



*The revision of the framework regulation
on European statistics
Regulation N°223/2009*

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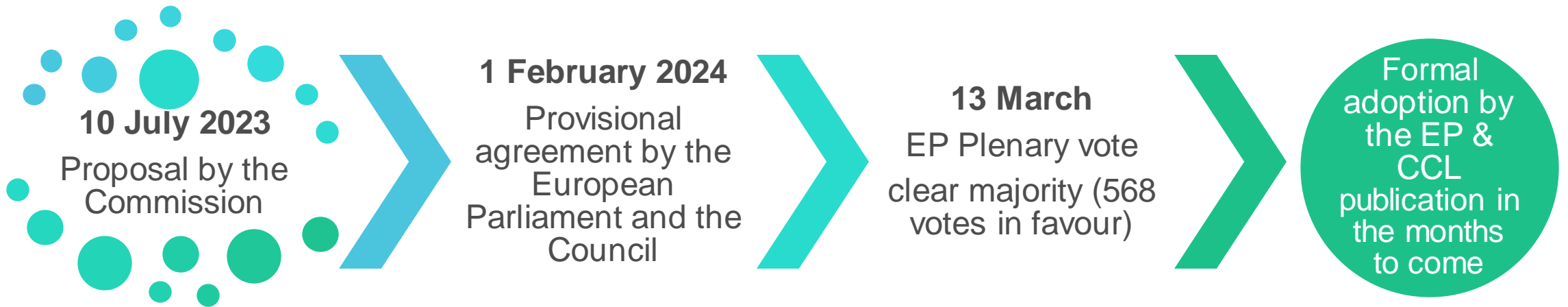
General objectives of the revision ESS fit for the future

Tapping the full potential of digital data sources and new technologies

Enabling the ESS to become more pro-active and produce statistics more efficiently

Fostering innovation and the development of new statistics

A remarkably swift legislative process



Key changes introduced by the revision

Statistical
response to
crisis situations

New roles in
data governance
frameworks

Administrative
data

Sustainable
access to new
data sources

Data sharing

Innovation and
Statistics under
development

Statistical response to urgent policy needs in crisis situations (Article 16a)

Eurostat to examine a crisis situation



Eurostat may undertake urgent statistical actions as appropriate

if it is strictly necessary to respond to urgent policy needs

following activation of an established emergency mechanism

urgent policy needs cannot be met under the European statistical programme



Close cooperation with the NSIs and ONAs



Participation by NSIs/ONAs voluntary

NSIs role in data governance (Article 26a)

NSIs may assume functions in national data governance frameworks

Promotion of data integration,
interoperability

metadata description

quality assurance

standard setting

data sharing
re-use of data



Condition: compatibility with the exercise of the statistical functions

Enhanced access to administrative data (Article 17a)

National bodies in charge of administrative data sources

- shall allow the NSIs and ONAs to access, use and integrate, free of charge, this data and metadata

Union bodies and agencies maintaining databases and interoperability systems

- shall allow Eurostat to access, use and integrate relevant data and metadata
- Eurostat may, upon request, share these data with the relevant NSIs or ONAs

Facilitated use of administrative data sources

- The NSIs and Eurostat shall be consulted on the initial design, subsequent development and discontinuation of administrative data sources, databases or interoperability systems built up and maintained by other bodies

A sustainable access to privately held data (Article 17b)

New obligation for private data holders to make their data available for developing, producing and disseminating European statistics



NSIs and Eurostat can request data free of charge when these data

- are necessary for the development, production and dissemination
- and cannot be obtained by other means
- or their reuse will result in a considerable reduction in the response burden

A sustainable access to privately held data further considerations

NSIs and Eurostat must cooperate to avoid excessive burden and to determine who is to submit requests for data

Data requests to be submitted by Eurostat when more efficient (subject to agreement with NSIs concerned)

Secure infrastructure to facilitate data sharing

Data minimisation and proportionality

Only non personal data should be requested, except in specific circumstances specified in sectoral legislation

A sustainable access to privately held data – data requests (Article 17c)

Dialogue between NSIs
or Eurostat and the
private data holder with
a view to concluding an
agreement

If no agreement within three
months or if agreement not
complied with, possibility to
issue a second request and
to enforce it

Fostering data sharing (Article 17f)

Data sharing of non-confidential data between NSIs and between NSIs and Eurostat

Data sharing of non-confidential data, including data made available by private data holders, between the ESS and the ESCB in areas of shared responsibility or common interest

Transmission of confidential data between an ESS authority and an ESCB member must be allowed

Approval of the concerned NSI or ONA is required when confidential data have been transmitted to Eurostat

Statistics under development (Article 17g)

Continuous innovation

- development of new statistical outputs and insights
- possible inclusion in annual work programme


Adapted quality requirements

- statistics under development may not necessarily fulfil all quality criteria

Possibilities for dissemination

- Eurostat may disseminate statistics under development with agreement NSIs
- NSIs may disseminate their own statistics under development

Other key changes



Early dissemination by Eurostat of data already published nationally

Clarification concerning publicly available data

Access to confidential data for research purposes to include data made available by private data holders

New or updated definitions (data, metadata, data holder, data source, data access, use for statistical purposes)

Lessons learnt (1)

Consult your stakeholders

ESS

Position paper

Expert Group on using
new data sources for
official statistics

Report with
recommendations

Public consultations

Call for evidence;
online consultation by
questionnaire

Targeted consultations

Targeted survey;
stakeholder interviews;
stakeholder workshop

Envisaged result: Support and commitment

Lessons learnt (2)

Carry out a thorough assessment

Problem
definition

Objectives

Policy
options

Impact of
the policy
options

Envisaged result: Preferred option with thorough justification

The future

Conditions for implementing the revised regulation

- implementing and sectoral legislation
- infrastructure for data sharing

Develop programme of statistics under development

- link with innovation agenda
- publication of experimental results

Supporting measures

- development of privacy enhancing techniques
- tools and methodology for using new data sources
- training and assistance

References

New or updated definitions	revised Article 1
Statistical response to crisis situations	new Article 16a
Enhanced access to administrative data	revised Article 17a
Sustainable access to privately held data	new Articles 17b-17e
Sharing of non-confidential data	new Article 17f
Early dissemination by Eurostat of national data already published	revised Article 18
Transmission of confidential data to ESCB	revised Article 21
Development of European statistics	new Chapter IIIa
Publicly available data	revised Article 25
Access to confidential data for research purposes	revised Article 23
Contribution to national data governance frameworks	new Article 26a
Statistical governance	Recital 2a

Links to documents

ESS position paper on access to privately held data:

<https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/13019146/13405116/main+ESS+position+paper+on+future+Data+Act+proposal.pdf/37f3b5c7-abfd-5a05-6be2-fdc4b87ee7d2?t=1631695372906>

Report of the Expert Group on facilitating the use of new data sources for official statistics:

<https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/products-statistical-reports/-/ks-ft-22-004>

Better Regulation Guidelines and Toolbox:

https://commission.europa.eu/law/law-making-process/planning-and-proposing-law/better-regulation/better-regulation-guidelines-and-toolbox_en

Impact assessment of the revision of Regulation 223/2009:

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/IT/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52023SC0240>

Text of the revision as approved by the European Parliament:

https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2024-0152_EN.html#title1

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