

# **Official Statistics for Informed Decision Making**

# Presentation Outline

- Introduction
- Modernisation of Official Statistics
- Quality
- Relevance and Transparency
- Innovative Statistical Products
- Conclusion

# Mission Statement

Committed to  
producing  
**independent,**  
**high-quality** and  
**relevant**  
Official Statistics.



# Core Values

*Independence*  
*Objectivity*  
*Relevance*  
*Quality*  
*Transparency*  
*Confidentiality*  
*Collaboration*



# Legal Framework

- ➔ **Malta Statistics Authority Act, 2000**
- ➔ **Census Act, 1948**
- ➔ **European Regulation (EC) No. 223/2009**
  - Framework Regulations
  - Implementing Regulations

# National Statistical System

➔ National Statistics Office

➔ (2) Other National Authorities



➔ Statistical Partners (e.g. CBM; Data sources)

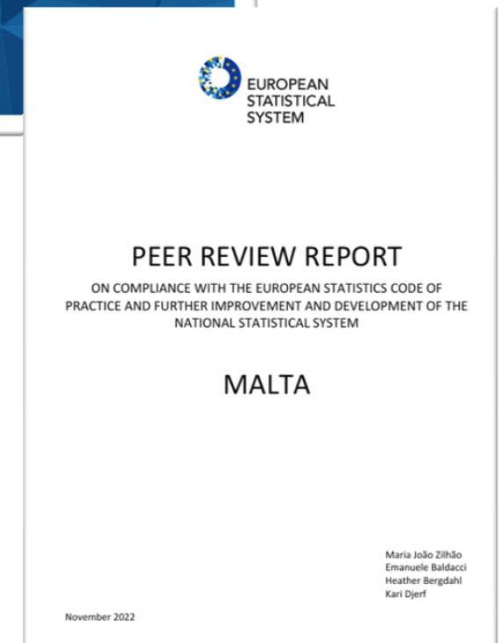
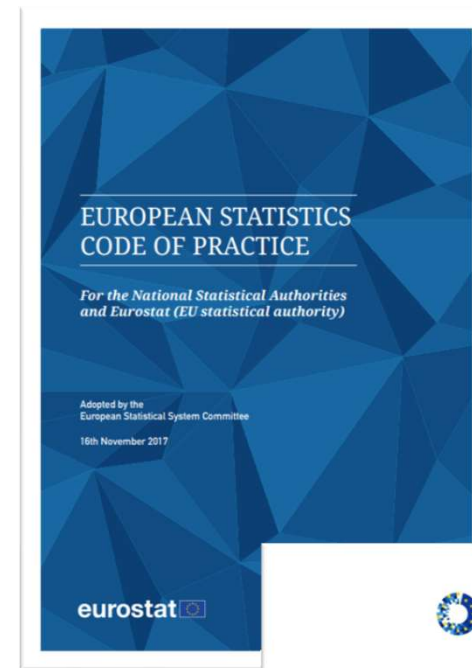
# European Statistical System

- ➔ Eurostat
- ➔ National Statistical Institutes
- ➔ Other National Authorities
- ➔ Statistical Partners (e.g. ECB, data sources)



