

**DELIBERATION NO 39 OF THE CONSELHO SUPERIOR DE ESTATÍSTICA (STATISTICAL COUNCIL)**

**ON THE 2015 WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM**

Whereas the powers of the Statistical Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council) in overseeing and coordinating the National Statistical System (NSS).

Whereas the specific powers of the Council "*To appraise the programme and budget of the statistical authorities' statistical activity (...)*".

Whereas the General Guidelines of Official Statistical Activity 2013-2017 approved by the Council, which set out the major objectives and challenges for the NSS in the next 5 years.

Whereas the Council's activities in 2015 are expected to focus on ongoing implementation of these strategic guidelines, by achieving, inter alia, the following objectives:

- Submission to the Government of a draft revision of the current Law governing the National Statistical System, taking into consideration namely society's new statistical reporting requirements and the guidelines set forth at national and European level;
- Preparation and approval of the 2012-2015 NSS's Situation Assessment Report;
- Continued promotion of reflection aimed at identifying and adequately applying measures conducive to implementation of the General Guidelines of Official Statistical Activity for the 2013-2017 period, notably (i) as regards intensification of the use of administrative sources for statistical purposes (ii) monitoring compliance with the NSS's key principles at the level of all its structures (iii) the NSS's coordination ability by promoting institutional cooperation among statistical authorities and among general government bodies and (iv) intensified use of communication channels to promote initiatives to enhance statistical literacy;
- Ongoing modernisation and optimisation of processes associated with the Council's internal operation.

Whereas the statistical authorities' Statistical Activity Plans for 2015 reflect the General Guidelines of Official Statistical Activity 2013-2017, notably as regards high priority assigned to initiatives that:

- Ensure quality statistical production, a more modern statistical process, a more intensive use of official statistics and active promotion of statistical literacy;
- Meet, within the framework of rationalisation of the available resources, the growing demand for statistical data as a key instrument for timely and accurate analysis of the economic, financial, social

and environmental situation, informed decision-making by economic agents, and sustained assessment of the various policies;

- Contribute to strengthening institutional cooperation, notably through specific projects that are relevant to the National and European Statistical System, such as initiatives aiming at a more intensive and efficient use of already existing information and greater use of administrative data for statistical purposes. There is thus a reduction in statistical production costs and in the burden on respondents, namely citizens and enterprises.

Whereas the 2015 Work Programme of Statistics Portugal and entities with delegated powers falls within the scope of the European Strategic Plan for 2013-2017 in the field of statistical production and in the EU Statistical Programme for 2015 forming an integral part thereof and implementation of the European Statistical System's Vision 2020.

And likewise Banco de Portugal's Statistical Activity Plan seeks to respond to the strategic objectives defined at the level of the European System of Central Banks (ESCB)

Whereas almost all the statistical activities envisaged in Work Programme of Statistics Portugal and entities with delegated powers are obligations undertaken by the Portuguese State in the context of the European Union.

Whereas also the 2015 Works Programmes of Statistics Portugal and entities with delegated powers, of the Regional Statistical Office of the Azores and of the Regional Directorate of Statistics of Madeira for 2015 comply with the commitment to quality set forth in the European Statistics Code of Practice, and Banco de Portugal's Statistical Activity Plan observes the principles enshrined in the Public Commitment on European Statistics by the European System of Central Banks.

Whereas 'Principle 3 – Adequacy of Resources' of the European Statistics Code of Practice establishes that *"the resources available to statistical authorities are sufficient to meet European statistics requirements"*.

Pursuant to Article 3 (2) and Article 13 (g) of Law No 22/2008 of 13 May and to Article 10 (3) (c) of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, and following a favourable opinion of the Standing Session of Statistical Coordination (*Secção Permanente de Coordenação Estatística* in Portuguese), **at its plenary session on 10 December 2014 the Council decided the following:**

1. **To approve** the Council's 2015 Work Programme
2. **To issue a favourable opinion** on the statistical authorities' statistical activity plans for 2015
3. **To approve** the 2015 Summary of Statistical Activity for the National Statistical System, in annex to this deliberation
4. **To approve** the release of these documents through a media information note

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**The Council recommends** that statistical authorities have the means necessary for implementation of their Work Programmes for 2015, in accordance with the highest quality standards.

Lisbon, 10 December 2014.

