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STATISTICAL OFFICE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES *

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1. ORIGINS

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 very comprehensive system of statistics covering, initially, the coal and steel industries and, subsequently, the whole of the energy sector.

1.1. Development of Community statistical instruments

The Statistical Office of the European Communities (abbreviated SOEC or EUROSTAT) was created in 1958 following a joint 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.

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** NACE : Nomenclature des Activités économiques dans les Communautés européennes (Nomenclature of Economic Activities in the European Communities)

NIMEXE : Nomenclature internationale des marchandises pour les statistiques du commerce extérieur de la Communauté européenne (Nomenclature of Goods for External Trade Statistics of the Community and Statistics of Trade between Member States)

In the following ten years preceding the enlargement of the Community from six to nine countries, the problems of implementation by the six Member States of these new Community statistical instruments were the major source of preoccupation. In addition, the range of the Office's activities was expanding rapidly and new directives on industrial and transport statistics, planned during the previous decade, were approved during this period.

1.2. Growth in the demand for statistics since 1973

The enlargement of the Community brought with it an increased work load from the beginning of 1973. This included the task of integrating the three new Member States into the statistical framework of the Community and the processing of an increased volume of statistics resulting solely from the enlargement.

During the same period, fresh needs for statistics arose. On the one hand, Community policies called for Community statistics in new fields, including research, education and the 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 relatively high level of aggregation. On the other hand, there has been a growing demand for statistics of a more analytical nature, particularly those which permit the Community Member States to assess the extent of and determine any changes in their economic and financial relations with the rest of the world, distinguishing separately the main geographical areas. An example would be the foreign trade statistics and balance of payments statistics used increasingly for the negotiation and monitoring of agreements with third countries. 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.

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 the course of preparation and in the programme for statistical work for the immediate future is to be given priority to providing a good service of timely statistics related to the Community's most pressing needs in the social and economic fields.

2. THE STATISTICAL OFFICE AND THE COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS

The Statistical Office of the European Communities is a part of the Community institutions and its principal function is to serve the institutions, the most important of which are :

- the Council, made up of the Ministers of Member countries, which takes decisions;
- the Commission, consisting of 13 Commissioners, which have the task of proposing to the Council the decisions to be taken and to see that these are carried out. The Commission is supported by an organisation comprising some 20 Directorates-General;
- the European Parliament, which will become more influential with direct elections this year, the European Investment Bank and the Court of Justice, each having their special rôle to play.

The Statistical Office of the European Communities is one of the Directorates-General of the Commission. It reports directly to one of the Members of the Commission, at present Vice-President François-Xavier ORTOLI, the previous President of the Commission, who is also currently responsible for the Directorates-General for Economic and Financial Affairs, and Credit and Investments. The Statistical Office is thus an integral part of the political/executive administration of the European Communities.

3. CURRENT ROLE OF THE STATISTICAL OFFICE

The principal tasks of the SOEC can be grouped under four headings :

- to provide all the Community institutions, but principally the Commission, with the statistics required for formulating and monitoring Community policies;
- to help the different national statistical systems move forward towards a unified European system;
- to provide Member States and the rest of the world with statistics about the Communities;
- to coordinate the statistical activities of the Communities.

Most of the Statistical Office is located in Luxembourg, but there is a liaison office in Brussels responsible for general liaison with the Commission departments in Brussels. One of the aims of the recent reorganization of the SOEC was to strengthen substantially this liaison function in order to improve communication between user departments in Brussels and EUROSTAT in Luxembourg.

In order to achieve its principal statistical aims and organize work in an optimum manner, EUROSTAT prepares each year a programme of statistical projects covering the next three years. This programme also makes reference to the statistical projects of other Commission departments in order to provide a complete picture of the Commission's statistical activities.

4. OPERATION

The Statistical Office is an international institute and is thus obliged to obtain information from national sources. But since the information is used for the purpose of establishing comparisons between all Member countries in order to formulate policy or establish a basis for the allocation of

contributions or funds between countries (regional funds), the comparability of the statistics must be pursued more rigorously than in conventional international organizations.

4.1. Disparate demands

Because it serves a political administration, the Office faces demands which change as the main spheres of political interest change (e.g. the GATT negotiations, educational policy, etc.). These demands are of a very varied nature : in certain sectors the Commission requires very detailed information for day-to-day management (e.g. supply and demand for eggs and meat), in other cases the request is for information of the most general nature.

