

**DELIBERATION No. 58 OF THE STATISTICAL COUNCIL**

**WORK PROGRAM FOR THE NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM 2021**

Considering the competences of the Statistical Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council) within the scope and strategic guidance of the National Statistical System (NSS).

Considering the General Guidelines of Official Statistical Activity (GGOSA) 2018-2022, approved by the Council, in which the major objectives and challenges of the NSS for that period are defined, as well as the actions considered a priority by the Council, resulting from reflections, analyses and other work developed within the Council, namely the scope of the Assessment Report of the NSS 2017-2019.

Considering specifically that it is the task of the Council "to assess the plan and budget of the statistical authorities' statistical activity (...)".

Whereas the activity of the Council and the Statistical Authorities (SAs) for 2021 is defined in a context of exceptionality marked by the situation of the COVID-19 pandemic, which raises the relevance of official statistics and the responsiveness of the SAs in developing activities and making information available to better analyse its social and economic impact.

Considering that the activity of the Council in 2021 will continue to have as an objective the provision of quality and timely official statistical information to society at large, and that it will follow the new developments and challenges facing the SAs both at national level, with the use of new sources of information and data integration, and at European and international level, as well as the innovations in the communication of official statistics.

Whereas the Statistical Work Programs of the SAs for 2021 reflect the guidelines contained in the GGSOA 2018-2022, namely regarding the high priority given to actions that:

- I. Set several objectives, which aim to continue ensuring a statistical production of quality, current and relevant, namely the analysis of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the innovation and methodological and technological modernisation of the statistical process, the improved accessibility and use of official statistics, the continued improvement of communication channels and the active promotion of statistical literacy.
- II. Will continue to give priority, as far as available resources and in particular the adequacy of human resources, to meeting the growing demand for statistical information, at national, European, and international level, as an indispensable tool for the timely and accurate analysis of the economic,

financial, social, and environmental situation, for informed decision-making by economic agents and for the sustained assessment of different policies.

- III. They will continue to give special attention to strengthening institutional and inter-institutional cooperation, namely in conducting specific and relevant projects for the National and European Statistical Systems, namely in strengthening the use of administrative and other sources (e.g., scanner data or web scraping) for statistical purposes, allowing the replacement of direct collection by surveys of citizens and enterprises and, simultaneously, the development of new, more granular, relevant and timely statistics.

Also considering that the year 2021 will be marked during the 1st half of 2021 by the carrying out of the Census 2021 - XVI General Population Census and VI General Housing Census, by Statistics Portugal, and that, during the same period, Statistics Portugal will hold the Presidency of the Council Working Party on Statistics, within the scope of the Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

Considering that the Work Program of Statistics Portugal and of the entities with powers delegated by Statistics Portugal (EDC) for 2021 fits into the strategies defined by the European Statistical System, and that almost all of the planned statistical activities are obligations assumed by the Portuguese State in the context of the European Union.

Whereas the Banco de Portugal Work Program for 2021 seeks to respond to the strategic objectives defined at the level of the European System of Central Banks (ESCB).

Furthermore, whereas the Work Programs of Statistics Portugal and EDC, of the Regional Statistical Office of the Azores and of the Regional Directorate of Statistics of Madeira for 2021 comply with the quality benchmark established in the European Statistics Code of Practice and whereas the Statistical Activity Plan of Banco de Portugal observes the principles enshrined in the "Public commitment by the ESCB in the field of European statistics".

Considering "Principle 3 - Adequacy of resources" of the European Statistics Code of Practice which states that "the resources made available to the statistical authorities are sufficient to meet the requirements of European Statistics".

Under the terms provided in Article 3(2) and Article 13(g) of Law No. 22/2008, of 13 May, and in Article 10(3)(c) of the Rules of Procedure of the Statistical Council, **at the Plenary meeting of 11 December 2020, the Statistical Council**, following a favourable opinion of the Standing Section of Statistical Coordination Section, **has decided:**

1. **To approve** the Synthesis of Statistical Activity for the National Statistical System 2021, annexed to this deliberation;
2. **To approve** the Council's Work Program for 2021;
3. **To issue a favourable opinion** on the Work Program of the Statistical Authorities for 2021;

4. **To approve** the dissemination of these documents through an information note to the media;
5. **To recommend to the competent authorities** that the Statistical Authorities be provided with the human and financial resources, in a timely manner, necessary for the implementation of their Work Programs for 2021.