# Governance

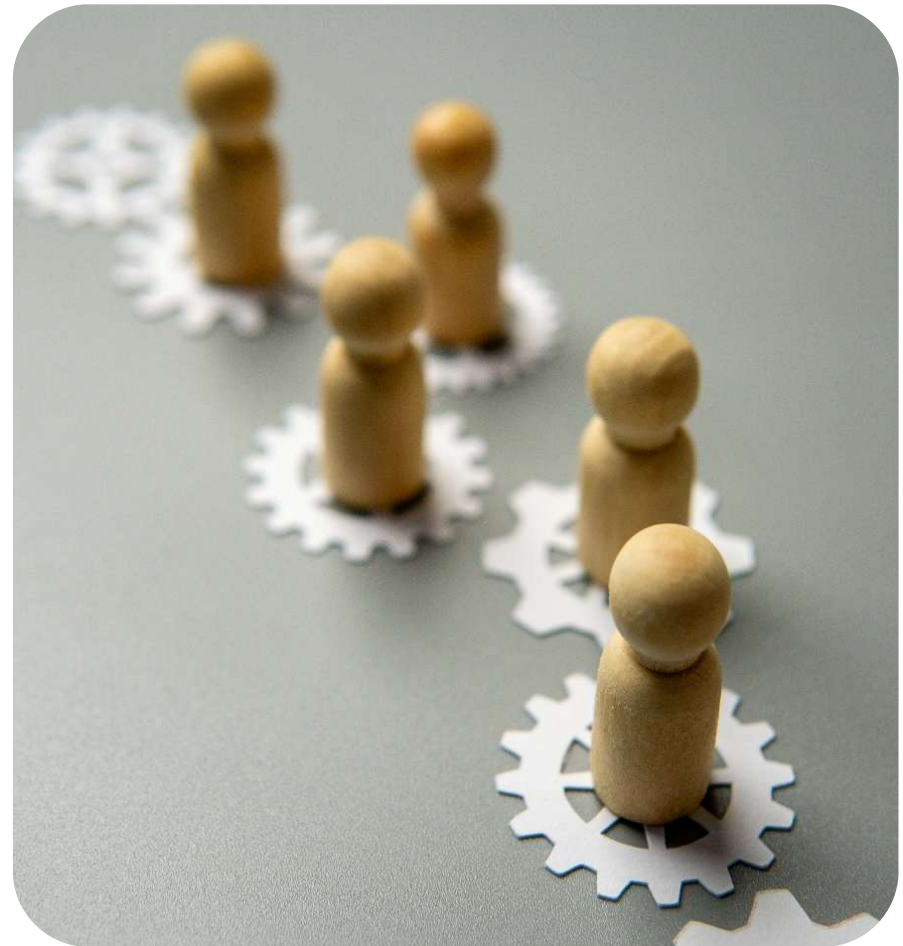
1. Professional Independence
  - 1bis. Coordination and Cooperation
2. Mandate for Data Collection and Access to Data
3. Adequacy of Resources
4. Commitment to Quality
5. Statistical Confidentiality and data Protection
6. Impartiality and Objectivity
7. Sound Methodology
8. Appropriate Statistical Procedures
9. Non-excessive Burden on Respondents
10. Cost effectiveness
11. Relevance
12. Accuracy and Reliability
13. Timeliness and Punctuality
14. Coherence and Comparability
15. Accessibility and Clarity





# Modernisation Strategy

- Quality
- Collaboration
- Efficiency
- Timeliness
- Coordination
- Relevance
- Burden



# Quality



## QUALITY MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK 2025

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# Quality

➔ Metadata




➔ Statistical Concepts

➔ Classification

➔ Special Data Dissemination Standards (SDDS) - IMF

# Relevance & Transparency

- 6-month calendar of news releases

 National Statistics Office



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Type of revision expected: ● No revision ● Minor revision ● Unplanned ● Major revision

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Date	Time	Title of Release	Theme	Revisions	Newly Added
24/03/25 Monday	11:00 AM	Government Finance Data: January-December 2024  News release has been rescheduled to 28/03/2025 to coincide with the Eurostat data transmission date.	Public Finance	●	
24/03/25 Monday	11:00 AM	Government Finance Data: January-February 2025  News release has been rescheduled from 28/03/2025 and will be published earlier.	Public Finance	●	
25/03/25 Tuesday	11:00 AM	Retail Price Index: February 2025	Prices	●	
26/03/25 Wednesday	11:00 AM	Unemployment Rate: February 2025	Labour Market	●	
27/03/25 Thursday	11:00 AM	Industrial Producer Price Indices: February 2025	Short-term Business Statistics	●	