4.2. Cooperation with national institutes ...

For many years now a conference of the Directors-General of the National Statistical Institutes has been held twice a year under the chairmanship of the Director-General of the Office to examine the work programme on European statistics and to resolve difficult problems. Throughout the year many statistical working groups meet in Luxembourg to pave the way for these projects.

The degree of homogeneity required varies according to the use of the statistics. Common enquiries, distinct from national ones, are only asked for when the need for comparability is high and the national sources very different. In most cases these sources can be used, with some adjustments to increase their homogeneity. One of EUROSTAT's principal tasks is precisely to help the statistical systems of the nine countries to move towards a single European system. It is linked with the political evolution of the Community and its tendency toward greater unity and integration. But even in the present state of integration substantial progress can be made. Each step forward is difficult and requires time even when the differences to be suppressed have no other origin than different statistical traditions.

The most important actions, in that direction, are the ones which deal directly with the basic organization of the statistical system and with the statistical sources themselves. It is desirable, for example, that countries should be moving towards the adoption of classifications of activities, goods and services, household expenditure, etc., directly derived from the Community classifications that EUROSTAT has drawn up in consultation and agreement with member countries.

... and with international organizations

Collaboration with international statistical organizations plays a vital rôle in the work of EUROSTAT. Much of the work involved is part of a long-established routine - participation in joint working groups and regular exchange of documents. More recently, however, there has been a concerted effort to institute regular reviews of progress towards improving harmonisation and coordination of the Community's statistical work programme with that of other organisations. This new impetus has been due in part to the prospective enlargement of the Community and to the importance of comparable statistical information in the Community's growing involvement in negotiations and discussions with the rest of the world.

On methodological statistical problems work is shared, in a number of fields, between EUROSTAT and international statistical organizations. Community methodology will often be tighter and more specific than that of larger groups of countries but it must conform with the broader international standards.

Among areas where collaboration is particularly close at the present time are world nomenclature problems, where a joint UNSO/EUROSTAT working panel has been set up, and international price comparisons.

5. ORGANIZATION OF EUROSTAT

The organization and main programmes of EUROSTAT are as follows :

- 5.1. The Director-General is assisted by a Secretariat which is responsible for programming the work of the Office and for internal and external coordination. In addition, there are two administrative units attached directly to the Director-General : 'Software design and development' and 'Data-processing management'. EUROSTAT does not have its own computer, but uses the Commission's central data processing services. The Statistical Office has some 300 staff, of which 110 are professional statisticians, divides into six Directorates designated A to F.
- 5.2. Directorate A 'General statistics, statistical methods and liaison activities' is responsible for liaison and collaboration with Commission departments in Brussels, consumer prices and purchasing power parities, and the dissemination of information. Close cooperation has developed with other international bodies in the field of nomenclatures, particularly with the Statistical Office of the United Nations in New York, with the aim of harmonizing the various international classifications of economic activities and products.
- 5.3. Directorate B 'National accounts' is responsible for national accounts and the coordination of financial and regional statistics. Its main projects are : the complete implementation of the system of national accounts and the harmonization of balance of payments and monetary statistics.
- 5.4. Directorate C deals with 'Social statistics'. In recent years it has prepared for the utilization on a Community level of the 1981 population census, designed and implemented a coordinated system of employment statistics, continued the comparative study of wage levels, developed education statistics and produced an integrated system of social indicators.

- 5.5. Directorate D 'Agriculture, forestry and fisheries statistics' studies both agricultural structures, using a system of detailed Community surveys, and agricultural production and prices, and is currently investigating animal production. A large amount of statistical work is also carried out in this field in collaboration with EUPOSTAT by the Directorate-General responsible for agricultural policy.
- 5.6. Directorate E 'Industrial, environment and services statistics' carries out a series of annual and monthly Community surveys based, in most cases, on statistical surveys already carried out at national level. In the field of coal and steel statistics it conducts detailed surveys as laid down by the Treaty establishing the Coal and Steel Community. Development of energy statistics has continued : the balances have been drawn up and the input-output tables are being prepared. In the past few years a tremendous effort has been devoted to the various short-term indicators in numerous sectors of activity. Transport statistics are prepared according to the needs of transport policy and are integrated to an increasing degree into the general system of economic statistics.
- 5.7. Directorate F 'External trade, ACP* and non-member countries statistics' has the task of shortening processing times and improving the quality of analysis of the detailed information supplied to EUROSTAT on external trade. This work includes the external trade statistics of the Member States as well as those of ACP countries and other third countries.