Lisboa, 16 December 2020

The Vice-Chairman of the Statistical Council, *Francisco Lima*

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

## 2021 WORK PROGRAM | NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM

### SYNTHESIS

The Work Program of the National Statistical System (NSS) for 2021 consists of this synthesis, in which the main objectives and activities to be achieved in 2021 are highlighted, and the Work Program of the Council and of the Statistical Authorities (SAs)<sup>1</sup>, which provide more information detail in their respective competences.

These Programs present the objectives and actions that will be developed by those entities, in the national and European context, respectively:

- In the exercise of the competences established in article 13 of Law no. 22/2008, of 13 May, and in accordance with the guidelines issued under the terms of no. 2 of article 3 of the same Law through the Deliberations and Recommendations of the Council.
- The General Guidelines of Official Statistical Activity (GGOSA) for the period 2018-2022.
- Recommendations of the Assessment Report (RAESEN) of the 2017-2019 NSS.
- In the strategies defined by the European Statistical System.
- In the statistical work programmes approved by the European System of Central Banks (ESCB).
- And respecting the quality benchmark set out in the European Statistics Code of Practice and the European System of Central Banks' Public Commitment on European Statistics.

The activity of the Council and the Statistical Authorities for 2021 is defined in a context of exceptionality marked by the situation of the COVID 19 pandemic, which raises the relevance of official statistics and the response capacity of the SAs in developing activities and providing indicators to better analyse its social and economic impact.

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<sup>1</sup> Statistics Portugal (INE), Banco de Portugal (BdP), Regional Statistical Office of the Azores (SREA) and the Regional Directorate of Statistics of Madeira (DREM). Also SREA and DREM, when strictly producing regional statistics, and the entities with powers delegated by Statistics Portugal (pursuant to Law no. 22/2008 of 13 May): Directorate-General of Natural Resources, Marine Resources and Safety Services of the Ministry of Sea (MM), Directorate-General for Energy and Geology of the Ministry of Economy (MEC), Directorate-General of Education and Science Statistics of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education (MEd and MCTES), Directorate-General for Justice Policy of the Ministry of Justice (MJ) and Department for Strategic Planning of the Ministry of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security (MTSSS).

Pursuant to article 22 of the NSS, when producing national official statistics, the participation of SREA and DREM, as entities with powers delegated by Statistics Portugal, must take place.

Thus, the planning of the Council for 2021 is a challenge, and it is not possible to dissociate it from the likely constraints that may arise in the implementation of the planned activities.

The Council, within the scope of its competences, will continue to aim to provide quality and timely official statistical information to society and will monitor the new developments and challenges faced by the SAs both at national level, with the use of new information sources and data integration, and at European and international level, and will monitor innovations in the communication of official statistics. With the new mandate of the members of the Council, it is necessary to reflect on the functioning structure of the Council and the way it organises its work, due to the current epidemiological context.

The SAs, in their Work Programs for 2021, conceived a set of objectives, which aim to continue to ensure a quality, current and relevant statistical production, namely the analysis of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the innovation and methodological and technological modernization of the statistical process, the improvement of accessibility and use of official statistics, the continuous improvement of communication channels and the active promotion of statistical literacy.

Priority will continue to be given, depending on the available resources and, in particular, the adequacy of human resources, to meeting the growing demand for statistical information at national, European and international level, as an indispensable instrument for the timely and accurate analysis of the economic, financial, social and environmental situation, for informed decision-making by economic agents and for the sustained assessment of different policies.

The SAs will also continue to give special attention to strengthening institutional and inter-institutional cooperation, namely in conducting specific and relevant projects for the National and European Statistical Systems, namely in strengthening the use of administrative and other sources for statistical purposes, namely the use of Big Data solutions, thus minimising the costs of statistical production and the burden on respondents, namely citizens and enterprises.

The year 2021 will be marked by the 2021 Census (16<sup>th</sup> General Population Census and 6<sup>th</sup> General Housing Census), which will be conducted by Statistics Portugal to ensure the continuity of the census series, providing quality statistical information that meets society's needs.

During the first half of 2021, Statistics Portugal will chair the Council Working Party on Statistics under the Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

### **A. Main goals and activities of the Statistical Council for 2021**

#### **Objective**

The activity to be developed by Council in 2021, should continue to focus on the promotion of reflection actions (internal and external) for the identification and proper implementation of measures that enable the realisation of the 2018-2022 GGOSA and the response to the new challenges imposed by the COVID-

19 pandemic, namely within the scope of the use of administrative data and other sources, for statistical purposes, and the awareness of society for the collaboration with the Statistical Authorities.

