other services of the Commission
- 2.1.4 makes it easier to adjust national, Community and international statistical programmes to accord with each other
- 2.1.5 informs internal and external users of statistics of Community plans in this field
- 2.1.6 serves EUROSTAT as a basis for internal planning.

2.2 To meet these various purposes, the programme must be quite succinct in its general outlines and at the same time must enter into a considerable amount of descriptive detail both as regards existing and new projects. For this reason the programme is in two parts, the first dealing with the broad lines and the second taking the form of an annex giving details.

3. NATURE OF COUNCIL APPROVAL

3.1 In submitting such programmes at regular intervals to Council the Commission is responding to Council's wishes. However, Council experienced some difficulty with regard to the second programme. This difficulty arose because of uncertainty whether approval of the broad lines of the programme meant that individual projects were also approved. The Commission wishes to make it clear that it does not seek, in the context of the statistical programme, approval for an individual project. The justification for, and agreement to, specific projects, are matters for the committees and working groups of the Commission and, where necessary, for appropriate procedures in Council.

3.2 Indeed, a three-year programme cannot be legally binding because the provisions of the Treaty allow only for year by year commitment of budgetary resources for Community purposes.

3.3 Nevertheless, the Commission regard an agreement in principle by Council to record its general approval of the broad lines of a programme as morally binding insofar as Member States would then be expected to plan to provide necessary resources and make the necessary efforts to assist EUROSTAT to accomplish the whole or the greater part of the programme within the time scale envisaged.

- 3.4 This commitment on the part of both Commission and Member States is of course strongest for the first year of the programme, particularly as the planning for that year will be linked to the allocation of budgetary resources for that year. For the second and third years, the programme is necessarily more indicative, more subject to uncertainty both as regards the availability of resources and other developments on the national and Community level. Nevertheless, even for these later years, approval of the programme by Council is interpreted as a commitment by Member States to preparing plans for a Community programme of work of the size and scope indicated by the programme.
- 3.5 Approval does not exclude one or other Member States stipulating qualifications about the usefulness or feasibility or one or a number of individual projects. Indeed, the Council decision on the second programme was accompanied by a list of a small number of qualifications, cited as examples of the kind of qualifications Council wished to make. These related to the annual and conjunctural surveys of industrial activity and to projects relating to transport, services and inputs of raw materials to industry.

4. REVIEW OF PAST DEVELOPMENTS

- 4.1 EUROSTAT will be 20 years old in 1978 and it is perhaps appropriate at this juncture to try to place the current three-year programme in the context of the Office's past history and of the likely future development of Community statistics over the next decade.
- 4.2 The Community statistical service began in 1953. It was designed to give statistical support to the newly created High Authority of the Coal and Steel Community. Activity in these early days led to the foundation of what is now a fairly comprehensive system of statistics covering, initially, the steel and coal industries and, subsequently, the whole of the energy sector.
- 4.3 The Statistical Office was created in 1958 following a decision by the three executive bodies, ECSC, Euratom and EEC. Much of the first decade was devoted to the search for and the setting up of basic statistical systems, of nomenclatures, the NIMEXE, the NACE, of national accounts, the ESA, of Community surveys particularly in the field of social and agricultural statistics, and of a comprehensive system of agricultural statistics required to meet the needs of the Common Agricultural Policy.
- 4.4 In the following five years preceding the enlargement of the Community from six to nine countries, there was much concern with the problems of implementation by the six Member States of these new Community statistical instruments. In addition the range of the Office's activities was extending rapidly and new directives on industrial and transport statistics, planned during the previous decade, were approved during this period.

- 4.5 The enlargement of the Community brought two new tasks, fitting the three new Member States into the statistical framework of the Community, and dealing with the increased volume of statistics consequent solely upon the enlargement.
- 4.6 During the same period, fresh needs for statistics have arisen. On the one hand, Community policies have called for Community statistics in new fields, including research, education and environment. Many of these activities may be described as conventional in that they are principally concerned with the collection of data to be published and used at a fairly high level of aggregation. By contrast, there has been a growing demand for other statistics of a more analytical character, particularly those which permit the Community and Member Countries to appreciate the size of and the changes in their economic and financial relations with the rest of the world, distinguishing separately the main geographical areas. As an example may be quoted the foreign trade statistics and those for balance of payments, statistics to which recourse has to be made more and more frequently for the negotiation and monitoring of agreements with third countries in this area. In this area the conceptual and presentational homogeneity of the figures must be such as to form the basis for an adequate "Community picture", starting from national statistics which are as up to date as possible.
- 4.7 However, perhaps the most significant development in recent years has been the impact of Community and world economic difficulties. Perception and analysis of these difficulties require fast and reliable figures. The Office has developed a number of important social and economic indicators, including those covering monthly figures of industrial production and unemployment. Others are in preparation, and the paramount need in the programme for statistical work for the immediate future is to give the necessary priority to providing a good service of timely statistics related to the Community's most pressing needs in the social and economic fields.

5. THE NEXT TEN YEARS

- 5.1 For any programme of future statistical work, assumptions must be made, in the face of uncertainty, about the political, social and economic environment in which the statistician is likely to be working. For the next decade, it seems likely, at the present time, that four factors will be important in shaping statistical plans:
- 5.1.1 continuing concern with the problems of Community and world economic growth
 - 5.1.2 continuing efforts to promote Community coordination and integration, particularly in the economic and monetary fields
 - 5.1.3 increasing number of Community policies, internal and external, requiring very detailed statistical support
 - 5.1.4 prospects of further enlargement of the Community.
- 5.2 Against the background sketched out in the preceding paragraphs the Commission's broad strategy in the field of statistics in the next decade can be defined as follows:

- 5.2.1 to guarantee a suitable and adequate supply of time series which can be continually brought up to date and used as a source of information regarding current developments within the different sectors of the Community. As far as possible, these time series should also enable comparisons to be made with the situation in the rest of the world
- 5.2.2 to conduct regular studies with a view to clarifying the economic and social structure in the various countries and providing a basis for closer analysis, comparisons, and evaluation of developments in the various sectors in the individual countries. In particular, to improve the data for the analysis of the regional economies to highlight imbalances between regions which affect the process of economic integration.
- 5.3 The continually growing demand for statistical information emphasizes the need for harmonization in the statistical work carried out in the various countries. It also calls for a greater degree of coordination between EUROSTAT itself and the various other administrative departments of the European Communities with a view to avoiding duplication of effort and avoiding the compilation of information for which there is little use. In this respect, it is also essential to ensure optimum use of the information available, e.g. by channelling it through EUROSTAT and by making as much use as possible of computer technology in the development of information services.
- 5.4 EUROSTAT has also a continuing and important role to play in coordinating statistical activities in the Community with those of international statistical organizations. Once again, the twin objectives are increased harmonization and avoidance of duplication of effort.
- 5.5 An underlying theme of the work of coordination at national, Community and international levels will be the need to keep the demands on respondents to statistical questionnaires to the essential minimum.

6. THE PROGRAMME FOR 1979 TO 1981

First priority - timely social and economic statistics

- 6.1 The primary objective of this programme is to improve the statistical service given by EUROSTAT in certain fields. These include new as well as old projects, annual as well as more frequent statistics statistics which are already harmonized and some which are not, projects concerned with the treatment and dissemination of data, and projects of special (fishing) as well as general (ESA) application.

Other priorities for policy purposes

- 6.2 There are few major new projects involving the collection of new statistics in the period 1979 to 1981. A contingency programme for fishery statistics has been drawn up, plans are being laid for statistics relating to wine and olive growing and in the industrial sector there are new proposals for compiling balance sheets for essential industrial raw materials.
- 6.3 In a large area of activity, a good statistical service is already available - for example agriculture and energy. In these sectors the objective will be to meet a limited number of new demands while maintaining the existing service. With limited resources this will mean simplifying wherever possible. Nevertheless, the programme of surveys in the coming years remains substantial. An indicative list, looking as far ahead as 1983, is given in Table A.

As regards national accounts, certain important gaps have been identified and remain to be filled. In the coming years the objective is to continue to make steady progress in filling the gaps and in extending the use of the ESA system for Community and national purposes. Particularly attention will be given to developing regional accounts to meet the needs for assessment of national and Community regional policies. The importance of statistics of balance of payments with third countries has already been underlined.

There are some changes of emphasis in the programme for social statistics. The need for short-term statistics has already been mentioned, but in addition some lightening of the periodic structural surveys will continue in order to make room for the increased use of time series of various social indicators.

- 6.4 Ways and means must also be found, from material already available, to provide Commission services with badly needed information on the service trades, particularly in the context of the sectorial analyses. In addition, data for sectorial analyses at appropriate regional level will be supplied to the Commission.
- 6.5 The prospects of a further enlargement of the Community have already increased the workload of the Office. Meeting demands for statistical information required during discussions and negotiations with candidate members will need a high degree of priority during the period of this programme.

Priorities for statistical development

- 6.6 Work on the statistical infrastructure must continue. Many longer-term projects which yield no immediate returns in terms of quicker or better statistics are essential. In this category for example falls the joint UN/EEC work on world nomenclature problems.

7. WAYS OF IMPROVING SHORT-TERM STATISTICS

Efforts by the Member States

- 7.1 Obtaining up-to-date statistics in all the fields to be covered puts a heavy demand on national statistical systems, in spite of EUROSTAT's efforts to reduce the overall workload by lightening the programme wherever possible. However, particular importance is attached to the observance by Member States to the agreed timetables for supplying:

- 7.1.1 foreign trade statistics (according to the timetable laid down in the regulations on foreign trade statistics)
- 7.1.2 monthly, quarterly and annual industrial statistics to be provided in accordance with the directives now in force
- 7.1.3 employment and unemployment figures on a standardized basis

Efforts by EUROSTAT

- 7.2 The ability of EUROSTAT to give an adequate service depends essentially on the efforts made in the Member States. Nevertheless higher priority than hitherto will be given by EUROSTAT to the processing, dissemination, presentation and analysis of these statistics. In particular, the organization of work will distinguish more clearly the operational tasks of providing a timely service from the development work on harmonization and integration.

Estimates

- 7.3 A high degree of harmonization of figures from Member States is desirable in EUROSTAT statistics, and efforts to achieve this goal must continue. But for many urgent purposes only incomplete and disparate data will be available for some time to come. Much of this data, from existing national sources, cannot be used directly for Community purposes. EUROSTAT must, by processes of estimation, explanation and analysis, ensure that the data is put in a form which can serve the purpose in hand.

Use of indicators

- 7.4 Many of the short-term statistics are needed to monitor changes and in this context comparability over time is the first objective. EUROSTAT's task will be to find the best statistics available to use as indicators of these changes .

Sectorial studies

- 7.5 The drawing together of statistics from various sources to support sectorial studies highlights the use of these statistical skills in selection, estimation, analysis and interpretation of data. It also leads to greater coordination within EUROSTAT of the work of the different Directorates.

Computer programme

- 7.6 EUROSTAT has pursued for a number of years an important and successful development programme for providing essential software (CRONOS, OSIRIS, SABINE, and, in preparation, AISE) for statistical work. This development programme will continue and in addition considerable resources will be needed during this period to deal with problems arising from the changeover to the new computer.

However the ability of EUROSTAT to provide timely statistics already depends to a large extent, and will increasingly depend, on a high degree of operational efficiency in EUROSTAT and in the Computing Centre. Moreover, the collaboration between computer specialists and statisticians and other users of the automated data systems must become much closer than hitherto.

- 7.7 The problem of the linking of national and Community statistical systems by a computer network will merit special study during the period of this programme. Close collaboration with the computer specialists in the national statistical services will be extremely important in the next few years.

Publications

- 7.8 The programme of publications - internal as well as external - will be re-examined to ensure that the maximum use is made of computing possibilities and that data reaching the user in this form is timely and relevant.

8. CONCLUSIONS

- 8.1 The statistical programme must look as far ahead as possible to help EUROSTAT and the national statistical services to programme their work rationally. Unforeseen developments will undoubtedly occur which will require further changes to be made long before the end of the terminal year of programme, hence the necessity for regular review and revision and an annual updating and rolling forward of the programme. It is at once a purposeful and flexible instrument and its usefulness depends to a large extent on the discussion and comment that it stimulates which is secondary only to its prime purpose of providing positive guidelines for the Community's statistical work in the coming years.
- 8.2 Without losing sight of the importance of collecting a wide range of data to meet many differing needs, and to make steady progress towards the harmonization and integration of the national systems, this programme underlines the urgency of the need for timely statistical data and analysis to understand and deal with the Community's social and economic problems in the years ahead. The Commission, through EUROSTAT and with the help of the national services, intends to meet this need.

INDICATIVE TIMETABLE OF SURVEYS INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAMME

Key:	X	-	Community survey
	x	-	Community survey, small scale or of limited coverage
	H	-	National survey, harmonized and synchronized
	(H)	-	National survey, harmonized but not synchronized
	()	-	Uncertainty as to timing
	*	-	Survey programmes currently under review

Reference year of the survey

1978 1979 1980 1981 1982 1983

Social

Labour force				X		(X)			X
Labour force - supplementary questions				X		(X)			
Qualitative	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Labour costs in industry	X					X			
Labour costs in commerce	X					X			
Salaries - industry		(x)							
Salaries - commerce		(x)							
Earnings in agriculture	x	x	X	x	x	x	x	x	x
Population census						H			
Family budgets					(H)				
Accidents (iron and steel)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Accidents (iron and steel): origin and circumstances	x					x			

Agriculture

Structure		X			X				X
Cattle	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pigs	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dairy	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hatchery	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sheep	(X)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fruit trees								X	
Wine: Basic survey 1979/80		X							
Annual surveys				x	x	x	x	x	x
Land use						X			
Milk collection		(X)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Industry

Energy consumption	(x)								
ECSC surveys	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Industry - general	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Industry - investment	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Quinquennial survey of small firms		x							
Census (number of enterprises)						(X)			
Building and civil engineering	(X)								

Transport and Trade

Community quotas*	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
NST statistics*	X					
Regional road-haulage statistics*	X	X	X	X	X	X
Regional non road-haulage statistics*	X	X	X	X	X	X

Prices

Capital goods prices	x	x	x	x	x	x
Energy prices	x	x	x	x	x	x
Retail prices	x	x	x	x	x	x
Producers' prices	(x)					

Breakdown of EUROSTAT staff
by area of work - January 1978

Area of work	Staff			
	A	B	C	TOTAL
<u>Secretariat of the Director General</u>	1		1	2
<u>Statistical Programme</u>	1		1	2
Registry		2	2	4
General Administration	2		3	5
Personnel Records			2	2
Brussels Liaison Office	1	2	1	4
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Total Secretariat	5	4	10	19
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<u>Directorate A - Statistical methods and processing of data</u>	1		1	2
A1 <u>Automatic data processing</u>	1		1	2
Current operations	2	2	2	6
Development	4			4
Mini computers	1			1
A2 <u>Methods and statistical technical assistance</u>	1			1
A3 <u>Dissemination of information</u>	1		1	2
CRONOS data base	2	3		5
Publications, library	1	4	4	9
Studies	1			1
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Total Directorate A	15	9	9	33
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<u>Directorate B - General statistics and national accounts</u>	1		1	2
B1 <u>Economic accounts</u>	1		2	3
National accounts	4	3		7
Input-Output tables	2	2		4
B2 <u>Financial statistics and accounts and balance of payments</u>	1		1	2
Financial and monetary statistics	3	3		6
Balance of payments	2	1	1	4
B3 <u>Price statistics</u>	1		1	2
ESA aggregates in real terms, weighting, price indices	1	1	1	3
Consumer goods price enquiry	2	2	1	5
Investment goods price enquiry	1	1		2
B4 <u>Regional statistics and accounts</u>	1		1	2
EEC regional funds	1		1	2
Regional social statistics	1	1	1	3
Regional accounts	1	1		2
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Total Directorate B	23	15	11	49
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Area of work	Staff			
	A	B	C	TOTAL
<u>Directorate C - Demographic and social statistics</u>	1		1	2
<u>C1 Demographic statistics and household surveys</u>	1		2	3
Demography	1		1	2
Labour force survey, family budget survey	1	1		2
Common index		1		1
<u>C2 Wages and incomes and research statistics</u>	1		1	2
Wages and salaries	3	2		5
R & D	1	1		2
<u>C3 Social accounts and indicators and health statistics</u>	1		2	3
Social accounts	1	2		3
Social indicators	2	1		3
<u>C4 Employment and education statistics</u>	1		1	2
Employment	1	1		2
Education	1	1		2
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Total Directorate C	16	10	8	34
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<u>Directorate D - Agriculture, forestry and fisheries statistics</u>	1		3	4
<u>D1 Agricultural accounts and structure</u>	1		3	4
Agricultural accounts	1	1		2
Sectoral income and prices	3	2	3	8
Agricultural structure	3	2	1	6
Methodology and coordination	1			1
<u>D2 Agricultural balance sheets and products</u>	1		1	2
Balance sheets	2	3	1	6
Crops, horticulture, wine, land use - surveys	2	2	1	5
Crops, horticulture, wine, land use - short-term	1	4		5
Animal products	2	2	1	5
Fisheries		2		2
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Total Directorate D	18	18	14	50
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Area of work	Staff			
	A	B	C	TOTAL
<u>Directorate E</u> - Industrial and environment statistics	1		1	2
E1 <u>Energy</u>	1		3	4
Coal, electricity, nuclear	1	4	2	7
Hydrocarbons	1	2		3
Energy balance sheets	2	1		3
Prices	1	1		2
E2 <u>Iron and steel</u>	1		2	3
Market statistics	1	4		5
Technical statistics	1	2	1	4
E3 <u>Environment, industrial nomenclatures and production statistics</u>	1		1	2
Nomenclatures		1		1
Production statistics	2	2		4
E4 <u>Industrial structure and the building industry</u>	1		2	3
Annual inquiry	1	1		2
Investment	1	1		2
E5 <u>Industrial short-term trends</u>	4*	1	1	6
Total Directorate E	20	20	13	53
<u>Directorate F</u> - External relations, transport and services statistics	1		2	3
F1 <u>External trade</u>	1		2	3
Nomenclatures	2	3	1	6
Methodology	1	1		2
Information and GSP	1	2	1	4
Publications		3	1	4
GATT	1		1	2
Analyses	1			1
F2 <u>ACP countries</u>	1		1	2
Foreign trade	1	3	1	5
General statistics	1	1		2
F3 <u>Other countries</u>	1	1	1	3
F4 <u>Transport</u>	2	4	3	9
F5 <u>Services</u>	1	1	1	3
Total Directorate F	15	19	15	49
Total EUROSTAT	112	95	80	287

* including 2 temporarily detached from Secretariat and Directorate E to DG II in Brussels.

KEY

<u>Type</u>	St.	Study
	Sur.SOEC	Survey where the main interest is at the Community level
	Sur.	Survey carried out in collaboration with the SOEC
	O.p.	Other projects (collection of short-term statistics, harmonization, accounts, balance, etc.)
<u>Nature</u>	Exist.	Projects in progress
	Prop.	Already proposed: legislative text prepared or methodology already agreed
	New	New project or development of an existing project
	p.m.	Reminder (project which cannot be carried out without a greater than average addition to staff)
<u>Council Legislation</u>	Yes	Existing regulation or directive
	Poss.	Possibly, at some future date: under discussion in working groups of the Commission or the Council
	No	
<u>Financing</u>	Yes*	Credits authorized or requested
	Yes (St.)	ditto for payments for studies by independent experts
	Poss.	Possibly, at some future date: credits will be sought by the Office
	No	
<u>Timetable</u>	I	Projects affecting mainly the SOEC and thus not laying a heavy burden on Member countries
	X	Projects for collection and for processing of data mainly carried out in Member countries. The X shows the years in which the work is carried out and not the reference year or that in which the information is sent to the Office.
	G	Work mainly carried out in Committees and working group
	()	Indicates uncertainty as to timing

* It is to be noted that certain payments are designated only for the three new Member States during a transitional period. This is in respect of work which was the subject of temporary financing for the six original Member States.



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STATISTICAL ACTIVITIES AND PLANS OF THE BRUSSELS LIAISON GROUP

Following the Commission decisions on the reorganization of the Statistical Office, a liaison group has been set up at the Brussels branch of the SOEC. Reporting directly to the Director-General's Secretariat, this group has the general function of liaising with other Commission departments and the Secretariat of the Council in Brussels.

As part of this task, the liaison group is responsible for management, coordination and for the issue of the main general short-term statistics in the publications:

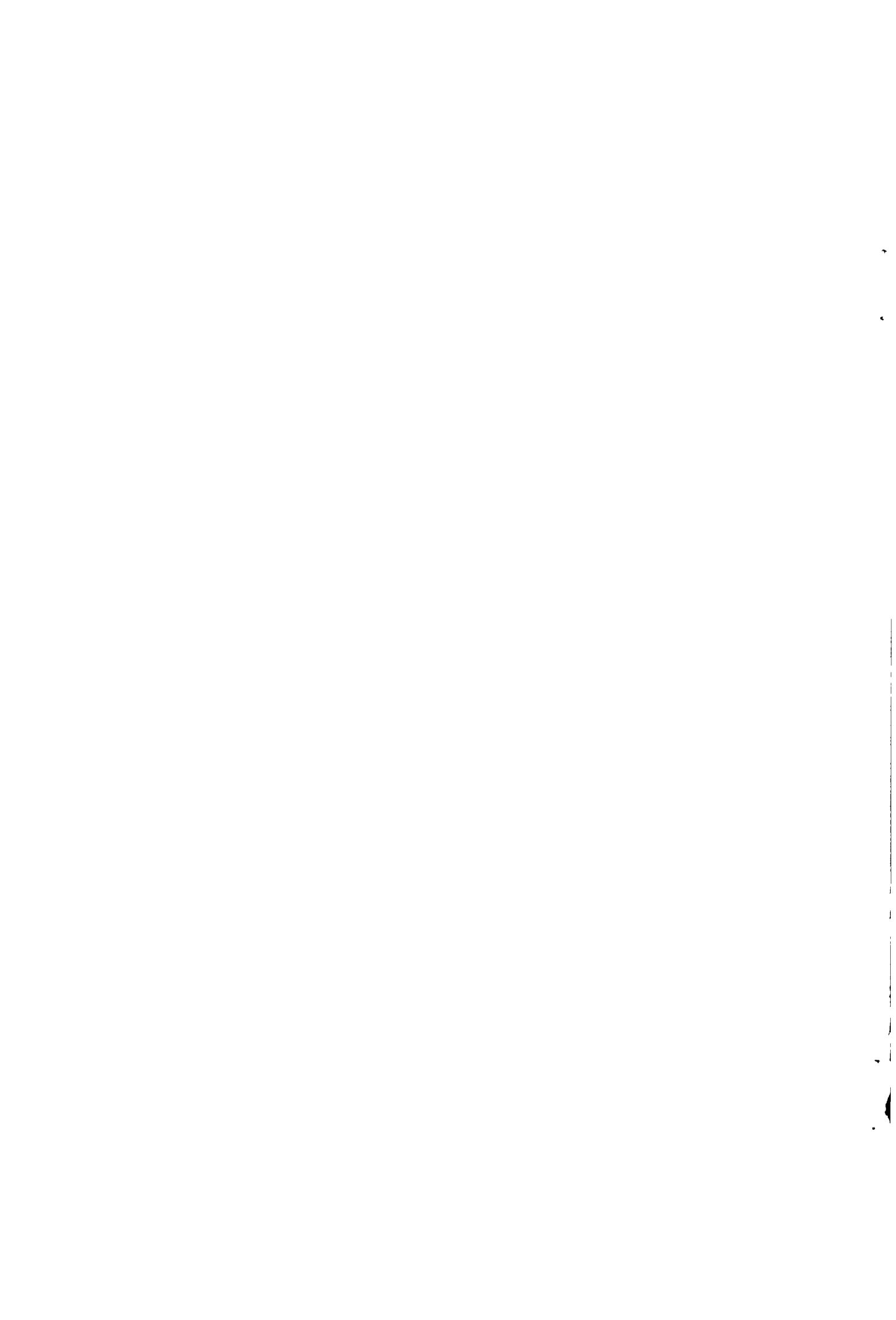
weekly table "Latest Figures"

Monthly Bulletin of General Statistics.

The liaison group is also responsible for the preparation and distribution of the annual publication "Basic Statistics", and the head of the group is a permanent member of the group dealing with "Administration of data banks".

DIRECTORATE A - STATISTICAL METHODS AND
PROCESSING OF DATA

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Division A 1 : Automatic Data Processing

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- Promotion and co-ordination of applications of data processing within the SOEC
- Management of the statistical analysis and programming unit

THEME NOTE A1.I : INFORMATION SYSTEMS

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : A1

1. INTRODUCTION:

Modern statistics make increasing use of computers, which become the essential means for the processing and storage of data, and sometimes of collection and dissemination. The Office must coordinate the work done in Member countries and make its own contribution towards technical progress.

2. SOURCE:

SOEC initiative

3. AIM:

To improve the global efficiency of systems of treatment of statistical information: notably, by the setting-up and maintenance of generalised data processing programmes.

4. DESCRIPTION:

CRONOS - the system of managing time series - should be maintained in an operational state which takes account of technological modifications; OSIRIS is a data processing system constructed from a specialised language orientated towards the production of statistical tables. A synthesis of the experience acquired during the development of these two systems will permit the establishment, in the long term, of a new project AISE.

This consists of a system of managing a set of very large sets of data (AISE: Archive of Socio-Economic Information) enabling simultaneous operation by many users who will utilise sets of programmes for execution and edition.

The view of future networks of data banks is becoming clear thanks to the work of DG XIII advised by the Committee for Information and Scientific and Technical Documentation (CIDST), which will permit the creation of a European Telecommunications Network (EURONET) into which the basic statistical data could be integrated. This would lead to an improvement in the circulation and exchange of statistical information.

5. WORK PLAN:

CRONOS : 1977-1980 maintenance and conversion to ICL equipment.
OSIRIS : 1977-1978 completion, maintenance and conversion to ICL equipment.
AISE : 1977-1980 studies and completion.
EURONET: 1977-1978 development work.
 1979 putting into service.

6. FINANCING:

Credits for studies and data processing

7. VOLUME OF WORK:

A considerable investment in data processing resources.