The Vice-Chairman of the Statistical Council, *Alda de Caetano Carvalho*

The Executive Secretary of the Statistical Council, *Maria da Graça Fernandes Caeiro Bento*

## 2015 WORK PROGRAMME | NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM

### | SUMMARY |

The Work Programme of the National Statistical System (NSS) for 2015 is formed by this Summary, which highlights the main objectives and activities to be achieved in 2015, and the Work Programmes of the Statistical Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council) and the statistical authorities,<sup>1</sup> with greater detail in the respective areas of competence.

These Programmes present the objectives and actions that will be developed by the above entities at national and European level respectively:

- In the exercise of the powers set forth in Article 13 of Law No 22/2008 of 13 May and in accordance with the guidelines provided for under Article 3 (2) of said Law through the Council's Deliberations and Recommendations;
- Of the General Guidelines of Official Statistical Activity for the 2013-2017 period;
- Of the EU statistical programme for 2015, that integrates the five-year European strategic planning for the same period, contained in European Union legal acts that are imposing in terms of statistical production with inevitable repercussions on Member State's statistical activities;
- In work programmes prepared at the level of the Statistics Committee of the European System of Central Banks (ESCB);
- In the implementation of the European Statistical System's Vision 2020;
- And also in compliance with the commitment to quality set forth in the European Statistics Code of Practice and the Public Commitment on European Statistics by the European System of Central Banks.

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<sup>1</sup> Statistics Portugal, Banco de Portugal, Regional Statistical Office of the Azores and Regional Directorate of Statistics of Madeira. Regional Statistical Office of the Azores and Regional Directorate of Statistics of Madeira for strictly regional statistics and entities with powers delegated by Statistics Portugal within the scope of Law No 22/2008 of 13 May: Directorate-General for Natural Resources, Maritime Safety and Services (Ministry of Agriculture and Sea), Directorate-General for Energy and Geology (Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Energy), Directorate-General for Education and Science Statistics (Ministry of Education and Science), Directorate-General for Justice Policy (Ministry of Justice), and Office for Strategy and Studies of the Ministry of Economy, whose protocol is in the process of being transferred (to the Strategy and Planning Office of the Ministry of Solidarity, Employment and Social Security) and revised to accommodate government organisational changes.

Pursuant to Article 22 of the NSS Law, the Regional Statistical Office of the Azores and the Regional Directorate of Statistics of Madeira participate in the production of national official statistics as delegations of Statistics Portugal.

2015 will mark a continuing pursuit of initiatives to identify and adequately apply measures leading to implementation of the General Guidelines of Official Statistical Activity 2013-2017.

The Council's activities in 2015 will prioritise enhanced implementation of the strategic guidelines defined, promoting reflection within its structures (Plenary session and Sections), in collaboration with entities allowing for the identification of suitable measures, notably as regards the utilisation of administrative acts for statistical purposes, and the ongoing process to modernise and optimise the Council's internal operation, aiming at greater efficiency and effectiveness of its deliberations and recommendations.

In their 2015 work programmes statistical authorities have established a series of objectives targeted at continuing to ensure quality statistical production, a more modern statistical process, a more intensive use of official statistics and active promotion of statistical literacy.

Within the framework of rationalisation of the available resources, priority will be given to meeting the growing demand for statistical data as a key instrument for timely and accurate analysis of the economic, financial, social and environmental situation, informed decision-making by economic agents and sustained assessment of the various policies.

Statistical authorities will also pay special attention to the strengthening of institutional cooperation, notably through specific projects that are relevant to the National and European Statistical System, such as initiatives aimed at a more intensive and efficient use of already existing information and a greater use of administrative data for statistical purposes. There is thus a reduction in statistical production costs and in the burden on respondents, namely citizens and enterprises.

In 2015 the second round of the Peer Review to Statistics Portugal and entities with powers delegated by Statistics Portugal will be completed, based on an independent audit approach, and will result in a series of recommendations and the definition of the corresponding framework for improvement initiatives.