* ACP countries : African, Caribbean and Pacific countries. These countries are currently negotiating the renewal of the Lomé Convention of February 1975.

6. FOURTH STATISTICAL PROGRAMME (1979-1981)

The 1979-1981 work programme for EUROSTAT, approved by the Council in May 1978, is drawn up with a view to developing the statistical system of the European Communities in such a way that it will constitute the 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 current EUROSTAT programme and deciding on the statistical work to be done, every possible effort was 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.

The programme is concerned with Community statistical activities in the years 1979-1981. As with previous programmes, it concentrates on the work of EUROSTAT, but also takes into account work of statistical interest carried out by other Directorates-General of the Commission.

Since the programmes cover a period of only three years, a large number of changes is generally not to be expected from year to year. Changes, however, become cumulatively significant over the years. They reflect responses to new short-term priority needs and indicate a movement towards new long-term objectives.

7. PUBLICATIONS

7.1. Large publications programme

The publications programme is large - in 1979 - EUROSTAT will publish a total of over 70 different titles with an average print of 3 500 (including annual, half-yearly, quarterly and monthly publications) making an overall total of 500 000 printed volumes. A large part of these is supplied free of charge to Community institutions and departments and to Member States, public institutions, the press, bodies with a special interest and libraries. Sales are limited, since many bodies receive the appropriate volumes on a complimentary basis. So far only very limited action has been taken on the publicity front to stimulate sales of EUROSTAT publications. In addition to formal publications, EUROSTAT publishes statistics by press notice, 'statistical telegrammes' - rather more substantial than press notices - and by internal publications not designed for sale, but generally available while stocks last. Work is in hand on finding an improved system of referencing and cataloguing the considerable volume of information now available.

The production and sale of the publications of all the European Institutions is organized by the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities, which makes use of about 20 sales offices in various countries. Statistical Office publications account for about one quarter of the total, excluding the Official Journal.

7.2. Dissemination of documents

In order to help those sectors of the public which are interested in documents published by the Commission, including the publications of the Statistical Office, a network of 'deposit libraries' and 'European documentation centres' has been set up both in the Member States and in a wide range of strategically-placed cities across the world. The deposit libraries hold all Commission publications while, as a rule, the documentation centres have only publications of a general character and a selection of specialized publications. At the request

of most of the documentation centres, the Statistical Office has made all its statistical publications available to them. The network currently consists of about 100 deposit libraries and 250 centres, of which 2 and 44 respectively are located in France. Their function is to make the desired documents available to users without charge and to advise users in matters of Community documentation. The Statistical Office also brings its publications to the attention of users by press notices and a separate publication, 'EUROSTAT News', which is published at regular intervals. This method is used to announce the publication of the results of major Community surveys or to draw attention to new developments in fields of particular interest to the public at large.

8. USE OF COMPUTER SERVICES IN DISSEMINATION

8.1. Rapid growth ...

Computer services are potentially very important links with outside users, though somewhat different in nature to publications. There has been a very rapid growth in their utilization for dissemination to official users. The biggest single task of the Commission's Computer Centre, which serves the whole of the Commission, is the processing of the external trade statistics of the Community. This single activity accounts for about one third of the capacity of the Centre involving the processing of the trade of the nine Member countries with some 200 other countries recorded under the 7 000 headings of the NIMEXE classification. In the field of statistical data banks, the Office has set up, in the close collaboration with the user departments of the Commission, a system of statistical data banks using software (CRONOS) developed by the Office. This system, which is designed to handle time series, offers rapid access by means of conversational terminals at Brussels and Luxembourg to large volumes of statistical and economic data.

The use of computer facilities, up to now mainly for internal users, is a means of dissemination which must be made to increase even more rapidly in future. Faced with real resource problems as are the national statistical services, and with a staffing ceiling set

very low in relation to the demands made and with a need to economise, overriding importance is attached by EUROSTAT to increased use of EDP at the interface both with suppliers of national data for Community purposes and with users, both official and unofficial.