DIVISION A1 : AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING

Project No	Note No	Title	Type	Nature	Council Legislation	Financing	1978	1979	1980	1981
1	A1.I	Data processing - OSIRIS	O.p.	Exist.	No	Yes (St)	I	I	I	I
2	A1.I	Data processing - CRONOS	O.p.	Exist.	No	Yes (St)	I	I	I	I
3	A1.I	Data processing - AISE	O.p.	New	No	Yes (St)		I	I	I
4	A1.I	Data processing - link-up of data bases (EURONET)	O.p.	New	No	Yes (St)		I	I	I
5	A1.I	Analyses and coordination of data processing including control of a mini-computer	O.p.	Exist.	No	Yes (St)	I	I	I	I

DIVISION A1 : AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING

PUBLICATIONS PROGRAMME

Project No	Title	Comments	1978	1979	1980	1981
1	CRONOS Manuals	Restricted distribution	X			
2	SABINE Manuals	Restricted distribution	X			
3	OSIRIS Manuals	Restricted distribution	X			

WORKING GROUPS

Project No	Title	Comments
5	Statistical treatments by computer	

COUNCIL LEGISLATION

Project No	O.J.	Description

Specialized Service A 2 : Methods and Statistical
Technical Assistance

Helmut DIEHL

- Nomenclatures,
identification systems
- Survey and sampling techniques
- Analysis, methodological
harmonisation

THEME NOTE A2.I : HARMONIZATION IN THE FIELD OF STATISTICAL COORDINATION

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : A2

1. INTRODUCTION

In view of the diversity of statistical fields and problems and given the knowledge and use of the variety of work already carried out by the Member States, the SOEC is justified in engaging, on a permanent basis, in reflection, coordination and harmonization in the domain of statistical methodology.

2. SOURCE

SOEC

3. AIM

To ensure responsibility for methodological aspects and the coordination of Community work on statistics. To participate closely in the preparation of new work.

4. DESCRIPTION

The range of these activities is vast. In particular, they relate to the following areas:

1. Nomenclatures: important projects mentioned in the programme result from the application of different national and international nomenclatures. The SOEC assures the coordination of these projects in general as well as the correlations between families of nomenclatures, with regard to data processing aspects, in particular.
2. Major surveys and sampling techniques. This coordination will take place:
 - a) in the Community programme proper, between sectors of study and within these sectors
 - b) over time, in updating certain data from more modest intermediary projects which are nevertheless well integrated with larger surveys carried out at less frequent intervals
 - c) with the countries, in order that for each type of survey, the essential criteria, well defined, for which guarantees of comparability exist, are not called into question but on the contrary form a basic Community gain, leading in due course to the harmonization of national surveys.

3. Application, in the spirit of coordination within the SOEC, and, so far as possible, between countries, of particular statistical analysis techniques, of sets of index numbers, of a selection of mathematical-statistical and econometric models, etc.

5. WORKPLAN

Continuous work.

6. FINANCING

Possible credits for studies.

7. VOLUME OF WORK

Substantial, bearing in mind the large field of application.

SPECIALIZED SERVICE A2 : METHODS AND STATISTICAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Project No	Note No	Title	Type	Nature	Council Legislation	Financing	1978	1979	1980	1981
1	A2.I	Harmonization of work on nomenclatures and on other basic tools of statistical coordination	St.	Exist.	No	No	I	I	I	I
2	A2.I	Systems of statistical surveys	St.	Exist.	No	Poss(St)	I	I	I	I
3	A2.I	Methodology of price statistics and price indices	St.	New	No	Yes	I	I	I	I
4	A2.I	Methods of correcting for seasonal variations	St.	New	No	Yes	I			

Division A 3 : Dissemination of information

Egide HENTGEN

- Management and distribution of publications

THEME NOTE A3.I : DIFFUSION

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : A3

1. INTRODUCTION

The Statistical Office has available a large mass of economic and social data. In the main these data are collected by the countries. But they derive also from work of synthesis and from country enquiries and analysis of Community files. The publication and diffusion in a coherent framework of selected, and in principal, harmonized information is an essential task of the SOEC.

2. SOURCE

Various national and Community sources.

3. AIM

To make available to the Commission and the public regularly and as rapidly as possible, good quality statistical information circulated using the most efficient technical means.

4. DESCRIPTION

The management of publications consists in producing and diffusing

- a) annual publications concerning national accounts and tax statistics as well as sectorial annuals
- b) publications and special series presenting the results of Community work, studies and enquiries
- c) monthly and quarterly bulletins giving short-term economic trends for the Community in numerous areas.

5. WORKPLAN

New forms of diffusion, microfiches and films, magnetic tapes, data bank (CRONOS) are developing in competition with the classical type of publication.

Eventually it will be necessary to allow for the linking of data banks and the creation of veritable information networks.

6. FINANCING

Special Commission budget post.

7. VOLUME OF WORK

Considerable, taking account of the growing demand for quantitative information, and the necessity for the SOEC of improving its publications and modernizing their distribution.

THEME NOTE A3.II : CENTRAL MANAGEMENT OF THE CRONOS SYSTEM

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : A3 (Group "Data banks and systems")

1. INTRODUCTION

The CRONOS system can be used to manage a group of time series data banks. Each of these banks covers a different sector and is operated in agreement with the Directorate-General responsible for that sector. The Statistical Office is directly responsible for the general purpose banks and for the central management of the system.

2. SOURCE

Initiative of the SOEC in responding to the needs of the Directorates-General of the Commission.

3. AIM

To allow users rapid access to the time series held in store, facilities for certain statistical operations and for the production of statistical tables.

4. DESCRIPTION

The CRONOS system is a time series data bank composed of a series of "sub-sets" of files (SEF) and managed by the Statistical Office. The system caters for all the basic operations required for data bank management, namely input and updating of the series, automatic calculation of totals, and consultation. The initial aim of the system is the management of general purpose series, usually dealt with by manual or semi-manual methods. The access to CRONOS is through the conversational mode using individual terminals equipped with a visual display screen and, possibly, a printer and also through the deferred time mode, using forms and punched cards which enable the data to be obtained by return in the form of computer print-out.

5. WORKPLAN

The main computer problems having been solved, the development of the system takes place according to the users' needs which are developing rapidly.

6. FINANCING

No special provisions, except possibly for the input of data into the system.

7. Considerable, bearing in mind the number of series already stocked and the requests for the opening of new SEF. Problems of capacity have already been raised and a technical solution will have to be found.

In 1977 495 000 time series were stocked and kept up to date, covering 12 statistical sectors. Work is in hand to cover 7 additional sectors.

DIRECTORATE B - GENERAL STATISTICS AND
NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

DIRECTOR - Vittorio PARETTI

THEME NOTE B1 : EUROPEAN SYSTEM OF INTEGRATED ECONOMIC ACCOUNTS

UNITS RESPONSIBLE : B1, B2, B3

1. INTRODUCTION

The most important objective of this programme is the adoption of ESA by all the Community countries, and achieving this will represent a significant step towards the harmonization of European statistics:

on the one hand, in regard to integrated national accounts (economic and financial accounts, input-output tables)

on the other hand, when used as a basis for examining the validity, compatibility and comparability of every plan for setting up particular statistics.

It is necessary to stress that the input-output tables constitute a basic tool for a large number of macro-economic or structural studies.

The establishment of accounts for Community institutions is in progress. The absence at present of these accounts constitutes a gap.

2. SOURCE

Decisions of the Commission and a recommendation of the Council.

3. AIM

Adoption and development of the ESA.

4. DESCRIPTION

Receipt of information on a standardized basis
Testing and correcting with a view to harmonization
Synthesis to a Community level
Economic analysis
Development of the system.

5. WORKPLAN

Establishments of accounts for the Community institutions.
In consultation with the Working Party on National Accounts, the Office is examining critically the progress made in implementing the ESA in the Member countries, and is examining in detail the measures to be taken in each country, in order to fill the gaps in the statistical information which gave a necessary basis for drawing up ESA Accounts and Tables.

6. FINANCING

Yes: credits for studies.

7. VOLUME OF WORK

Considerable for Member countries as well as for the SOEC. The burden is that much heavier for those Member countries who compile their national accounts on an ESA and on a national basis.

Divisions B1 : Economic accounts
 B2 : Financial statistics and accounts and balance of payments
 B3 : Price statistics

Project No	Note No	Title	Type	Nature	Council Legislation				
					Financing	1978	1979	1980	1981
1	BI	Simplified national accounts	O.p.	Exist.	No	X	X	X	X
2	BI	Sectoral accounts (non financial)	O.p.	Exist.	No	X	X	X	X
3	BI	Accounts and statistics of the Public Administration 1. Sub-sector accounts 2. Accounts of Community institutions 3. Expenditure by function of Public Administration 4. Tax statistics 5. Method of presentation of public income and expenditure	O.p.	Exist.	No	X	X	X	X
5	BI	Delimitation of the Public Administration sector and its sub-sectors	St.	New	No	X	-	-	-
6	BI	Financial accounts	O.p.	Exist.	No	X	X	X	X
7	BI	Financial transaction tables	O.p.	Exist.	No	X	X	X	X
8	BI	Annual input-output tables	O.p.	Exist.	No	X	X	X	X
9	BI	Quinquennial input-output tables a) 1970 b) 1975	O.p.	Exist.	No	X	X	X	X
10	BI	Household consumption by product and function	O.p.	Exist.	No	X	X	X	X
11	BI	Fixed capital formation by product and by branch of ownership	O.p.	Exist.	No	X	X	X	X
12	BI	Distributive transaction tables	O.p.	Exist.	No	X	X	X	X

Project No	Note	Title	Type	Nature	Council Legislation	Financing	1978	1979	1980	1981
13	BI	Evaluation of "uses" and other ESA aggregates in real values and their comparison between Member States of the Community	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	I	I	I	I
14	BI	Accounting for health expenditure	St.	New	No	Yes (St.)	-	-	-	-
15	BI	Sources and methods used to measure the income of property and firms	St.	New	No	Yes (St.)	-	-	-	-
16	BI	Flows of market services in the ESA framework	St.	New	No	Yes (St.)	I	-	-	-
17	BI	Implementation of ESA in the field of teaching and links with statistics of educational expenditure	St.	New	No	Yes (St.)	I	-	-	-

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DIVISION B1 : ECONOMIC ACCOUNTS
 DIVISION B2 : FINANCIAL STATISTICS AND ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS
 DIVISION B3 : PRICE STATISTICS

PUBLICATIONS PROGRAMME

Project No	Title	Comments	1978	1979	1980	1981
1	National accounts ESA: aggregates	Yearbook	X	X	X	X
2,6,7 10 to 13	National accounts ESA: detailed results	Annual publication	X	X	X	X
8	Annual input-output tables	Annual publication	X	X	X	X
-	European System of Integrated Economic Accounts (ESA)	Reference work (2nd edition)	-	-	-	-
9	Input-output tables 1970	Special series	-	-	-	-
3	Accounts and statistics of general government	Annual publication	X	X	X	X

WORKING GROUPS

Project No	Title	Comments
1 to 18	National accounts - sub-group Drawing up of the Input-Output tables - sub-group Community Accounts - sub-group Financial Accounts	According to the agenda, the three sub-groups meet separately or jointly.

COUNCIL LEGISLATION

Project No	O.J.	Description



Division B 1 : Economic Accounts

Jean PETRE

- Simplified national accounts *
- Sectoral and sub-sectoral accounts *
- Input-Output-Tables
- Income and expenditure of the public administration sector
- Quarterly accounts *
- Accounts of the Community Institutions *

* except for financial accounts (see B 2)

DIVISION B1 : ECONOMIC ACCOUNTS

Project No	Note No	Title	Type	Nature	Council Legislation	Financing	1978	1979	1980	1981
1 to 5 8 to 12 14 to 17	B1	ESA	see theme note B1							
1	-	Tax statistics	O.P.	Exist.	No	No	I	I	I	I
2	-	Harmonized quarterly economic accounts	O.P.	p.m.						

DIVISION B1 : ECONOMIC ACCOUNTS

PUBLICATIONS PROGRAMME

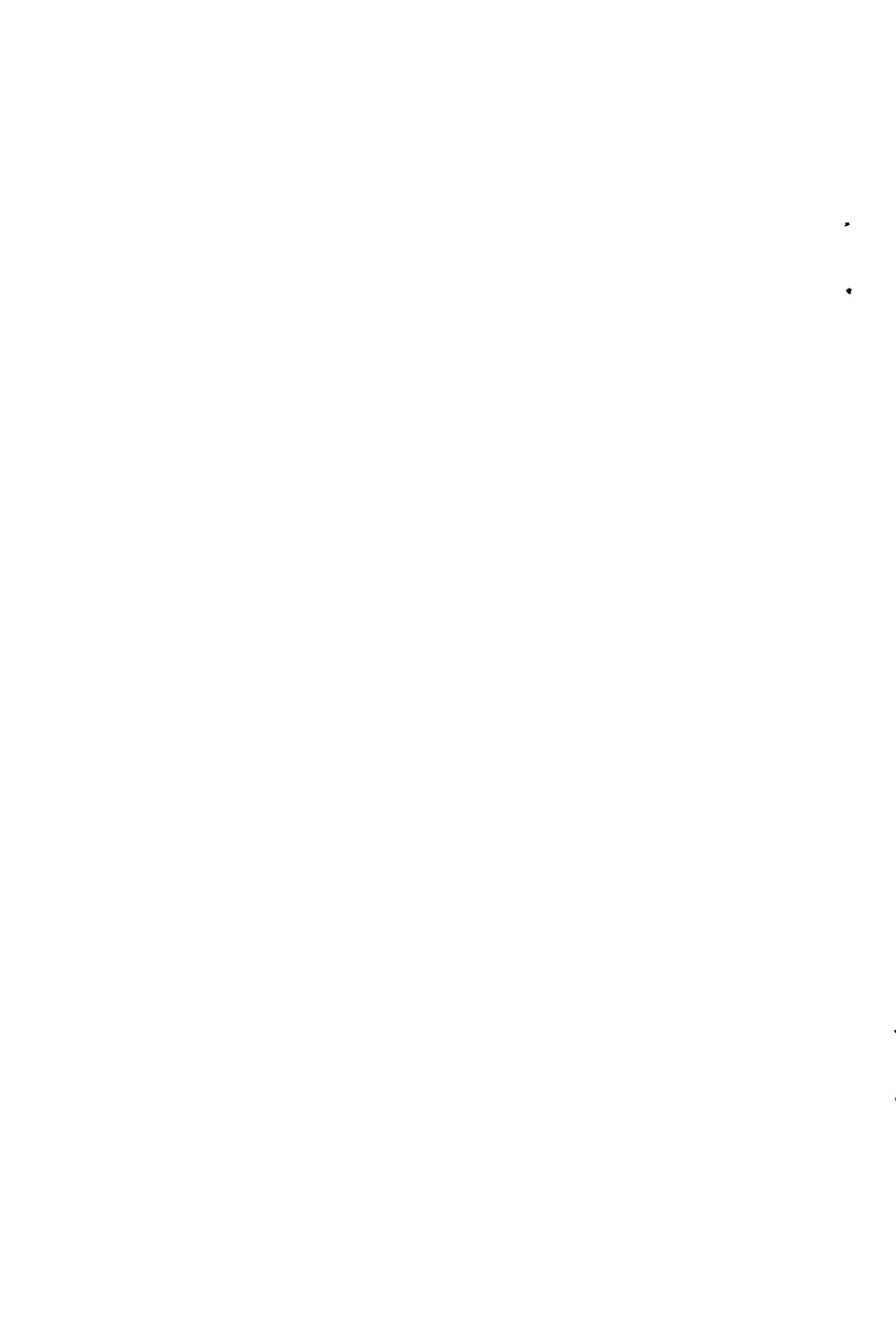
Project No	Title	Comments	1978	1979	1980	1981
1	Tax statistics	Annual publication	X (see theme note BI - project No 3)			

WORKING GROUPS

Project No	Title	Comments

COUNCIL LEGISLATION

Project No	O.J.	Description



Division B 2 : Financial statistics and accounts
and balance of payments

Piero ERBA

- Financial accounts (including quarterly)
- Statistics of financial transactions
- Monetary statistics
- Balance of payments (manual, country tables)
- Balance of payments of the Community Institutions

THEME NOTE B2.I : BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : B2

1. INTRODUCTION

In the area of the balance of payments the Office has three tasks:

to conceive a system for the Community, making it possible to explain in which way the financial and economic transactions between residents and non-residents and their monetary counterparts offset each other in the process of establishing the external equilibrium of the economy. The availability of such a system will make it possible to give detailed information to users within a harmonized framework

participation, on a world level, in the conception and utilization of a global system in which it should be possible to integrate the system for the Community

elaboration of the harmonized balance of payments.

2. SOURCE

Council recommendation of 28.7.66 and various other decisions.

3. AIM

To secure the basic statistical information necessary for the economic and monetary policy of the Community.

4. DESCRIPTION

Annual and quarterly harmonized balances of payments for each country and for the Community institutions.

5. WORKPLAN

Continuation of work to draw up the Community Balance of Payments Manual

Publication of the Balance of Payments Annual

Publication of national methods and of the Community system.

6. FINANCING

Credits for studies.

7. VOLUME OF WORK

Increasing.

THEME NOTE B2.II : FINANCIAL AND MONETARY STATISTICS

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : B2

1. INTRODUCTION

In this area, which covers the quantitative information relating to monetary and financial markets, the role of the Office consists of collecting national figures and of providing the necessary impetus to persuade the countries to harmonize the most important data.

2. SOURCE

Council resolution of 5.12.1972 and 14.9.1973.

3. AIM

To secure the necessary basic statistical information for the economic and monetary policy of the Community.

4. DESCRIPTION

Collecting, controlling and harmonizing data:

liquid assets and their counterpart
credit
share issues, etc.
rates of interest
official reserves of the monetary authorities

5. WORKPLAN

Task of harmonization and administration.
Publication of the series in the Bulletin of General Statistics.

6. FINANCING

None.

7. VOLUME OF WORK

Considerable.

DIVISION B2 : FINANCIAL STATISTICS AND ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

Project No	Note No	Title	Type	Nature	Council Legislation	Financing	1978	1979	1980	1981
6 and 7	BI	ESA	see theme note BI							
1	B2.I	Balance of payments by country	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	X	X	X	X
2	B2.I	Balance of payments of the Community institutions	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	I	I	I	I
3	B2.I	Balance of payments - Community system	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	G	G		
4	B2.I	Balance of payments methodology in Denmark and Ireland	St.	Exist.	No	Yes (St)	I	I		
5	B2.II	Liquid assets and their counterpart	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	X	X	X	X
6	-	International capital movements	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	X	X	X	X
7	B2.II	Rate of return on capital investments - Community index	St.	New	No	Yes (St)	I			
8	B2.II	Sources and methods used to evaluate certain financial transactions (basic information acquired Harmonization work in progress)	St.	New	No	Yes (St)	I			
9		Delimitation of the public debt of central government	St.	New	No	Yes (St)	I	I		
10		Delimitation of the public debt of local authorities	St.	New	No	Yes (St)	-	I	I	
11		Quarterly financial accounts	O.p.	p.m.						
12		Wealth accounts	St./O.p.	p.m./O.p.						

DIVISION B2 : FINANCIAL STATISTICS AND ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

PUBLICATIONS PROGRAMME

Project No	Title	Comments	1978	1979	1980	1981
1	Balance of payments: global data	Yearbook	X	X	X	X
1	Balance of payments: geographical distribution	Annual publication	X	X	X	X
5 to 7	Monetary and financial statistics	New publication (bulletin)	X	X	X	X
	IMF Manual on Balance of Payments (Community version)	Reference work	X			
	Methodology of Balance of payments: Ireland Denmark	Studies and methodology	X X			

WORKING GROUPS

Project No	Title	Comments
1 to 4	Balance of payments	
5 to 8	Banking and monetary statistics	

COUNCIL LEGISLATION

Project No	O.J.	Description



Division B 3 : Price statistics

Hugo KRIJNSE LOCKER

- Valuation of "uses" and other aggregates of ESA in real values and comparisons between countries of the EC (see theme/note B1-13)
- Survey on prices of the final consumption of households in the framework of real comparisons
- Survey on prices of goods entering gross fixed capital formation: equipment goods, buildings and civil engineering works in the framework of real comparisons
- Survey on prices of non-market services in the framework of real comparisons
- Breakdown by sub-object of the final consumption of households and of the collective consumption of general government, and by sub-branch for gross fixed capital formation
- Price indices for the final consumption of households and price indices for the other uses of GDP

THEME NOTE B3.I : VALUATION OF "USES" AND OTHER AGGREGATES OF ESA IN

REAL VALUES AND COMPARISONS BETWEEN COUNTRIES OF THE EC

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : B3

1. INTRODUCTION

The comparison between countries of the major economic aggregates expressed in values is hindered by the inadequacy of the rates of exchange as a means of conversion to a common monetary unit. The project aims to define and to apply a method which will enable the comparison to be made.

2. SOURCE

Decision of the Commission within the framework of an investigation into world price levels under the auspices of the United Nations and the World Bank.

3. AIM

To express the principal aggregates of the national accounts (ESA) in units in terms of a uniform purchasing power.

To compare price levels between countries.

4. DESCRIPTION

Synthesize the data collected by a series of price surveys:

survey on prices of household consumer goods
survey on the prices of goods entering fixed capital formation
survey on the prices of non market services.

5. WORKPLAN

Annual synthesis to be carried out, starting with 1975, on the basis of the surveys.

Annual updating from 1976 onwards.

6. FINANCING

Studies only.

7. VOLUME OF WORK

Requires an increasing attention from a specialized group.

THEME NOTE B3.II : SURVEYS OF PRICES

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : B3

1. INTRODUCTION

The Community interest centres on the need to compare the final consumption of households and gross fixed capital formation in real terms on the basis of purchasing power parities.

2. SOURCE

Commission Decisions and Council Recommendations.

3. AIM

Comparison between Community countries of prices of goods entering the final consumption of households and gross fixed capital formation, the calculation of purchasing power parities and real values of these aggregates.

4. DESCRIPTION

Annual survey of the prices of about 200/300 consumer goods, 60 capital goods and 7 building and civil engineering goods. These surveys are carried out in conjunction with the national statistical offices and with the help of technical experts.

5. WORKPLAN

Finalising the lists of articles and their specifications
Execution of the enquiries
Checking results.

6. FINANCING

Price surveys and consultation of experts :
- consumer prices 200 000 ua for 1978
- capital goods 110 000 ua for 1978
for subsequent years, similar sums will be necessary.

7. VOLUME OF WORK

The planning and execution of these surveys demand a considerable amount of work for both SOEC and national statistical offices.

DIVISION B3 : PRICE STATISTICS

Project No	Note No	Title	Type	Nature	Council Legislation	Financing	1978	1979	1980	1981
1	B3.I	Valuation of "uses" and other aggregates of ESA in real values and comparisons between countries of the EC	see theme note B1/13							
2	B3.II	Survey on prices of the final consumption of households	St.	Exist.	yes	yes	X	X	X	X
3		Survey on prices of fixed capital goods	St.	Exist.	yes	yes	I	I	I	I
4		Survey on prices of non-market services	St.	Exist.	no	no	I	I	I	I
5		Breakdown of the uses of GDP	St.	Exist.	no	no	I	I	I	I
6		Price indices	St.	Exist.	no	yes	I	I	I	I

DIVISION B3 : PRICE STATISTICS

PUBLICATIONS PROGRAMME

Project No	Title	Comments	1978	1979	1980	1981

WORKING GROUPS

Project No	Title	Comments
2	Working Group on Prices	

COUNCIL LEGISLATION

Project No	O.J.	Description



Specialized Service B 4 : Regional Statistics and Accounts

Raymond SALVAT

- Regional accounts and indicators
- Coordination and, where appropriate, execution of statistical work at the regional level
- Regional statistics of Community financial aid
- Regionalisation of general government sector transactions

THEME NOTE B4.I : REGIONAL STATISTICS AND ACCOUNTS

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : B4

1. INTRODUCTION

There is a regional aspect in each statistical domain, thus under the heading of regional statistics there is a very wide range of statistical work. Here, two of the most important aspects of the regional field are considered : regional accounts and the coordination of regional statistics.

2. SOURCE

- Council regulation of 18 March 1975 creating a European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)
- Articles 92 and 93 of the Treaty setting-up the E.E.C.

3. AIM

To supply information necessary to implement the community's regional policy and the sectoral regional policies.

4. DESCRIPTION

- Regional accounts : the application of the system of regional accounts within the framework of the ESA for the basic administrative units of the Community (+ 160) : collection, testing how the work has been carried out by the member countries, analysis and dissemination, studies on the development of the system, especially as regards public authority accounts.
- Regional statistics : coordination, collection, analysis and dissemination of the regional statistics in the various statistical domains (social, industrial, agricultural, etc...).

Regional statistics usually for the basic administrative units of the Community and for several series for the zones which benefit from regional aid (about 700).

5. WORK PLAN

- Regional accounts :
 - permanent work of up-dating the system of application of ESA at regional level (ESA-Reg)
 - Extension of the application of ESA at regional level : regionalised accounts of local authorities.
- Regional statistics :
 - permanent work of up-dating
- Publications :
 - Regional accounts : economic aggregates
 - Regional statistics : variable scope (population, employment, living conditions, earnings ...)

6. FINANCING

Credits for studies.

7. VOLUME OF WORK

Considerable and growing progressively as the regional policy is implemented as well as because of the development of the regional implications of competition policy.

THEME NOTE B4.II : FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION OF THE COMMUNITY

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : B4

1. INTRODUCTION

The coordination of financial instruments towards a common regional policy requires a regional synthesis of the data relating to the allocation of funds by the Community.

2. SOURCE

Decision of the Commission

3. AIM

To give an idea of the regional spread of the financial participation of the Community.

4. DESCRIPTION

Examination of the documents of the Commission (EAGGF, ERDF, ECSC) and of the European Investment Bank, and the setting-up of a system of statistics comprising the financial participations and investments for the basic administrative units of the Community.

5. WORK PLAN

Permanent work of up-dating and publishing annually.

6. FINANCING

None

7. VOLUME OF WORK

Important following the growth in the number of the community's participations.