### **A. Statistical Council's main objectives and activities for 2015**

#### **Objectives**

Taking as a reference the Vision set out for the NSS in 2017, the Council's activities in 2015 will focus on ongoing implementation of the strategic guidelines defined for the next five years in the General Guidelines of Official Statistical Activity 2013-2017, through achievement of the following objectives:

1. To submit to the Government a draft revision of the current Law governing the National Statistical System, taking into consideration namely society's new statistical reporting requirements, the evolution of statistical production, and the guidelines set forth at national and European level, notably through the European Statistics Code of Practice.
2. To promote initiatives aimed at intensifying the use of administrative data for statistical purposes, ensuring appropriate quality standards, efficiency gains and a reduction of the statistical burden on respondents.

3. To promote reflection aimed at applying measures conducive to implementation of the General Guidelines of Official Statistical Activity for the 2013-2017 period.

### **Priority activities and areas**

Hence, according to the objectives defined and within its powers the Council's activities in 2015 will focus in particular on intervention in the following strategic areas:

- Submission to the Government of a draft revision of the current Law governing the National Statistical System;
- Preparation and approval of the 2012-2015 NSS's Situation Assessment Report.
- Approval of ISCED 2011 (International Standard Classification of Education) for use in the NSS.
- Identification of statistical information needs for the new period of Community fund programmes 2014-2020.
- Promotion of initiatives for utilising administrative acts for statistical purposes and raising awareness of general government bodies to:
  - warn entities holding administrative data about the legal obligation of data release for the production of official statistics;
  - allow statistical authorities to intervene in the design of mechanisms that originate administrative data, so as to guarantee that these may be used for statistical purposes, notably in terms of concepts, nomenclatures and quality.
- Enhancement of the analysis and monitoring of relevant statistical areas for decision-making where there are still some weaknesses / insufficiencies in statistical production, notably by creating Working Groups in specific areas, taking as reference the objectives defined in the General Guidelines of Official Statistical Activity 2013-2017.
- Reinforcement of the NSS's coordination capacity by promoting institutional cooperation among statistical authorities and among general government bodies.
- Monitoring of compliance with the Statistical System's key principles as envisaged in the law, at the level of all NSS structures.
- Monitoring of the 2014/15 Peer Review to compliance with the European Statistics Code of Practice by Statistics Portugal and entities with powers delegated by Statistics Portugal.
- Monitoring of the European System of Central Banks' Public Commitment on European Statistics.
- Approval of concepts for statistical purposes in the 'education and training', 'economy and finances' and 'health and disabilities' areas.
- Intensification of the use of communication channels to promote initiatives to enhance statistical literacy.
- Organisation of events and other initiatives to foster communication with society.

## **B. Main objectives of statistical authorities for 2015**

### **Statistics Portugal and entities with delegated powers**

**Statistics Portugal's 2015 planning has the following underlying objectives (effectiveness, efficiency and quality) as envisaged in its Assessment and Accountability Framework:**

1. To consolidate the supply of official statistics and increase their accessibility
2. To enhance statistical literacy within the society and identify user needs
3. To maintain – subject to the availability of resources – (quality) statistical cooperation with CPLP countries
4. To successfully complete the Peer Review to the European Statistics Code of Practice and ensure implementation of the ensuing recommendations
5. To continue introducing technologically more developed and respondent-friendly collection methods, thereby ensuring time and quality gains
6. To intensify contacts and studies for the appropriation of administrative data for statistical purposes, inter alia, aiming at the adoption of a new census model in 2021
7. To continue modernising statistical production support infrastructures (data collection, transfer and storage)
8. To release timely and quality official statistics that are relevant to society

**In the Work Programme of Statistics Portugal and entities with delegated powers the following activities and facts are worthy of reference**, privileging compliance with the guidelines established in the EU Statistical Programme for 2015, which integrates the five-year European strategic planning for the same period, contained in European Union legal acts that are imposing in terms of statistical production and materialised in reporting obligations and methodological requirements imposed by national and European legislation:

#### ***At the level of statistical production***

- Household budget survey, conducted on a five-yearly basis, with reference data for 2015.
- International tourism survey, with a non-regular frequency, with reference data for 2015/2016.
- Preparation of the inventory of sources and methods for national accounts, mandatory under EU regulations, in the context of the adoption of ESA2010.
- Implementation of the new NUTS 2013 in regional accounts.
- Feasibility study for the adoption of a new census model, to be applied in 2021, with recourse to administrative sources.
- Survey of corporate administrative costs, for the characterisation of expenses stemming from the framework of corporate activity in Portugal, notably those of an administrative nature.
- Update of the time series of the Integrated Business Accounts System (IBAS), in accordance with the new national accounts basis.
- Start of tests for the monthly exchange of microdata between Member States, to take place during the second and the third quarters in the context of the SIMSTAT project.

