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**INSTRUCTION
ON
THE METHODS, STRUCTURE, PERIODICITY, AND INDICATORS FOR THE EVALUATION
OF QUALITY REPORTS FOR THE DATA TRANSMITTED BASED ON REGULATION (EU) NO.
549/2013 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL**

Based on Law No. 30/2022 "On the Approval of the Official Statistics Program 2022-2026," articles 17/4 and 20/b of Law No. 17/2018 "On Official Statistics," the National Plan for European Integration 2024-2026, approved by Decision No. 16, dated 11.01.2024 "On the Approval of the National Plan for European Integration 2024-2026,"

I HEREBY INSTRUCT

1. The determination of the methods, structure, periodicity, and indicators for the evaluation of quality reports for the data transmitted based on Regulation (EU) No. 549/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council, according to the text attached to this instruction and which forms an integral part thereof.
2. The Directorate General of Statistical Production is tasked with implementing this instruction.

This instruction shall enter into force immediately.

**DIRECTOR GENERAL
Elsa Dhuli**

This instruction is fully aligned with:

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/2304 of 19 December 2016 on the methods, structure, periodicity, and indicators for the evaluation of quality reports for the data transmitted based on Regulation (EU) No. 549/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council, CELEX 32016R2304.

ANNEX

Modalities, structure and assessment indicators of the quality reports to be provided by Member States

1. Introduction

The quality report on national and regional accounts shall contain both quantitative indicators and qualitative descriptions of the quality of the data sent the previous year. The Commission (Eurostat) shall provide to Member States the results of the quantitative indicators, calculated on the basis of the data provided. Member States shall interpret and comment on them, in accordance with their compilation methodology and statistical production process.

2. Modalities

- Before 15 February 2017 and every year thereafter, the Commission (Eurostat) shall supply the Member States with draft documents for quality reports partially pre-filled with all the quantitative assessment indicators specified in Section 4.
- Every year, not later than 31 May, Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat) with the completed quality report.

3. Structure

Each Member State shall submit a single quality report covering all the tables of the ESA 2010 transmission programme as set out in Annex B to Regulation (EU) No 549/2013.

The quality reports shall include information on all the quality criteria laid down in Article 12(1) of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009. The information shall be presented according to the following structure:

- Relevance
- Accuracy and reliability
- Timeliness and punctuality
- Accessibility and clarity
- Coherence and comparability

Information about the ESA 2010 implementation already provided by Member States shall be reused by the Commission and shall not be requested in the quality reports.

4. Assessment indicators

4.1. Quantitative indicators

The quality report shall contain the following quantitative indicators:

No	Indicator	Definition (*)	Variable and/or table of the ESA 2010 transmission programme	Reference period (*)	Quality criteria	Implementation from
1.	Data completeness rate	Ratio of the number of data cells provided by Member States to the number of data cells required by ESA 2010 transmission programme not covered by derogations	All tables, quarterly and annual data	1995 until the latest year and quarter	Relevance	2017

No	Indicator	Definition (*)	Variable and/or table of the ESA 2010 transmission programme	Reference period (*)	Quality criteria	Implementation from
2.	Revision rates of quarterly data	Revision rate for key quarterly variables between the first and the latest transmissions and average revision rate in subsequent transmissions since the first transmission	Seasonally and calendar adjusted gross domestic product volume (Table 1) Seasonally adjusted total employment in thousands of persons (Table 1) Non-seasonally adjusted gross disposable income of households and non-profit institutions serving households (Table 801) Non-seasonally adjusted final consumption expenditure by households and non-profit institutions serving households (Table 801) Non-seasonally adjusted gross value added of non-financial corporations (Table 801) Non-seasonally adjusted gross fixed capital formation of non-financial corporations (Table 801)	Available quarters of the latest three years	Accuracy and reliability	2019 2019 2021 2021 2021 2021
3.	Revision rates of annual data	Average revision rates for key annual variables in subsequent transmissions since the first transmission	Table 1: Gross domestic product (current prices and volumes), Gross value added (current prices) Table 1 (current prices): Compensation of employees, Gross operating surplus and gross mixed income Table 1 (current prices): Final consumption expenditure of households and non-profit institutions serving households Final consumption expenditure of government Gross fixed capital formation Exports of goods and services Imports of goods and services	Latest five years	Accuracy and reliability	2019