SPECIALIZED SERVICE B4 : REGIONAL STATISTICS AND ACCOUNTS

Project No	Note No	Title	Type	Nature	Council Legislation	Financing	1978	1979	1980	1981
1	B4.I	Regional accounts	O.p.	Exist.	Poss.	yes	X	X	X	X
2	B4.I	Basic regional statistics (including the setting up of a CRONOS regional file)	O.p.	Exist.	No	no	I	I	I	I
3	B4.I	Regional accounts of general government	St.	Exist.	No	yes	X	X	X	X
4	B4.I	Regional statistical indicators of competition policy	O.p.	New	Yes*	Poss.	(X)	X	X	X
5	B4.I	Regional input-output tables	O.p.	p.m.						
6	B4.I	Regional statistics of Community financial assistance	O.p.	Exist.	No	no	I	I	I	I

SPECIALIZED SERVICE B4 : REGIONAL STATISTICS AND ACCOUNTS

PUBLICATIONS PROGRAMME

Project No	Title	Comments	1978	1979	1980	1981
1	Regional Accounts	Annual publication	X	X	X	X
3	Regional statistics	Annual publication	X	X	X	X
4	Regional financial assistance	Annual publication	X	X	X	X

WORKING GROUPS

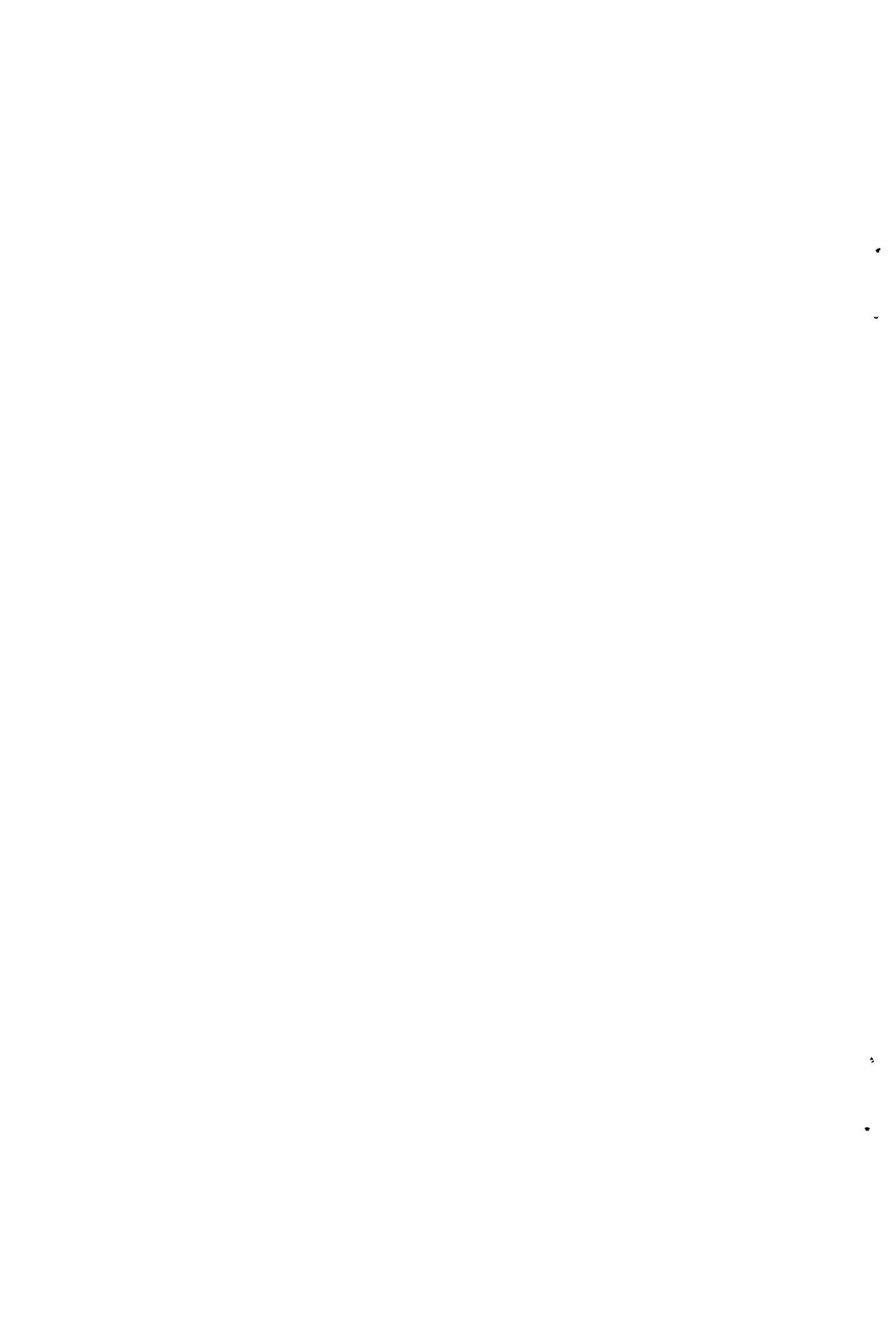
Project No	Title	Comments
1,2,3,5	Economic aggregates and statistical indicators at the regional level	

COUNCIL LEGISLATION

Project No	O.J.	Description

DIRECTORATE C - DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIAL
STATISTICS

DIRECTOR - David HARRIS



Division C 1 : Demographic statistics and household
surveys

Wil VAN DER WEERDEN

- Demographic statistics
- Labour force sample survey
- Family budget surveys
- Work under Articles 64 and 65 of the Staff regulations (joint index, housing survey, price surveys, etc.)

THEME NOTE C1.I : HARMONIZATION OF DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : C1

1. INTRODUCTION

Among the principal tasks is the achievement of the synchronization of the population censuses in 1981 and the harmonization of a common core of questions in the census. This work also involves collection and publication of demographic data and population projections.

2. SOURCE

Council Directive on the Synchronization of General Population Censuses dated 22-11-1973

Request from several Directorates-General needing better basic statistics.

3. AIM

To provide the basic demographic statistics required for social, economic and regional policy.

4. DESCRIPTION

Preparation of the harmonized programme for the 1981 census
Execution of the synchronized censuses in 1981
Establishment and publication of comparative tables relating to current demographic data and population projections

5. WORK PLAN

General technical preparation within the competent working group
Continuation of the work on the harmonization of the 1981 Censuses of population
Publication of historical and current demographic data in the volume "Demographic statistics for the countries of the Community", annually as from 1976.

6. FINANCING

None for the censuses of 1981

Credits for studies

7. VOLUME OF WORK

Considerable as to the collection and publication of the data.

THEME NOTE C1.II : HOUSEHOLD SURVEYS

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : C1

1. INTRODUCTION

In order to obtain statistics which are comparable at Community level, the Office must ensure the harmonization of household surveys. Current work is in two areas, namely the labour force sample survey and the family budget survey.

2. SOURCE

Initiative of the Commission and Regulation of the Council (for the labour force sample survey).

3. AIM

- a) Community labour force sample survey: the establishment of comparable statistics on the structure and trend of employment and unemployment as well as on specific aspects of the labour market.
- b) Family budget survey: the establishment of harmonized statistics on the structure of household expenditure.

4. DESCRIPTION

- a) Labour force sample survey (to be carried out in 1977 and in 1979-1981)

Preparation, coordination and organization of the basic and supplementary inquiries.

Processing and tabulation of the individual results furnished by the national statistical offices.

Publication of the principal results.

- b) Harmonized family budget surveys (to be carried out around 1979)

Harmonization of nomenclatures and principal definitions.

Preparation and presentation of results.

5. WORK PLAN

- a) Labour force sample survey

1975 survey

1977 survey

Receipt and processing of the individual results in 1978
Publication of the results of the basic inquiry towards
the end of 1978
Publication of the results of the supplementary inquiry
in 1979.

1979 survey

Technical preparations with the group of experts concerned
in 1978
Proposal for a Regulation of the Council in 1978.
Execution of the survey by the National Statistical Offices
in Spring 1979. Publication of the results at the end of
1979 and 1980

1981 survey

Technical preparation in 1980
Proposal for a Council Regulation in 1980

b) Harmonization of national family budget surveys

Continuation of technical preparations with the group of
experts concerned.

6. FINANCING

Labour force sample survey:

lump-sum payments on the basis of numbers of households participating
in the inquiry,

credits for studies.

Family budget survey: credits for studies

7. VOLUME OF WORK

Very considerable in the case of the labour force sample survey.

DIVISION C1 : DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS AND HOUSEHOLD SURVEYS

Project No	Note No	Title	Type	Nature	Council Legislation	Financing	1978	1979	1980	1981
1	C1.I	General censuses 1981	O.p.	Exist.	yes	yes (St)	G	G	G	G
2	C1.I	Current statistics on: population population change	O.p.	Exist.	no	no	I	I	I	I
3	C1.II	Harmonization of national family budget surveys, 1979	Surv.	Exist.	Poss.	yes (St)	G	(X)		
4	C1.II	Labour force survey (including supplementary inquiry) 1977, 1979, 1981	Sur.SOEC	Exist.	yes	yes	G	X	G	X
5	-	Work within the framework of the joint index (Arts. 64 and 65 of the Staff Regulations)	O.p.	Exist.	yes	yes	X	X	X	X
6	C1.I	Future trends in active population	St./O.p.	p.m.	no	yes (St)	I	I		

DIVISION C1 : DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS AND HOUSEHOLD SURVEYS

PUBLICATIONS PROGRAMME

Project No	Title	Comments	1978	1979	1980	1981
	Annual abstract of social statistics		X	X	X	X
2	Population and employment	Annual	X	X	X	X
2	Demographic statistics for the countries of the Community	Annual	X	X	X	X
4	Labour force sample survey	Results of the surveys	X	X	X	X
3	Family budget surveys	Results of national surveys				X

WORKING GROUPS

Project No	Title	Comments
1,2	Demographic statistics	
3	Family budget surveys	
4	Labour force sample survey	
5	Joint index (Arts. 64 & 65 of Staff Regulations)	

COUNCIL LEGISLATION

Project No	O.J.	Description
1	347/73	Council Directive of 22 November 1973 on the synchronization of general population censuses
4	311/76	Regulation (EEC) No 2877/6 of the Council of 23.11.1974 on the organization of a sample survey of manpower

Division C 2 : Wages and Incomes and Research Statistics

Joseph NOLS

- Short-term statistics on earnings in the various sectors of the economy
- Surveys of labour costs in the various sectors of the economy
- Surveys of nominal and real incomes of workers
- Surveys of the structure and distribution of earnings in the various sectors of the economy
- Statistics on research and development

THEME NOTE C2.I : SURVEYS OF WAGES AND SALARIES
(STRUCTURE AND DISTRIBUTION) AND OF LABOUR COSTS

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : C2

1. INTRODUCTION

The present system of wages/costs surveys will be continued. The system will nevertheless be subject to the general examination of surveys (see theme note A2.I). Short-term statistics will be developed.

2. SOURCE

Draft regulations to be drawn up, modelled on the regulations adopted for preceding surveys:

Labour costs, and the survey on the structure and distribution of earnings in commerce (Regulations of the 22-11-73 and 21-1-1974).

Earnings in agriculture (Regulations of 21-3-1974, of 28-4-1975 30-4-1976 and 25-4-1977).

Labour costs and the survey on structure and distribution of earnings in industry (Regulations of 8-11-1971 and 10-2-1975).

3. AIM

To provide the Commission with the necessary information to enable it to discharge the functions laid on it by the Treaty, notably in Articles 2,3,39,117,118,119,120 and 122.

4. DESCRIPTION

Surveys

- | | | |
|----|---|----------------|
| a. | Labour costs in industry and services | 1979 |
| b. | Structure and distribution of earnings in industry and services | 1978/79/80 |
| c. | Earnings in agriculture | annual 1977/81 |

The surveys are conducted by sampling. Data are collected from employers by the statistical services of Member Countries.

a. Survey of labour costs in industry and services

covers the level and the structure of labour costs, the work force, and the length of time worked

to be carried out in 1979 on the data for 1978: preparation in 1980 of the survey to be carried out in 1982 on the data for 1981

publication in 1980.

- b. Survey of the structure and distribution of earnings in industry and services

to be carried out in 1978/79

covers earnings, characteristics of the labour force (sex, age, professional qualification, etc.), the number of paid hours worked by each employee with breakdown by activity, by region and by size of the establishment or enterprise

publication in 1980 and 1981.

- c. Survey of earnings in agriculture

annually since 1974 (surveys with less detail for the years 1977 to 1979 inclusive)

covers earnings, payments in kind, characteristics (sex, age, professional qualification), number of hours worked, etc.

publication annually from 1976 onwards.

5. WORK PLAN

The detailed methods for the enquiries are prepared by the Office in collaboration with the national services.

6. FINANCING

Yes (contribution based on the number of statistical units surveyed).

7. VOLUME OF WORK

Very heavy in terms of data collection:

- a. approx. 100,000/125,000 establishments or holdings
- b. approx. 5,000,000 employees
- c. 50,000 holdings (approx. 25,000 for the period 1977/79)

THEME NOTE C2.II : RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : C2

1. INTRODUCTION

Creating statistics on R & D is closely linked to the work of the Committee on Scientific and Technical Research (CREST) set up by the Council in January 1974. EUROSTAT provides the secretariat for the sub-committee "Statistics" of CREST. This sub-committee prepares annually a report on the public financing of R & D and all its methodological discussion is in this context. An enlargement of scope towards the provision of a general set of indicators which would require the inclusion of sectors other than the public, is under discussion at CREST.

2. SOURCE

Demands by CREST and specific requests by DG XII "Research, Science and Education".

3. AIM

To draw up the statistical information necessary for the coordination of research policy wanted by Council.

4. DESCRIPTION

Collecting and analysing data from national budgets (public financing)

Preparing for an enlargement of the scope of the survey by the non public sectors, leading towards, in the long run, satellite accounts for research.

Gradual inclusion of statistical data on R & D which would allow the calculation of indicators (manpower, transfers of technology, etc.).

5. WORK PLAN

Carrying on with the regular preparation of annual reports on public financing.

Carrying on the methodological work.

Preparations for developments towards accounts for research, in the field stage, in the form of studies.

Publication in the Series "Macro-economic Statistics" with a special circulation to CREST.

6. FINANCING

Credits for studies.

7. VOLUME OF WORK

Fairly important for the national services taking account of the reclassifications according to NABS for both the initial budgets and the final budgets and also the methodological work in progress.

DIVISION C2 : WAGES AND INCOMES AND RESEARCH STATISTICS

Project No	Note No	Title	Type	Nature	Council Legislation	Financing	1978	1979	1980	1981
1	C2.I	Survey of labour costs in industry and services in 1978	Survey	Exist.	Poss.	Yes	I	X	G	I
2	C2.I	Survey of the structure and distribution of earnings in industry and services in 1978/79	Survey	Exist.	Poss.	Yes	G	X	I	I
3	C2.I	Earnings in agriculture	Survey	Exist.	Yes	Yes	X	X	X	X
4	C2.I	Updated estimates of labour costs in industry	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	X	X	X	X
5	C2.I	Labour income statistics of employees	O.p.	St.	No	Yes	G	(I)	(I)	(I)
6	C2.I	Harmonized statistics of earnings in industry	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	X	X	X	X
7	C2.I	Harmonized statistics of earnings in services	O.p.	New	No	No	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
8	C2.II	Analysis of public expenditure on R & D by objectives	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	X	X	X	X
9	C2.II	1980 revision of the NABS	St.	Exist.	No	No	I	G	I	
10	C2.II	Preparation of a system of research and development accounts	St.	Exist.	No	No	G	(X)	(X)	(X)
11	C2.II	Preparation for R & D indicators	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	(X)	(I)	(X)	(I)
12	-	Non-employment income statistics	O.p.	Exist.	No	Yes	G	(X)	(X)	(X)

DIVISION C2 : WAGES AND INCOMES AND RESEARCH STATISTICS

PUBLICATIONS PROGRAMME

Project No	Title	Comments	1978	1979	1980	1981
1	Labour costs in industry 1975	Final results	X			
	Labour costs in industry and services 1978	Preliminary results Final results			X	X
2	Structure and distribution of earnings in industry and services in 1978	Survey results			X	X
3	Earnings in agriculture	Annual publication	X	X	X	X
6	Harmonized statistics of earnings and updating of labour costs	Biennial publication	X	X	X	X
8	Public expenditure on R & D	Annual publication	X	X	X	X

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Project No	Title	Comments
1 to 7	Surveys on salaries	
8 to 11	Statistics on R & D (sub-committee CREST)	
12	Non-employment income statistics	

COUNCIL LEGISLATION

Project No	O.J.	Description
3	L104 of 28.4.1977	Regulation (EEC) No 847/77 of 25.4.1977 relating to the organization of a survey on the earnings of permanent workers in agriculture

Division C 3 : Social Accounts and Indicators
and Health Statistics

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- Social accounts
- Social indicators (objective, subjective)
- Statistics on industrial accidents and occupational diseases
- Other social statistics
(e.g. : housing, health)

THEME NOTE C3.I : SOCIAL ACCOUNTS

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : C3

1. INTRODUCTION

Following the decision of the Working Group that in future the social accounts should take the form of four separate "accounts" (social protection, health, housing and vocational training), the title of the accounts established up to the present is being altered to "social protection accounts (current operations)". They still need to be completed by certain basic data on "capital operations" and on "persons and benefits".

So as not to overburden the statistical services concerned, this complementary material, as well as the new accounts, will be confined to an absolute minimum of indispensable data. Discussions on the basis of special studies conducted on the initiative of EUROSTAT are already well advanced in two Working Parties (Persons and Benefits, Housing).

A 1974/75 edition of "Social protection accounts - current operations" which in future will only be presented in condensed form, was published in 1977. The first edition in the new form is planned for the end of 1978 and the publication of the completions mentioned for 1979. In addition, a special study on social aid schemes will appear.

2. SOURCE

- a. Request of DG V (1962)
- b. Council decisions
 - i. of 26.11.1970, whereby the social accounts form the basis of a European Social Budget
 - ii. of 9.11.1972, to establish a European Social Budget on the basis of social accounts and to include the functions "vocational training" and "housing".
- c. Council decision of 19.10.71 concerning the priority to be given to the statistics of participants and benefits
- d. Council decision of 21.1.74 (Social Action Programme: actions III/5 and III/14).

3. AIM

- a. To continue the setting up and analysis of the basis of the European Social Budget.
- b. To furnish the data needed for the development of Community social policy.

4. DESCRIPTION

- a. Social protection account:
 - i. annual statistics of social expenditure and receipts, by large aggregates
 - ii. selected aggregates from statistics of participants (protected persons and beneficiaries) and benefits: an attempted application of certain simplified tables selected from the methodological study set up by EUROSTAT.

- b. Housing account:
 - i. aggregated statistics of expenditure and receipts
 - ii. corresponding aggregated statistics of output and persons covered.
- c. Health account (see 5 below)
- d. Adult vocational training account (see 5 below).

5. WORKPLAN

- a. Social protection account:
 - i. the transfer of the compilation of the account to each Member State was agreed: unfortunately not all countries (e.g. Italy) are in a position to implement this decision.
 - ii. extension to cover participants and benefits: to be carried out, in simplified form, for the functions Old Age, Sickness, Family in 1978. The inclusion of other functions depends on the success of these measures and the material and personnel resources available.
 - iii. complementary aspects of a financial nature (capital operations, social advantages) will require several more meetings. A simple framework for capital operations will be produced by mid-1979.
 - iv. Types of benefits: analysis and conclusions from the Summary Report on the nine national reports (1978). On the basis of the analysis: revision of the contents of the functions (1979/80).
- b. Housing account:
 - i. Preparatory work study for setting up an account (1978).
 - ii. Establishment of a framework for the Account (1978/79)
 - iii. First completion with figures (1979/80)
- c. Health account (requested by the Working Party):
 - i. preparatory work for setting up an account (1978)
 - ii. establishment of a framework for the account (1978/79)
 - iii. first completion with figures (1979/80)
 - iv. synthesis of nine national studies on a sampling basis for surveys of protected persons and beneficiaries in the framework of the function "sickness" (1979)
 - v. if conclusion positive: sample survey 1980
- d. Adult vocational training account: p.m. (1)

(1) The establishment of the account is dependent on progress within the unit responsible for education statistics (C4).

6. FINANCING

Credits for studies.

(p.m.: sample survey within social security institutions).

7. VOLUME OF WORK

Considerable, Some limitation which will necessarily impair comparability, and the possibility of detailed analysis has had to be implemented.

THEME NOTE C3.II : SOCIAL INDICATORS

a) Objective indicators

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : C3

1. INTRODUCTION

Within the framework of the Social Action Programme (Action III/6) eight principal series have been selected, for the first year and relevant specific indicators have been established.

Care was taken that numerical data already available at national level was used. After examination by the national experts, the first publication was brought out in 1977. The development of subjective indicators to complement the objective indicators is in progress (cf. detailed description theme note C3.III).

2. SOURCE

Requests of Directorates-General II, V and other Directorates-General of the Commission: Action III/6 of the Social Action Programme.

3. AIM

To provide a basis of general statistics in the social field, essential for the development of Community policy in social affairs and to comply with the Social Action Programme.

4. DESCRIPTION

Social indicators, For pragmatic reasons, EUROSTAT will leave the further development of the philosophy and terminology of "social indicators" to be worked out in collaboration with the international bodies (OECD, UN). For the immediate practical requirements of Community statistics the choice of priorities is governed by the framework of the Social Action Programme and other Community policy concerns.

5. WORKPLAN

1. Completion of the first stage: in Autumn 1977 (publication of the first indicators for 8 social areas - demography, employment, working life, standard of living, social protection, health, education, housing - and for an international comparison with third countries)

2. Continuing development of the system: 1978 to 1981:

Future work will proceed on the following lines:

i. Concentration on particular problem areas in Community social policy (e.g. problem social groups in the population)

ii. Technical improvements e.g. comparability, consistency of presentation

iii. Completion with calculated examples of social "model cases" and subjective indicators.

6. FINANCING

No

(Subjective surveys: yes. Cf. detailed description/ theme note C3.III).

7. VOLUME OF WORK

Considerable task of coordination and execution as well as of assembling a substantial amount of new data.

THEME NOTE C3.III : SOCIAL INDICATORS

b) Subjective indicators

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : C3

1. INTRODUCTION

To complement the objective indicators described in Theme Note C3.II subjective social indicators are being developed from material collected in a series of qualitative surveys in progress in the Community. The main emphasis in the surveys is on the individual's subjective assessment of different aspects of his life. Such work is being carried out already by the public authorities in several Member States. The data collected is very often of direct interest in Community policy formation. The scientific study of the methodology to be used in the organization of this kind of survey at Community level is important since cultural and linguistic differences seem to have a major impact on the results obtained.

After a seminar on multi-purpose surveys and subjective questions held in Luxembourg in November 1975 and discussions with experienced survey practitioners it was decided to organize a series of experimental surveys. The first survey, held in 1977, dealt with health, the health services and housing: the second being held in 1978 deals with working life. On the basis of experience gained the Office hopes to be able to develop in succeeding surveys an instrument which will supply broad general information on matters of social interest relevant to Community policy formation.

2. SOURCE

Request of Directorate-General V. Action III/6 of the Community Social Action Programme.

3. AIM

To provide material for use in the development of subjective social indicators in the Community.

4. DESCRIPTION

The surveys are carried out by the national statistical offices or by private research institutes selected in agreement with the national statistical offices concerned in each Member State. (In 1977 and 1978 Luxembourg did not participate.) A random sample of 2 000 individuals from the adult population is drawn and interviewed. Questionnaires collect information on the characteristics of the respondent, his experience in the area being investigated and his assessment thereof. The replies are analysed by broad categories of the population so as to highlight the influence of certain objective characteristics and experience on the assessment made.

5. WORKPLAN

- a) Completion of second survey on working life in 1978
- b) Examination of results of 1977 and 1978 surveys with a view to the establishment of a regular qualitative social survey concentrating each time on a specific topic of Community social policy or concern.

6. FINANCING

Yes (lump sum based on costs of individual interview).

7. VOLUME OF WORK

Considerable task of organization and execution of annual survey.

DIVISION C3 : SOCIAL ACCOUNTS AND INDICATORS AND HEALTH STATISTICS

Project No	Note No	Title	Type	Nature	Council Legislation	Financing	1978	1979	1980	1981
1	C3.I	Social accounts: a) social protection	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	X	X	X	X
2	C3.I	b) persons covered and benefits	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	X	(G)	X	(X)
3	C3.I	c) housing	St/O.p.	Exist.	No	Yes(St)	G	X	(X)	X
4	C3.I	d) health	St/O.p.	New	No	Yes(St)	G	G	(X)	(X)
5	C3.II	Social indicators: a) system of objective indicators	St/O.p.	Exist.	No	Yes(St)	X	X	X	X
6	C3.III	b) subjective indicators	Sur SOEC/ O.p.	New	No	Yes	X	(X)	(X)	(X)
7	-	Industrial accidents in the iron and steel industry: a) intensity of risk	Sur SOEC	Exist.	No	No	X	X	X	X
8	-	b) causes and circumstances	Sur SOEC	New	No	No	X		(X)	
9	-	Industrial accidents in the industries of the EEC	St/Poss. Sur	Exist.	(Poss)	Yes(St)	G	(X)	(X)	(X)
10	-	Statistics of occupational diseases								
11	-	Health statistics Medical Personnel	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	(G)	(X)	(X)	(X)
12	-	Statistics on the handicapped	O.p.	New	No	No	I	(G)	(G)	(G)
13	-	Social protection accounts - types of benefits	St./O.p.	New/Exist.	No	Yes (St.)	I	(G)	(G)	G

Project No	Note No	Title	Type	Nature	Council Legislation	Financing	1978	1979	1980	1981
14	-	Social protection accounts - transfer of the elaboration of the account to the Member States		p.m.						
15	-	Social accounts: adult vocational training		p.m. (see note C4.II)						
16	-	Workers' asset formation		p.m.						

DIVISION C3 : SOCIAL ACCOUNTS AND INDICATORS AND HEALTH STATISTICS

PUBLICATIONS PROGRAMME

Project No	Title	Comments	1978	1979	1980	1981
1	Social Accounts "Social Protection"	Annual publication	X	X	X	X
2	Social Accounts "Persons covered and benefits"	)Results of surveys)and of special)statistical projects)	(X)	(X)	1)	
3	Social Accounts "Housing"	)		(X)	X	
1	Social Accounts "Social Aid"	Study (analysis and description)	X			
5	Social Indicators (Objective)	Annual publication	X	X	X	X
6	Subjective Social Indicators	Results of surveys and of special statistical projects	X	X	(X)	(X)
5	Social Indicators of Health	Study (presentation and methodology)	X			
5	Social Indicators of Housing	Study (presentation and methodology)	X			
12	The Handicapped and Employment	Study (statistical sources and stocktaking)	X			
7	Industrial Accidents (Iron and Steel)	Intensity of risk - Annual publication	X	X	X	X
8	Industrial Accidents (Iron and Steel)	Causes and circumstances Results of surveys and special stat. projects			2)	
11	Health Statistics	p.m.				