## **Some actions and key areas should be highlighted:**

### **Global in scope**

- Updating, in the context of the new mandate of Council members, the current operating structure, making the existing model more flexible and cross-cutting;
- Review of the Rules of Procedure, seeking its adaptation to the General Regulation on Data Protection and the definition of rules to standardise the holding of videoconference and/or mixed meetings, which have proved necessary in the context that emerged with the pandemic reality;
- Start the reflection on the adjustments to be made to the draft bill establishing the NSS Law, approved in 2017, so that that bill reflects the changes to be made to the NSS, appropriate to the present moment and emerging evolutionary trends.
- Definition of an Action Plan to follow up on the recommendations approved in the 2017-2019 RAESEN;
- Review of the priorities in the Action Plans of the Standing Sections of the 2019-2022 Economic Statistics and Social Statistics, considering the recommendations of 2017-2019 RAESEN and new developments in official statistics arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Sectorial scope**

- Monitoring the preparation and implementation of 2021 Census, in line with the Action Programme of 2021 Census prepared by Statistics Portugal;
- Monitoring of the preparation of the Survey on the Conditions, Origins and Paths of the Population Living in Portugal (ICOT), conducted by Statistics Portugal;
- Monitoring of the Report of the Working Group on Social Inequality Indicators;
- Monitoring of work to identify relevant dimensions for the definition of competitiveness and productivity indicators for the Portuguese economy;
- Appraisal of the communication models currently done by the SAs and respective analysis of the impact of their use by the different types of users and proposals of communication strategies for the future (contextualisation in the scope of DIGICOM);
- Monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda.

## **B. Main goals of the Statistical Authorities for 2021**

### **Statistics Portugal and Entities with Delegated Powers**

**In 2021 Statistics Portugal** shall pursue its Mission to produce, in an independent and impartial manner, official statistical information of quality, relevant to Society, promoting the coordination, analysis, innovation and dissemination of the national statistical activity, ensuring the integrated storage of data

and oriented towards the promotion of official statistics as a public good and towards meeting emerging user needs, in new domains.

**From the activities to be carried out by Statistics Portugal in 2021, the following developments in terms of statistical production and dissemination are highlighted:**

- Dissemination of the results of the Agricultural Census, according to the established dissemination plan.
- The 2021 Census (XVI General Population Census and VI General Housing Census), with the census moment scheduled for April, which has a Contingency Plan, including, among other measures, the observation of a Public Health Safety Protocol under the rules issued by the health authorities, a strategy that reinforces the option to respond via internet, support to the population through a telephone line, and the strengthening of fieldwork control mechanisms and validation of information using administrative data. The preliminary results are also expected to be released in July 2021 and the 2021 Census Quality Survey will be carried out.
- Intensification of administrative data appropriation processes for census purposes, including support to the 2021 Census operation, namely regarding the enumeration, characterization, and location of the resident population.
- Preparation of the 2020 Resident Population Base.
- Processing and integration of new administrative data sources in the NIS, enabling the partial or total replacement of surveys and the development of new statistical information, with emphasis on the e-invoice, personal income tax (IRS) and the SS and TA monthly income statements.
- Release of the updated results of the triennial Resident Population Projections exercise (Resident population projections - central scenario - 2019-2080).
- Carrying out the 2021 Pilot Survey on the Conditions, Origins and Trajectories of the resident population in Portugal, with collection scheduled for 2021.
- Parallel collection of the Employment Survey in 2021 to allow, among others, obtaining linkage factors with the new series of the Employment Survey to start in 2021, as well as conducting the main statistical operation (2021 series) and disseminating the results. The module on working from home will be maintained.
- Implementation of the regular module, to be carried out every 8 years, of the 2021 Employment Survey "Labour market situation of migrants and their descendants" (dissemination in 2022) and preparation of the ad hoc module of the 2022 Employment Survey "Vocational skills" (dissemination in 2023).
- Preparation of the exceptional module of the 2022 Employment Survey "Digital Platform Employment".
- Preparation of the 2021/2022 Household Expenditure Survey, adopting web-based data collection for the first time.
- Dissemination of the regular results of the 2020 Household Financial Situation Survey, in articulation with Banco de Portugal, which includes a module on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Preparation and implementation of the ad hoc module of the Living Conditions and Income Survey on "Living conditions and situation of children living in separated or reconstituted families" (dissemination in 2022).