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- Redesign of the road freight transport survey, for implementation in 2016.
- Creation of an in-house reflection group for analysing the impact of the use of Big Data in statistical production, notably at the level of methodologies, data quality, technological infrastructures and the specificity of the necessary skill profiles.
- Structuring of the information system to support the monitoring of the context and results of 'Portugal 2020'.
- Design and development of a statistical unit address information system, harmonised in accordance with the INSPIRE Directive (Statistics Portugal/BMI address database), to support household and corporate statistical operations.
- Feasibility study on the graduate employability survey (Directorate General of Education and Science Statistics of the Ministry of Education and Science).
- Widening of the scope of statistics on labour accidents to include accidents at work received through public sector entities, as well as study on the feasibility of resuming the release of statistics on accidents during the journey between home and the workplace (Office for Strategy and Studies of the Ministry of Economy).
- Methodological redesign of aquaculture statistics, notably as regards collection and management processes (Directorate-General for Natural Resources, Maritime Safety and Services of the Ministry of Agriculture and Sea)
- Study targeted at rationalising statistical operations under the responsibility of the Directorate-General for Energy and Geology of the Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Energy, possibly resorting to SCI data.
- Recovery and quality improvement of administrative data in IT systems, namely in the administrative and tax courts' information system (Directorate-General for Justice Policy of the Ministry of Justice).

### ***At the level of statistical dissemination***

- Ongoing production and release of monthly estimates for the unemployment rate.
- Release of official statistics according to NUTS 2013, as well as other territorial classifications that were changed.
- Release of the main results of the 2014 national health survey, in liaison with National Health Institute Dr. Ricardo Jorge.
- On the occasion of its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary, preparation and release of a publication on Statistics Portugal: its head office building, its history and its people, in collaboration with the Pardal Monteiro architecture cabinet.
- Accredited face-to-face training and blended-learning courses, in the context of statistical literacy initiatives focusing on preparing educational content for use at curricular level, to be integrated in the training centres' supply at the disposal of primary and secondary teachers in the whole mainland, thus allowing them to obtain credits.



### **At the level of:**

#### **External cooperation**

- Ongoing active participation in the European Statistical System's structures, contributing to their development and modernisation, reinforcing the international projection of Portuguese statistics and Portugal's position within the European Union.
- Participation in the process of implementation of the European Statistical System's Vision 2020.
- Organisation of the Conference of the Directors-General of the National Statistical Institutes (DGINS 2015), as well as the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the European Statistical System Committee and the 58<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Partnership Group of the ESS, which will be held in Lisbon from 23 to 25 September 2015.
- Participation in the Regional Committee for Europe, on the UN's initiative, on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM: Europe), in liaison with the Directorate-General of Territory.
- Implementation of the 'Programme for the empowerment of national statistical systems of Portuguese-speaking African countries and Timor-Leste – Phase 3 (2014/15)', and preparation of the respective technical and financial report to be submitted to the CPLP Executive Secretariat.
- Participation in the 60<sup>th</sup> WSC 2015 (former ISI), in a session chaired by Eurostat on 'quality of official statistics' (IPS025 session).

#### **Inter-institutional cooperation**

- Intensification of the inter-institutional dialogue with entities holding administrative data, for their use for statistical purposes, of a crucial importance for the adoption of a new census model in 2021, thus pursuing the improvement of their quality and the reduction of production costs and the statistical burden on society, Statistics Portugal and entities with delegated powers.

### **Banco de Portugal**

**Banco de Portugal's Statistical Activity Plan for 2015 is developed according to the objectives defined for Banco de Portugal's statistical tasks, within the framework of the Bank's strategic planning for the 2014-16 period.**

**Hence, at the level of regular activities, the Plan will continue to seek the following three key objectives:**

1. To compile quality statistics, based on an efficient collaboration with data suppliers and in observance of the strictest international standards;
2. To develop efficient management of microeconomic databases, namely the Securities Statistics Integrated System, the Central Credit Register and the Central Balance-Sheet Database, in terms of their use in statistical compilation and the provision of services to the community;
3. To promote statistical dissemination that fully complies with the commitments assumed with the European Central Bank (ECB) and other national and international organisations, so as to fully meet user needs.

