



Statistical Working Paper Collection

Selection process and quality standards

Selection process:

The selection of the papers to be included into the Statistical Working Papers collection of Eurostat is made by the Editorial Board on the basis of three criteria:

- Relevance to the European Statistical System work;
- Quality of the statistical content;
- Quality of the drafting.

After submission of the paper, author(s) will be notified that their paper has been:

- accepted;
- accepted as long as the editorial comments are taken on board;
- or rejected, as it does not satisfy all the aforementioned criteria.

Quality standards

Relevance to the European Statistical System work

The topic of the paper should be related to the activities of the European Statistical System. It should be linked to a statistical topic/objective/need among the 9 following themes:

- Theme 1: General and regional statistics.
- Theme 2: Economy and finance.
- Theme 3: Population and social conditions.
- Theme 4: Industry, trade and services.
- Theme 5: Agriculture and fisheries.
- Theme 6: International trade.
- Theme 7: Transport.
- Theme 8: Environment and energy.
- Theme 9: Science, technology and digital society.

The paper should be informative and objective, and not make any policy statement. Its conclusions should have an impact on a topic of relevance to the European Statistical System, or provide facts and figures that produce new information about such a topic.

Quality of the statistical content

- The statistics, data sources and method should provide fresh insight into the statistics field.
- The methodology should be robust and well described.
- The statistical approach and use of data should be clearly explained.
- The content should be sufficiently original and informative.
- The references and data sources should be clearly mentioned.

Quality of the drafting

- The paper should be clear in its objective, methods and conclusion.
- The paper should be in line with the guidelines provided.
- The paper should have a well-defined structure and notations.
- The paper should include a non-technical abstract and a non-technical summary.
- The timetable for publication should be respected.