- Preparation and implementation of a COVID-19 module in the Survey on Living Conditions and Income.
- Preparation of the 2022 Adult Education and Training Survey.
- Continuation of the revision of the Gender dossier within the framework of the gender equality information system.
- Regular availability of 2019 Income Statistics at local level, on an annual basis.
- Strengthening statistical information on a regional and local scale for the characterization of the housing market based on the use of administrative tax data.
- Dissemination of the "COVID-19: an interpretation of the territorial expression of the pandemic" press release, every fortnight.
- Preparation of the Indicator System to support the monitoring of the context and results of the application of 2021-2027 ESIF (European Structural and Investment Funds), to be made available on Statistics Portugal's website.
- Start of implementation of the Territorial Cohesion and Services of General Interest (CESSIG) project to support cohesion policy programming cycles.
- Compilation and dissemination of National Accounts results (final results for 2019 and provisional results for 2020).
- Preparation of the Inventory of Sources and Methods of National Accounts (Base 2016), within the scope of the regulation on Gross National Income.
- Compilation of supplementary information on the impact on General Government accounts of the measures implemented in the context of the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Compilation of the results of the Satellite Account of Culture (Base 2016), for dissemination in 2022.
- Compilation and dissemination of the results of regular Satellite Accounts, namely in the areas of Tourism, Health, Environment and Agriculture.
- Continuation of the release of GDP flash estimates at 30 days after the reference quarter (flash estimate initiated in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic), at 60 days and, by institutional sector, at 85 days.
- Preparation of the implementation of the FRIBS Regulation (Framework Regulation on European Business Statistics), which will take place between 2021 and 2023.
- Conducting the new edition of the 2020 Context Costs Survey, with comparative results with previous editions.
- Conducting and disseminating the 2018-2020 Global Sourcing and Value Chains Survey.
- Dissemination of the results of the 2019/2020 Household Energy Consumption Survey, in coordination with the Directorate General of Energy and Geology (DGEG) and the Agency for Energy (ADENE).
- Anticipation of tourism activity statistics, with the main indicators (overnight stays, guests, disaggregated by residents and non-residents and main countries) being released at 30 days and the remaining indicators with a finer breakdown at 45 days.
- Conducting and disseminating the 2021 Survey on Information and Communication Technology Use in Enterprises (IUTICE), with the integration of two new modules concerning Artificial Intelligence and

electronic data sharing within enterprises, as well as the integration of questions to assess changes in the use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in enterprises due to the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.

**Of the activities to be carried out by the Entities with Delegation of Competences, the following should be highlighted**

- Evaluation of the replacement of the Survey on Wages and Working Time and the Survey on Wages by Occupations in Construction by estimates based on administrative data, in partnership with Statistics Portugal. [GEP/MTSSS]
- Dissemination of the results of the 2020 Survey on the Use of Information and Communication Technologies in Public Administration and the 2020 Survey on the Use of Information and Communication Technologies in Municipalities. [DGEEC/MEd | MCTES]
- Strengthening of the analysis of administrative data sources in Justice and dissemination of Justice statistics to new areas of interest for society. [DGPJ/MJ]
- Increase the efficiency of the statistical production process in the fisheries and aquaculture sector, through methodological, scientific, and technological development. [DGRM/MM]
- Continuation of the initiatives aimed at improving the quality of Energy and Geological Resources statistics and reducing the time taken to provide information. [DGEG/MAAC]

**In sum, for Statistics Portugal and the EDCs**, 324 statistical activities are planned (247 by Statistics Portugal and 77 by the EDCs); of which 287 are statistical operations (210 by Statistics Portugal and 77 by the EDCs), corresponding to 1,104 information releases available to society (781 by Statistics Portugal and 323 by the EDCs).

**On international statistical cooperation**

- Ensure the Presidency of the Council Working Party on Statistics by Statistics Portugal, within the scope of the Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union, to take place in the first half of 2021.
- Active participation in European structures, those of the European Statistical System (ESS), namely in its Committee and Partnership Group, and intensification of partnerships with Member States and Eurostat, in accordance with the objectives defined for the NSS.
- Active participation in the work of Eurostat's ESSnets and Task Forces in several areas.
- Participation in the European Statistical Forum, which brings together the European Statistical System and the European System of Central Banks.
- Follow-up on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, particularly regarding monitoring indicators.
- Participation in international statistical fora representing Portugal, namely the United Nations Statistical Commission, the Conference of European Statisticians of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, and the OECD Statistical Committee.

