European statistical programme 2013-2017: extension to 2020

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PURPOSE: to extend the European statistical programme (ESP) 2013-17, for the period 2018-2020.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) 2017/1951 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 99/2013 on the European statistical programme 2013-17, by extending it to 2020.

CONTENT: this Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 99/2013 provides the programming framework for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics, the main fields and the objectives of the actions envisaged for the period from 2013 to 2020.

The implementation of Union policies requires high-quality, comparable and reliable statistical information about the economic, social, territorial and environmental situation in the Union and its components at national and regional level.

Statistics developed, produced and disseminated under the programme contribute to the implementation of the Union's policies as reflected in the TFEU and Europe 2020 and its respective flagship initiatives, as well as other policies set out in the Commission's strategic priorities.

In particular, the programme shall:

- support political priorities and economic policy coordination throughout the European Semester;
- provide new population projections, including as regards migration flows, in order to update the analyses of the social, economic and budgetary implications of population ageing and of economic inequalities;
- develop statistics on climate change adaptation, as well as on energy consumption, energy efficiency, renewable energy sources, energy dependence and security of supply, and on circular economy;
- monitor the objectives and targets of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to be set at Union and Member State level;
- improve the quality and quantity of information that contributes to the exhaustiveness of the national accounts and, consequently, improve the estimates of tax loss and tax avoidance;
- measure pockets of high unemployment, including youth unemployment in cross-border regions;
- reflect the new orientations, in particular in line with the Vision 2020 of the European Statistical System (ESS), to complement the existing objectives, ongoing prioritisation and the availability of data in a context where the Union is facing important challenges in terms of economic development and social cohesion.

The financial envelope for the implementation of the programme for 2018 to 2020 is set at EUR 218.1 million, covered by the programming period 2014 to 2020.

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