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of the Mediterranean ENP Countries



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## Introduction

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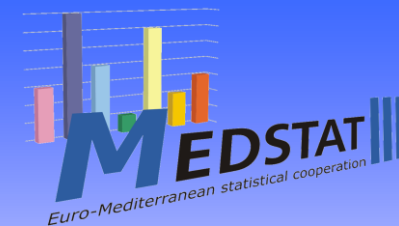
## Role of the Task Forces

**The TF play a key role in ensuring the adequacy of the work programme to the purposes of the project**

- Formal approval of work programmes from the technical viewpoint

**They provide a space for exchange of experiences between participants.**

**The presence of the National Coordinators and representatives of other institutions strengthen the inter-institutional coordination at the national level.**



## Organizational issues

Sector TF	Date	Place
<b>Training and Dissemination</b>	11-12 October	Luxembourg
<b>Energy statistics</b>	22-23 November	Brussels
<b>Agriculture Statistics</b>	1-2 December 2010	Paris
<b>Trade and BoP Statistics</b>	14-15 December 2010	Luxembourg
<b>Social Statistics</b>	9 November 2010	Paris
<b>Migration Statistics</b>	12 January 2011	Brussels
<b>Transport statistics</b>	26 January 2011.	Barcelona

- Co-chairing by the European Commission and the MED countries
- Participation of specialists from NSIs and other institutions (Ministries, Central Banks)
- Profiles prepared by the KE and selection made by the MED countries
- Participation of international organizations



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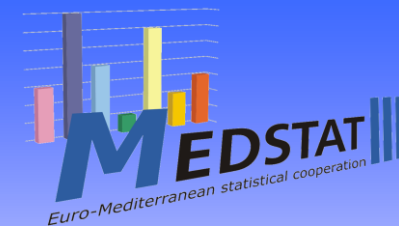


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Approved sector work  
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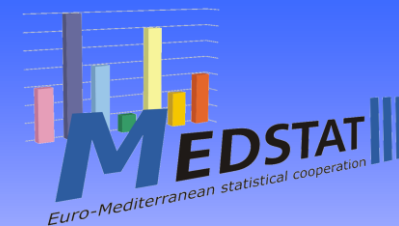
## Contents of the work programme

### ➤ **Sector work programmes**

- Regional events (WS, SV, TC)
- Sub-regional events (WS subreg, SV subreg, TC subreg) based on language/interest
- Country-specific activities (TA)

### ➤ **Duration**

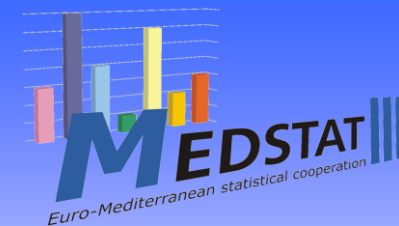
- Until mid-2012 (initial budget)
- Until end of 2013 (extended). Technical activities will take place until mid-2013 and the final semester will be mainly devoted to the transition to post-Medstat
- A second round of TF will take place in the second half of 2012



## Agriculture statistics: sector objectives

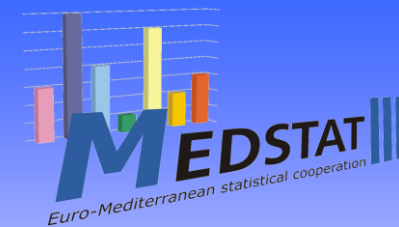
- **Strengthening the institutional setting for agricultural statistics (planning capacity)**
  
- **Enhancing the technical skills for the production of agriculture statistics**
  - Using administrative records
  - Coordination with national professional associations as producers of statistics
  - Exploring the suitability of linking population and agricultural censuses
  - Implementing further work on data quality assessment (in collaboration with FAO)
  
- **Improving the dialogue between users and producers of agricultural statistics**





## Agriculture statistics: work programme

Type of activity	Title of action	Location
SV	Using GIS as tool for census	MA
TC subreg	Questionnaire design for agricultural surveys	TN, TR
WS reg	Harmonization of concepts in agricultural. statistics	<i>to be determined</i>
WS subreg	Improving data quality (FR/AR)	MA (FR/AR), BE (EN/AR)
	Price surveys	<i>To be determined</i> (EN/AR)
TA	Area sampling	JO
	Elaboration of a strategy for agr. Statistics (development plan)	JO ,MA, TN
	Elaboration of a strategy for agr. Statistics (diagnosis)	EG, MA, JO, TN
	Elaboration of agricultural survey questionnaires	SY
	Establishment of a farm register	IL, LB, oPt
	Establishment of Agricultural Census list	DZ
	Identification of TA needs and current situation of agricultural statistics	EG
	Improvement of price statistics	LB, SY
	<i>To be determined</i>	DZ
	Validation of agricultural census data	oPt
National meetings Producers/Users	All countries	