- Cooperation for the development of statistical systems in other countries, particularly Portuguese-speaking countries, both bilaterally and within the framework of the CPLP.

### **Banco de Portugal**

**The Statistical Activity Program of Banco de Portugal for 2021** aims to meet the obligations and strategic objectives of Banco de Portugal in the field of its statistical function, pursuing three central objectives:

1. To produce quality statistics, based on an efficient use of the various sources of information and in compliance with the most demanding international standards.
2. To ensure the existence of a quality control process of the Bank's Statistics Department databases that is homogeneous, effective, and efficient through the exploration and implementation of new methodologies and IT solutions.
3. To promote a statistical communication able to satisfy the needs of different users and to fulfil the responsibilities of statistical information reporting and dissemination assumed with the various national and international bodies.

To this end, in the Statistical Activity Program of Banco de Portugal for 2021, 27 statistical operations are planned and scheduled, covering the different statistical domains, with daily, monthly, quarterly and annual frequencies, associated with 477 dissemination events, with the following main lines of action planned:

- Strict compliance with new requirements on a normative basis, notably in the field of external statistics and monetary and financial statistics.
- Implementation of new quality control methodologies in the databases managed by Banco de Portugal, based on new IT solutions and techniques.
- Contribution to enriching the Banco de Portugal data warehouse by integrating new statistical domains, thus broadening the scope for sharing and internal use of the statistical information produced internally.
- Continuation of the activity of representation at national and international level with great relevance, both in terms of cooperation and training actions, presidency of working groups and active participation in various forums.
- Consolidation of BPstat, the Banco de Portugal Statistics Portal, namely in terms of the dissemination of new statistical content and new functionalities of use.
- Promotion of statistical literacy, namely through specific dissemination actions for each of the different user groups/types.

### **Regional Statistical Office of the Azores (SREA)**

**The planning of the Regional Statistical Service of the Azores (SREA) for 2021 is based on the following strategic objectives, defined in the respective QUAR:**

1. Optimise the functioning of statistical activity in Região Autónoma dos Açores.

2. Increase statistical literacy.
3. Pursue the modernisation and efficiency of the statistical production process.
4. Intensify the use of administrative data for statistical purposes.
5. To meet, with quality and timeliness, the needs of the Society for statistical information.

**In the context of uncertainty arising from the pandemic caused by the coronavirus, SREA hopes to be able to implement the projects envisaged in the SREA Activity Plan for 2021, highlighting:**

## **In terms of general activities**

- Running of the XII Ibero-Atlantic Regional Statistics Conference;
- Continuation of statistical literacy actions aimed at teachers and students at schools in the Region, through local actions and availability of material for use in schools.

## **In terms of Statistical Production**

- Continuation of the studies of the new regional projects: Touristic performance of the Azores islands - evolution in the last 20 years " and "Visibility Indicator of the RAA, based on Big Data".
- In collaboration with Statistics Portugal, coordination of the 2021 Census in the Region,
- Calculation of the GDP estimates per island for 2018; Estimation of regional GDP aggregates, from the demand perspective for the years 2019; Continuation of the study to reformulate the methodology and series of the quarterly GDP project; Estimation of the 2020 Non-financial Accounts and Public Debt of Regional Government; Continuation of the release of the Coincident Indicator of Private Consumption for the Açores; Estimate of Foreign Trade - Services"; Continuation of the five-yearly calculation of the Composite Indicator of Intra-Regional Development (ICDIR-Açores) from 2010 to 2020 including some results of the 2021 Census.

## **In terms of External Cooperation**

- Continuation of the establishment of statistical cooperation agreements with regional and national entities, especially within the scope of the implementation of the new regional projects.

## **In terms of Dissemination**

- Development of new functionalities and improvements to the internet website;
- Continuation of the digitalization of old paper publications, for inclusion in the SREA website;
- Continued development of a new information management system;
- Dissemination of the results of the "2010-2020 Composite Indicator of Intra-Regional Development (ICDIR-Açores) ".

## **Regional Directorate of Statistics of Madeira (DREM)**

**The planning of the Regional Directorate of Statistics of Madeira (DREM) for 2021 is based on the following strategic objectives:**

1. Strengthening the quality of official statistics.
2. To meet, with quality and timeliness, the needs of the Society for statistical information.
3. To contribute to the optimization of the functioning of the National Statistical System.