8.2. ... in information processing and dissemination methods

8.2.1. Files on magnetic tape

A first contribution of computers to the dissemination of statistics has been through the delivering to users of files on magnetic tapes. This kind of dissemination is of interest for users which have their own computer, or access to one. EUROSTAT delivers such tapes on a regular basis for the following kinds of statistical fields :

- foreign trade statistics at a detailed commodity by country level (NIMEXE statistics)
- time series extracted from the CRONOS data bank
- input-output tables.

Magnetic tapes are supplied on the same conditions as those for publications, i.e. sale, exchange or provision free of charge. At present, sales are made at a fixed cost per reel.

8.2.2. Microforms

Another facility provided by computers for the dissemination of statistics is the production of microforms. A master copy for such microforms may be obtained as a special computer output through a high speed printer. Copies for delivery are then obtained from this master copy on duplicating machines. The use of microforms is particularly suitable for the dissemination of very large tables to a moderate number of users as the production and mailing costs are low compared with similar costs for paper print. EUROSTAT delivers data on microforms again for foreign trade statistics at a detailed commodity by country level, and for the

results of some big surveys. The delivery of quarterly data on foreign trade at the detailed level is restricted to this media, paper printed tables being excluded for economic reasons.

8.2.3. Dissemination of selective data

The computerized output of microforms also allows selective dissemination, i.e. the regular delivery of a specific data subset adapted to the particular needs of each user or category of users. Up to now, a limited form of selective dissemination has been used at EUROSTAT for foreign trade statistics which may be obtained separately for specified categories of commodity.

8.2.4. Access to distant data bases

The most advanced type of data dissemination results from the combination of computers and telecommunications networks : a user of statistics may thus have direct access to a distant data base by using a terminal connected through a public network to the host computer of this data base.

8.2.5. CRONOS and EURONET

EUROSTAT's data base CRONOS contains historical as well as current data on the various aspects of the economic trends within the European Community. It covers all general indicators with more detailed statistics on foreign trade, finance, economic accounts, consumer prices, balance of payments, employment, energy, agricultural balances and production. Also included are data on the trade of the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries (overseas countries having a multilateral trade agreement with the EEC) and general economic indicators on other developing countries. Data may be displayed on a video terminal and printed if required on a hard-copy device. Besides figures,

CRONOS, which operates in three languages French, German and English, gives information about definitions, etc. Up to now, connection has been granted to a few outside users, for example the French Senate through the ordinary telephone network, on an experimental basis. Access to CRONOS will be extended with the opening of the EURONET network which will provide wider connection facilities and lower tariffs for this type of data transmission. EURONET is expected to come into service during 1980.

EURONET was first envisaged in 1975 to take advantage of the advances in data processing and retrieval technology which had made possible on-line interrogation by the user of distant data bases. The telecommunications network has been designed and set up and will be operated by the post and telephone authorities of the nine Member States. It is financed by the Commission. It is being implemented to provide a European on-line information network which will provide users anywhere in the Community with direct access via screen or teletypewriter to scientific, technical and socio-economic data and so make available for the first time a variety of services operated on widely differing host computers in many countries via one single network. The CRONOS data base will be available to any user of the network.

One of EUROSTAT's concerns is to guarantee data secrecy irrespective of the dissemination method employed.

8.3. Prospects

As indicated above, a major feature of Office policy is to keep abreast of the developing possibilities to make better use of EDP for dissemination purposes. Besides these developments, there are other prospective changes in the policy or practice of the Office which will greatly improve

the service to users. Some of these changes have to do with keeping the external capability of the Office strong, because this should be a major goal in structuring and managing any statistical office, especially an international office.

It may be conjectured that EUROSTAT's classical means of data dissemination through printed publications will be significantly reinforced in the near future, mainly by direct access to data bases. This may lead to more intensive and more sophisticated use by some restricted categories of statistical consumers (such as public bodies, universities, banks, etc.) rather than to a widening of the number of users. In a longer future, the data bases will be extended to more general statistics, including structural data at a more detailed level such as foreign trade statistics, cross-classified on a product by country basis, or the results from big surveys. Another natural extension of the data base facilities will be the possibility to transform or analyse directly the data obtained by some processing device, this will be made easier by the diminishing cost of programmable terminals and local storage.