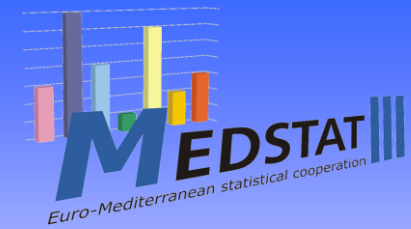
## □ Agriculture statistics: coordination and cooperation with international initiatives

- **Contribution to the preparation of national strategies for the improvement of agriculture statistics (linked to the Global Strategy launched at the initiative of FAO and supported by the EC)**
  - Development of a methodology for the preparation of national strategies:
    - Diagnosis of the agricultural statistical system (1<sup>st</sup> phase)
    - Proposal for a development plan (2<sup>nd</sup> phase)
  
- **Contribution to the work by FAO on the establishment of quality guidelines for agriculture statistics**



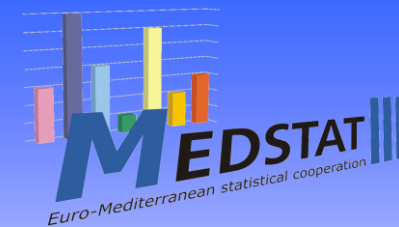
## Energy statistics: sector objectives

- **Completing the Energy Balances 2004-2007 and compiling those for 2008-2010 according to the Eurostat methodology**
- **Calculating the Energy Efficiency Indicators for 2004-2010**
- **Disseminating EB, EEI and the methodology of the Final Energy Consumption in the Transport sector survey**
- **Preparing a computational tool for the production of EB**
- **Prepare a regional strategy to put in place a sustainable system of energy statistics**



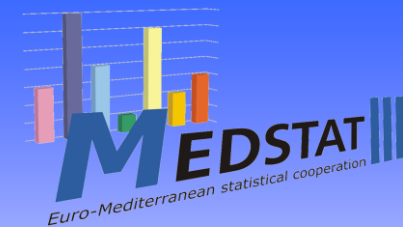
## □ Energy statistics: work programme

Type of activity	Title of action	Location
SV	Energy balances & Energy efficiency indicators	<i>to be determined</i>
	FEC and transport survey	MA
	Renewable energy & Energy balances	DE
WS reg	Energy balances	BE
	Energy efficiency indicators and FEC	AT
TA	Improving data quality EB, EEI & FEC/transport survey	All countries



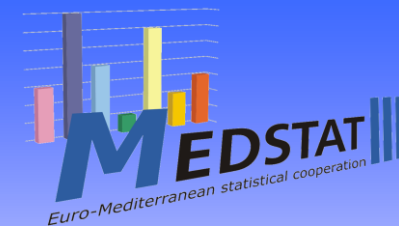
## Energy statistics: coordination and cooperation with international initiatives

- **Permanent exchange with IEA on methodological issues (Manual on Energy Statistics for EEI) and participation in events**
- **Coordination with ESCWA to prepare a regional project**



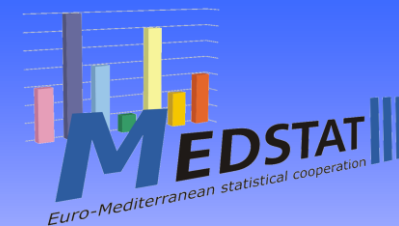
## Migration statistics: sector objectives

- **Strengthening the collaboration between national partner institutions**
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- **Undertaking the MED-HIMS surveys**
- **Improving the analytical capacity on migration phenomena**
- **Supporting the data collection and producing a documentation report on the MED systems for administrative registration and production of statistics on international migration**