# Relevance & Transparency

- 3-year workplan

## Project Timeline

Status	No	Description	2024	2025	2026	2027
Ongoing	NAMS 01	Compilation of Table 8/801/13: Non-financial accounts by sector, annual/quarterly for 1955 to date (see note).	✓	✓	✓	✓
New	NAMS 02	Analysis of vertical discrepancies in relation to Table 8/801/13: Non-financial accounts by sector, annual/quarterly (see note).	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ongoing	NAMS 03	Compilation of financial service activities (except insurance and pension funding and activities auxiliary to financial services and insurance).	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ongoing	NAMS 04	Compilation of Special Purpose Entities (SPEs) including update with TIFD + forecast and pending re-assessment of the methodology used for captive insurances and investment funds subject to provision of data from CBM.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ongoing	NAMS 05	Calculation of exhaustiveness for the household sector on an annual basis.	✓	✓	✓	✓
New	NAMS 06	Continue the discussions with Eurostat on Reservation 7: Transactions in relation to ships and aircrafts.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ongoing	NAMS 07	Compilation of metadata and quality reports.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ongoing	NAMS 08	Coordinate work on Purchasing Power Parity tables, GDP expenditure weights, rents, and Gross Fixed Capital Formation.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ongoing	NAMS 09	Complete the GNI questionnaire.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ongoing	NAMS 10	Complete the GNI verification cycle 2023-2024.	✓			
Ongoing	NAMS 11	Address outstanding action points and reservations resulting from the GNI verification cycle 2023-2024.	✓	✓	✓	✓
New	NAMS 12	Analysis of BOP data derived from INFOSTAT.	✓	✓	✓	✓
New	NAMS 13	Address expired derogation on ESA Transmission Programme, Table 26 – Calculation of AN.211 Land for	✓	✓	✓	✓



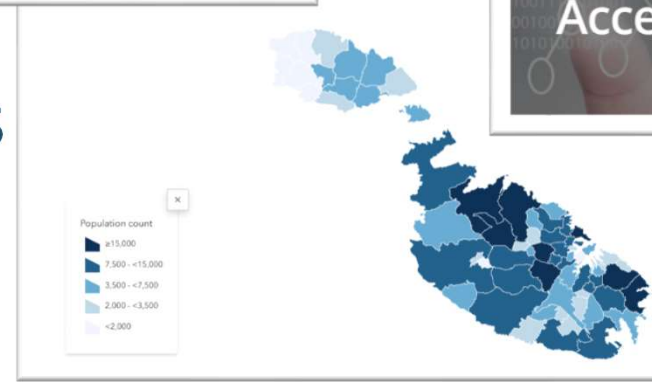
# Relevance

- Statistical reports
- Visualisations
- Digital publications
- Flash estimates
- Policy on revisions
- Maps
- Micro data linking
- Services to researchers



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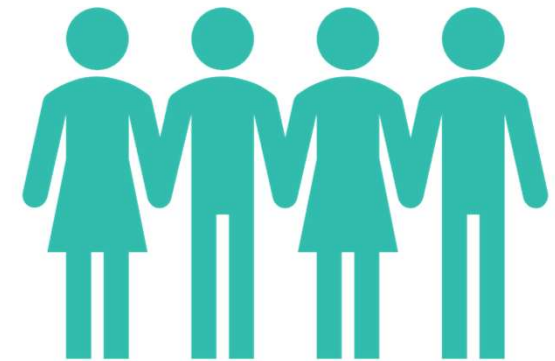
# Administrative Burden

- Better use of administrative data
- Agreements with new data sources
- Use of Privately Held Data (e.g. credit card data, mobile telephones; web-scraping)
- Revisiting the scope of business surveys (incl. sample sizes)
- Simplification of questionnaires
- Addressing non-response

# Innovative Statistical Products

## Social Statistics

- Household Budget Survey
- Statistics on well-being
- Gender-based violence
- Crime Statistics
- Job Vacancy Survey
- Flash estimates on education
- Population Projections
- New indicators on sustainable tourism
- New programme on culture statistics





# Innovative Statistical Products

## Economic Statistics

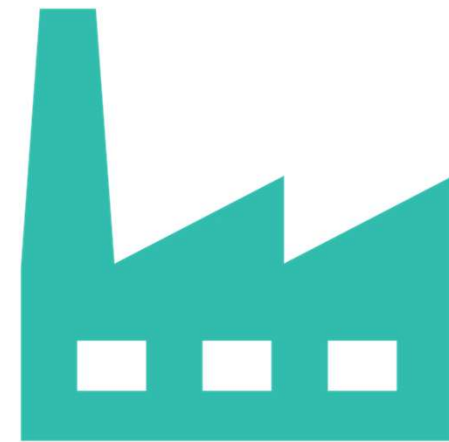
- House Price Index
- Commercial Property Price Index
- Balance of Payments
- Supply & Use Tables
- Sector Accounts
- System of National Accounts 2025



# Innovative Statistical Products

## Business and Trade Statistics

- Compnet/MDI Network
- Trade by Enterprise Characteristics
- Trade by Invoicing Currency
- Credit/debit card data linked to business and economic data
- Environmental accounts
- Smart meter data linked to business and geospatial data



Thank you for your attention

*Any Questions?*

