

DELIBERATION No. 63 OF THE STATISTICAL COUNCIL

OPERATING STRUCTURE OF THE STATISTICAL COUNCIL

2022 STANDING AND AD-HOC SECTIONS

The operating structure of the Statistical Council (Portuguese acronym CSE) currently in force was approved in July 2012, by the 27th Council deliberation. In June 2017, the ad hoc Section for the Monitoring of the 2021 Census was established by the 46th deliberation of the CSE.

The 59th deliberation of the ECS, of December 2020, introduced updates to the composition of those sections.

Considering the necessary adaptation of official statistics to new societal contexts and the cross-cutting of themes that require greater articulation of approaches, particularly between social and economic areas.

Considering the importance of clarifying and updating the competencies of the Sections.

Considering the need to adopt more flexible models for monitoring and operationalising Council procedures and working methods.

The Statistical Council, under Article 15(1) of Law No 22/2008 of 13 May 2008 and per Articles 6, 7, and 8 of the Rules of Procedure, at its plenary session on 17 December 2021, **decided:**

1. To adjust the composition and responsibilities of the following Sections:
 - I. Standing Section of Statistical Confidentially — [Annex A](#)
 - II. Standing Section of Statistical Coordination — [Annex B](#)
 - III. Standing Section of Economic Statistics — [Annex C](#)
 - IV. Standing Section of Social Statistics — [Annex D](#)
 - V. Standing Section of Territorial Base Statistics — [Annex E](#)
2. The Ad-hoc Section for the Revision of the Law governing the National Statistical System(NSS Law)), established in the 27th deliberation of the CSE, Annex G, and the Ad-hoc Section for Monitoring the 2021 Census established in the 46th deliberation and with updating of the composition set out in the 59th deliberation of the CSE, shall remain operational, without any changes in the composition and mandate, until its expiry provided for in the respective deliberations.
2. Annexes A to E referred to in paragraph 1 of this deliberation, containing the Sections composition and powers form an integral part of this deliberation.
3. Working Groups operating on this date shall remain operational.

This Resolution revokes the 47th deliberation of the CSE and replaces the composition of the Permanent Sections contained in the 59th deliberation of the CSE.

Lisbon, 9 February 2022

The Vice-Chairman of the Statistical Council, Francisco Lima

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

ANNEX A

STANDING SECTION OF STATISTICAL CONFIDENTIALITY

1. The Standing Section of Statistical Confidentiality (Portuguese acronym SPSE) includes permanent members from:

- Statistics Portugal (INE)
- Banco de Portugal (BdP)
- Regional Statistical Office of Azores (SREA) and Regional Directorate of Statistics of Madeira (DREM), except in the case of responsibilities (b) and (c) of paragraph 2, whose participation will only take place when it concerns the respective area of intervention
- Entities with delegate powers from the NSS, except in the case of responsibilities (b) and (c) of paragraph 2, whose participation will only take place when it concerns the respective area of intervention
- Ministry of Economy and Digital Transition
- Comissão Nacional de Proteção de Dados (Data Protection Authority)
- Confederation of Portuguese Industry
- Portuguese Consumer Protection Association (Portuguese acronym: DECO)
- Anabela Veloso

1.1. The following persons may also participate in Section meetings:

- Other Council members related to specific confidential requests;
- Experts in subjects related to statistical confidentiality.

2. The Section is responsible for::

- a) To ensure and enforce the provisions of the NSS law concerning the principle of statistical confidentiality;
- b) Analyse and decide on requests for release of data subject to statistical confidentiality, under paragraphs 5 and 6 of Article 6 of the NSS law;
- c) Carry out audits and other actions to monitor compliance with its deliberations with the entities requesting the release of the Statistical Confidentiality;
- d) Collaborate with the Permanent Section for Statistical Coordination in drawing up the document "General guidelines of official statistical activity";
- e) Issue guidelines and recommendations in their area of competence;
- f) Encourage research in the area of preservation of statistical confidentiality;
- g) Monitor, through the national institutional participants, issues relating to the statistical confidentiality and the protection of personal data, including those arising from the work of the Committees operating within the European Union and other international organisations.