## Migration statistics: work programme

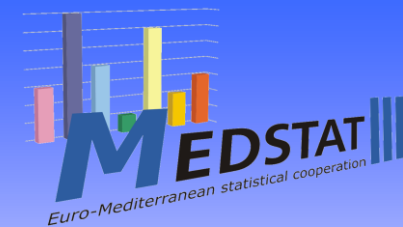
Type of activity	Title of action	Location
<b>SV</b>	<b>National systems for migration statistics</b>	<b>AT</b>
	Population projections	NL
	Use of migration statistics available in receiving countries and exploitation of administrative data	EG
<b>WS reg</b>	MED-HIMS Donors Meeting	FR
	<b>MED-HIMS Workshop No.1</b>	<b>BE</b>
	MED-HIMS Workshop No.2	JO
	MED-HIMS Workshop No.3	SY
	MED-HIMS Workshop No.4	ES
	Migration data analysis	TR
	UNECE/EUROSTAT Work Session Migration Statistics	CH
<b>WS subreg</b>	<b>Strengthening the Use of Administrative Data</b>	<b>BE</b>
<b>TA</b>	Exploitation of administrative data and introduction of migration modules	JO, SY
	Exploitation of individual records from border crossing registration	LB
	Launching of national coordination for the use of administrative sources and the MED-HIMS	DZ
	MED-HIMS Project Proposal	EG
	<b>Palestinian migration survey</b>	<b>oPt</b>
	Support to the elaboration of administrative data and the data tabulation/documentation	DZ, EG, JO



## Migration statistics: coordination and cooperation with international initiatives

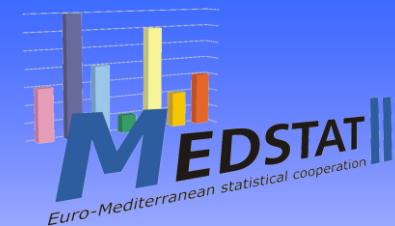
- **The MED-HIMS initiative has been supported by Eurostat, World Bank, UNCHR and MEDSTAT II and III (development of methodological instruments, joint events). UNFPA to join the initiative.**
- **Coordination made on an ad-hoc basis. A proposal for the formalization of a coordination unit to be discussed.**





## Social statistics: sector objectives

- **Thematic issues: enhancing the capacity in specific sub-sectors of social statistics (employment, poverty, transition from education to work)**
  
- **Cross-cutting issues:**
  - strengthening the institutional capacities of national partners in social statistics
  - improving the dissemination and use of social statistics
  - supporting the harmonization of social statistics
  - sharing regional knowledge



## Social statistics: work programme

Type of activity	Title of action	Location
SV	Cross-sectional analysis of employment data generated by labour force surveys and administrative records	FR
	Methods for measuring and analysing the informal employment	TR
	Methods for measuring and analysing the informal sector and informal employment	MA
	Poverty measurements analysis and interpretation (training), and social mobility	FR
	Strengthening the capacities of Social Statistics Departments in National Statistical Organisations (study visit) hosted by INE-Spain	ES
	Survey on the transition of youth from school to employment	SY
TC reg	Analysing and interpreting poverty indicators by the users including the impact assessment of social policies at the sub-national level	FR
WS reg	Harmonisation of methodologies and social indicators throughout the region with international standards	FR
	Health Statistics	<i>to be determined</i>
	Measuring the transition from Education to the Labour Market	IT
WS subreg	Publication on User-Producer dialogue in Social Statistics- Expert meeting 1	<i>to be determined</i>
	Publication on User-Producer dialogue in Social Statistics - Exper' meeting 2	<i>to be determined</i>
TA	Alternative methods for measuring activity of the informal sector and informal employment	MA
	Assessment of Informal Sector Survey Results	oPt
	Constructing table generator	IL
	Health Statistics	All countries
	Improving administrative records	oPt
	Population projections	SY
	Poverty report	oPt
	Training in data processing of household survey data	LB



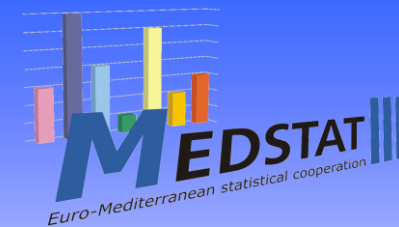
## Social statistics: coordination and cooperation with international initiatives

- **Participation of experts from international organizations in MEDSTAT III events (Paris21, ESCWA, other in coming events)**
- **Harmonisation process in line with international methodologies**



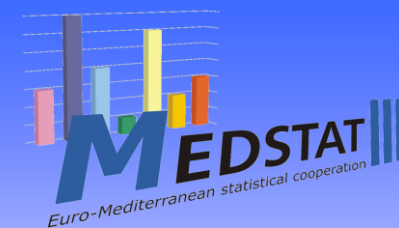
## Trade statistics: sector objectives

- **Supporting the harmonisation of methodological practices according to international recommendations and new manuals (IMTS rev 3 and BoP Manual 6<sup>th</sup> ed.)**
- **Increasing the production of harmonised indicators:**
  - Supporting the compilation of trade indices
  - Improving the information on trade in services, FDI and FATS
  - Supporting the production and dissemination of deseasonalized data
- **Improving the access to detailed statistics on trade in goods**
- **Improving the capacity for producing and disseminating quality reports (developing quality indicators for trade in goods and BoP statistics)**
- **Continuing the sub-regional work in EJPAI**
- **Improving data quality through asymmetry studies**