- 1) Integrated with No 1
2) Integrated with No 7

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Project No	Title	Comments
1	Social Accounts "Social Protection"	(governmental experts)
2	Social Accounts "Persons covered and benefits"	(governmental experts)
3	Statistics on Housing	(governmental and private experts)

Project No	Title	Comments
5	Statistics for Social Indicators	(governmental experts)
6	Subjective Indicators	(governmental and private experts)
7 and 8	Industrial accidents in the iron and steel industry	(social partners)
9	Industrial accidents in the industries of the EEC	(governmental experts)
10	Occupational diseases	p.m.
11	Health statistics	p.m.

Specialized Service C 4 : Employment and Education

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Statistics

- Employment statistics
- Statistics of the labour market
- Statistics on pupils and students
- Statistics on persons in vocational training
- Statistics on education expenditure

THEME NOTE C4.I : EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : C4

1. INTRODUCTION

The guidelines for a programme of employment statistics were approved by the Council on 19 July, 1976, having been submitted by the Commission after agreement had been reached by the General Directors of the national statistical institutes. The task now is to implement this programme within a reasonable time.

Some portions of the programme are already being put into effect while for others the preparatory work is in hand (see also Theme Note C1.I for the census of population and C1.II for the labour force sample survey).

2. SOURCE

Regulation of the Council
Programme of employment statistics approved by the Council
Specific requests (Standing Committee on Employment, Education
Committee, Community policies)

3. AIM

To provide comparable and up-to-date information on the structure and trends of employment and unemployment generally as well as on specific topics.

4. DESCRIPTION

General study of employment and unemployment statistics.
Standardization of national series for registered unemployment and for vacancies.
Development of harmonized series of statistics of employment from national sources.
Implementation of the Regulation of the Council on the development of statistics of migrant workers.
Monthly and annual surveys concerning employment in the ECSC industries.
Standardization of national series for industrial disputes.

5. WORKPLAN

Continuing work on standardization and harmonization of national series in association with the appropriate working groups.
Annual publication in "Population and employment" from 1977 onwards.
Rapid publication of important data (e.g. the statistical telegram on unemployment).

6. FINANCING

Possible credits for studies in certain specific fields.

7. VOLUME OF WORK

Considerable, especially as regards the development of harmonized series.

THEME NOTE C4.II : EDUCATION (SCHOOL EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING)

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : C4

1. INTRODUCTION

Assembling Community level statistics for education in the widest sense is a relatively new element in the statistical programme. The work has come about from the growing importance of this field in both national and Community policies. There is interest in both the number of persons undergoing education and in the expenditure on education.

2. SOURCE

Council regulations on matters of education and social action: the resolution of Ministers of Education, meeting in the Council, 9th February 1976: the decision of the Council of Ministers of Labour, 30th April 1976: the resolution of the Ministers of Education meeting in the Council, 13th December 1976.

3. AIM

To provide policy makers with usable data both for background and for specific decisions. Coordinated statistical information is particularly important for the work of DG XII "Research, Science and Education" in liaison with the Education Committee of the Council and for the work of "Employment and Social Affairs" in the context of the European Social Fund, of Social Politic Action and in the preparation of the European Social Budget. For all these purposes particular attention is given to vocational training.

4. DESCRIPTION

Collecting, harmonizing, presenting, analysing national statistics on:

1. numbers of pupils and of students (at school and university) by age, sex, level and year of study, by type of teaching, foreign language learnt, by nationality (children of migrant workers).
2. numbers of teachers by level
3. numbers undergoing initial vocational training and adult education by age, sex, level and vocation taught
4. financial aspects of education, including the type of the finance (public, or non public) and by the type of expenditure (current, or capital).

Some Community initiatives are anticipated in the context of the 1979 Labour force sample survey to examine the links between training and working life, as well as a first approach to the study of flows within the educational system at a Community level.

5. WORKPLAN

To continue the work of harmonization within the framework of the Working Group "Statistics of Education" and of its specialized sub-groups with a gradual extension of the field covered, to use of specific surveys, etc.

The results are published in the series "Social Statistics".

6. FINANCING

None for the work of harmonization. Partial finance for the specific surveys.

Credits for studies.

7. VOLUME OF WORK

Growing, especially in the field of vocational training and in the study of flows.

SPECIALIZED SERVICE C4 : EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION STATISTICS

Project No	Note No	Title	Type	Nature	Council Legislation	Financing	1978	1979	1980	1981
1	C4.I	Annual statistics on working population, employment and unemployment	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	X	X	X	X
2	C4.I	Standardized monthly statistics on labour market (registered unemployed and vacancies)	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	X	X	X	X
3	C4.I	Annual statistics on wage earners by branches of activity (NACE) (industry and extension to other sectors)	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	X	X	X	X
4	C4.I	Statistics on foreign workers	O.p.	Exist.	Yes	No	X	X	X	X
5	C4.I	Semestrial statistics on hours of work in industry by branches of activity (NACE)	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	X	X	X	X
6	C4.I	Current statistics on industrial disputes	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	X	X	X	X
7	C4.I	Current statistics for special sectors (for instance ECSC: coal mines, iron ore mines, steel industry)	Sur/SOEC	Exist.	No	No	X	X	X	X
8	C4.II	Current statistics on students and pupils by level, age, sex, etc.	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	X	X	X	X
9	C4.II	Education of foreign workers' children	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	X	X	X	X
10	C4.II	Current statistics on persons in vocational training (including adults)	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	X	X	X	X

Project No	Note No	Title	Type	Nature	Council Legislation	Financing	1978	1979	1980	1981
11	C4.II	Education expenditure (in schools)	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	X	X	X	X
12	C4.II	Education expenditure (vocational training)	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	X	X	X	X
13	C4.II	Setting up indicators of education	O.p./ St./Surv.	Exist.	No	Poss./surv. or St.	G	G	X	X
14	C4.II	Studies of flows in the education systems	O.p./St. Surv.	Exist.	No	Poss./surv. Yes/St.	G	G	X	X

SPECIALIZED SERVICE C4 : EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION STATISTICS

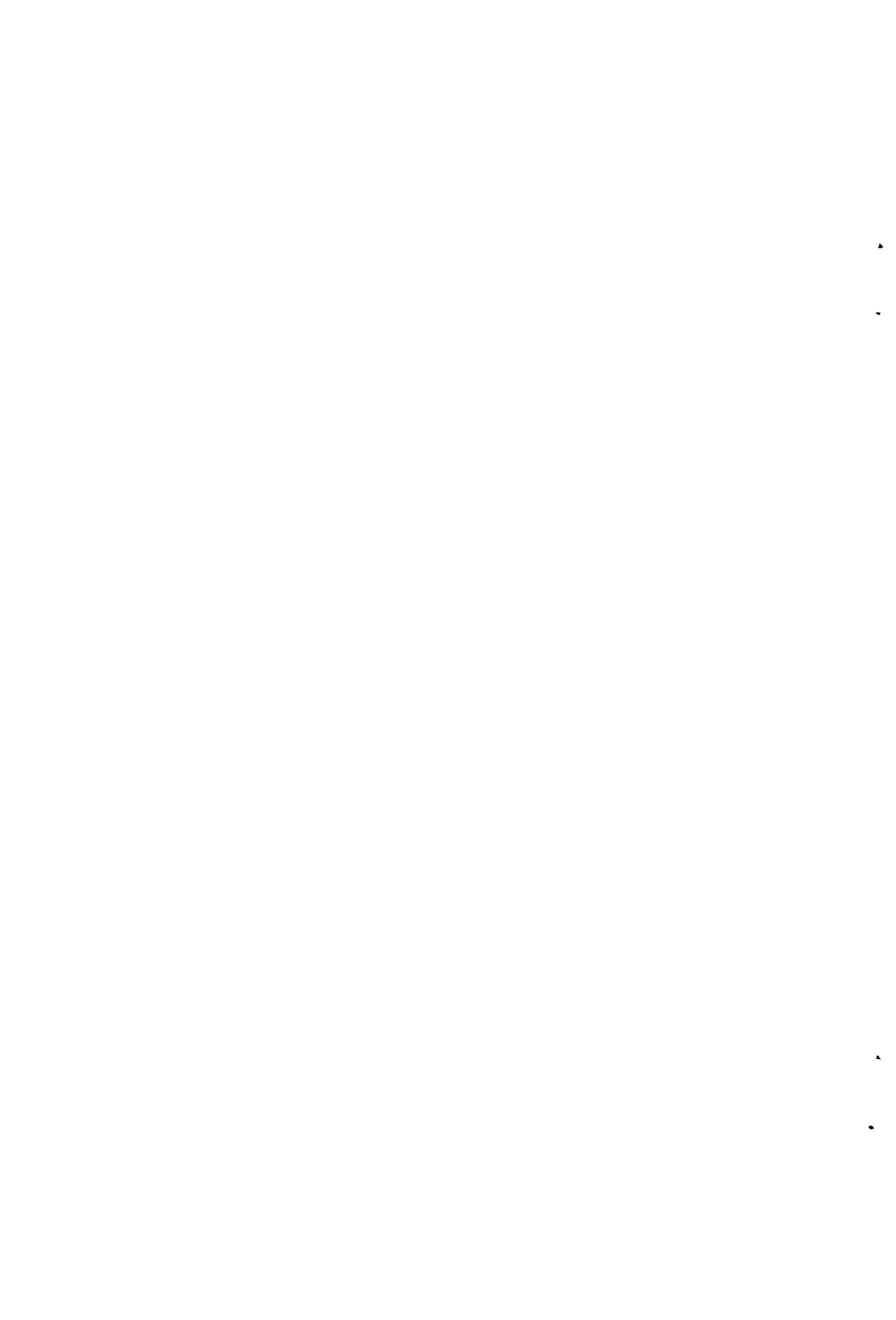
Project No	Title	Comments	1978	1979	1980	1981
1-4,6	Population and employment	Annual publication	X	X	X	X
8-14	Education and vocational training	Annual publication	X	X	X	X
5	Hourly earnings and hours of work	Twice-yearly	X	X	X	X

WORKING GROUPS

Project No	Title	Comments
1-6	Employment statistics with sub-groups: unemployment wage earners foreign workers	
8-14	Education statistics with sub-groups: personnel expenditure	

COUNCIL LEGISLATION

Project No	O.J.	Description
4	39/76	Council Regulation (EEC) No 39/76 of 9.2.1976 concerning compilation of statistics on foreign workers



WORK OF A STATISTICAL INTEREST
OF THE OTHER DIRECTORATES GENERAL
OF THE COMMISSION

DG V : Employment and Social Affairs

CO.1 Social security in agriculture

1. INTRODUCTION

Statistical information or estimates on Social Security in agriculture and their financing in the Member Countries of the Communities.

2. SOURCE

Commission, in accordance with a mandate issued by the Council in 1970.

3. AIM

To provide basic statistical material for the realization of the Common Agricultural Policy.

4. DESCRIPTION

Every year national experts send to the Commission statistical figures concerning the expenditure of the Social Security system in agriculture and their financing during the previous two years: these figures may be definitive or provisional. Every two years the same experts inform the Commission of the existing legislation in the field of Social Security in agriculture.

The Commission collects, compiles and distributes these statistics.

5. WORKPLAN

Continuing annually.

DG V : Employment and Social Affairs

CO.2 Industrial Accidents in Coal Mining

1. INTRODUCTION

These statistics are collected each year to provide quantitative information on industrial safety in the coal mines.

2. SOURCE

Commission in accordance with Council mandate of July 1957.

3. OBJECT

To aid the Mines Safety and Health Commission to follow the development of industrial safety on a comparable basis in the Member States.

4. DESCRIPTION

The statistics are collected from the administration of the coal mines in each country. They are broken down by the circumstances of the accident, the site of the injury and severity (death, absence of 4-20 days, 21-56 days, more than 56 days).

5. WORKPLAN

Continuous.

DG V : Employment and Social Affairs

CO.3 European Social Budget

1. INTRODUCTION

Statistical information (the retrospective part) and estimates (the forecasting part) on expenditure and receipts relating to social security, and, in a general way, to all domains relevant to social policy.

Based (as to field and structure) on the social accounts (social protection accounts).

2. SOURCE

Commission, in accordance with Council decision of 26 November 1970.

3. AIM

Factual document enabling, by reason of the indications which it presents, an appreciation by the competent authorities of the repercussions that would result from a possible modification of the legislation from which the forecasts derive.

4. DESCRIPTION

A first European social budget (1970-1975) was established in 1974 and revised in 1975. The second (1976-1980) is at present in course of preparation: it will be based on the data of the social protection accounts relating to the 1975 exercise. The national experts are, in principle, required to send the 1975 results to the Office and, at the same time, their 1980 forecasts, to the Commission. The assumptions, and in particular economic assumptions, to be used by the national experts are furnished in part by the Commission (DG II).

DG V attempts to assist the national delegations in this work, notably in the matter of methodology, by getting another working party of independent experts (methodology of forecasts) to undertake studies, on selected subjects (sickness, old age and unemployment benefits), destined to establish models capable of being used for forecasts of social expenditure.

5. WORKPLAN

The aim is to present the second ESB in October 1977.

DG V : Employment and Social Affairs

CO.4 Statistics on foreign workers

1. INTRODUCTION

In order to inform the specialist services of the national employment services and/or the governments as well as the Advisory Committee and the Technical Committee on Free Movement of Workers and their Employment, the Commission collects the available statistics concerning foreign workers.

2. SOURCE

Commission, on the basis of information supplied by the Member States.

3. AIM

According to Article 19 of Regulation 1612/68, the Commission has to establish an annual report on the situation on the labour market, with special reference to the movement of foreign workers: for this report, statistical background information on the situation of foreign workers is necessary.

4. DESCRIPTION

The various Member Countries still compile their statistics of foreign workers according to different methods and definitions and at different intervals. The statistics deal with the number of foreign employees in employment, the new arrivals (placings) and the number of unemployed foreigners. Most statistics of foreign workers are broken down by nationality and industrial branches.

5. WORKPLAN

Continuing, until results are available at the Statistical Office according to regulation (EEC) No 311/76 concerning compiling of statistics on foreign workers.

DG V : Employment and Social Affairs

CO.5 Unemployment and vacancies

1. INTRODUCTION

These statistics are collected, compiled and updated in order to describe the most recent situation regarding unemployment and job vacancies in all the various sectors of the economy.

2. SOURCE

Commission, on the basis of statistics provided by national employment services or statistical offices.

3. AIM

To inform the services of the Commission, ad-hoc working groups and other users of statistics of the development of the labour market in the Member States.

4. DESCRIPTION

The statistics on unemployment and job vacancies are established according to national criteria: unemployment statistics are broken down into industrial branches and/or professional groups, age-groups, sex and regions.

5. WORKPLAN

Collection of these statistics is now done in close collaboration with the Statistical Office in standardized form (Statistical Telegram on Unemployed issued monthly).

DG V : Employment and Social Affairs

CO.6 ECSC Employment Statistics

1. INTRODUCTION

The statistics are compiled in order to determine the situation and the development of employment in the coal, iron and steel industries under different aspects.

2. SOURCE

ECSC Treaty.

3. AIM

To provide the necessary statistical data for the annual report concerning the coal industry in the Community, the general objectives in the steel industry, the European Social Fund, the construction of housing for the benefit of ECSC workers.

4. DESCRIPTION

The statistics cover both the workers who are registered and those who are present, and the series are classified as salary-earners or wage-earners, by sex, age-groups, nationality and regions.

5. WORKPLAN

Continuing of regular collection and compiling by the Statistical Office - Special studies for use of the Commission.

DIRECTORATE D - AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND
FISHERIES STATISTICS

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Division D 1 : Agricultural Accounts and Structure

Eric SNOWDON

- Agricultural accounts
- Statistics of prices of agricultural products and of the means of production
- Surveys of the structure of agriculture and of agricultural holdings
- Statistics of agricultural manpower
- Methods to be applied to agricultural statistics

THEME NOTE D1.I : AGRICULTURAL ACCOUNTS

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : D1

1. INTRODUCTION

Agricultural accounts are a synthesis of specific data from production and price statistics. They aim at giving an overall view of economic transactions in the agricultural sector.

Their most important applications are:

- to permit an annual review of the agricultural situation in the EC,
- to provide a basis for examination of the interdependence between the branch "agriculture" and other areas of economic activity.

The drawing up of the accounts presuppose harmonization of the greater part of agricultural statistics and their adaptation to the concepts of the system of national accounts. Price statistics and the supply balance sheets will be of considerable importance in this respect (see theme notes D1.II and D2.II).

This work forms a very important source of information for the formulation of the common agricultural policy and for Community activities in other fields (especially economic and fiscal policy).

2. SOURCE

Request from DG VI for the basic tasks as well as from other users.

3. AIM

Supply of comparable macro economic information on production values (broken down by products), intermediate consumption, fixed assets in agriculture and on agricultural income.

Extending agricultural accounts according to uniform principles and preparing up-to-date estimates. Supply of corresponding statistics for the EC.

4. DESCRIPTION

Collection of data, analysis of questionnaires, preparation of EC results in a common currency unit and at constant prices, and dissemination of information. Efforts to be directed towards making the results available earlier and towards the harmonization of data.

Completion of a handbook specifying the ESA rules for agriculture (harmonization of concepts).

Bringing the Economic Accounts for Agriculture up to date for the current period.

Consideration of the possibilities of calculating by a common method (in accordance with Annex C of the Sixth Council Directive on the harmonization of the laws of the Member States relating to turnover taxes) the value added for (i) all agricultural, forestry and fisheries' undertakings in each Member State and (ii) those subject to the flat-rate scheme of VAT.

Regionalization of the Economic Accounts for Agriculture.

5. WORKPLAN

Current work.

The revised draft of the Handbook on Economic Accounts for Agriculture will be discussed during meetings of the Working Party in 1978: it is then intended to publish the Handbook.

Annual publication of the results relating to the Economic Accounts for Agriculture in the "Green Series".

Bringing the Economic Accounts for Agriculture up to date. The methodological and technical aspects of the project "Sectoral Income Index" are currently under review: in 1978 and succeeding years efforts will be devoted to applying and further developing the estimating tool.

6. FINANCING

Credits for studies.

7. VOLUME OF WORK

Considerable both in terms of planning and of execution.

THEME NOTE D1.II : INSTITUTION OF A SYSTEM OF AGRICULTURAL PRICE STATISTICS

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : D1

1. INTRODUCTION

Agricultural price statistics have two main roles. They are linked directly to agricultural policy and form an essential link between quantitative measurements in this field and accounts and other statistics expressed in terms of value. After a long period of preparatory work, the present programme provides for many individual series and series of price indices:

- EC index of producer prices for agricultural products
- EC index of purchase prices of the means of agricultural production
- indices of certain other factors of production.

2. SOURCE

Requests from DG VI, from other services of the Commission and from other users.

3. AIM

To obtain the data necessary for the formulation of the Community agricultural policy and in particular to publish series on the development of the absolute prices of products purchased and sold, accompanied by the determining characteristics for these prices in order to show the degree of comparability of the series. For the indices, to have instruments for overall measurement of output and (in part) input prices. These indices play an important role in the political considerations which determine statutory prices.

4. DESCRIPTION

Collection and distribution of data. For the indices, harmonization of concepts and methods.

5. WORKPLAN

Steady development, during the period of the programme. For the indices, rebasing in a year near 1975 with an extended field of observation and greater uniformity in the approach to seasonal products. (In particular, introduction of fruit and vegetables into the monthly indices). When rebasing occurs, attempts will also be made to construct indices including VAT.

Publication: special series with restricted circulation (about 18 volumes per year).

6. FINANCING

Credits for studies.

7. VOLUME OF WORK

Price of products sold:

150 monthly series
100 annual series
50 weekly series

Price of products purchased:

100 monthly series
100 annual series

Index of producer prices for agricultural products:

100 monthly series

Index of purchase prices of agricultural production means:

100 monthly series

THEME NOTE D1.III : SURVEYS OF THE STRUCTURE OF AGRICULTURE

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : D1

1. INTRODUCTION

The collection of data on the agricultural development of agriculture and agricultural holdings involves a series of large-scale, onerous surveys. In the past the conducting and processing of such surveys has led to certain difficulties which the Statistical Office is making every effort to avoid or solve. But the problems inherent in large surveys have to be faced - onerous preliminary work, high cost, an often quite considerable burden placed on a large number of respondents - and thought is being given to ways and means of obtaining essential data at minimum cost and within given time limits. In particular a plan has been formulated providing for a regular programme of structural enquiries in the 1980's.

2. SOURCE

Survey 1975	Council Directive of 20 January 1975
Survey 1977	Council Regulation of 21 December 1976
Survey 1979/80	This survey together with the 1977 survey constitutes the programme of surveys provided for in the context of the Directive on the 1975 survey. A draft regulation fixing the details for 1979/80 has been submitted to the Council.

3. AIM

To obtain for the requirements of the common agricultural policy data on the development of individual structural features of agricultural holdings with the passage of time.

4. DESCRIPTION

1975	Under Council Directive 75/108, Member States were required to supply the SOEC for a specific sample of agricultural holdings (about 650 000) with information for a list of certain characteristics set out in the directive. The survey was carried out in 1975 and the data for each individual holding were being forwarded on tape to the SOEC who are drawing up and carrying out processing programmes.
1977	A limited exercise is in train under which Member States provide 1977 results for a selection of key tables in principle chosen from those prepared for 1975. Individual changes since 1975 for a limited number of holdings are being studied under separate contracts with individual Member States (Optic L).

1979/80 The Council when adopting the 1975 Farm Structure Survey directive endorsed as the third stage of the programme of surveys there envisaged, "a census of agricultural holdings as part of the world census of agriculture recommended by the FAO, to be carried out between 1 May 1979 and 15 June 1980". The programme for the FAO "1980" World Agricultural Census involves a very comprehensive list of questions, but this and the associated definitions are only recommendations and thus not binding. For the EEC, a common list of characteristics to be covered and of definitions, both based largely on 1975, has been prepared. A common tabulation programme, as in 1970/71, will be adopted.

5. WORKPLAN

<u>Survey</u>	<u>Year of action</u>	
1975	1978	Tabulation and distribution of primary results Designing and programming of supplementary analysis Preparation of introductory volume and summary booklet ("Digest")
	1978/79	Official publication of 6 to 8 volumes
1977	1978/79	Receipt and processing of data: publication of results. Receipt and evaluation of Optic L studies.
1979/80	1978	Council Regulation: Commission decisions on definitions, tabulation programme and magnetic tape design.

6. FINANCING

1975	Yes (by EAGGF)
1977	Yes
1979/80	No

7. VOLUME OF WORK

1975	Sample of about 650 000 holdings
1977	Tabulation programme (some countries), individual holding data (remaining countries)
1979/80	Common tabulation programme.

DIVISION D1 : AGRICULTURAL ACCOUNTS AND STRUCTURE

Project No	Note No	Title	Type	Nature	Council Legislation	Financing	1978	1979	1980	1981
<u>Accounts</u>										
1	D1.I	Drawing up and actualization of accounts for agriculture and forestry	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	X	X	X	X
2	D1.I	Automatic data processing of accounts data	O.p.	New	No	No	I	I	I	I
3	D1.I	Agricultural accounts: studies on agribusiness, type of activity, farmers' share of consumer expenditure, etc.	St.	Exist.	No	Yes (St)	I	I		
<u>Prices</u>										
4	D1.I	Prices of products sold and purchased by agriculture	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	X	X	X	X
5	D1.II	Indices of prices of products sold and purchased by agriculture (incl. and excl. VAT)	O.p./St.	Exist.	No	Yes (St)	I	I	I	I
6	D1.II	Automatic data processing of agricultural price data	O.p./St.	Exist.	No	Yes (St)	I	I	I	I
7	D1.II	Integration of seasonal products into the monthly producer price index of agricultural products	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	G	I	I	I

Project No	Note No	Title	Type	Nature	Council Legislation	Financing	1978	1979	1980	1981
<u>Structure</u>										
8	D1.III	Survey on the structure of agricultural holdings (1975)	Sur.	Exist.	Yes	Yes (EAGGF)	I	I		
9	D1.III	Survey on the structure of agricultural holdings (1977)	St./Sur.	Exist.	Yes	Yes	X	I	I	I
10	D1.III	General agricultural census recommended by the FAO (1979/80)	Sur.	New	Yes	No	G	X	X	X
11	D1.III	Current statistics on agricultural structure	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	X	X	X	X
<u>Miscellaneous</u>										
12		Preparation of the statistical section of the annual report on the agricultural situation (see also D2)	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	I	I	I	I
13		Study on the relationship between agricultural statistics from various sources	St.	New	No	Yes (St)	I			

DIVISION D1 : AGRICULTURAL ACCOUNTS AND STRUCTURE

PUBLICATIONS PROGRAMME

Project No	Title	Comments	1978	1979	1980	1981
	Agricultural Statistics: Yearbook	Annual	X	X	X	X
1	Agricultural and forestry accounts	Annual	X	X	X	X
1	Handbook of agricultural accounts (methodology)	Reference work	X			
4	Agricultural prices: vegetable products	Bimonthly	X	X	X	X
4	Agricultural prices: animal products	Bimonthly	X	X	X	X
4	Agricultural prices: means of production	Quarterly	X	X	X	X
4	Agricultural prices: fruit, vegetables and potatoes	Annual	X	X	X	X
4	Agricultural prices	Biennial	X		X	
5	Agricultural prices: EC Index producer prices	Bimonthly and yearly	X	X	X	X
5	Agricultural prices: EC Index means of production	Quarterly and yearly	X	X	X	X
5	Agricultural prices: EC Index means of production (methodology)	Reference work	X			
11	Agricultural structure		X	X		X
8	Results of the 1975 Farm Structure Survey		X	X		

WORKING GROUPS

Project No	Title	Comments
	Agricultural Statistics Committee	Direction
	Standing Committee on Agricultural Statistics	Direction
1,3	Agricultural accounts	
4,5,7	Agricultural prices statistics	
8,9,10	Structure of agricultural holdings statistics	
1	Sectoral Income Index	

COUNCIL LEGISLATION

Project No	O.J.	Description
-	L326/73	73/358/EEC: Council Directive of 19 November 1973 amending certain Directives following the enlargement of the Community
8	L 42/75	75/108/EEC: Council Directive of 20 January 1975 on the organization of a structures survey for 1975 as part of the programme of surveys on the structure of agriculture holdings
9	L366/76	Regulation No 3228/76 of the Council of 21 December 1976 covering the organization of a survey on the structure of agricultural holdings for 1977
10	L 35/78	Regulation No 218/78 of the Council of 19 December 1977 relating to the organization of a survey on the structure of agricultural holdings in 1979



Division D 2 : Agricultural Balance Sheets and
Products

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- Statistics and balance sheets of crops
- Statistics and balance sheets of animal products
- Calculations of the supply of agricultural produce and food
- Statistics on forestry and timber
- Statistics on fisheries and fish products

THEME NOTE D2.I : PREPARATION AND PROCESSING OF SURVEYS ON
AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY PRODUCTION

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : D2

1. INTRODUCTION

A statistical scheme complying with the characteristics of agricultural production and policy requirements was described in the work programme prepared in 1971 (Doc. 694/72). As this system is put into practice, the work changes progressively from the development to the management and processing of data. The harmonization and implementation of surveys in the field of crop statistics and the carrying out of new surveys in the field of animal statistics have required great efforts in organization and work efficiency in order to ensure adequate analysis and rapid distribution of the results.