No	Indicator	Definition (*)	Variable and/or table of the ESA 2010 transmission programme	Reference period (*)	Quality criteria	Implementation from
			Table 1 (thousands of persons): Total employment Employees Table 2 (current prices): Government expenditure Government revenue Table 7 (current prices): Total financial sector liabilities (non-consolidated) Table 7 (current prices): Debt of non-financial corporations (consolidated) Debt of households and non-profit institutions serving households (consolidated) Table 10: Gross value added in current prices, employment in persons (t + 12 months) Compensation of employees in current prices (t + 24 months) (NUTS 2 ⁽¹⁾) Table 13 (current prices): Net disposable income of households (NUTS 2)			
4.	Punctuality — delivery dates	First delivery date and delivery date of validated data for each table of the ESA 2010 transmission programme for all transmissions due in the latest year	All tables, quarterly and annual data	Latest year	Timeliness and punctuality	2017
5.	Coherence — internal within and between tables	Average and maximum absolute difference showing the extent to which statistics are consistent within a given data set, i.e. all the appropriate arithmetic and accounting identities are observed, no unexplained changes and consistent with integrity rules	Gross domestic product, current prices (quarterly and annual data): Within table 1 (gross domestic product according to production, expenditure and income approaches)	Latest five years	Coherence and comparability	2017

No	Indicator	Definition (*)	Variable and/or table of the ESA 2010 transmission programme	Reference period (*)	Quality criteria	Implementation from
			Gross value added, current prices (annual data): Between tables 1 and 3 Compensation of employees, current prices (annual data): Between tables 1 and 3 Gross fixed capital formation, current prices (annual data): Between tables 1 and 3 and tables 1 and 22 Exports of goods and services, current prices (quarterly and annual data): Within table 1 (taken from expenditure components of gross domestic product and from the detailed exports breakdown) Imports of goods and services, current prices (quarterly and annual data): Within table 1 (taken from expenditure components of gross domestic product and from the detailed imports breakdown) Total employment, employees and self-employed (annual data, thousands of persons): Between tables 1 and 3			
6.	Coherence — annual and sum of quarterly data	The extent to which annual and quarterly statistics are reconcilable	(For all variables except employment, reconciliation is tested between annual and the sum of four quarters data; for employment — between annual and the average of four quarters data) Gross domestic product, current prices, non-seasonally adjusted (table 1) Total employment in thousands of persons, non-seasonally adjusted (table 1)	Latest five years	Coherence and comparability	2017

No	Indicator	Definition (*)	Variable and/or table of the ESA 2010 transmission programme	Reference period (*)	Quality criteria	Implementation from
			Gross operating surplus for non-financial corporations sector (tables 8/801, current prices) Gross disposable income for households and non-profit institutions serving households sectors (tables 8/801, current prices)			
7.	Coherence — totals and sum of components	The extent to which the sum of sub-components is equal to a total	Gross domestic product, current prices, non-seasonally adjusted, total and sum of expenditure components (quarterly and annual data), table 1 Gross value added, current prices, total and NACE Rev. 2 ⁽²⁾, level A*10 breakdowns (quarterly and annual data), table 1 Total employment in thousands of persons, non-seasonally adjusted, total and sum of employees and self-employed (quarterly and annual data), table 1 Total employment, in thousands of persons, total and sum of NACE Rev. 2, level A*10 breakdowns (annual data), table 1	Latest five years	Coherence and comparability	2017
8.	Coherence — main aggregates and non-financial accounts by sector	Differences between main aggregates data and corresponding data in non-financial accounts by sector	Gross domestic product, current prices, non-seasonally adjusted (quarterly and annual data): Between tables 1 and 8/801 Final consumption expenditure for households and non-profit institutions serving households sectors, current prices, non-seasonally adjusted (quarterly and annual data): Between tables 1 and 8/801 Gross fixed capital formation, current prices (annual data): Between tables 1 and 8	Latest five years	Coherence and comparability	2021