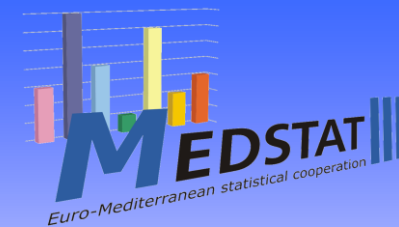
## Trade statistics: work programme

Type of activity	Title of action	Location
<b>SV</b>	Balance of payments (implementation of BPM6 and use of surveys)	IT
	Trade in goods statistics (data validation, dissemination and quality assessment)	DE
<b>TC reg</b>	Trade in services statistics according to BPM6	<i>to be determined</i>
	Calculation of Trade Indices (optional course, depending on other actions in that field, such as technical assistance)	<i>to be determined</i>
<b>TC subreg</b>	Trade in goods concepts and data quality assessment	<i>to be determined</i>
<b>WS reg</b>	Balance of payments	IT
	Best practices and data validation	DE
<b>WS subreg</b>	EJPAI Meeting No.1	DE
	EJPAI Meeting No.2	<i>to be determined</i>
<b>TA</b>	Data quality (asymmetry studies)	DZ, EG, IL, JO, SY, TN
	FDI and services measurement	MA
	Financial services and FISIM compilation	IL
	Improvement of trade in goods statistics	oPt
	Improvement of trade indices	TN
	Missing series of trade indices	SY
	Production of monthly trade indices	IL
	Trade in services	LB
	Trade in services survey	SY



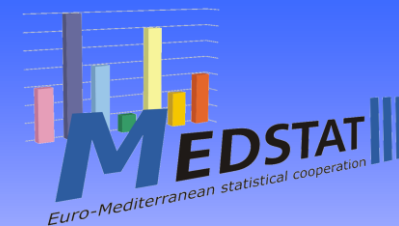
## Trade statistics: coordination and cooperation with international initiatives

- **Implementation of international methodologies (BPM6, IMTS rev 3) in coordination with international organizations (IMF, METAC, UNCTAD)**
- **Development of training materials on trade in services statistics in cooperation with UNCTAD, taking into account what is already available in WB, WTO**



## **Transport statistics: sector objectives**

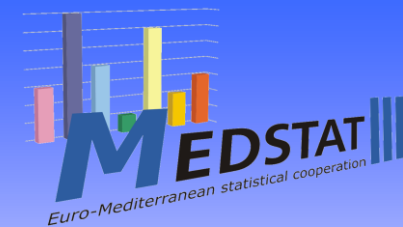
- **Developing statistics on road transport flows**
- **Supporting the regular production of economic, technical and environmental performance indicators for the various transport modes**
- **Developing harmonised methods for the production of intermodal and multimodal transport statistics**
- **Increasing the analytical capacity of producers to satisfy users' needs**



## □ Transport statistics: work programme

Type of activity	Title of action	Location
<b>SV</b>	Collection and production of statistics on multimodal transport	NL
	Data collection on air transport	FR
	Road transport surveys (combined with the TC)	AT
<b>TC reg</b>	Road transport surveys	AT
	Concepts, definitions and classifications for Transport Statistics (implementation of the 4 <sup>th</sup> Edition of the Glossary for Transport Statistics)	<i>To be determined</i>
<b>WS reg</b>	Production and analysis of performance indicators	<i>To be determined</i>
<b>TA</b>	Development of Analytical capacities of transport statistics producers	TN
	Development of Maritime goods flows statistics	LB
	Evaluation of existing Maritime Goods and Passengers flows statistics	JO
	Implementation of a Road transport survey	SY
	Improvement of the Road Motor vehicle register	oPt
	Passengers' public transportation satisfaction survey	IL





## **Transport statistics: coordination and cooperation with international initiatives**

- **Collaboration with international users of transport statistics (CETMO, DG Move)**
- **Contacts with professional organizations: International Road Federation, European Sea Ports Organisation, IATA, ICAO, SafeMed**
- **The dissemination of the 4<sup>th</sup> Glossary of Transport statistics could give rise to collaboration with the authorising institutions (Eurostat, UNECE, International Transport Forum)**



## Training and dissemination: sector objectives

### Training:

- **strengthening of operational units and training centres (institutional building)**
- **capitalisation on knowledge and sustainability (competence building)**
- **reinforcement of capacities of MPCs staff (skills building) in selected topics.**