Additional emphasis should be placed on vineyard, and, to a lesser extent, on forestry statistics in the context of recent developments in agricultural and forestry policy.

2. SOURCE

Land utilization	SOEC and DG VI
Crop production	SOEC and DG VI (in particular market regulations)
Surveys on cattle	Council Directives 73/132/EEC and 76/581/EEC
Survey on pig production	Council Directive 76/630/EEC
Survey on milk and milk products	Council Directive 72/280/EEC
Survey on hatcheries	Council Regulation 75/2782/EEC
Survey on sheep	Commission Memorandum Doc. COM (73) 1850, Doc. 274/75
Survey on milk collection	Draft Directive R356/78
Survey on eggs and poultry	Requirements (supplement to Regulations 75/2782 and 1867/77)
Survey on fruit trees	Council Directive 76/625/EEC
Viticultural surveys	Council Regulation 24/62
Forestry statistics	SOEC and DG VI

3. AIM

Data necessary for the formulation of the common agricultural and forestry policy, particularly forecasting and management of the organization of the common market for agricultural products (drawing up proposals from the Commission to the Council).

4. DESCRIPTION

Crop production	Crop measurement (areas cultivated and yields) Perfection of measuring systems
Surveys on cattle	Annual surveys of stock (May/June and December) Monthly returns on slaughter and foreign trade Forecasts of supply

Survey on pig production	Similar to survey on cattle but three per year
Survey on milk and milk products	Weekly, monthly, annual and three-yearly
Survey on hatcheries	Monthly and annual
Survey on sheep	Similar to surveys on cattle
Survey on eggs and poultry	Monthly
Survey on fruit trees	Five-yearly survey on areas cultivated Annual estimates of uprooting and new planting Collection of data on yields. Forecasting production potential
Viticultural surveys	Basic survey every 10 years Annual intermediate surveys Data on yields
Olive statistics	Association with DG VI in the statistical aspects of the olive cultivation register
Land utilization survey	Five-yearly survey of land in agricultural and other uses
Wood production	Annual assessment of removals
Forest structure	Collection of available information on forest areas

5. WORKPLAN

Land utilization	Setting up the survey on utilization of land planned for 1981
Survey on fruit trees	3rd survey 1982
Intermediate cattle survey	Beginning planned for 1978
Survey on sheep	Beginning planned for 1979
Survey on eggs and poultry	Beginning planned for 1979
Weekly survey on milk collection	Beginning planned for 1979
Viticultural surveys	Beginning planned for 1979
Olive statistics	1978 onwards

Publication: Monthly series of short-term statistics (crops, milk meat, eggs and sugar production)
Series "Agricultural statistics" for annual summaries and data from the less frequent surveys.

6. FINANCING

See also studies

Perfection of measuring system for crop production

<u>Surveys</u>	<u>Financing</u>
Cattle	yes
Pigs	no
Milk and milk products	no
Hatcheries	no
Sheep	poss.
Eggs and poultry	no
Fruit trees	yes
Viticultural	yes
Weekly milk collection	poss.
Land utilization	poss.

7. VOLUME OF WORK

Very great in the SOEC and at national level

Survey on crop production	to be determined
Survey on cattle	involves about 3 million cattle farmers
Survey on pig production	involves about 2.7 million pig farmers
Survey on milk and milk products	involves 8 000 undertakings
Survey on hatcheries	involves 2 000 undertakings
Survey on sheep	to be determined
Survey on eggs and poultry	to be determined
Survey on fruit trees	involves about 0.5 million ha.
Viticultural surveys	involve about 3.3 million ha.
Olive statistics	to be determined
Forestry statistics	involves about 32 million ha. of forest area and an annual production of about 80 million m3 of raw wood
Land utilization survey	to be determined

THEME NOTE D2.II : SUPPLY BALANCE SHEETS

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : D2

1. INTRODUCTION

Work summarising data from all sources consisting partly of a combination in one framework of specific data, such as data on production, external trade, stock, different uses, human consumption, etc., with many important applications, for the following purposes in particular:

the annual community examination of the agricultural and forestry situation, preparation of forecasts in the field of agriculture

to facilitate examination of the balance between supply and demand for each agricultural and forest product and for the management of the different agricultural markets.

2. SOURCE

Request by Council and Commission

3. AIM

To have available the supply balance sheets necessary for the development and guidance of agricultural policy, including the day-to-day management and the administration of agricultural markets.

4. DESCRIPTION

Drawing up annual supply balance sheets for each country and EUR-9 for 25 groups of products covering about 150 products. Collection of all basic data on supply to permit calculation of supply and demand for Member States and the Community including special calculations on import requirements, surpluses, human consumption, industrial processing, the degree of self sufficiency in supplies, etc.

5. WORKPLAN

Permanent work, covering work on feedstuffs' balance sheets
Publication on Supply Balance sheets (special issue)
Publication of feed balances (special issue)
Publication of supply and feed balance sheets in summary form in the different monthly series: 15 volumes yearly.
Publication of supply balance sheets for forestry and the most important wood products
Computer processing of most of the supply balance sheets and the setting up of chronological data files, for at least ten years in retrospect, are being carried out.

6. FINANCING

Credits for studies.

7. VOLUME OF WORK

Very great in EUROSTAT and for national services. A lightening of the work of Member countries has been examined and implemented by EUROSTAT following the work of the Working Party "Supply Balances".

THEME NOTE D2.III : FISHERY STATISTICS

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : D2

1. INTRODUCTION

The Commission's proposal to the Council of the EC for the establishment of a Community system for the conservation and management of fishery resources in the waters of the Community (i.e. within the 200 mile zone) introduces a new dimension to the work and to the statistical requirements in the field of fishery policy.

As the details of this new fishery policy have not yet been finalized it is not possible to formulate definitively the future programme for fishery statistics.

At the present stage of discussion future activities relating to fishery statistics lie in the following fields:

1. Development of monthly statistics on catches broken down by fish species and fishing regions
2. Development of statistics on catches per unit of fishing effort
3. Further development of fleet statistics
4. Establishment of monthly statistics on landings (quantity and value)
5. Continuation of the compiling of supply balance sheets relating to fish and fishery products.

2. SOURCE

Request by Community organs, in particular by the Commission.

3. AIM

Preparation of statistical data on fishing in the Community for the purpose of drawing up the Common fishery policy and supervising its implementation

Secondly, attempting to standardize the relevant statistical systems of the individual Member States with a view to developing a harmonized Community system.

Finally, making the data on fishery statistics available to the Member States and the other countries.

4. DESCRIPTION

1. In establishing monthly statistics on catches broken down by fish species and fishing regions, statistical data are to be prepared for the catch quota system proposed by the Commission.
2. Data on catches per unit of fishing effort will be required for the assessments of the state of the fish stocks. These assessments are used in the allocation of catch quotas.

3. The Commission's increased need for information on capacity, size and age structure of the fishing fleets for purposes of structural policy (granting of licences, withdrawal of fleets, restructuring of the fleets, etc.) involves the further development of fleet statistics.
4. The planned publication of monthly data on fish landings by weight and value in the ports of the Community will be useful when formulating measures and decisions relating to market policy. This holds both for within the services of the Community and the Member States.
5. The establishment of supply balance sheets for fish and fish products has proven its value in the past. This work will be continued.

5. WORKPLAN

In order to draw up monthly statistics relating to catches broken down by fish species and fishing regions and to gather data on catches per unit of fishing effort, a system for the collection of data must be introduced. With this in mind, the SOEC has drawn up a proposal for a logbook system. This proposal must now be discussed with DG XIV and the Member States, drawing on the experience of the Member States.

Establishment of an outline plan for the final monthly statistics on catches broken down by fish species and fishing regions and on the statistics relating to catches per unit of fishing effort.

In applying the Commission's proposals on the registration of fishing vessels it is planned to draw up and collate an outline plan for the future statistics on fishing fleets, drawing on the experience of the OECD with the "World Register of Fishing Vessels".

Harmonization of the Member States monthly statistics on fish landings by weight and value: at present these statistics still vary greatly in form.

Annual publication of the various data for Community fisheries.

Monthly publication of fish landings by weight and value.

6. FINANCING

Is yet to be settled. Likely to be on a national basis. Insofar as certain preparatory studies are necessary these will be financed from the Commission budget (Art. 264).

7. VOLUME OF WORK

At the moment it is not yet possible to finalize details on the nature and extent of the work required. Before this can be done it is necessary to await the outcome of the negotiations in the Council of Ministers on the future fishery policy and also the subsequent, final division of work between DG XIV (Fishery) and EUROSTAT. This will involve drawing up a list of priorities.

DIVISION D2 : AGRICULTURAL BALANCE SHEETS AND PRODUCTS

Project No	Note No	Title	Type	Nature	Council Legislation	Financing	1978	1979	1980	1981
1	D2.I	Land utilization	St./Sur.	Exist.	Poss.	Poss.	G	G	G	X
2	D2.I	Crop statistics	O.p./St.	Exist.	No	Yes (St)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
3	D2.I	Cattle survey and slaughtering data	Sur.	Exist.	Yes	Yes	X	X	X	X
4	D2.I	Pig survey and slaughtering data	Sur.	Exist.	Yes	Yes	X	X	X	X
5	D2.I	Dairy survey	Sur.	Exist.	Yes	No	X	X	X	X
6	D2.I	Survey on milk collection	Sur.	New	Poss.	Poss.		X	X	X
7	D2.I	Hatchery surveys	Sur.	Exist.	Yes	No	X	X	X	X
8	D2.I	Fruit trees survey (1977) (1982)	Sur.	Exist.	Yes	Yes	I	I	I	I
9	D2.I	Studies on fruit tree yields	St.	Exist.	No	Yes (St)	I	I	I	I
10	D2.II	Supply balance sheets	O.p./St.	Exist.	No	Yes (St)	X	X	X	X
11	D2.II	Feed balance sheets	O.p./St.	Exist.	No	Yes (St)	X	X	X	X
12	-	Preparation of the statistical section of annual report on the agricultural situation (see also D1)								
13	-	Participation in work on the teledetection of the land resources of the EEC (ISPRA)	O.p.	Exist.	No	Yes (St)	I	I	I	I
14	-	Meteorological reports	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	I	I	I	I
15	-	Short-term statistics of horticulture	O.p.	Exist	No	No	X	X	X	X
16	-	Short-term statistics on viticulture	O.p.	Exist.	Yes	No	X	X	X	X

Project No	Note No	Title	Type	Nature	Council Legislation	Financing	1978	1979	1980	1981
17	-	Forestry statistics	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	X	X	X	X
18	-	Forecasting methods and parameters in the sector of animal production	St.	Exist.	Yes	No	I	I	I	I
19	-	Preparation of computer processing of the foreign trade sections of the supply balance sheets	O.p.	Exist.	No	Yes (St)	(I)	(I)	(I)	(I)
20	-	Monthly balance sheets for sugar	O.p./p.m.	Exist.	No	No	I	I	I	I
21	D2.I	Sheep survey	Sur.	New	Poss.	Yes	G	X	X	X
22	D2.I	Eggs and poultry survey	St./Sur.	New	No	No	G	X	X	X
23	D2.I	Viticultural surveys	Sur.	New	Yes	Yes	G	X	X	X
24	-	Overall balance sheets	St.	New	No	No	I	I	I	I
25	-	Regional agricultural statistics	O.p.	New	No	Yes (St)	I	I		
26	-	Fishery statistics	O.p.	New	No	Yes (St)	X	X	X	X
27	-	Participation in the olive cultivation register	O.p.	New	Yes	Yes (EAGGF)	X	X	X	X
28	-	Survey of non-edible horticultural products	O.p.	p.m.						
29	D2.I	Trends of viticultural yields	St.	New	No	Yes (St)	I	I	I	I
30	D2.I	Intermediate cattle survey	Sur.	New	Poss.	Poss.	X	X	X	X
31	D2.I	Criteria for assessing the recreational use of forests	St.	New	No	Yes (St)	G	G		

DIVISION D2 : AGRICULTURAL BALANCE SHEETS AND PRODUCTS

PUBLICATIONS PROGRAMME

Project No	Title	Comments	1978	1979	1980	1981
	Agricultural Statistics Yearbook	See D1	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
2	Crop production	10-12 Nos/year	X	X	X	X
3,4	Monthly statistics of meat production	Bulletin	X	X	X	X
5,6	Monthly statistics of the production of milk and milk products	Bulletin	X	X	X	X
7	Monthly statistics of sales of eggs for hatching	Bulletin	X	X	X	X
20	Monthly statistics of sugar	Bulletin	X	X	X	X
26	Monthly statistics of fisheries	Bulletin	X	X	X	X
1,2	Statistics of land utilization and crop production		X	X	X	
3,4	Statistics of livestock and animal production		X		X	
10	Supply balance sheets in agricultural production		X	X	X	X
11	Feed balance sheets		X	X	X	
5	Milk statistics			X		
26	Fishery statistics		X	X	X	
17	Forestry statistics		X	X	X	
8	Results of fruit trees survey		X			
23	Viticultural statistics					X
	Agricultural statistics studies		p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.

WORKING GROUPS

Project No	Title	Comments
10,11,20	Agricultural statistics committee	Direction
3,4,5,6,7,18	Standing Committee on Agricultural Statistics	Direction
2,8,9	Supplies statements	
17	Animal products statistics	
26	Crop statistics	
	Forestry statistics	
	Fishery statistics	

COUNCIL LEGISLATION

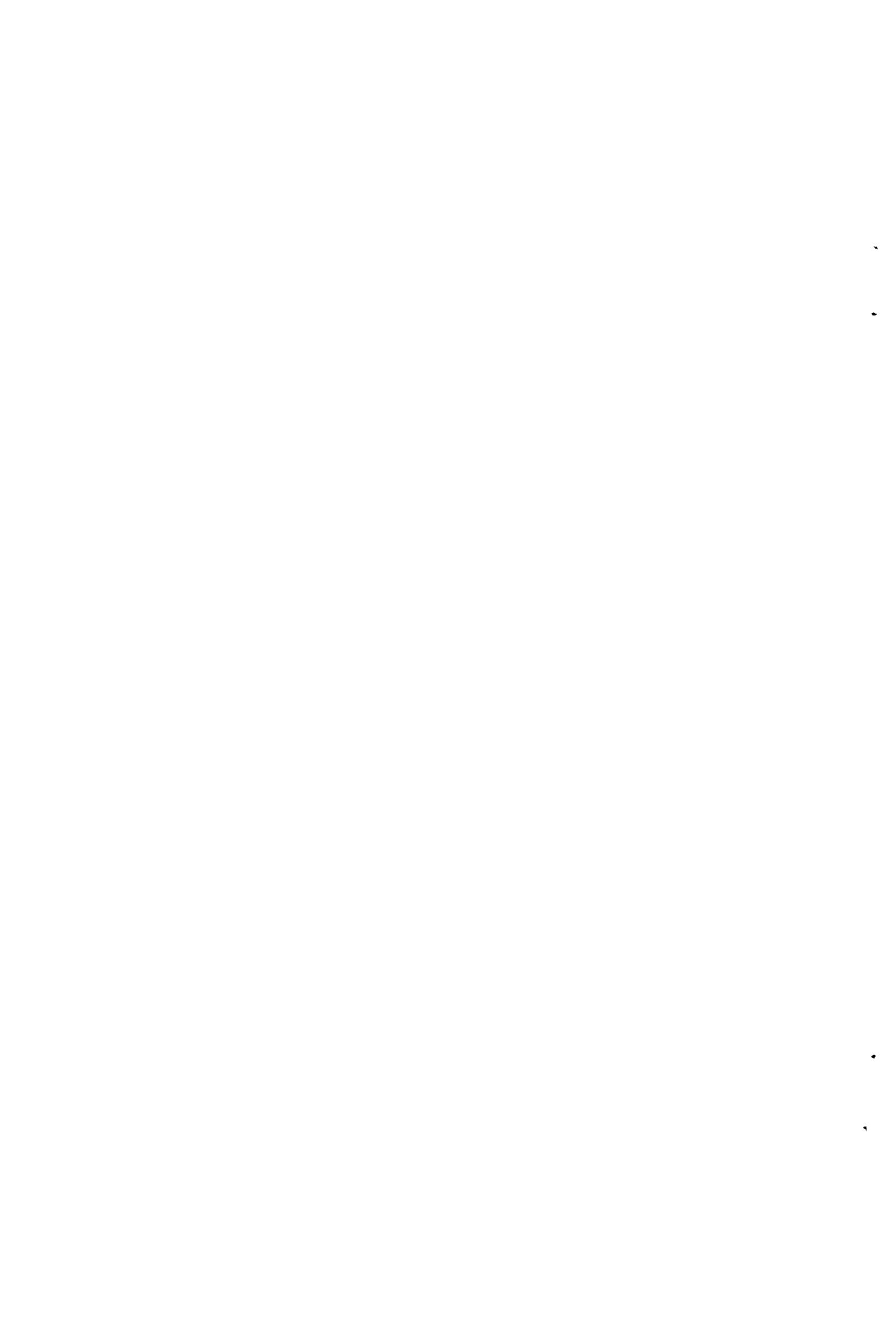
Project No	O.J.	Description
32	30/62	Council Regulation No 24 covering the progressive establishment of a common organization of the wine-growing market.
16	111/62	Commission Regulation No 134 relating to declaration of wine harvests and stocks.
32	127/62	Commission Regulation No 143 covering first steps towards the establishment of the viticultural land register.
32	125/63	Regulation No 92/63/EEC of the Council of 30 July 1963 amending Article 1 of Regulation No 24 as regards the date for preparing a viticultural land register.
32	48/64	Regulation No 26/64/EEC of the Commission of 28 February 1964 laying down additional provisions for the preparation of the viticultural land register, for its management and for keeping it up to date.
32	9/68	Regulation (EEC) No 9/68 of the Commission of 11 January 1968 amending Regulation No 26/64/EEC as regards keeping the viticultural land register up to date.
Dir.	179/72	72/279/EEC: Council Decision of 31 July 1972 setting up Standing Committee for Agricultural Statistics.
5	179/72	72/280/EEC: Council Decision of 31 July 1972 on the statistical surveys to be made by Member States on milk and milk products.
4	179/72	72/281/EEC: Council Directive of 31 July 1972 laying down additional provisions concerning surveys of pig production to be made by Member States.
5	246/72	72/356/EEC: Commission Decision of 18 October 1972, laying down implementing provisions for the statistical surveys on milk products.
7	252/72	Regulation EEC No 2335/72 of the Commission of 31 October 1972 covering the application of Council Regulation No 2782/75 concerning the production and marketing of eggs for hatching and of farmyard poultry chicks.
3	153/73	73/132/EEC: Council Directive of 15 May 1973 on the statistical surveys to be carried out by Member States on bovine livestock, on forecasts on the availability of bovine animals for slaughter and on statistics on slaughtered bovine animals.

COUNCIL LEGISLATION (cont'd.)

Project No	O.J.	Description
3	253/73	73/262/EEC: Commission Decision of 24 July 1973 establishing provisions for statistical surveys to be carried out by the Member States on bovine livestock, forecasts on the availability of bovine animals for slaughter and statistics on slaughtered bovine animals.
Dir.	326/73	73/358/EEC: Council Directive of 19 November 1973 amending certain directives following the enlargement of the Community.
27	L 19/75	Regulation(EEC) No 154/75 of the Council of 21 January 1975 on the establishment of a register of olive cultivation in the Member States producing olive oil.
7	L282/75	Regulation (EEC) No 2782/75 of the Council of 29 October 1975 on the production and marketing of eggs for hatching and of farmyard chicks.
27	L113/76	Commission Regulation EEC 984/76 of 29 April 1976 providing for a comparative test of data collection methods for the establishment of a register of olive cultivation.
5	L114/76	76/430/EEC: Commission Decision of 29 April 1976 amending Decision 72/356/EEC on statistical surveys of milk and milk products.
32	L163/76	1456/76/EEC: Commission Regulation of 23 June 1976 amending for the second time Regulation No 26/64/EEC laying down additional provisions for the preparation of the viticultural land register, for its management and for keeping it up to date.
3	189/76	76/581/EEC: Council Directive of 29 June 1976 on the continuation of the surveys to be carried out by the Member States on bovine livestock.
8	L218/76	76/625/EEC: Council Directive of 20 July 1976 concerning the statistical surveys to be carried out by the Member States in order to determine the production potential of plantations of certain species of fruit trees.
4	223/76	76/630/EEC: Council Directive of 20 July 1976 concerning surveys of pig production to be made by Member States.
4	L285/76	76/805/EEC: Commission Decision of 1 October 1976 laying down additional provisions concerning surveys of pig production to be made by Member States.
8	L285/76	76/806/EEC: Commission Decision of 1 October 1976 laying down additional provisions concerning surveys to determine the production potential of plantations of certain species of fruit trees to be made by Member States.

COUNCIL LEGISLATION cont'd.

Project No	O.J.	Description
8	L 47/77	77/144/EEC: Commission Decision of 22 December 1976 laying down the standard code and rules governing the transcription into a machine-readable form of the data of the surveys of plantations of certain species of fruit trees, and laying down the boundaries of the production areas for these surveys.
8	L 48/77	77/159/EEC: Council Directive of 14 February 1977 amending Directive 76/625/EEC concerning the statistical surveys to be carried out by the Member States in order to determine the production potential of plantations of certain species of fruit trees.
3	L 16/78	78/53/EEC Council Directive of 19 December 1977 laying down additional provisions concerning statistical surveys of cattle to be carried out by Member States
6	/78	78/ /EEC: Council Directive of extending Directive 72/280/EEC on the statistical surveys to be made by Member States on milk and milk products.
23	/78	Regulation (EEC) No /78 of the Council of on the statistical surveys on the areas under vines



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DG VI

00.1 The Farm Accountancy Data Network (FADN)

1. INTRODUCTION

The FADN was created to meet the needs of the CAP and has been in operation since 1968. It is described more fully in a leaflet entitled "The farm accountancy data network".

2. SOURCE

Within the Commission

3. AIM

To obtain the necessary accounting data in order to establish annual farm income and to analyse the economic operation of farms. This data is used chiefly as a basis for Commission reports on the agricultural situation and agricultural markets as well as on agricultural income in the Community, reports presented annually to the Council and to the Assembly for the main purpose of fixing annually the prices of agricultural produce.

The FADN also serves as a source of "reference" farms for the Commission's objective method of assessing the need for changes in producers' prices.

4. DESCRIPTION

The basic data, taken from a sample of agricultural holdings keeping accounts, is collected and stored by regional accountancy offices. In each FADN region the sample is selected by a committee made up of a maximum of 12 members representing the administration, the agricultural holdings and the farm accountancy offices. At the national level liaison organizations provide a link between the regional and Community authorities. The management of the FADN, and the handling and analysis of the data is the responsibility of DG VI. It is assisted by the FADN Community Committee, which is made up of representatives of the Member States and has the same powers and functions according to the same rules as the management committees of the agricultural markets. The FADN is concerned with agricultural holdings whose organization is geared to sales, which constitute the farmers' main occupation, and which employ annually not less than one "labour unit" (or 0.75 in some countries). The number of farms, at present around 20 000, is gradually being increased to about 28 000 by 1978.

DG VI

DO.2 Statistical information on olive cultivation

1. INTRODUCTION

A register of olive cultivation in the Community is considered necessary for efficient market management in the olive oil sector.

2. SOURCE

Council Regulation 154/75 January 1975

3. AIM

To follow production trends more closely in order to work towards market stability.

To permit a more effective control of Community expenditure on the olive oil market.

4. DESCRIPTION

The statistical information on each holding shall be provided in two stages:

(a) total olive growing area
total number of olive trees

(b) (by January 1981)

names of owners of each parcel
proportion of specialized and mixed areas
variety
system of cultivation
age of trees - state of cultivation
number of trees under irrigation.

The register shall be brought up to date at regular intervals.



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- Statistics specific to the energy economy

THEME NOTE E1.I : COAL (ECSC)

(see also theme note E2.I)

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : E1

1. INTRODUCTION

1. In the coal, iron and steel sectors (including iron ore mining) a comprehensive system of statistics was inaugurated as early as 1953. It has the following particular characteristics within the present programme of work by SOEC.
 - 1.1 Except for certain periodical revisions the system poses only problems of day-to-day organization and data manipulation.
 - 1.2 In practice its costs are borne by the firms and professional organizations from which the Commission must gather the necessary information for the application of the various provisions of the ECSC Treaty.
 - 1.3 The comprehensive nature of the system, covering all factors of production, output and marketing, is commensurate with the importance of these sectors in an industrial economy and with the duties laid down by the ECSC Treaty. In effect these require the Commission to take decisions, to give guidance in various matters and to maintain controls down to the level of the individual firm (e.g. scrutiny and advice on individual capital expenditure projects, the regulation of conditions of sale, etc.).
 - 1.4 Nevertheless the Office, aware of the amount of work imposed on firms in these industries, endeavours:
 - a) to simplify the system as far as possible without compromising the statistical base necessary for application of the ECSC Treaty, which it would be as well to preserve at least until eventual fusion of the treaties.
 - b) to coordinate and harmonize this particular system with the general system of industrial statistics, notably in the field of nomenclature.
2. Finally, it may be noted the programme, derived from the Treaty of Paris, is not subject to approval by the Council but has been conceived and is regularly brought up to date by following the procedure for consultation with all interested parties, including government services, prescribed by the Treaty (see Article 5).
3. These objectives will call for closer collaboration than ever between the Office, the other services of the Commission and the national statistical institutes, in order to avoid disparate demands being placed on firms.