In parallel, **Banco de Portugal's Statistical Activity Plan for 2015 will seek to face the challenges posed by strategic planning, the following actions assuming a special role:**

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- Reorganisation of quantitative data received on a regular basis by Banco de Portugal through the creation of a single contact point with data suppliers (the 'single window', or 'guichet único' in Portuguese);
- Development of integrated quantitative data collection models that ensure rationalisation of information received from reporting entities, thus contributing to the reduction of the administrative costs associated with the Bank's statistical function;
- Improvement of the use of statistical data produced by the Bank, by reinforcing mechanisms to cross and exploit information from microdatabases and using Business Intelligence solutions;
- Development of statistical use within the new compilation system for balance of payments and international investment position statistics;
- Consolidation of statistical use within the new compilation system for financial national accounts;
- Development of a system for the compilation of statistics on insurance companies;
- Reinforcement of statistical communication mechanisms, targeted at a better access of economic agents to information produced and released by the Bank. In this field, special attention will be paid to the media segment as the main information dissemination agent with the general public. The development of Banco de Portugal's statistics website project, mainly aimed at providing new solutions for access to the statistical content released by the Bank, will be one of the key instruments of this strategy to improve the accessibility of statistics;
- Presidency of the European Committee of Central Balance-Sheet Data Offices, through which an attempt will be made to improve analysis of the non-financial corporations sector through the exchange of information and joint studies, based on the work of the different domestic central balance-sheet data offices in the collection, treatment and dissemination of economic and financial data, and namely through the development of the European database, BACH (Bank for the Accounts of Companies Harmonised), managed by the BACH Working Group, also chaired by Banco de Portugal;
- In 2015 Banco de Portugal will continue to co-chair the Joint Task Force on Analytical Credit Systems (AnaCredit) of the European Central Bank, devoted to the development of a granular database on credit, particularly relevant in the fields of supervision, monetary policy, financial stability, economic research and statistics, at the level of the European System of Central Banks;
- Collaboration with Statistics Portugal in the implementation of the MIP (Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure);
- Coordination of work related to Portugal's participation in the SDDS Plus;
- Development of training and release initiatives within the scope of the new methodological manuals; and,
- Organisation of initiatives to release statistics under the responsibility of Banco de Portugal, notably seminars and training courses addressed to the main user groups, i.e. the financial system, enterprises and universities.

## **Regional Statistical Office of the Azores**

**The 2015 planning of the Regional Statistical Office of the Azores relies on the following strategic objectives, as enshrined in the respective Assessment and Accountability Framework:**

1. To ensure that the needs of the users of information produced by the Regional Statistical Office of the Azores are met and to deepen knowledge on these users in terms of their characteristics, satisfaction regarding available information and future needs
2. To ensure that the Region's statistical production is rationalised and efficient
3. To ensure a quality data production process
4. To harness staff skills

**The Work Programme of the Regional Statistical Office of the Azores for 2015 highlights the following:**

### ***At the level of statistical production***

- Implementation of new regional projects, 'Horticulture survey', and projects within the scope of the Region's external trade: 'Outflows of preserved fish', 'Food purchases by large-sized commercial units by market of origin' and 'Estimate of goods inflows to the Region based on corporate accounts'.
- Ongoing development of regional projects carried forward from previous years, in particular: 'Outflows of fresh fish', 'Outflows of dairy products', 'Food sales index', 'Regional GDP quarterisation', 'Economic activity indicator for the Azores', 'Intra-regional cohesion indicator system' and 'Estimate of GDP per island 2010-13'.
- Active participation in national projects developed by Statistics Portugal: 'Satellite Account for the Sea' and 'Regional agricultural economic accounts'.

### ***At the level of external cooperation***

- Increase in statistical cooperation agreements with regional and national entities, especially within the scope of implementation of the new regional projects.
- Application of new projects for European funding, within the framework of the new 2014-2020 MAC (Madeira – Azores - Canary Islands) Cooperation Programme.

### ***At the level of dissemination***

- Conclusion of the update and revamp of the Regional Statistical Office's website.
- Redesign of the quarterly bulletin, considered as one of the Region's main instruments of infra-annual statistics release.
- Start of release of the results of the 'CONTRIMAC', 'Coincident Indicator' and 'SICIR' projects and projects within the scope of the Region's external trade.