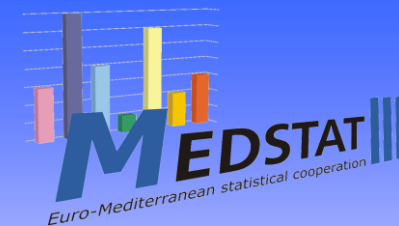
### Dissemination:

- **strengthening and supporting the dissemination sector in the MPCs (in particular the user-producer cooperation)**
- **the implementation of the Communication and Visibility Plan (CVP)**
- **the production of final reports from thematic sectors**



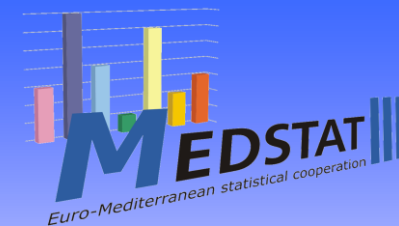
## Training methods

- **Training courses in the thematic sectors**
- **Training in cross-cutting issues:**
  - **implementation of training of trainers courses**
  - **on-line courses**
- **Technical assistance on training engineering at the country-specific level:**
  - reactivation of training centres
  - design and implementation of training programmes
  - creation and management of a pool of trainers
  - implementation of training of trainers and e-learning strategies
  - building competence frameworks



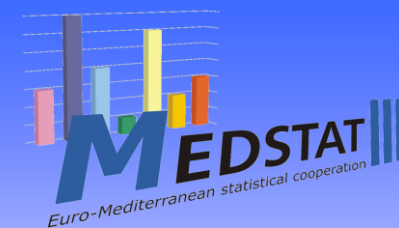
## □ Training programme

Type of activity	Title of action	Location
<b>TC reg</b>	Measurement of the quality of statistics	MA (FR), TR (EN)
	Preparation and implementing a NSDS (World Bank course)	on line course
	Sampling techniques and practice	on line course (AR/EN/FR)
	Dissemination of Statistics and use of PC-AXIS (organized by EFTA)	NO (EN)
	Training of trainers: Use of administrative sources	FR (AR/EN/FR)
<b>TC subreg</b>	Human resources management for training & dissemination sector	EG (AR)
	Measurement in surveys	TN (FR)
	Seasonal adjustment methods for Trade sector	MA (FR), TR (EN)
	Survey non-response, reduction, weight and imputation	EG (AR)
	Advanced methods for sample surveys (organized by EFTA)	CH (FR)
<b>TA</b>	Evaluation of the training impact & competence profile	oPt
	Management of NSS needs and training engineering	JO
	Preparation of an annual training programme: INS	DZ, TN
	Preparation of an annual training programme: INS+CNS	TN
	Strengthening the training institutes	SY
	Support E-learning solutions	IL
	Training engineering: HR & Institute for statistics	EG
	Training engineering: ONS	DZ



## □ Dissemination: work programme

Type of activity	Title of action	Location
<b>TC reg</b>	Training of trainers: Basic principles for Publication and Dissemination of statistical products	TN (FR), TR (EN)
	Training of trainers: User-friendly statistical reporting	TN (FR), TR (EN)
<b>TA</b>	Data visualisation techniques and training of trainers	oPt
	Designing ToRs for the new Web site	TN
	Internet technologies for user interface	IL
	Strengthening electronic data dissemination	DZ, EG, JO, LB, MA, SY
	Support for the development of a dissemination policy	MA
	Support to strengthen dissemination and publication	DZ, EG, JO, LB, SY



## Training : coordination and cooperation with international initiatives

- **Collaboration with the ESTP of Eurostat**
- **Collaboration with EFTA**
- **Collaboration with AITRS and SESRIC**
  - participation in the TF
  - identification of trainers
- **Support to the establishment of institutional relations between Eurostat and AITRS**
- **Identification of sponsors for training programmes**



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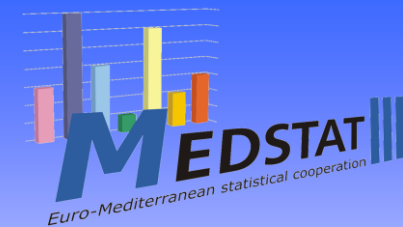


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Some ideas on the  
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## Examples and ideas provided by the TFs

- **Regional cooperation for the implementation of international initiatives (ex. Global Strategy for Agriculture Statistics, SNA.2008, etc.)**
- **Introduction of statistical components in regional programmes**
- **(ex. Transport, energy regional programmes)**
- **Coordination of regional statistical operations (ex. MED-HIMS)**
- **Donor coordination at the regional and bilateral level**
- **Coordination of the technical assistance and methodological development in the region**





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