2. SOURCE

ECSC Treaty, Articles 46, 47 and 54.

3. AIM

To provide the necessary documentation for application of the ECSC Treaty and to incorporate data on coal in energy balance sheets.

4. DESCRIPTION

Approximately twenty questionnaires on coal, lignite and derived products. Capital expenditure inquiry bearing on present and future coal production capacity.

5. WORKPLAN

Tasks of day-to-day administration.

6. FINANCING

Nil.

7. VOLUME OF WORK

Substantial enquiries addressed to 350 coal mining firms.

THEME NOTE E1.II : ENERGY BALANCES AND STATISTICS

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : E1

1. INTRODUCTION

At the present time, energy balance-sheets and statistics have an increased importance. Though the whole range of energy statistics finds its first use in conjunctural studies and notably the development of Community energy policy, the Statistical Office foresees certain priorities in the coming years, in particular:

1. Promoting the comparability between energy statistics and other economic statistics and accounts, more particularly input-output tables. The object is to facilitate studies of the interdependence between energy and economic developments.
2. This improvement includes, among other things, a new start on the establishment of price statistics in the energy sector with a view to establishing balance sheets by value and better statistical information on the breakdown of energy consumption.
3. To develop energy statistics so as to take account of principal changes in the energy economy (promotion of nuclear statistics, extension of the petroleum products balance sheets, measurement of energy losses on transformation and consumption). This action involves reconsideration of certain methodological aspects of the energy balance sheets, particularly in adapting to the measurement units of the International System.

2. SOURCE

Need for harmonized energy statistics, in particular for laying down directions for energy policy, for economic analyses in the energy sector, and for actions taken with a view to rational energy utilization.

3. AIM

Placing at the disposal of the Commission and the Member countries comparable information, appropriate to each source of energy, in a unified and coherent frame. Developing balance sheets by taking into account the developments in the energy sector. Integration of energy statistics with other economic statistics.

4. DESCRIPTION

Seven questionnaires on gas: surveys and collection, from various sources, of prices and other energy statistics, including current monthly statistics by sources of energy: work on the structure of energy consumption, and energy losses.

5. WORKPLAN

For the most part continuous work with frequent and direct contacts with professional organizations, specialized departments and offices and national statistical offices, along with other international organizations such as the OECD-IEA, ECE Geneva, UN New York.

With regard to improving information on the structure of consumption, specific action in the form of a survey of households to obtain individual information on their energy consumption and, to elaborate a methodology for a study and/or simplified survey on the breakdown by usage of industrial and domestic consumption.

With respect to the understanding of energy losses, the establishment of balance sheets expressed in "useful" energy.

6. FINANCING

In part, credit for studies (prices, balance sheets expressed in values, survey into the structure of energy consumption, study of useful energy).

7. VOLUME OF WORK

Extensive work of collection and synthesis.

DIVISION E1 : ENERGY

Project No	Note No	Title	Type	Nature	Council Legislation	Financing	1978	1979	1980	1981
1	E1.I	Harmonized coal statistics	Sur/SOEC	Exist.	No	No	X	X	X	X
2	E1.II	Harmonized gas statistics	Sur/SOEC	Exist.	No	No	X	X	X	X
3	E1.II	Short-term statistics by source of energy: annual balances, monthly statistics	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	X	X	X	X
4	E1.II	Overall energy balance analysed by product	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	I	I	I	I
5	E1.II	Methodological modifications to the overall balance sheets	O.p.	New	No	No	I			
6	E1.II	Structure of electrical power stations	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	X	X	X	X
7	E1.II	Energy operations of nuclear power stations	Sur/SOEC	Exist.	No	No	X	X	X	X
8	E1.II	Statistics on the supply of enriched uranium and of plutonium	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	I	I	I	I
9	E1.II	Studies on consumer prices of energy products	St.	Exist.	No	Yes (Sur)	X	X	X	X
10	E1.II	Study on the useful energy obtained at the level of consumption	St.	Exist.	No	Yes (St.)	I			
11	E1.II	Conversion into value of the energy balance	St.	Exist.	No	Yes (St.)	I	I	I	
12	E1.II	Structure of energy consumption	Sur/SOEC	Exist.	Poss.	Yes	I	(X)	(X)	(X)
13	E1.II	Balance sheet for nuclear fuels	O.p.	New	No	No	I	I	I	I
14	-	Balance sheets of transformations in power stations with heat supply	O.p.	Prop.	No	No	I	I	I	I

Project No	Note No	Title	Type	Nature	Council Legislation	Financing	1978	1979	1980	1981
15	-	Structure of equipment (except electrical energy)	O.p.	Prop.	No	No		(X)		(X)
16	-	Petrochemical and carbochemical balance sheet	St.	p.m.						
17	-	World oil statistics and Community supplies	O.p.	p.m.						
18	-	Regional energy statistics	O.p.	p.m.						
19	-	Survey of the nuclear industry	Sur.	p.m.						

DIVISION E1 : ENERGY

PUBLICATIONS PROGRAMME

Project No	Title	Comments	1978	1979	1980	1981
1-8	Energy Statistics - Yearbook	Annual publication	X	X	X	X
4	Overall energy balance sheets	Annual publication	X	X	X	X
3-6	Electrical energy statistics	Annual publication	X	X	X	X
1	Coal statistics	Annual publication	X	X	X	X
2	Gas statistics	Annual publication	X	X	X	X
3	Petroleum statistics	Annual publication	X	X	X	X
7	Statistics on operation of nuclear power stations	Annual publication	X	X	X	X
1	Monthly bulletin coal	Monthly publication	X	X	X	X
2 and 3	Monthly bulletin hydrocarbons	Monthly publication	X	X	X	X
3	Monthly bulletin electrical energy	Monthly publication	X	X	X	X
9	Statistics of gas prices	) Results of surveys				
9	Statistics of electricity prices	) and of special		X		
9	Statistics of coal prices	) statistical projects			X	
10	Study of useful energy	)	X			

WORKING GROUPS

Project No	Title	Comments
	Committee "Energy Statistics"	
4 and 12	Energy Balance sheets (overall and specific units)	
9	Energy Prices	
1	Coal	
2	Gas	
3	Oil	
3	Electrical Energy	
13	Nuclear Industry	
11	Energy balance sheets expressed in value	

Division E2 : Iron and Steel

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- Statistics specific to the ECSC iron and steel industry
- Statistics specific to EEC industries of primary conversion of iron and steel.

THEME NOTE E2.I : STEEL

(ECSC iron and steel industry and neighbouring EEC industries*)

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : E2

1. INTRODUCTION

(See introduction to theme note E1.I)

2. SOURCE

ECSC Treaty Articles 46, 47 and 54 for the iron and steel industry and the demands of the Commission (DG III) as regards the EEC industries of primary conversion of iron and steel.

3. AIM

Provide the information necessary to the implementation of the ECSC Treaty, notably for the initiation of the Commission's short and longer-term policies on iron and steel (e.g. General Objectives), at the levels of the Community, member countries and regions and, in some cases, by enterprise and works.

Provide the Commission and Member Countries with essential numerical information for the economic analysis of the industries of primary conversion of iron and steel.

4. DESCRIPTION

Questionnaires on:

- a) Production of iron and manganese ores
pig crude iron
crude steel (by process and quality - special steels)
finished steel products
- b) Factors of production
consumption of raw materials and energy and supply
balance sheets
employment
- c) The market for the products
deliveries, orders and order books by product and by
geographical zone.

Harmonization of nomenclature for foreign trade: analysis and exploitation of statistics of foreign trade in steel.

Studies of the real consumption of steel.

Survey of pollution in the iron and steel industry.

Annual inquiry on capital expenditure in the iron and steel industry and iron ore mines.

Quinquennial inquiry on production plant in iron and steel works.

Harmonization of national statistics on the industries of primary conversion of iron and steel.

5. WORKPLAN

Work of a day-to-day administrative nature, except for the survey of pollution and the primary conversion industries, for which the inquiries carried out by Member countries will have to be discussed during 1978 in the appropriate group of the Industrial Statistics Committee.

6. FINANCING

Credits for studies of steel consumption, the pollution survey, the survey of steelworks' plant, and the establishment of coordinated statistics on the primary conversion industries.

7. VOLUME OF WORK

Comprehensive inquiries addressed to 400 iron and steel undertakings.

Specific exploitation of foreign trade statistics.

* Industries of primary conversion of iron and steel - foundries, steel tubes, wire-drawing, forging, etc.

DIVISION E2 : IRON AND STEEL

Project No	Note No	Title	Type	Nature	Council Legislation	Financing	1978	1979	1980	1981
1	E2.I	Specific harmonized industrial short-term statistics covering iron and steel (ECSC) and iron ore mines (ECSC)	Sur.SOEC	Exist.	No	No	I/X	I/X	I/X	I/X
2	E2.I	idem quinquennial on works installations	Sur.SOEC	Exist.	No	Yes	I/G	I/G	I/G	I/G
3	E2.I	idem market and supply balance of scrap	Sur.SOEC	Exist.	No	No	I/G	I/G	I/G	I/G
4	E2.I	Harmonized annual survey on investment in the ECSC industries	Sur.SOEC	Exist.	No	No	I/G	I/G	I/G	I/G
5	E2.I	Studies on the consumption of steel products by sector. First four phases of the second five year cycle.	Study	Exist.	No	Yes	I/G	I/G	I/G	I/G
6	E2.I	Study and survey on changes in stocks of steel held by consumers	Study/ Sur.	Exist.	No	No	X/G	X/G	X/G	X/G
7	-	Price statistics	O.p.	p.m.	No	Poss.	(G/X)	(G/X)	(G/X)	(G/X)
8	E2.I	Preparation of foreign trade statistics direct and indirect (ECSC)	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	I	I	I	I
9	-	Survey of pollution problems in the ECSC iron and steel industry	Sur.	Prop.	No	Poss.	X/G	X/G	X/G	X/G
10	-	Survey of the primary conversion industries of iron and steel in the EEC	Sur.	Prop.	No	No	X/G	(X)	X	X
11	-	Collaboration with OECD and ECE (Geneva) on iron and steel and iron mines statistics (ECSC)	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	I	I	I	I

Project No	Note No	Title	Type	Nature	Council Legislation	Financing	1978	1979	1980	1981
12	-	Study on labour productivity in iron and steel inquiry	O.p.	New	No	Poss.	I/G	I/G	I/G	I/G
13		Preparation of the publication "Iron and steel explanatory notes" Study	Study	Exist.	No	Yes	-	I	-	-
14		Procurement of some essential statistics on third countries	O.p.	New	No	Poss.	I	I	I	I
15		Study of the basis of an index of production (added value by product) of the ECSC iron and steel industry	O.p.	Prop.	No	Poss.	X	X/G	X	X
16		Study on the consumption of steel by sector: 1st, 2nd and 3rd phases of the 1st quinquennial cycle (concluded)	Study	Exist.	No	Yes	-	-	-	-

* Rolling quinquennial programme
 Certain stages have been accomplished in the framework of the 1st cycle

DIVISION E2 : IRON AND STEEL

PUBLICATIONS PROGRAMME

Project No	Title	Comments	1978	1979	1980	1981
1	Quarterly Bulletin "Iron and Steel"	Quarterly	X	X	X	X
1	Monthly Bulletin "Iron and Steel"	Monthly	X	X	X	X
1	Iron and Steel Yearbook	Annual	X	X	X	X
8	Foreign Trade in ECSC Products	Annual (and microfiches)	X	X	X	X
13	Iron and Steel Explanatory Notes	Reference work	X	-	-	X
9	Pollution problems in the Iron and Steel Industry	Survey results	X	X	-	-
4	Investment in ECSC industries	Annual publication by DG XVIII	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
1	Statistical Telegram	Restricted distribution (6 per year)	X	X	X	X
5	Studies on the consumption of steel by sector (syntheses and summaries)	Survey results (issued when appropriate)	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.

WORKING GROUPS

Project No	Title
1	I. <u>Steel Statistics Committee (ECSC)</u>
	A. Iron and steel activities:
1	Working Group "Special Steels"
2 and 3	Working Group "Production capacity, investments"
1 and 4	Working Group "Deliveries, by consuming industries"
7	Working Group "Foreign trade"
7	Working Group "Indirect trade in steel"
4	Working Group "Consumption of steel by sector"
	B. Associated activities:
1	Working Group "Iron and manganese ore mines"
5	Working Group "Users' stocks"
3	Working Group "Scrap trade"
1	Working Group "Trade in iron and steel products"
9	Working Group "Pollution by steel industry"
10	II. <u>Working Group* "Primary conversion industries of iron and steel (non ECSC)"</u>

* Attached to the Industrial Statistics Committee, "Short-term industrial statistics" sub-committee.



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Nomenclatures and Production

Statistics

- Methods, coordination and development of industrial statistics
- Industrial nomenclatures
- Raw materials balance sheets
- Environment statistics

THEME NOTE E3.I : RAW MATERIALS BALANCE SHEETS

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : E3

1. INTRODUCTION

The Commission's general policy on raw materials underlines the increasing need for statistical information on the Community's raw materials supply outlook.

In order to fulfil this objective, SOEC intends to draw up relatively detailed balance sheets for 19 raw materials, the need for which is felt to be particularly urgent by the Commission. These balance sheets will be prepared for the Member States and for the Community as a whole on the one hand and, in a simplified form, for the major third countries (producing as well as consuming countries) on the other.

2. SOURCE

Request from the Commission, in particular from DG III (Internal market and industrial affairs).

3. AIM

To improve knowledge on resources and uses of the raw materials concerned.

4. DESCRIPTION

The balance sheets for the Member States will be drawn up by the National Statistical Institutes and those for the Community and the third countries by Specialized Service E3.

5. WORKPLAN

The new Working Party on Raw Materials Balance Sheets of the Industrial Statistics Committee met for the first time on 29 and 30 March 1977. Following this meeting the questionnaires were sent out in June 1977. The first results were received at the end of 1977.

6. FINANCING

Possibly appropriations for studies.

7. VOLUME OF WORK

This will vary from small to very large depending on the country and the data which already exist.

SPECIALIZED SERVICE E3 : ENVIRONMENT, INDUSTRIAL NOMENCLATURES AND PRODUCTION STATISTICS

Project No	Note No	Title	Type	Nature	Council Legislation	Financing	1978	1979	1980	1981
1	-	Updating and revision of NIPRO	O.P.	Exist.	No	No	G	G	G	G
2	-	Continuous updating of NIPRO-NIMEXE comparison	O.P.	Exist.	No	No	I	I	I	I
3	-	Revision of NACE	O.P.	New	Poss.	No	G	G	G	G
4	-	Harmonized statistics on production by commodity								
		a) textile industry, chemical fibres and clothing (NACE 43, 26, 453)	O.P.	Exist.	No	No	X	X	X	X
		b) Pulp and paper industries (NACE 471)	O.P.	Exist.	No	No	X	X	X	X
		c) Manufacture of office and data processing machinery (NACE 33), household appliances (NACE 346)	O.P.	Prop.	No	No	X	X	X	X
		d) Mechanical and electrical engineering (NACE 32 and 34)	O.P.	New	No	No	G	X	X	X
		e) Leather and shoe industry	O.P.	New	No	No	G	X	X	X
		f) Other industries (probably beginning with the food industries)	O.P.	New	No	No	G	G	G	G
5	E3.I	Raw materials balance-sheets	O.P.	New	No	No	G	G	G	G

SPECIALIZED SERVICE E3 : ENVIRONMENT, INDUSTRIAL NOMENCLATURES

AND PRODUCTION STATISTICS

PUBLICATIONS PROGRAMME

Project No	Title	Comments	1978	1979	1980	1981
4	Industrial production	(quarterly bulletin)	X	X	X	X
5	Raw materials balance sheets	(annual bulletin)	X	X	X	X

WORKING GROUPS

Project No	Title	Comments
	Industrial Statistics Committee	Responsible for all industrial statistics (Divisions E3, E4 and E5)
	Committee on Environment Statistics	Envisaged, but has not yet met
1,3	Sub-Committee on Industrial Nomenclatures	
4	Sub-Committee on Short-term Industrial Statistics	Responsible for all short-term statistics (Divisions E3 and E5)
4	Working Party on Production Statistics	
5	Working Party on Raw Materials Balance Sheets	

Division E 4 : Industrial Structure and the

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Building Industry

- General statistics for all industrial sectors on structure, medium-term trends (annual surveys and major industrial censuses) and on fixed capital formation
- Specific statistics on building and civil engineering

THEME NOTE E4.I : ANNUAL AND LESS FREQUENT SURVEYS

OF INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : E4

1. INTRODUCTION

1. A fundamental objective of the programme is the efficient operation of a system of collection and distribution emerging from the directives on annual coordinated surveys of investment in fixed assets and industrial activity.
2. At the same time the Office will study, within this system, the value and scope of any other annual or longer term industrial survey.
- 3- The application of these statistics for the purposes of national and regional accounts will be examined.

2. SOURCE

Annual survey of industrial activity: Directive of 6 June 1972

Annual survey of investment: Directive of 30 July 1964

Surveys at five-yearly intervals as instructed by Article 2, chapter 2, of the Directive of 6 June 1972

Survey of consumption of main raw materials: request of the Council at its meeting 5/6 June 1972.

3. AIM

The purpose is to place at the disposal of the Commission as well as Member States comparable data permitting the analysis of the structure, the state and the economic growth of the different branches of industry and meeting statistical needs in the field of economic and statistical analysis.

4. DESCRIPTION

Surveys:

- Annual survey of industrial activity
- Annual survey of capital investment
- Survey (at least) quinquennial of the structure and economic activity of small enterprises in industry and handicraft
- Survey of consumption of main raw materials.

Field of inquiry:

All industrial enterprises and, if appropriate, in handicrafts, which employ 20 or more persons and whose principal economic activity is contained in one of the groups of the NACE divisions 1 to 5. The enquiry at intervals of not more than 5 years will include those enterprises employing less than 20 persons.

Statistical units:

The statistics are collected by enterprises: some are also collected by kind of activity unit and by local unit.

5. WORKPLAN

The surveys are conducted by the Member States who will send the results in an agreed format to the Commission.

The annual survey of industrial activity has taken place for the first time in 1974 in respect of the year 1973. The results for the years 1973 and 1974 will be disseminated in 1977: the results for the year 1975 will be published in 1978.

The quinquennial survey will be carried out for the first time in 1979, covering the year 1978.

The sub-committee "Annual Inquiries and Censuses on Industry" will examine the methods for collecting data concerning the consumption of main raw materials, and the content of such a survey, in order to enable the Commission to submit proposals to the Council before the end of 1978.

The annual inquiry on investment has been carried out since 1965.

6. FINANCING

Nil, as far as the surveys are concerned: possible future credits for studies.

7. VOLUME OF WORK

Extensive work. The annual surveys of industrial activity and investment cover about 200 000 enterprises. The number of firms covered by the quinquennial survey will depend on the sample required.

DIVISION E4 : INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURE AND THE BUILDING INDUSTRY

Project No	Note No	Title	Type	Nature	Council Legislation	Financing	1978	1979	1980	1981
1	E4.I	Annual survey of the activity of industrial enterprises: 1st stage 2nd stage	Sur.	Exist.	Yes	No	X	X	X	X
2	E4.I	Quinquennial survey complementary to the annual survey	Sur.	Prop.	Yes	No	-	X	-	-
3	E4.I	Survey on the consumption of main raw materials in the various industries	Sur.	Prop.	Poss.	No	G	G*	(X)	-
4	E4.I	Annual investment survey	Sur.	Exist.	Yes	No	X	X	X	X
5	-	Preparation of the comprehensive decennial census of the number of enterprises and local units in 1980/81	St./ Poss. Sur.	Prop.	Poss.	No	G	-	(X)	-
6	-	Study of the statistical problems raised by the development of pre-fabrication in the construction industry	St.	Exist.	No	Poss.	G			
7	-	Harmonized statistics on building permits issued, starts and completions of buildings	O.P.	Exist.	No	No	G	(X)	(X)	(X)
8	-	Harmonization of certain statistics relating to building and civil engineering and first of all of the price indices	O.P.	Exist.	No	No	G	(X)	(X)	(X)
9	-	Participation in the works undertaken by other departments or organizations in the field of accounting harmonization	O.P.	Exist.	No	No	I	I	I	I

Project No	Note No	Title	Type	Nature	Council Legislation	Financing	1978	1979	1980	1981
10	-	Statistical unit "Group of enterprises"	St.	New	No	No	G			
11	-	Participation in the works undertaken by other departments or organizations in the field of multinational enterprises	O.p.	New	No	No	I	I	I	I
12	-	International comparisons of productivity using data from the annual survey	St.	p.m.			(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
13	-	Calculation of concentration ratios in the framework of the annual inquiry	St.	Prop.	No	Poss.		X	X	X
14	-	Re-examination of the annual enquiry in the light of experience gained	St.	New	Poss.	No	I	I	(G)	(G)

DIVISION E4 : INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURE AND THE BUILDING INDUSTRY

PUBLICATIONS PROGRAMME

Project No	Title	Comments	1978	1979	1980	1981
1	Annual inquiry into industrial activity	Results for the years:				
1 and 2		- 1972 to 1974, internal dissemination - 1975 and 1976, complete publication (a) - 1977)) (a) - 1978) - 1979	X	X		
4	Annual investment survey	- 4th quarter of year	X	X	X	X

WORKING GROUPS

Project No	Title	Comments
1-5 and 13	Committee "Industrial Statistics"	Responsible for all industrial statistics (Divs. E3, E4, E5)
6-8	Sub-Committee "Annual Inquiries and Censuses on Industry"	
	Working Party "Building and Civil Engineering Statistics"	

COUNCIL LEGISLATION

Project No	O.J.	Description
4	131 of 13.8.64	Council Directive of 30 July 1964 concerning coordinated annual surveys of investment in industry (No 64/475/EEC)
1 and 2	L 133 of 10.6.72	Council Directive of 6 June 1972 concerning coordinated annual surveys of industrial activity (No 72/221/EEC)

(a) This publication will consist of the following volumes: a methodological volume, a general volume containing the results, by industries, for the most important variables as well as about 10 tables with ratios, 12 supplementary volumes by big groups of industries, containing in principle all the data transmitted by the Member States, a special volume with regional data and another special volume with data by employment size-classes. A catalogue giving the data available will be published each year and a digest with some key data, accompanied by comments and graphs and intended for wide circulation every 3 to 5 years.

Specialized Service E 5 : Industrial Short-term Trends

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Industrial short-term statistics

- Indices of industrial production, turnover, orders received, employees, wages (as provided for by the directive 211/72)
- Production prices of industrial products

THEME NOTE E5.I : INDUSTRY - RAPID INFORMATION ON SHORT-TERM TRENDS

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : E5

1. INTRODUCTION

1. Following the directive of 30.5.72, the Office undertook the task of putting a whole range of short-term industrial statistics at the disposal of the Commission, Member States and other users.
2. The collection, analysis, presentation and rapid distribution of these indicators of industrial activity will be one of the first preoccupations of Directorate E.
3. The Office will seek to keep a balance between different needs - speed and comparability, analysis of short-term trends in general and detailed study of specific branches.

2. SOURCE

Directive of 30.5.72.

3. AIM

To put at the disposition of the Commission and Member States the numerical data essential to the analysis of short-term economic trends.

4. DESCRIPTION

Field covered:

Indices of production, turnover, new orders, number of employees, hours worked, total wages, for those industries belonging to Divisions 1 to 4 of the NACE and, with some modifications, Division 5 (Building and civil engineering).

Method of collection:

Enquiries carried out by the national agencies, sometimes by means of sample surveys.

Presentation of results:

In the form of indices in total and by branch of industry (at present about 35 branches) as well as by the following groups:

- industries producing investment goods
- industries producing consumer goods
- industries producing intermediate products.

5. WORKPLAN

The dissemination of the indices of production for 38 branches has been started. The dissemination will be successively extended to include the other indicators starting in 1978. A new publication is envisaged. Work is continuing in the Committee for statistics of industry. Directive for NACE division 5 has been adopted by the Council.

6. FINANCING

Nil.

7. VOLUME OF WORK

A very large number of important statistics at frequent intervals.

THEME NOTE E5.II : INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION PRICES

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : E5

1. INTRODUCTION

The lack of information on prices of industrial products is a serious deficiency in the system of industrial statistics. This deficiency has also been noted by a number of Member States which have decided to reorganize or complement their surveys of industrial production prices or to introduce such surveys. The time is therefore right to establish Community statistics on industrial production prices. In addition, these statistics must be coordinated with other indices and price statistics (e.g. building and external trade prices).

2. SOURCE

Statistical Office - Requests by the Commission.

3. AIM

To obtain short-term information on the evolution of industrial production prices.

4. DESCRIPTION

Establishment of a Community framework for drawing up industrial production price indices. Harmonization of methods.

Study for compiling statistics on absolute prices in respect of a limited number of products.

5. WORKPLAN

End of 1977/
beginning 1978 Meetings of an "ad hoc" working group and adoption of a specific work plan.

1978 Technical preparation in the Member States.

End of 1978-1979 Forwarding of data and dissemination of the first results.

6. FINANCING

Nothing.

7. VOLUME OF WORK

Considerable volume of work as regards methods and data processing.

THEME NOTE E5.III : SECTORIAL ANALYSIS

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : E5

1. INTRODUCTION

Following the European Council of London and the latest tripartite conference, the Commission decided to undertake important internal work on sectorial analysis. The Statistical Office will participate actively in these projects and in particular in two of them:

the setting up of a sectorial "display panel" which has been entrusted to DG II

the setting up of a sectorial warning system. The setting up of this warning system has been entrusted to the Statistical Office, in collaboration with DGs I, II and III.

2. SOURCE

Decision of the Commission.

3. AIM

To provide powerful, precise and up-to-date analytical tools necessary for the understanding and resolution of the Community's social and economic problems in a period of world economic difficulties.

4. DESCRIPTION

Sectorial display panel (TBS) Updating for the years 1973 to 1976, using estimates where necessary, a study already made following the work of a group of experts: extension to Denmark, Ireland and Luxembourg, inclusion of data relating to EEC share of world markets.

Sectorial warning system (SAS) Derived from two existing conjunctural surveys (qualitative and statistical) as well as from other sources, particularly production, employment and external trade statistics.

5. WORKPLAN

TBS End 1977 Updating of original study up to and including 1976.
Mid 1978 Extension to three additional countries, competitive indicators.

SAS Early 1978 Linking of quantitative and qualitative data on basis
1978 of existing structure for SAS.
Proposals and action for improving links between short-term and opinion surveys for SAS
Updating TBS.