ANNEX B

STANDING SECTION OF STATISTICAL COORDINATION

1. The composition of the Standing Section of Statistical Coordination includes permanent members from:
 - Statistics Portugal
 - Banco de Portugal
 - Regional Statistical Office of Azores
 - Regional Directorate of Statistics of Madeira
 - Entities with delegated powers
 - Ministry for the Presidency
 - Ministry of Economy and Digital Transition
 - Ministry of Finance
 - Ministry of Health
 - Ministry of Agriculture
 - Employers Confederations (one representative to be appointed by agreement between the confederations represented in the Council)
 - Central Trade union organisations (one representative, to be appointed by agreement between the organisations represented in the Council)
- 1.1 To exercise the powers set out in paragraph 2(j), the following shall be included in the Section:
 - Comissão Nacional de Proteção de Dados (Data Protection Authority)
 - Entities whose areas of activity refer to the act under consideration provided that they are represented in the Statistical Council.
2. This Section is responsible for:
 - a) The setting up of the document "General Guidelines of Official Statistical Activity", define its priorities and carry out its annual monitoring, to be submitted to the Council Plenary;
 - b) Set up an "NSS State Assessment Report" to be submitted to the Plenary of the Council until the end of the term of office of its members;
 - c) Assess the Annual Plan and Budget for the Statistical Activity of the Statistical Authorities and its implementation report, to be submitted to the Council Plenary;
 - d) Monitor the preparation of the Work Plan of the Statistical Council and its implementation report, to be approved by the Plenary of the Council;
 - e) Monitor the implementation of the Activity Plans referred to in points (c) and (d);
 - f) Ensure compliance with the fundamental principles of the NSS;
 - g) Adopt the technical tools for statistical coordination which are mandatory for the production of official statistics, and the possibility of proposing the Government with the extension of their mandatory use to the Public Administration;

- h) Make recommendations that help to promote the use of administrative acts and other sources for statistical purposes, including through recommendations for the use of technical statistical coordination tools;
- i) Consider the proposed delegation of powers of Statistics Portugal to other entities for the production and dissemination of official statistics, to be submitted to the Plenary of the Council;
- j) Analyse and give feedback on draft diplomas establishing statistical services or containing any standards affecting the structure or operation of the NSS, under Article 14 of the NSS law;
- k) Monitor, through the national institutional participants, the work of the Committees or Working Groups operating within the European Union and relevant international bodies in their area of intervention;
- l) Monitor issues related to international statistical cooperation and the training of NSS human resources.

ANNEX C

STANDING SECTION OF ECONOMIC STATISTICS

1. The composition of the Standing Section of Economic Statistics includes permanent members from:
 - Statistics Portugal
 - Banco de Portugal
 - Regional Statistical Office of Azores
 - Regional Directorate of Statistics of Madeira
 - Entities with delegated powers in statistical areas falling within the scope of action of the Section
 - Ministry for the Presidency
 - Ministry of Economy and Digital Transition
 - Ministry of Finance
 - Ministry of Agriculture
 - Confederation of Portuguese Farmers
 - Confederation of Portuguese Industry
 - Confederation of Trade and Services of Portugal
 - Portuguese Confederation of Tourism
 - General Confederation of Portuguese Workers
 - Workers' General Union
 - José Cadima Ribeiro
 - Francesco Franco

2. As regards economic statistics areas (National Accounts, Regional Accounts, Satellite Accounts, Agriculture, Fisheries, Industry, Trade and Services, International Trade, Tourism, Transport, Communications, Environment, Energy, Enterprises, Monetary, Financial, Exchange, and Balance of Payments):
 - a) Collaborate with the Permanent Section for Statistical Coordination in drawing up the document "General guidelines of official statistical activity";
 - b) Monitor the production of official statistics, in particular by assessing their suitability for users' needs;
 - c) Decide on the appropriateness of the technical tools for statistical coordination to the statistical needs of the referenced areas;
 - d) Propose actions to promote the use of administrative acts and other sources for statistical purposes;
 - e) Analyse the methodologies, concepts, and nomenclatures relating to statistics in the areas within their competence and issue their recommendation to the Permanent Section for Statistical Coordination;
 - f) Issue recommendations for the compilation of economic statistics, in particular, the National and Regional Accounts, more so the improvement of statistical sources;
 - g) Issue recommendations on Satellite Accounts;
 - h) Monitor, through the national institutional participants, the work of the Committees or Working Groups operating within the European Union and relevant international bodies in their area of intervention.