9. CURRENCY OF DATA

Perhaps the most significant development in the demand for Community statistics in recent years has been the impact of Community and world economic difficulties. Perception and analysis of these difficulties require fast and reliable figures. Much of the Community statistical effort was previously devoted to creating a basic statistical infrastructure to serve Community needs, and to the development of nomenclatures such as NIMEXE

for trade, NACE for industry, Community national accounts, Community surveys, particularly in the field of social and agricultural statistics, and a comprehensive system of agricultural statistics required to meet the needs of the Common Agricultural Policy. The main priority in the programme for statistical work for the immediate futures is to provide a good service of timely statistics. The ability of EUROSTAT to do this depends of course on the rapid receipt of data from each Member State, but EUROSTAT itself is now geared to the rapid processing and dissemination of these statistics.

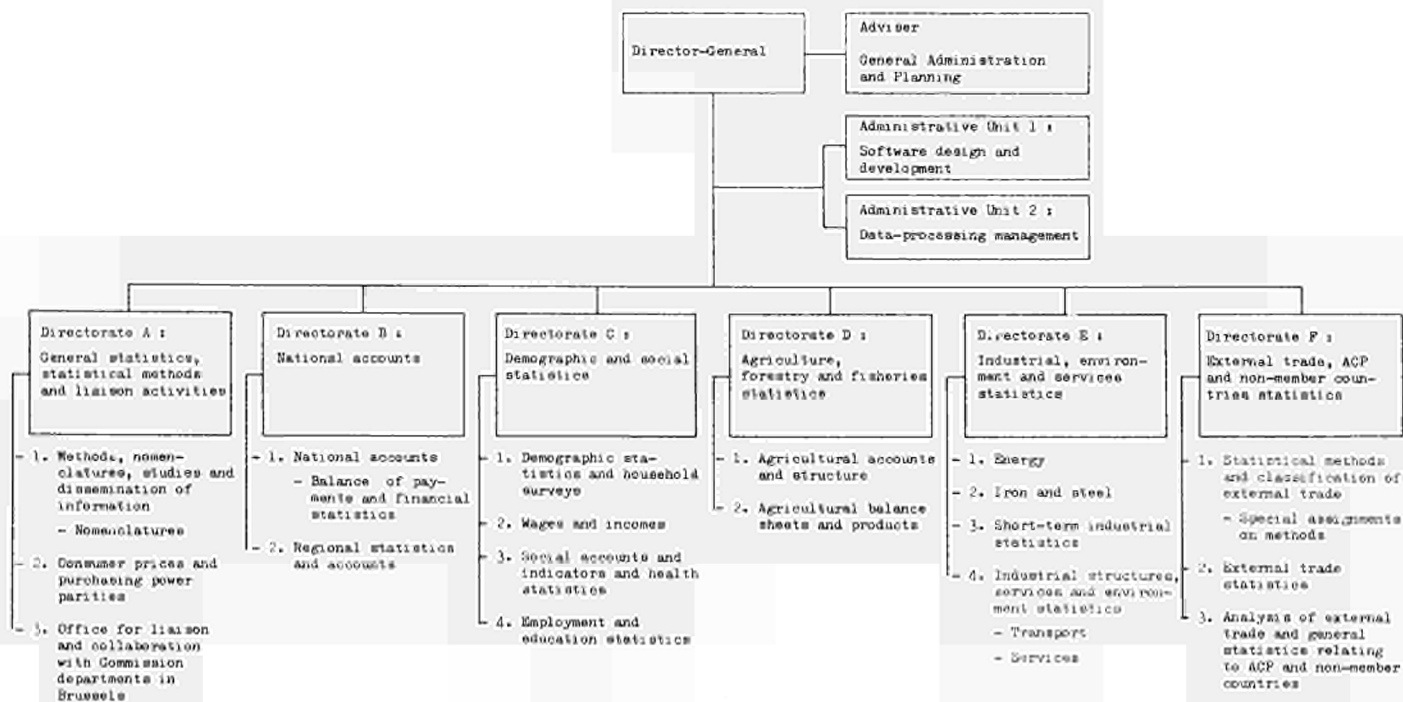
One important development has been the increased use of national figures, often only partially harmonized, for urgent purposes. Another has been a rapid increase in the use of press notices under the title 'statistical telegrammes' to ensure the fastest possible transmission of information to the press and other users.