6. FINANCING

Possibly for studies.

7. VOLUME OF WORK

Staff in various directorates of the Office have been assigned to work, insofar as is needed for these projects, in direct liaison with Directorate E and DG II.

SPECIALIZED SERVICE E5 : INDUSTRIAL SHORT-TERM TRENDS

Project No	Note No	Title	Type	Nature	Council Legislation	Financing	1978	1979	1980	1981
1	E5.I	Short-term industrial statistics NACE 1 to 4	Sur.	Exist.	Yes	No	X	X	X	X
2	E5.I	Short-term industrial statistics NACE 5	Sur.	Exist	Yes	No	X	X	X	X
3	E5.II	Statistics relating to producers' prices								
		a) creation of an EC index of industrial producers' prices	St./O.p.	New	No	No	X	X	X	X
		b) statistics of absolute prices	Sur.	New	No	No	-	G	X	X
4	-	Re-examination of the industrial short-term enquiry in the light of experience gained	St.	New	Poss.	No	I	I	G	X
5	E5.III	Sectorial analysis	O.p.	New	No	No	I	I	(G)	I

SPECIALIZED SERVICE E5 : INDUSTRIAL SHORT-TERM TRENDS

PUBLICATIONS PROGRAMME

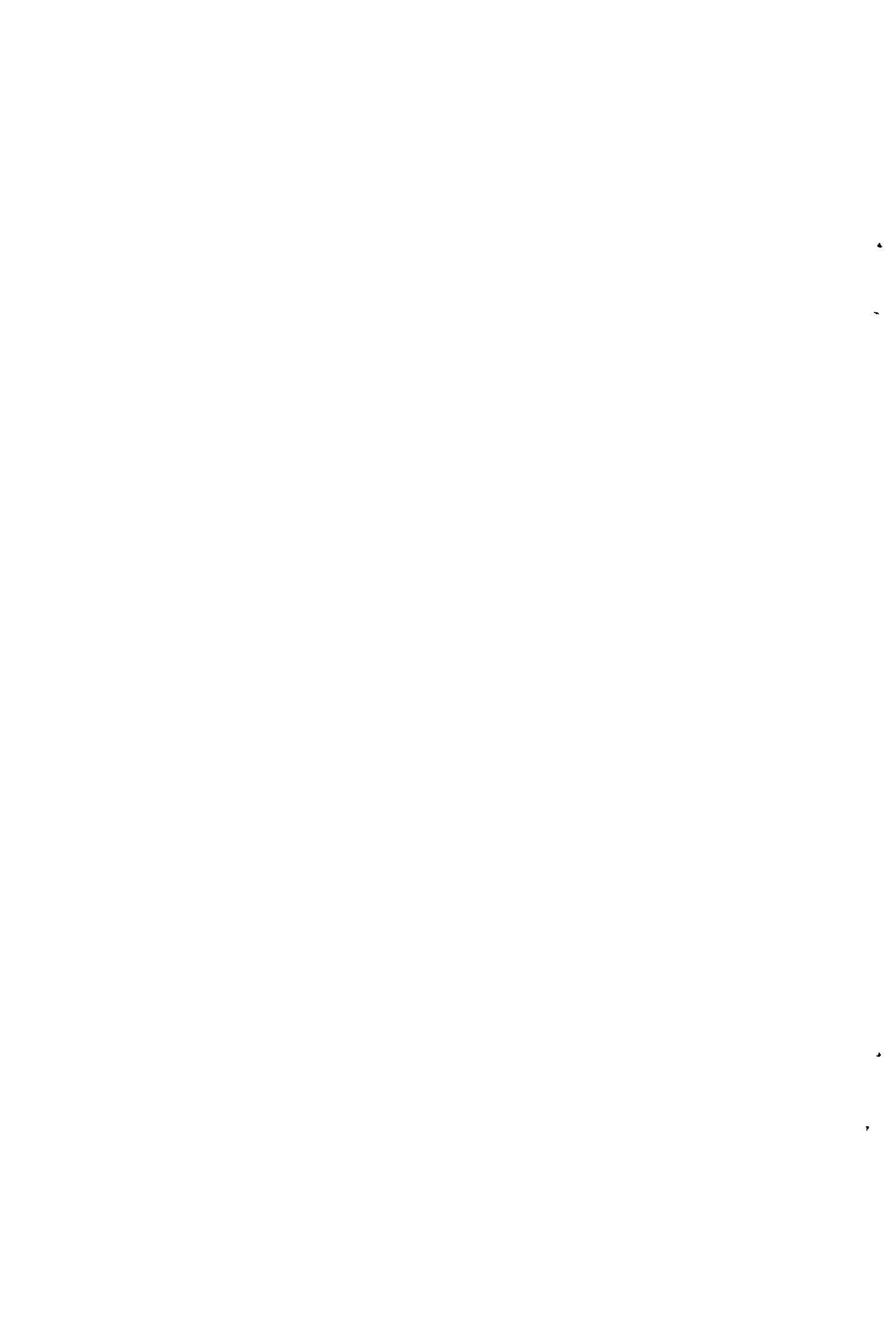
Project No	Title	Comments	1978	1979	1980	1981
1,8	Industrial short-term indicators	Monthly publication	X	X	X	X

WORKING GROUPS

Project No	Title	Comments
1	Committee for statistics on industry	Responsible for all industrial statistics (Divs E3, E4, E5)
1,3,4	Sub-committee on short-term industrial statistics	Responsible for all short-term industrial statistics (Divs E3, E5)
1	Working Party "Industrial short-term trends enquiry"	
3	Working Party "Production prices"	

COUNCIL LEGISLATION

Project No	O.J.	Description
1	L128 of 3.6.72	EEC Council Directive of 30 May 1972, relating to the organization of coordinated statistical enquiries on economic trends in industry and handicraft.
2		forthcoming



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DG III

EO.1 Data on aeronautical construction and construction of railway rolling stock

1. INTRODUCTION

Owing to the necessity of collaboration of the Common Market enterprises engaged in these two very important and highly concentrated industrial sectors, working parties have been set up by DG III in order to study with representatives of the competent trade associations more closely the structure, the evolution and the economic problems of these sectors.

2. SOURCE

Industrial policy of the Commission.

3. AIM

Elaborate measures for improving international collaboration in the two sectors.

4. DESCRIPTION

Data is collected through trade associations on employees, turnover, external trade and research in these sectors.

5. WORKPLAN

Continuing.

DG III

EO.2 Forecasting of the construction activity of the building
and civil engineering sector

1. INTRODUCTION

In the framework of a general programme of the steps to be taken to achieve a common market in the building and civil engineering sector, a special Working Party is dealing, in collaboration with SOEC, with the harmonization of national forecasts regarding the medium and long term evolution of the construction of residential and non-residential buildings and of civil engineering works.

2. SOURCE

Industrial policy of the Commission.

3. AIM

Elaboration, in close cooperation with SOEC, of common nomenclature and eventually common methods for the forecasts.

4. DESCRIPTION

The forecasts will be made by the competent administrations of the Member States.

5. WORKPLAN

The forecasts should cover five-year periods and should be revised each year.

DG III

EO.3 Statistics concerning multinational enterprises

1. INTRODUCTION

DG III has developed a file of the 1973 balance sheets of multinational enterprises: this file refers to the mother companies of enterprises of this type established all over the world. The number of these companies may be estimated at approximately 10 000.

2. SOURCE

Initiative of the Commission.

3. AIM

To collect information on multinational enterprises in order to appreciate the impact of their operations.

4. DESCRIPTION

A. Main sources used:

a) List of enterprises: Yearbook "Who owns whom".

b) Annual reports and balance sheets asked for by letter directly to the enterprises themselves. 4534 Common Market multinational enterprises and 2570 with their registered office in the United States were listed.

B. The following data, extracted from the information received from the mother companies, was registered on the computer:

Name and registered office of each multinational enterprise

Consolidated turnover (or world level)

Total number of persons occupied by the group

Main and secondary activities

Number, localization and statutory link of the affiliated enterprises with the mother company.

5. WORKPLAN

Analysis of the information collected and establishing of a report on multinational enterprises.

The Commission could decide to utilize this report as a basis for more detailed statistical studies on the activity of each of the enterprises linked to a mother company in order to have a better knowledge of the impact of the multinationals' activity on the reception countries. It could foresee updating the information received each year.

DG II

EO.4 Surveys of short-term economic trends

1. INTRODUCTION

Information broken down by industry but covering the whole of the Community is required by businessmen and administrators so that they can follow the trend of demand and the progress of firms in each country and industry. Early in 1961 the Commission therefore set about establishing a harmonized survey among managements based on comparable definitions and methods in all the Member Countries, and this was followed by the successive introduction of an investment survey, a building survey and a consumer survey.

2. SOURCE

Commission.

3. AIM

To improve the analysis and forecasting of industrial activity and private consumption in the Member Countries.

4. DESCRIPTION

All four surveys are carried out by public or semi-public institutes in the Member Countries.

- (a) The monthly business survey is carried out in all industries, except mining and quarrying and food manufacture. Participation is voluntary, but the number and size of firms responding are enough to make the results representative, both for industry as a whole and for individual industries.

Businessmen are asked each month for qualitative judgments on current levels of orders and stocks and short-term trends in output and prices, and supplementary questions are put up to four times a year on such subjects as capacity, employment and competitive position. The results are aggregated at industry, national and Community level using an agreed weighting procedure and general results are published in a four-monthly report. The respondents, however, get much more detailed results each month.

- (b) The respondents to the investment survey are generally the same as to the business survey, with the exception that the former covers also mining and quarrying and food manufacture. The inquiry is timed to fit in as far as possible with the preparation of the twice-yearly forward economic budgets, and so surveys are carried out in October and February. In October a minor survey with a brief questionnaire gives an estimate of percentage growth in the current year and an idea of the trend in the following year. The February survey is more detailed, giving the percentage growth in the past year and a preliminary estimate for the current year. The questions are of course much more precise, asking for the actual value of investment. Again the general results are published, but more detailed figures are sent to respondents.

- (c) The building survey is carried out each month, and asks for information, again in the form of qualitative judgments, on development of activity, order books, employment and prices. The results are disseminated in the same way as the business survey.
- (d) The consumer survey is regarded as complementary to the business survey, reflecting trends in demand. The survey is carried out three times a year on a sample of households in each Member Country. Questions are asked on the households' opinions about trends in the general economic situation, and on their intentions of buying certain durable goods. Since the inquiry was not started on a Community basis until 1972 the results are not yet published regularly, but detailed analyses are currently being prepared.

5. WORKPLAN

Continuing.

DG III and XVII

EO.5 Coal and steel prices

1. INTRODUCTION

The ECSC Treaty establishes pricing rules for enterprises within the Coal and Steel Community and obliges them to publish basic price lists.

2. SOURCE

Article 60 of the ECSC Treaty.

3. AIM

To ensure compliance with the pricing rules.

4. DESCRIPTION

As well as publishing basic price lists, all enterprises declare to the Commission all selling operations following certain distinctions fixed by regulation.

5. WORKPLAN

Continuing.

DG XVII

EO.6 Energy balance sheets

1. INTRODUCTION

In order to assist the adaptation of energy policy to the new supply situation more information on short-term trends is required.

2. SOURCE

Council Regulation No 1729/76 of 21 June 1976.

3. AIM

To construct provisional (half-yearly or quarterly in case of crisis) short-term supply-demand balance sheets for energy.

4. DESCRIPTION

A confidential enquiry is undertaken of developments in the previous half year and forecasts for the current half year (or quarter in case of crisis). The information transmitted is of a confidential nature.

5. WORKPLAN

Continuing.

DG XVII

EO.7 Imports and exports of hydrocarbons

1. INTRODUCTION

This data is considered necessary for a proper appreciation of the supply situation within the Community, which in turn is essential in the formulation of a common energy policy.

2. SOURCE

Council regulations

imports: 1055/72 of 18 May 1972

exports: 388/75 of 13 February 1975

3. AIM

To monitor imports and exports of crude oil, petroleum products and natural gas from the Community.

4. DESCRIPTION

Enterprises are required to send to Member Countries data on actual imports and exports of hydrocarbons in the previous half year, and at the end of each year their forecasts for the following year, and these data are then forwarded to the Commission. The information transmitted is of a confidential nature.

5. WORKPLAN

Continuing.

DG XVII

EO.8 Petroleum Stocks

1. INTRODUCTION

The checking by the Commission of the obligation of the Member States to maintain a minimum level of stocks of crude oil and petroleum products is to be carried out by a periodic statistical enquiry of these stocks, which is effected within the overall framework of security of supplies.

2. SOURCE

Council Directive of 20 December 1968 (414/68)

3. AIM

To superintend the maintenance of oil and petrol stocks at a level equivalent to 90 days or more, of average daily consumption.

4. DESCRIPTION

Member States will send to the Commission an abstract of the level of stocks existing at the end of each quarter. The information transmitted is of a confidential nature

5. WORKPLAN

Permanent.

DG XVII

EO.9 Thermal Power Station Stocks

1. INTRODUCTION

The checking by the Commission of the obligation of the Member States to maintain a minimum level of stocks of fossil fuel is to be carried out by a periodic statistical enquiry of these stocks, which is effected within the overall framework of security of supplies.

2. SOURCE

Council Directive of 20 May 1975 (339/75)

3. AIM

To superintend the maintenance of fossil fuel stocks at the thermal power stations at a level sufficient to ensure the continuation of electricity supplies for a period of at least 30 days.

4. DESCRIPTION

Member States send to the Commission a statement of the level of stocks at the thermal power stations existing on the 1st April and 1st October of each year. The information transmitted is of a confidential nature.

5. WORKPLAN

Permanent.

DG XVII

E0.10 Petroleum prices

1. INTRODUCTION

In its resolution on Community policy on hydrocarbons the Council stated that its policy should be based on transparency of costs and prices throughout the Community, and that there should be a coherent structure of price levels moving in response to realized changes in supply conditions.

2. SOURCE

Council Directive of 4 May 1976 (491/76)

3. AIM

To monitor and compare price levels in different Member Countries and to analyse the response of prices of refined products to charges in the cost of crude oil.

4. DESCRIPTION

Confidential quarterly information on import and ex-refinery prices of crude oil and petroleum products are collected by Member Countries from the oil companies and transmitted to the Commission, who analyse the data so as to obtain useful comparisons of price levels between countries by trying to eliminate the effects of consumption structures and distribution costs in the different markets.

5. WORKPLAN

Continuing.

DG XVIII

EO.11 Coal and steel production data for levy purposes

1. INTRODUCTION

The Commission is empowered to finance its duties under the ECSC Treaty by imposing a levy on firms related to the average value of their production.

2. SOURCE

Article 50 of the ECSC Treaty.

3. AIM

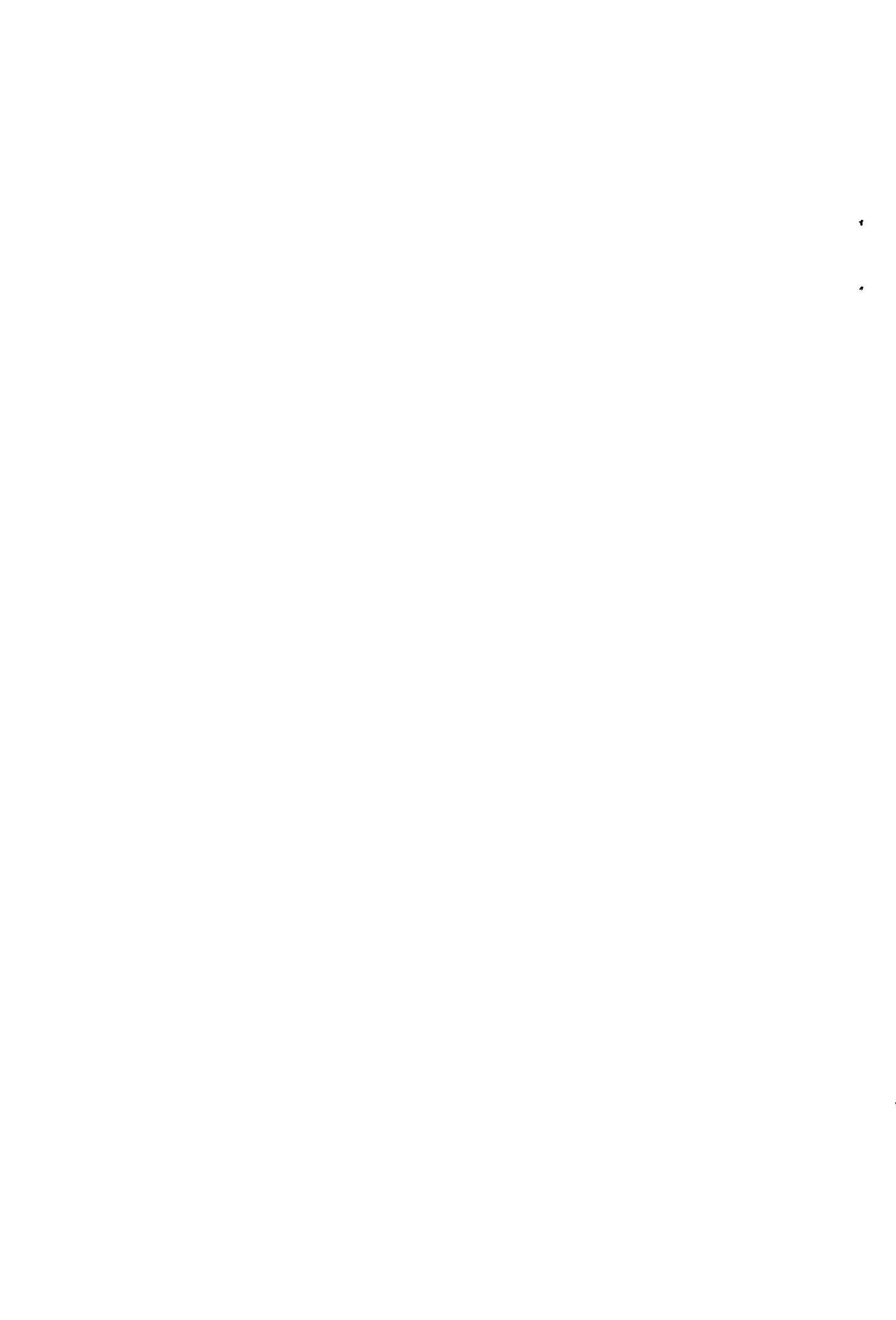
To obtain the data necessary for the collection of the levy.

4. DESCRIPTION

The 350 coal mining and 400 iron and steel undertakings are required to declare their monthly production in physical units, in accordance with a simplified scheme whose structure is harmonized with that of the statistical questionnaire.

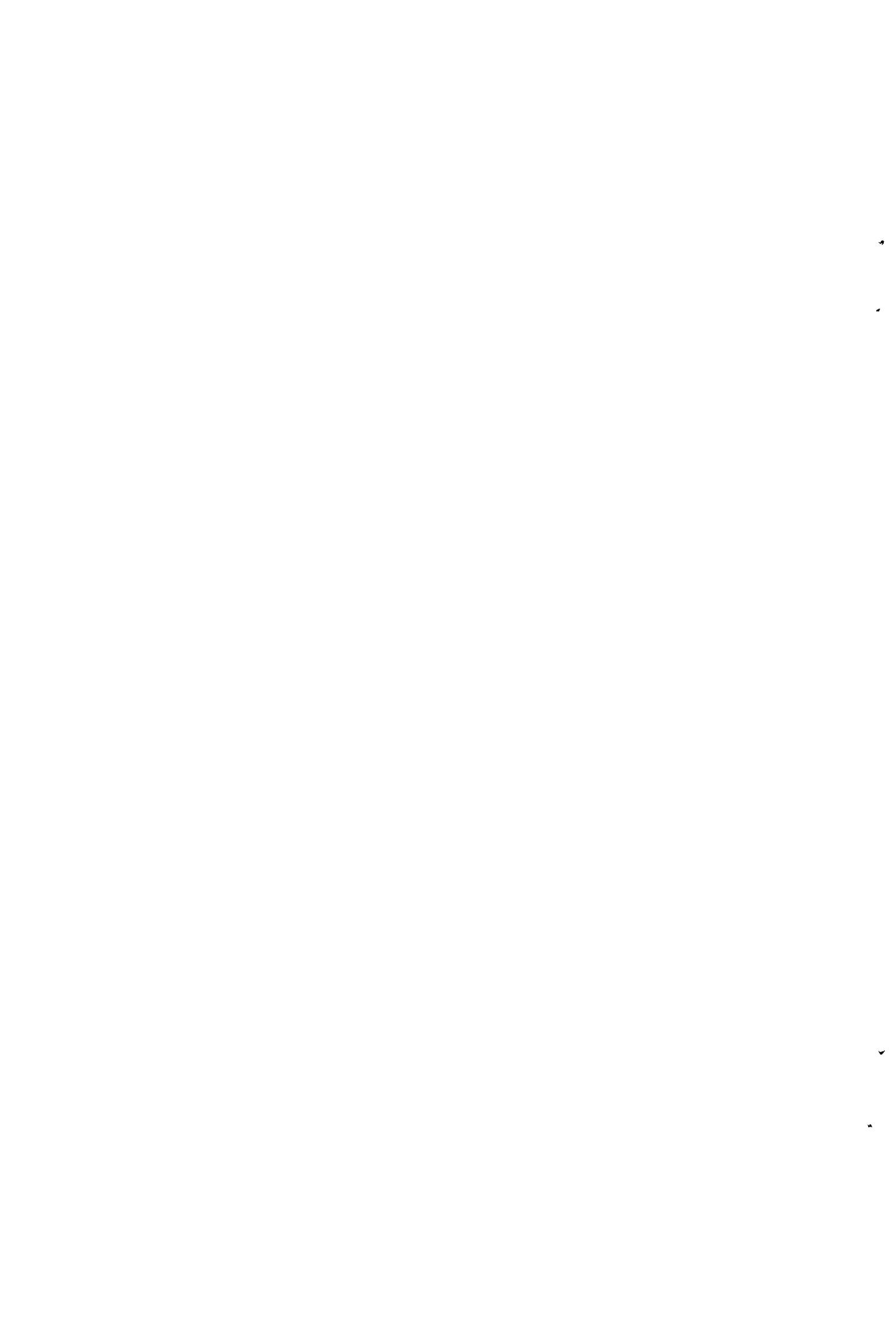
5. WORKPLAN

Continuing.



DIRECTORATE F - EXTERNAL RELATIONS, TRANSPORT
AND SERVICES STATISTICS

DIRECTOR - Silvio RONCHETTI



Division F 1 : External Trade

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- Harmonisation of the concepts and methods of national statistics of external trade
- Harmonisation of the external trade nomenclatures
- General processing of external trade statistics
- Information and analysis of various aspects of the development of trade (particularly that to be used as the basis for trade negotiations, GATT, UNCTAD, GSP, etc...)

THEME NOTE Fl,I : PROCESSING OF EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : Fl

1. INTRODUCTION

In order to provide the Commission with the necessary information on external trade, important tasks, which moreover concern the Member States as suppliers as well as users of statistical data, will be undertaken. They comprise mainly:

1. the compilation and publication of basic information on the external trade statistics of the Community and statistics of trade between the Member States
2. the preparation of statistics for multilateral trade negotiations within GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) and for the statistical control of imports made under the Generalised System of Preferences (GSP)
3. the compilation of external trade indices.

2. SOURCE

Internal requirements of the Commission.
Need for special information inter alia for GATT negotiations, surveillance of the GSP, etc.

3. AIM

To serve the Commission with special and harmonized information.
To rationalize the compilation of statistical results.

4. DESCRIPTION

The timely supply of external trade statistics is the first priority of the statistical work programme.

The Commission represents the Community in many trade negotiations. Rapid and harmonized statistics are of the highest importance for the Community as a whole. The following subjects in particular need a considerable, permanent back-up of statistics:

- multilateral trade negotiations in Geneva
- management of the Generalised System of Preferences
- negotiations on textiles and other goods
- application of the Lomé Convention
- statistics for other trade or non-trade negotiations with the developing countries or with other countries/groups of countries
- external trade statistics for iron and steel products

5. WORKPLAN

Member States are required by Regulation (EEC) 1736/75 to supply the Commission with their national data at the latest six weeks after the reference period. The SOEC duly converts this national data into Community data. The aim is to publish Community data on a quarterly basis before the end of the following quarter.

Special tables, which serve a variety of uses, are produced for use by departments of the Commission on the basis of the Community data prepared as above.

6. FINANCING

Special studies : Engagement of experts

7. VOLUME OF WORK

Preparatory work and office management are the major tasks. When this work is put in hand it should lighten the current workload in the Member States. In the very near future it should be possible to reduce to a bare minimum the direct supply of data to the Commission which is now undertaken by the national services of the Member States.

THEME NOTE Fl.II : HARMONIZATION OF EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : F1

1. INTRODUCTION

This is the important work covering the harmonization of definitions, methods and nomenclatures.

2. SOURCE

Methodology:

Regulation EEC 1736/75 of the Council concerning the external trade statistics of the Community and statistics of trade between Member States

Nomenclature:

Regulations (EEC) 1445/72 and 3065/75 of the Council concerning NIMEXE

Council decision concerning the construction of a harmonized system of describing and codifying goods (negotiating powers delegated to the Commission)

the programme set up by the CCC for the Harmonized System

3. AIM

Harmonization of the nomenclature used in the Community and comparability with other nomenclatures used throughout the world.

4. DESCRIPTION

Methodology:

Harmonization of definitions and methods

Nomenclature:

Administration of NIMEXE (between 6 000 and 7 000 headings)

Build up of a harmonized system comprising between 7 000 and 8 000 headings based on the BTN and SITC, complemented by explanatory notes and a list of descriptions.

5. WORKPLAN

Methodology and nomenclature: negotiations in the Committee on External Trade Statistics

Harmonized System: negotiations within the CCC

6. FINANCING

Nomenclature: employment of experts
Other credits for studies on definitions and methods

7. VOLUME OF WORK

Very laborious and highly-specialized work carried out by members of the Division and by independent experts.