3. Agenda

Members of the Standing Section of Social Statistics who will not take part in it, shall be informed of the agenda of each meeting of the Permanent Section for Economic Statistics, and interested parties may, by prior notification addressed to the Council Secretariat, inform them of their participation in the said meeting of the Section.

ANNEX D

STANDING SECTION OF SOCIAL STATISTICS

1. The composition of the Standing Section of Social Statistics (Portuguese acronym SPES) includes permanent members from:
 - Statistics Portugal
 - Banco de Portugal
 - Regional Statistical Office of Azores
 - Regional Directorate of Statistics of Madeira
 - Entities with delegated powers in statistical areas falling within the scope of action of the Section
 - Comissão Nacional de Proteção de Dados (Data Protection Authority)
 - Ministry for the Presidency
 - Ministry of Economy and Digital Transition
 - Ministry of Finance
 - Ministry of Health
 - General Confederation of Portuguese Workers
 - Workers' General Union
 - Employers confederations (one representative to be appointed by agreement between the confederations represented in the Council)
 - Portuguese Consumer Protection Association (Portuguese acronym: DECO)
 - Patricia Durães Ávila
 - Maria João Valente Rosa
 - José António Pereirinha
 - Pedro Miguel Magalhães

2. As regards social statistics areas (Education and Training, Population, Science and Technology, Information Society, Justice, Health, Culture, Disability and Rehabilitation, Labour Market, Employment and Salaries, Other Social and Family Statistics):
 - a) Collaborate with the Permanent Section for Statistical Coordination in drawing up the document "General guidelines of official statistical activity";
 - b) Monitor the production of statistics in social areas, in particular by assessing their suitability to users' needs;
 - c) Decide on the appropriateness of the technical tools for statistical coordination to the statistical needs of the referenced areas;
 - d) Propose actions that help to promote the use of administrative acts and other sources for statistical purposes;
 - e) Analyse the methodologies, concepts, and nomenclatures relating to statistics in the areas within their competence and issue their recommendation to the Permanent Section for Statistical Coordination;
 - f) Issue recommendations on the compilation of social statistics;

- g) Monitor, through the national institutional participants, the work of the Committees or Working Groups operating within the European Union and relevant international bodies in their area of intervention.

3. Agenda

Members of the Standing Section of Economic Statistics who will not take part in it, shall be informed of the agenda of each meeting of the Permanent Section for Social Statistics. Those concerned may, by prior notification to the Council Secretariat, inform them of their participation in the said meeting of the Section.

ANNEX E

STANDING SECTION OF TERRITORIAL BASE STATISTICS

1. The composition of the Standing Section of Territorial Base Statistics (Portuguese acronym SPEBT) includes permanent members from:
 - Represented at the Council:
 - Statistics Portugal
 - Regional Statistical Office of Azores
 - Regional Directorate of Statistics of Madeira
 - Entities with a delegated powers
 - Ministry for the Presidency
 - Ministry of Economy and Digital Transition
 - Ministry of Finance
 - Ministry of Agriculture
 - National Association of Portuguese Municipalities
 - A representative of employers confederations (to be appointed by agreement between the confederations represented in the Council)
 - A representative of central trade union organisations (to be appointed by agreement between the organisations represented in the Council)
 - José Cadima Ribeiro
 - The following entities also participate on a permanent basis:
 - Development and Cohesion Agency, I.P.
 - Regional coordination and development committees
 - Directorate-General for the Territory
 - Directorate-General for Local Authorities
 - National Association of Parishes
 - Lisbon Metropolitan Area and Porto Metropolitan Area will be invited to participate in the activities that the Section develops, in cases where the matters under consideration justify it.
2. This Section is responsible for:
 - a) Collaborate with the Permanent Section for Statistical Coordination in drawing up the document "General guidelines of official statistical activity";
 - b) Monitor the production of territorial statistics, in particular by assessing their suitability to users' needs;
 - c) Monitor, in close cooperation with the appropriate Sections, the production of territorial statistics by analysing statistical projects with relevant implications for statistical information at regional and local levels;
 - d) Comment on the appropriateness of technical tools for statistical coordination involving regional statistics;

- e) Develop actions that enable the use of administrative acts and other sources for statistical purposes, in conjunction with the appropriate Sections;
- f) Promote the use of existing statistical operations to exploit their potential for the enrichment of territorial statistics;
- g) To monitor, through the national institutional participants, the work of the Committees or Working Groups operating within the framework of the European Union and the relevant international bodies relating to their area of intervention.