The strategic objectives will be translated into operational objectives, as follows:

1. Consolidate the supply of official statistical information;
2. Ensuring the quality of census operations in the field of agriculture, population and housing;
3. Promote statistical literacy within the school community and society at large;
4. Make official statistical information available in a timely manner;
5. To achieve high response rates to surveys that guarantee the quality of the information to be disseminated;
6. Strengthen the ownership and use of administrative data for statistical purposes;
7. Enhancing human resources in terms of remuneration and training;
8. To ensure a high degree of customer satisfaction by providing quality statistical information;
9. Develop new dissemination functionalities that enable users to better understand the statistics disseminated.

**Concerning DREM's Activity Plan for 2021, the following activities should be highlighted:**

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

- Extending the supply of official statistical information, namely through the collection of information on consumption of medicines and pre-hospital occurrences in Região Autónoma da Madeira and with the release of a Retrospective Series on Communications and a Barometer of the Outermost Regions of the EU;
- Actively participate in national projects carried out within the National Statistical System, ensuring high response rates and data quality, with special emphasis on the 2021 Census, for which DREM will be mobilized, given the importance of the operation;
- To ensure the dissemination of official statistics, produced directly or indirectly under its responsibility, in accordance with the Dissemination Calendar available for consultation on the DREM site;
- Improve communication and statistical dissemination channels by investing in the production of short videos and infographics, making DREM's presence on social media even more appealing;
- Promote statistical literacy by fostering contact with educational establishments, particularly in the post-census period, and prepare texts for dissemination to the media to make the population aware of the need to respond to the surveys.

## **In terms of cooperation**

- Maintain and, if possible, increase regional cooperation with some of the regional public administration bodies that hold information that can be converted into statistical data;
- In the context of territorial cooperation, DREM will implement together with its counterparts in the Açores and Canary Islands the projects ECOMAC (related to the treatment of time series) and

MEDECOAZUL-MAC (on the blue economy) under the MAC 2014-2020 Territorial Cooperation Programme, the former of which will close during the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2021.

## C. Resources

Under the terms of the NSS Law, the financial burden for the functioning of the Council is supported by the Budget of Statistics Portugal.

The Statistical Authorities, for the development of the actions included in the Work Programs, shall rely on the financial means contemplated in their respective annual budgets and on the human and material resources available for that purpose.

### Financial resources

The financial resources foreseen for the functioning of the Council and the statistical activity of the SAs in 2021 are the following:

- The forecast of the operating costs of the **Statistical Council** for 2021 is EUR 279,456 thousand (supported by Statistics Portugal's budget).
- For **Statistics Portugal**, the implementation of the Activity Plan will involve a total budgeted cost of EUR 75.125 million. It should be underlined that this amount includes the costs of the ongoing Census (2019 Agricultural Census and 2021 Census) and the National Data Infrastructure.
- The **Entities with delegated powers by Statistics Portugal** plan to allocate EUR 4.196 million to statistical activities.
- The **Regional Statistical Office of the Azores** foresees a budget of EUR 1.8 million.
- The **Regional Directorate of Statistics of Madeira** foresees a budget of 1.5 million Euros.

### Human resources

The following human resources are expected to be allocated to the activities of the NSS in 2021:

- The **Council Secretariat** consists of **6 persons** to support the activities of the Council, which involve a total of around 260 participants (Council members, permanent representatives in Sections and other participants in Working Groups).
- The **Statistical Authorities**, for the development of statistical activities planned for 2021, expect to involve 1,008 staff members, distributed as follows:
  - Statistics Portugal - **710**<sup>2</sup> (in addition to these, 900 service providers are expected to be recruited during the year to collect information on current activity and 15,746 for the 2021 Census).
  - Entities with Delegated Powers - **109**

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<sup>2</sup> The total of 710 workers (senior statistical technicians, technical assistants, and operational assistants), includes the resources assigned to the activity of the Council and includes 22 senior technicians with fixed-term contracts for census operations (2019 Agricultural Census and 2021 Census).

- Banco de Portugal – **87**
- Regional Statistical Office of the Azores – **53<sup>3</sup>**
- Regional Directorate of Statistics of Madeira – **49<sup>4</sup>**

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<sup>3</sup> Not including interviewers.

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