DIVISION F1 : EXTERNAL TRADE

Project No	Note No	Title	Type	Nature	Council Legislation	Financing	1978	1979	1980	1981
1	F1.I	Compilation of the statistical results of the external trade of the Community and statistics of trade between Member States:								
	a)	quarterly and annual NIMEXE statistics	O.p.	Exist.	Yes	Yes	I	I	I	I
	b)	monthly, quarterly and annual SITC statistics (also for CRONOS)								
	c)	annual tariff statistics								
2	F1.I	Preparation of statistical material to be used in the GATT multilateral trade negotiations	O.p.	Exist.	Yes	No	I	I	I	I
3	F1.I	Monthly, quarterly and annual statistics of imports under the Generalized System of Preferences	O.p.	Exist.	Yes	No	I	I	I	I
4	F1.I	Annual statistics for the administration of own resources	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	I	I	I	I
5	F1.I	Compilation of statistical results of various kinds regularly requested by such users as the Directorates-General	O.p.	Exist.	No	Yes (St.)	I	I	I	I
6	F1.I	Compilation of external trade indices	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	I	I	I	I
7	F1.II	Administration of Council Regulation (EEC) 1736/75 concerning the external trade statistics of the Community and statistics of trade between Member States	O.p.	Exist.	Yes	Poss.	G	G	G	G

Project No	Note No	Title	Type	Nature	Council Legislation	Financing	1978	1979	1980	1981
8	F1.II	Preparation of draft complementary regulations related to external trade (entrepôt traffic and general trade, statistics of transit goods, implementation regulations)	O.p.	Exist.	Yes	Poss.	G	G	G	G
9	F1.II	Administration of Council Regulations (EEC) 1445/72 and 3065/75 concerning NIMEXE	O.p.	Exist.	Yes	Poss.	G	G	G	G
10	F1.II	Administration of NIMEXE	O.p.	Exist.	Yes	No	G	G	G	G
11	F1.II	Negotiations on the Harmonized System for describing and codifying goods for international trade (CCC)	O.p.	Exist.	Yes	Yes (St.)	G	G	G	G
12	F1.II	Completion of the harmonization of national nomenclatures for external trade statistics	O.p.	Exist.	Yes	Yes (St.)	I	I	I	I
13	F1.II	Setting up explanatory notes for NIMEXE	O.p.	Exist.	Yes	Yes (St.)	I	I	I	I
14	F1.II	Participation in the preparation of the integrated Community tariff	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	G	G	G	G
15	F1.II	Draft regulation on inter-Community trade statistics when recording at frontiers is abolished.	O.p.	p.m.			G	G	G	G

DIVISION F1 : EXTERNAL TRADE

PUBLICATIONS PROGRAMME

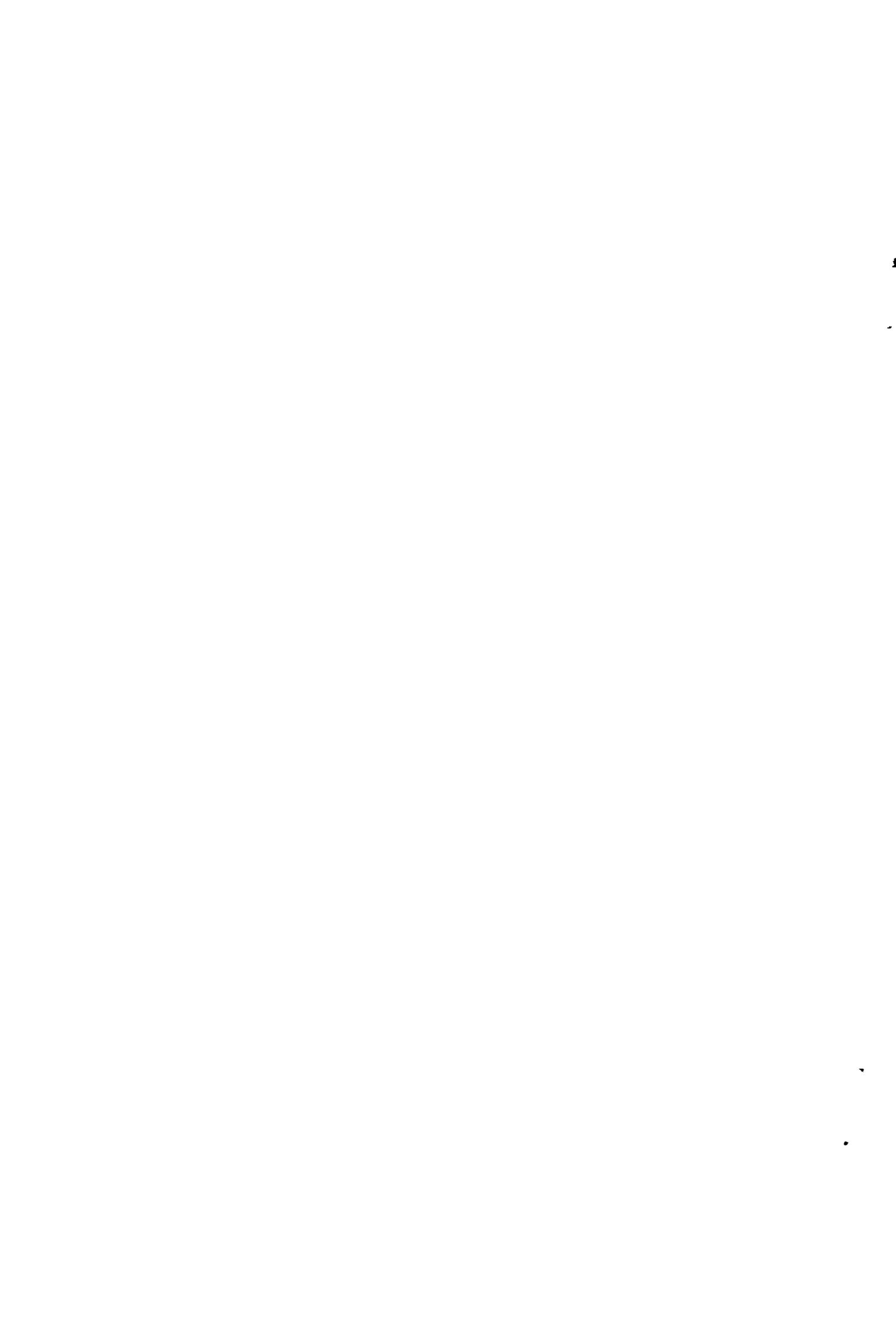
Project No	Title	Comments	1978	1979	1980	1981
1	Monthly bulletin of external trade	Monthly	I	X	X	X
1	Analytical table NIMEXE	Annual	I	X	X	X
1	Analytical tables SITC	Annual and micro-fiches	I	X	X	X
1	Tariff statistics	Annual and micro-fiches	I	X	X	X
	Trade flows	Irregular	I	X	X	X
	Country nomenclature	Annual	I	X	X	X

WORKING GROUPS

Project No	Title	Comments
7,8,9,10	Committee on External Trade Statistics	Methods group NIMEXE group
7	Group of experts on "Industrial plant"	
8	Group of experts on "Transit and Warehousing Statistics"	

COUNCIL LEGISLATION

Project No	O.J.	Description
1,7,8,9 10,12	L 161 of 17.7.72	Regulation (EEC) 1445/72 concerning the nomenclature of goods as used in the external trade statistics of the Community and in statistics of trade between Member States (NIMEXE)
13	L 307 of 27.11.75	Regulation (EEC) 3065/75 concerning the implementation of NIMEXE
	L 83 of 14.7.75	Regulation (EEC) concerning the external trade statistics of the Community and statistics of trade between Member States



Specialized Service F 2 : ACP Countries

Alberto DE MICHELIS

- Collection, processing and analysis of statistics of the developing countries
- Technical assistance to the statistical services of the ACP
- Training of statisticians from the developing countries

THEME NOTE F2.I : COLLECTION, PROCESSING AND ANALYSIS OF

STATISTICS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : F2

1. INTRODUCTION

The SOEC's tasks include supplying the Commission with the statistics intended for implementing the provisions of the various cooperation agreements concluded with the developing countries (Lomé Convention, agreements with the Maghreb and Mashreq countries, etc.) and preparing statistical files for international negotiations with these countries.

To this end, the SOEC's work consists in:

- a) processing and publishing the detailed foreign trade statistics of the ACP states and the Maghreb and Mashreq countries,
- b) setting up a statistical data bank for all the developing countries,
- c) producing calculations and drafts intended for international negotiations.

2. SOURCE

Request from the Commission on the basis of the Lomé Convention and other cooperation agreements.

3. AIM

To collect, analyse and disseminate rapidly and in a standard format the statistical data relating to the developing countries.

4. DESCRIPTION

- a) Foreign trade statistics of the ACP states and the Maghreb and Mashreq countries

In collaboration with the statistical service of the United Nations, the department collects the foreign trade data of the ACP states and the Maghreb and Mashreq countries from the data carriers supplied by these countries. The data are converted into a common nomenclature, analysed and published.

- b) General statistics of the developing countries

The department is responsible for collecting, analysing and disseminating all economic statistics relating to the developing countries on the basis of:

statistical documents compiled by these countries,
existing international sources (UNO, IMF, DAC, IBRD, FAO, etc.).

In order for this information to be placed at the disposal of users within a short period, two data banks have been created: one (ZCA1), contains the foreign trade statistics and the other (ZPVD), the macro-economic statistics (national accounts, finances, industrial and agricultural production, etc.).

5. WORKPLAN

Work carried out in collaboration with the statistical services of the developing countries and other international organizations.

6. FINANCING

Credits for studies.

7. VOLUME OF WORK

Considerable since the new great advance in the Commission's development cooperation.

THEME NOTE F2.II : TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE STATISTICAL

SERVICES OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : F2

1. INTRODUCTION

The demand for technical assistance on the part of the statistical services of the ACP states continue to be extremely great. It is addressed more and more to international organizations and in particular the Community, especially since the signing of the Lomé Convention, one of the major aspects of which is the development of technical cooperation.

2. SOURCE

Request from the governments or regional organizations of the ACP states.

3. AIM

To supply technical assistance to the statistical services of the ACP states or to the statistical departments of the regional organizations in fields which are limited but of great interest to both the ACP states and the Commission.

4. DESCRIPTION

The principal forms which this activity will assume are:

- a) consultative services: advisers are sent to observe the introduction of a system or to help organize specific operations,
- b) vocational training for statisticians of developing countries by:
 - the organization of training periods in SOEC
 - liaising with DG VIII who are responsible for financing ACP students
 - sending lecturers to training institutes in Europe or Africa.

The Office is particularly involved with:

- CESD, Paris (European training center for economist statisticians from the developing countries)
- Munich retaining center
- Abidjan Statistical School
- IAMSEA, Kigali (African and Mauritian Institute for Statistics and Applied Economics)
- ISPEA, Yaoundé (Institute of Statistics, Planning and Applied Economics).

5. WORKPLAN

- a) Consultative services. A new project whose initial aim will be to help improve the collection, preparation and dissemination of the foreign trade statistics of the UDEAC countries (Cameroon, Central Africa, Gabon, Congo)
- b) Training - regular work including Secretariat of CESD Board of Administration, CESD Scientific Committee, etc.

6. FINANCING

Credits for studies.

7. VOLUME OF WORK

Very great.

SPECIALIZED SERVICE F2 : ACP COUNTRIES

Project No	Note No	Title	Type	Nature	Council Legislation	Financing	1978	1979	1980	1981
1	F2.I	Preparing foreign trade results of ACP States and the Maghreb and Maschrek countries	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	I	I	I	I
2	F2.I	Management of the foreign trade data bank (CRONDS ZCA1)	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	I	I	I	I
3	F2.I	Calculation of rapid foreign trade trade indices for ACP States and Maghreb and Maschrek countries	Study	New	No	Yes	I	I	I	I
4	F2.I	Collection of general statistics from developing countries and management of developing countries' macro-economic data bank (CRONDS ZPVD)	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	I	I	I	I
5	F2.I	Statistics on raw materials in the developing countries	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	I	I	I	I
6	F2.I	Establishment of statistical files intended for negotiations with the developing countries (UNCTAD, North-South Dialogue, etc.)	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	I	I	I	I
7	-	Technical assistance to statistical services of the ACP states in the field of foreign trade statistics	Study	New	No	Yes	I	I	I	I
8	-	Training activity of the CESD for statisticians of developing countries	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	I	I	I	I
9	-	Participation in activities of training centres for statisticians from developing countries in Europe and Africa	O.p.	Exist.	NO	No	I	I	I	I

SPECIALIZED SERVICE F2 : ACP COUNTRIES

PUBLICATIONS PROGRAMME

Project No	Title	Comments	1978	1979	1980	1981
1	Statistical Yearbook of the ACP	Yearbook		X		X
2	Foreign trade of the ACP	Annual publication	X	X	X	X
3	Foreign trade of the Maghreb and Mashreq countries	Annual publication	X	X	X	X
4	Statistical study on raw materials	Study	X		X	X
5	Rapid statistics on the ACP	Quarterly	X	X	X	X



Specialized Service F 3 : Other Countries

Richard KUHNER

- Statistics on third countries
- Statistics on third countries
applying for Common Market
membership

THEME NOTE F3.I : STATISTICS ON NON-COMMUNITY COUNTRIES

(ESPECIALLY THOSE SEEKING MEMBERSHIP)

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : F3

1. INTRODUCTION

Now that the Commission is increasingly engaged on negotiations and talks with Third Countries, the service unit which is called upon to reply to requests for statistical information on these countries should be in a position to perform these tasks in as short a time as possible. It is a question, on the one hand, of setting up and processing current statistical series, on the other, of ad hoc studies and analysis of certain present-day problems in specific Third Countries. The tasks covered, therefore, in this subject note are many and diverse.

2. SOURCE

Various requests from the Commission (in particular from DG I).

3. AIM

To make available a coordinated system of statistics on Third Countries, and in particular those seeking membership, which would be easily accessible and able to give rapid answers to the most varied requests.

4. DESCRIPTION

This totality of statistical tasks covering, at one and the same time, current statistics (regular updating of all series) and special ad hoc studies, is composed in particular of the following work: setting-up of a complete bibliographic data file on existing sources of information on Third Countries, collecting and processing elementary statistics on these countries, special studies and analyses of social-economic statistics of certain countries and groups of Third Countries.

5. WORKPLAN

To establish a data file as a basic source for later tasks and to put into operation a system of current statistics. To compile also studies on Third Countries' state-run foreign trade and, later on, studies on the Arab League countries, statistics on fishing in certain Third Countries, an analysis of Japan's foreign trade, petroleum statistics on certain Third Countries and a study of China's external trade, as well as replying to demands for statistics on the candidate countries from the Commission departments in Brussels.

6. FINANCING

Yes, for part of the ad hoc studies.

7. VOLUME OF WORK

Important work in researching and getting under way. Current work in bringing up to date periodical series.

SPECIALIZED SERVICE F3 : OTHER COUNTRIES

Project No	Note No	Title	Type	Nature	Council Legislation	Financing	1978	1979	1980	1981
1	F3.I	Statistics on countries seeking membership	Study	Exist.	No	No	I	I	I	I
2	-	Introduction of a general data file on statistical sources of information on third countries	Study	Exist.	No	Yes	I			
3	-	Processing of current elementary statistics on third countries	Study	Exist.	No	Yes	I	I	I	I
4	-	Study and analysis of the statistics of third countries with State trading	Study	Exist.	No	Yes	I	I	I	I
5	-	External trade of Japan and of ASEAN-region countries	Study	New	No	No	I	I		
6	-	Study and analysis of the external trade of mainland China	Study	Exist.	No	No	I	I		
7	-	External trade of Canada	Study	New	No	No	I	I		
8	-	Study and analysis of the statistics of the Arab League countries	Study	New	No	No	I	I		
9	-	Petroleum statistics of certain third countries	Study	New	No	No			I	
10	-	Statistics on fishing for certain third countries	Study	New	No	No		I		
11	-	Study on coffee statistics	Study	New	No	No	I	I	I	



Division F 4 : Transport

Hans Georg BAGGENDORFF

- Coordination and compilation of the statistics on goods and passenger transport
- Communications statistics
- Coordination and use of the statistics on holiday travel and the activity of tourist establishments

THEME NOTE F4.I : COORDINATION AND COMPILATION OF THE

STATISTICS ON GOODS TRANSPORT

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : F4

1. INTRODUCTION

To work out a common transport policy, the Commission needs to know and keep track of the volume carried by each mode of transport, broken down according to the nature of the goods, and periodically, according to certain geographical areas.

As existing statistics have considerable gaps which cannot be filled by means of Community legislation and existing bilateral agreements, revision of the principles governing these statistics is necessary.

2. SOURCE

Goods transport statistics by country: Commission Recommendation of 26 July 1961.

Goods transport statistics by region:

International road transport
Council Directive No 69/467/EEC of 8 December 1969, under
revision at the Council
National road transport
Draft directive now being discussed at the Council
National and international transport by rail, inland waterway and
sea: bilateral agreements.

3. AIM

To determine the volume of goods carried by each mode of transport, classified by transport links and by the nature of the goods.

4. DESCRIPTION

The following information is required:

- a) National transport: volume of goods carried and tkm hauled by each mode of transport, broken down according to the nature of the goods:
 - within each Member State
 - within each transport region
 - between national transport regions.
- b) International transport: volume of goods carried and tkm hauled by each mode of transport, broken down according to the nature of the goods:
 - initially: between Member States, and between Member States and third countries
 - subsequently: between Community transport regions, and between these regions and non-Member States.

5. WORKPLAN

The Statistical Office has started revising the general objectives of the goods transport statistics for the various modes of transport, taking into consideration the experience gained with Council Directive No 69/467 and with the various proposals for directives in the field of goods transport by road. At the same time, the categories of goods and the transport regions currently used will be revised.

6. FINANCING

Yes (to a certain extent).

With the revision and elaboration of a new work plan for goods transport statistics, there should be a review of the financing of Member States' work by the Commission, aimed at obtaining greater commitment from the Member States.

7. VOLUME OF WORK

Considerable preliminary and setting-up work for the Statistical Office.

A great deal of work for the Member States, most of which is, however, already carried out for national purposes.

DIVISION F4 : TRANSPORT

Project No	Note No	Title	Type	Nature	Council Legislation	Financing	1978	1979	1980	1981
1	F4.I	Harmonization and review of statistics relating to the transport of goods: preparation and amendment of directives	O.p.	Exist.	Yes	No	G	G	G	G
2	F4.I	National and international transport of goods by road	Sur.	New	(Yes)	Poss.	X	X	X	X
3	F4.I	National and international transport of goods by rail	Sur.	New	(Yes)	Poss.	X	X	X	X
4	F4.I	National and international transport of goods by inland waterways	Sur.	New	(Yes)	Poss.	X	X	X	X
5	F4.I	NST statistics: national and international traffic of goods transported by rail, inland waterways and road (excluding domestic road transport) within the Community and with non-Member States in accordance with the 175 NST headings	Sur.	Exist.	No	Yes	X*			
6	F4.I	Regional statistics: volume transported by transport regions	Sur.	Exist.	Yes	Yes	X*			
7	-	Statistics of Community quotas	Sur SOEC	Exist.	Yes	Yes in 1978	X**	X**	X**	X**
8	-	Revision of NST/R (goods nomenclature of transport statistics)	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	X	X	X	X
9	-	Sea transport: coordination	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
10	-	Air transport: statistical studies	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	p.m.	(I)	(I)	(I)
11	-	Road traffic accidents: coordination	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	p.m.	(X)	(X)	(X)
12	-	Tourism: coordination	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	X	X	X	X
13	-	Publications	O.p.	Exist.	No	No	X	X	X	X

Project No	Note No	Title	Type	Nature	Council Legislation	Financing	1978	1979	1980	1981
14		F5.I Survey on transport enterprises (cf F5)								
15	-	Indicators in the field of transport (in collaboration with DG VII)	St.	New	Yes	Evt.				I

* Continuation of work in hand.
This heading will be deleted from the programme as soon as items 2 and 4 are under way.

** The Commission has proposed to the Council that the present regulation be changed so that from 1 July 1978, statistics on the use of quotas be simplified and that, from this same date, financing by the Community be suspended. The financing of statistics for the first half of 1978 is conditional upon the granting of funds by the Council.

DIVISION F4 : TRANSPORT

PUBLICATIONS PROGRAMME

Project No	Title	Comments	1978	1979	1980	1981
12	Monthly Tables on Transport	Monthly	X	X	X	X
12	Statistical Yearbook on Transport Communications, Tourism	Annual	X	X	X	X
1	List of Railway Stations) List of Ports) List of Local Authorities) Areas	Irregular		X		

WORKING GROUPS

Project No	Title	Comments
1-15	Coordinating Committee for Transport Statistics	
1-7	Working Group Regional Transport Statistics	
1-2,5-8 11-13	W.Gr. Road Transport Statistics	) U-gr. Community Quota Statistics) U-gr. Road Transport Accident) Statistics
1,4-6, 13	W.Gr. Statistics of Transport by Inland Waterways	
1,3, 5-6 13	W.Gr. Rail Transport Statistics	
5,9,13 12,13	W.Gr. Maritime Transport Statistics W.Gr. Tourism Statistics	
8	W.Gr. Transport Nomenclature	

COUNCIL LEGISLATION

Project No	O.J.	Description
1-5	L63 of 30.9.61	Recommendation of the Commission addressed to Member States on the subject of the establishment of a standard goods nomenclature for the needs of transport statistics, No 1153/61
1-6	L323 of 24.12.69	Council Directive 69/467 of 8 December 1969 on returns to be made on the basis of regional statistics, in respect of international carriage of goods by road.

Specialized Service F 5 : Services

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- Statistics of the structure
of various branches of the
tertiary sector
- Statistics of other services

THEME NOTE F5.I : SURVEYS ON THE STRUCTURE AND ACTIVITIES

OF ENTERPRISES PROVIDING SERVICES

UNIT RESPONSIBLE : F5

1. INTRODUCTION

1. To give direction to its common policies, the Commission needs basic data on the structure of firms providing services, particularly those concerned with distribution and transport.
- 2- The preparation of harmonized national accounts must be based, among other things, on the results of sector surveys on value added. For services, such surveys as exist in Member States are fragmentary.

2. SOURCE

Requested by services of the Commission (DG III, IV, V and VII).

3. AIM

To establish a system of statistics on firms providing services to complete general statistics.

4. DESCRIPTION

The harmonization of existing statistics to be completed later on by the organization of specific surveys should allow the progressive collection of basic data on the structure of enterprises and on the value added by them.

5. WORKPLAN

The programme for statistics on trade is nearly set up. This survey will be put into effect gradually, to the extent that individual Member States find possible. The first reference year (partial results) is 1977. The study of an extension of this programme to the transport sector started in 1977 and will continue in 1978.

An extension of the programme to the sectors of agents, hotel and catering trades, as well as to other sectors of services, is foreseen as falling within the tasks of the Specialized Service.

6. FINANCING

Funds will have to be provided for the implementation of the programme on wholesale and retail trade.

7. VOLUME OF WORK

A great deal of work to get it off the ground.

SPECIALIZED SERVICE F5 : SERVICES

Project No	Note No	Title	Type	Nature	Council Legislation	Financing	1978	1979	1980	1981
1	F5.I	Survey on the structure and activities of wholesale and retail enterprises	Sur.	New	No	Yes	(X)	(X)	X	X
2	F5.I	Survey on the structure and activities of enterprises of trade middlemen	St./Sur.	New	No	Poss.	(I)	(G)	(G)	(X)
3	F5.I	Survey on the structure and activities of hotels and catering trade	St./Sur.	New	No	Poss.	(I)	(G)	(G)	(X)
4	F5.I	Survey on the structure and activities of transport enterprises	St./Sur.	New	No	Poss.	G	(X)	(X)	(X)

SPECIALIZED SERVICE F5 : SERVICES

PUBLICATIONS PROGRAMME

Project No	Title	Comments	1978	1979	1980	1981
1,2,3	Community programme of statistics on structure and activities of enterprises - of the sectors of distribution, hotel and catering trade	100 pages per language, i.e. a total of about 600 pages	(X)			
4	- of the transport sector	60 pages per language, i.e. a total of about 360 pages		X		
1	Statistics on commercial enterprises: first results	a total of 100 pages or so with tables and texts			(X)	X

WORKING GROUPS

Project No	Title	Comments
1-4	Statistics of enterprises providing services	
1		Sub-group "Distributive trade"
4		Sub-group "Transport"

COUNCIL LEGISLATION

Project No	O.J.	Description

WORK OF A STATISTICAL INTEREST
OF THE OTHER DIRECTORATES GENERAL
OF THE COMMISSION

ACU

FO.1 Surveillance of imports under the Generalised System of Preferences

1. INTRODUCTION

Imports of so-called sensitive and quasi-sensitive goods are put under surveillance as well as agricultural processed goods. This work is done on the authority of Council regulations which are renewed each year and which list the products under the above categories, showing the countries which benefit.

2. SOURCE

The Customs services of the Member States.

3. AIM

To trigger the decision to reintroduce normal Customs processes whenever ceilings and maximum prices are exceeded.

4. WORKPLAN

Continuation of previous tasks.

ACU

FO.2 Surveillance of imports from EFTA countries

1. INTRODUCTION

This system of surveillance has been largely inspired by the Generalised System of Preferences. It is based on Council Regulations (EEC) 2901 to 2910 dated 7.11.74 which are aimed at setting up Community surveillance of imports of goods originating in EFTA countries.

2. SOURCE

The Customs services of the Member States.

3. AIM

To trigger the reintroduction of the Custom duties in force for third countries if and when the indicative ceilings are exceeded.

4. WORKPLAN

Continuation of previous tasks.

ACU

FO.3 Importations for inward processing

1. INTRODUCTION

Article 31 of Council Directive (EEC) 69/73 provides that Member States will send to the Commission statistical information on importations for inward processing. This Article was later amplified by Commission Directive 73/37 as to the way in which Article 31 was to be carried out.

2. SOURCE

The Customs services of Member States.

3. AIM

The surveillance of importations for inward processing.

4. WORKPLAN

Continuation of previous tasks.

DG VII

FO.4 The setting up of a system of transport market indicators

1. INTRODUCTION

In order to ensure the efficient functioning of the transport market it is necessary to have regular information on a number of its aspects.

2. SOURCE

Commission.

3. AIM

The objective of the system is to aid policy formulation by examining the trend of the balance between supply and demand in the goods transport market between Member States and by making forecasts up to five years ahead.

4. DESCRIPTION

As a preliminary, two analytical studies were carried out to determine suitable data for measuring trends and making forecasts. The Council, in November 1976, called for a report defining the scope of the system, the availability of existing data, the gaps to be filled and the resource costs involved. The next phase will be to assemble the necessary data and make forecasts.

5. WORKPLAN

The two analytical studies were completed by the end of 1976. The report has been presented to the Council in September 1977, after which assembly of existing data will commence.