No	Indicator	Definition (*)	Variable and/or table of the ESA 2010 transmission programme	Reference period (*)	Quality criteria	Implementation from
			Compensation of employees, current prices (annual data): Between tables 1 and 8			
9.	Coherence — main aggregates and regional accounts	Differences between main aggregates data and corresponding data in regional accounts	Gross value added, current prices (annual data): Between total of table 1 and sum of NUTS 2 regions of tables 10 and 12 Employment in thousands of persons (annual data): Between total of table 1 and sum of NUTS 2 regions of tables 10 and 12	Latest five years	Coherence and comparability	2021
10.	Coherence — main aggregates and supply and use tables	Differences between main aggregates data and corresponding data in supply and use tables	(all data in current prices, annual data) Gross value added: Between tables 1 and 16 Taxes less subsidies on products: Between tables 1 and 15 Final consumption expenditure, final consumption expenditure of households, final consumption expenditure of general government, final consumption expenditure of non-profit institutions serving households: Between tables 1 and 16 Gross capital formation, gross fixed capital formation, changes in inventories, acquisitions less disposals of valuables: Between tables 1 and 16 Exports of goods and services: Between tables 1 and 16 Imports of goods and services: Between tables 1 and 15	Latest five years	Coherence and comparability	2021

No	Indicator	Definition (*)	Variable and/or table of the ESA 2010 transmission programme	Reference period (*)	Quality criteria	Implementation from
			Compensation of employees: Between tables 1 and 16 Gross operating surplus and gross mixed income: Between tables 1 and 16			
11.	Coherence — main aggregates and government finance statistics	Differences between main aggregates data and corresponding data in government finance statistics	(all data in current prices) Individual consumption expenditure (annual data): Between tables 1 and 2 Collective consumption expenditure (annual data): Between tables 1 and 2 Taxes on products (annual data): Between tables 1 and 9	Latest five years	Coherence and comparability	2021
12.	Coherence — non-financial accounts by sector and government finance statistics	Differences between non-financial accounts by sector data and corresponding data in government finance statistics	Net lending and net borrowing, government sector, current prices (annual data): Between tables 8 and 2	Latest five years	Coherence and comparability	2021
13.	Coherence — non-financial accounts by sector and financial accounts by sector	Differences between non-financial accounts by sector data and corresponding data in financial accounts by sector	Net lending and net borrowing, all sectors, current prices (annual data): Between tables 8 and 6	Latest five years	Coherence and comparability	2019

(*) Unless otherwise specified, quantitative indicators are calculated based on the most recent vintage of Member States' data published at Eurostat's website.

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 May 2003 on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) (OJ L 154, 21.6.2003, p. 1).
- (2) Regulation (EC) No 1893/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 establishing the statistical classification of economic activities NACE Revision 2 and amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3037/90 as well as certain EC Regulations on specific statistical domains (OJ L 393, 30.12.2006, p. 1).

4.2. Qualitative information

The quality report shall contain the following qualitative information:

No	Indicator	Definition	Quality criteria	Implementation from
1.	Data revision policy	Metadata on national data revision policy containing: — links to existing metadata published nationally; — brief information about benchmark revisions and/or major routine revisions and their impacts on gross domestic product.	Accuracy and reliability	2017
2.	Documentation on methodology	List of national publications on the data sources used and methodology applied containing the titles of these publications and links to them, if available	Accessibility and clarity	2017
3.	Length of comparable time series over time	Metadata on the length of comparable time series over time containing: — links to existing metadata published nationally; — brief information about the length of comparable time series, breaks in the time series and explanations for the breaks.	Coherence and comparability	2021