## **Regional Directorate of Statistics of Madeira**

**The 2015 planning of the Regional Directorate of Statistics of Madeira relies on the following strategic objectives, as enshrined in the Assessment and Accountability Framework:**

1. To consolidate the supply of official statistics to be released
2. To enhance statistical literacy within the school community and society
3. To guarantee staff training and professional development
4. To intensify the use of collection methods defined by Statistics Portugal
5. To extend cooperation and the appropriation of administrative data for statistical purposes
6. To release timely and quality official statistics that are relevant to society
7. To optimise dissemination processes, by intensifying the use of new features, which allow for more fast and efficient access to data, in a dynamic environment adapted to the needs of the various user segments.

**The 2015 Work Programme of the Regional Directorate of Statistics of Madeira highlights the following activities:**

### ***At the level of statistical production and dissemination***

- To reinforce mechanisms to control and validate data collected, thus ensuring high response rates and data quality, both in household surveys and self-completion surveys;
- To consolidate the supply of annual and infra-annual information and time series, on the website of the Regional Directorate of Statistics of Madeira, with recourse to administrative sources, where possible;
- To ensure compliance with the data release schedule established in the Work Programme of the Regional Directorate of Statistics of Madeira;
- To release timely information, as deemed necessary for monitoring the Region's economic, financial, social and environmental situation;
- To foster the spatial dimension of official statistics, with recourse to the geographic referencing statistical infrastructure, in production and dissemination activities.
- To improve statistical communication and dissemination channels, to meet the needs of the different user segments;
- To continue to promote statistical literacy with the school community and society in general;

The official statistics website of the Regional Directorate of Statistics of Madeira will continue to be the privileged means for disseminating the Region's official statistics.

### ***At the level of quality management***

- To implement mechanisms allowing for assessment of the level of satisfaction of official statistics users and trainees participating in statistical literacy sessions;
- To implement an online satisfaction survey to measure the levels of user satisfaction with the website of the Regional Directorate of Statistics of Madeira;
- To permanently monitor and assess the website's use as a privileged means for disseminating official statistics, identifying and deploying initiatives to continuously improve this service;

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- To actively participate in the second round of the Peer Review based on the European Statistics Code of Practice, at European level and in accordance with the requests and guidance of Statistics Portugal;

### **At the level of cooperation**

- To intensify inter-institutional cooperation with specific general government bodies that are simultaneously suppliers and users of statistical data, so as to use administrative data for statistical purposes and release, existing in these services;
- To promote cooperation, the sharing of good practices and knowledge with other statistical authorities;
- To continue to develop projects of a regional interest within the scope of the 2014-2020 Territorial Cooperation Programme.

## **C. Resources**

Pursuant to the NSS Law, the financial costs of maintaining the Statistical Council are borne by the budget of Statistics Portugal.

For the development of actions included in Work Programmes, statistical authorities will rely on the financial means envisaged in their annual budgets and on the human and material resources available for that purpose.

### **Financial resources**

The following financial resources are allocated to the National Statistical System – functioning of the Council and statistical activity of statistical authorities:

- The **Statistical Council's** forecast operational costs for 2015 amount to €290,8 thousand (borne by the budget of Statistics Portugal)
- For **Statistics Portugal** the cost of executing the Plan will total €30.4 million
- **Entities with powers delegated by Statistics Portugal** foresee to allocate €3.8 million to statistical activities
- The **Regional Statistical Office of the Azores** foresees a €1.69 million budget
- The **Regional Directorate of Statistics of Madeira** foresees a €972 thousand budget

### Human resources

The following human resources will be allocated to NSS activities in 2015:

- **Council Secretariat**, composed of **6 individuals**, to support Council activities, which involve a total of around 220 participants (Council members and other Working Group participants);
- **Statistical authorities**, to carry out the statistical activities planned for 2015, **with 935 staff members**, distributed as follows:
  - Statistics Portugal – **639<sup>2</sup>** (plus 550 service providers – interviewers)
  - Entities with delegated powers – **128**
  - Banco de Portugal – **80**
  - Regional Statistical Office of the Azores – **46**

Regional Directorate of Statistics of Madeira – **42** (5 allocated to the Regional IT Directorate)

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<sup>2</sup> Includes resources allocated to the Council Secretariat's activities.