

DELIBERATION No 49 OF THE CONSELHO SUPERIOR DE ESTATÍSTICA (STATISTICAL COUNCIL)

ON THE GENERAL GUIDELINES OF OFFICIAL STATISTICAL ACTIVITY for 2018-2022 and relevant priorities

Whereas, pursuant to Article 13 (a) of Law 22/2008, of May 13, it is the responsibility of the Statistical Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council) to "Define and approve the general guidelines of the official statistical activity and relevant priorities";

Whereas the implementation of the General Guidelines of Official Statistical Activity for the period 2013-2017 is almost concluded and the need to approve new General Guidelines of Official Statistical Activity for the next five year period;

Whereas the National Statistical System (NSS) should continue to ensure that statistical information is available to the society in general and specifically with regard to national, European and international commitments;

Whereas the ongoing changes in modern societies and the challenges they pose to the NSS particularly as regards the need for data covering emerging areas, innovative communication platforms, continuous and profound technological and methodological changes;

Whereas the recommendations of the Council contained in the NSS State Assessment Report for the period 2012-2015, as well as the reflection made prior to the preparation of the draft revision of the NSS Law;

Whereas the assessment of the results from the implementation of the General Guidelines of Official Statistical Activity for the period 2013-2017 identified gaps and shortcomings that the NSS should address and surpass in the coming years;

Whereas the General Guidelines of Official Statistical Activity for 2018-2022 are a relevant strategic document for the framing and development of the NSS activity and a comprehensive tool to communicate with the society as regards the main challenges facing it in the near future;

Whereas the quality of the project of the General Guidelines of Official Statistical Activity for 2018-2022, presented by the Working Group entrusted by the Council with the preparation of this strategic document which counted on the active involvement of its members and benefited from the participation of the members of the Council;

Conselho Superior de Estatística

Pursuant to Article 3 (2) and Article 13 (a) of Law 22/2008 of May 13 and following a favorable opinion of the Standing Session of Statistical Coordination (*Secção Permanente de Coordenação Estatística*), **at its plenary session on December 13, 2017, the Council decided the following:**

1. **To approve the General Guidelines of Official Statistical Activity for 2018-2022 and relevant priorities**, in annex to this deliberation and as an integral part of it.
2. **To recommend to the statistical authorities** the elaboration of a strategic plan for 2018-2022 aligned with the General Guidelines of Official Statistical Activity for the same period, which will frame its annual activity plans; their implementation reports shall specify the appropriate monitoring of the implementation of the General Guidelines of Official Statistical Activity.
3. **To make available** the General Guidelines of Official Statistical Activity for 2018-2022 to the media.

Lisboa, 13 December 2017.

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

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