By way of example mention should first be made of improvements achieved or in prospect in industrial statistics. In 1978, the Office introduced a new series of monthly indices of production, turnover and employment in some 40 manufacturing industries. The main figures appear approximately two months after the end of the month to which they relate and an extract from the figures is published in a Press notice. They are also published in rather more detail in the monthly publication 'Industrial short-term trends'. During this year, the presentation of detailed production statistics will be published on a quarterly basis industry by industry on the same lines as the US bulletins 'Current trends' or the UK 'Business monitors'.

A further example, from the social field, is the Monthly statistical telegram of unemployment, now in its third year. Differences in legislation and administrative practice still do not allow detailed comparisons of registered unemployment

between Member countries, nevertheless progress has been achieved by standardizing national series for Community use. Standardization concerns mainly limitation in all countries to persons actually out of work, systematic exclusion of unemployed persons undergoing training, and so on. These standardized unemployed figures are now the basis of most commentaries on this subject. The figures established by the national services are given to EUROSTAT by telex as soon as they are available. That is normally between the 6th and 16th day of each month, EUROSTAT then issues around the 20th of each month a 'Statistical telegramme' with the data for all nine countries and the Community concerning the situation at the end of the previous month. Another recent innovation is the issue of a revised monthly telegram of movements in consumer price indices. In this, a price index for the Community as a whole is published alongside the latest national price indices. These new telegrams are, of course, additional to others which have been in existence for some time and cover sectors such as steel, coal, external trade and agriculture. The statistical telegrams are welcomed not only by the Commission's services but also by national officials who are thus enabled to give quick information on the situation of the other Member countries without difficult research on what figure should best be used. The mailing lists cover Community and national organizations of employers and trade unions as well as many politicians and journalists. The comparability is not always perfect and use of the data is subject to caution but they are much better than anything previously available.

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EUROSTAT PUBLICATIONS IN 1980

EUROSTAT will be making a number of significant improvements in its publications next year, with the object of rendering them more attractive and convenient to the user.

The most important change is the introduction of a system of classification by subjects or "themes", of which there will be seven, each divided into a number of "sub-themes". Every title, of which there are more than seventy on the 1980 programme, will be included in this system.

Each publication will carry a list of the themes and a further list of all the titles under the theme to which the publication belongs. This will make it easier for the reader to appreciate the full range of subjects on which statistics are published by EUROSTAT and to find information complementary to the publication at hand.

All publications under the same theme will have a cover of distinctive colour, in many cases the same colours that have been used in the past. The cover designs themselves will be slightly modified for greater clarity.

Another improvement will be the introduction in 1980 and 1981 of two new major publications on General Statistics, providing a wide range of information about all aspects of the European Communities.

Finally, EUROSTAT is actively pursuing the dissemination of statistics through less formal means than printed publications, such as computer print-outs, microfiches and magnetic tapes (some of which are already available). These will meet the needs of users wanting long time-series or detailed cross-sectional data. "Eurostat News" will keep readers informed of developments in this field.

CLASSIFICATION OF EUROSTAT PUBLICATIONS

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3. POPULATION AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS (yellow covers) (13 publications)	1. Population 2. Social conditions 3. Education and training 4. Employment 5. Social protection 6. Wages and salaries
4. INDUSTRY AND SERVICES (blue covers) (17 publications)	1. Industry, general 2. Energy 3. Iron and steel 4. Transport and services
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6. FOREIGN TRADE (red covers) (8 publications)	1. Nomenclature 2. Community trade, general 3. Trade with developing countries
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This publication contains the most recent series on employment, working population, unemployment and industrial stoppages, thus bringing the 1978 edition on 'Employment and unemployment' up to date.

The basic tables on population, working population and employment are supplemented by employees in employment statistics established in accordance with the NACE classes. The tables on employment include the series published monthly by the Statistical Office plus several specific analyses and certain figures on vacancies notified and filled. Industrial stoppages are shown as the number of days lost per 1 000 employees per branch of activity.

A historical section shows the main figures in the form of chronological series, several of which date back to 1950.

An annex is added to include employment and unemployment figures in Greece, Spain and Portugal.

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ISBN 92-825-1465-X	Price : UKL	5	
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	BFR	300	
55 pages	Format A 4	USD	10

Multilingual edition published in November 1979

This annual publication presents for EUR 9 and each of the member countries the evolution of the indices of the producer prices for agricultural products during 1978.

Also shown are the evolution of the monthly price indices for each month of 1978.

In order to introduce possible rectifications and to facilitate comparisons, the publication contains the evolution of the annual indices since 1971 and of the monthly indices for 1977.

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