

Voorburg progress report (SPAIN)

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Generally speaking, the INE has continued elaborating services statistics throughout this year. At the beginning of 2001, the collection was started (in the Annual Services Survey) of data referred to 2000 of about 130.000 units of all the activities required by the Regulation of Structural Business Statistics. Moreover, many of these activities (tourist accommodations, travel Agencies and tour-operators, transport, commerce, computer and audio-visual activities, telecommunications, etc.), contain modules that collect broken down information on income from specific products of each branch. Usually, more extensive information is also made available on employment, business organization, a more thorough breakdown of purchases, etc.

On the other hand, this year the collection of quarterly information was launched from 20.000 units on all the services activities, them being asked their turnover and employment figures, in order to comply with the Regulation for Business Short Term Statistics. They were also asked to supply data on electronic commerce and ICT (Information and Communication Technology).

Classification of service products

The department of Classifications and Nomenclatures in INE will not begin working for the 2007 Operation (revision of products and activities classifications, ISIC/NACE CPC/CPA, made by UN and Eurostat) until the end of October, to which end a large national working group will be created (with members from Ministries, from INE and from Autonomous Communities), whose sub-groups (made by activities) will bring forward suggestions.

The INE's present activities are carried out according to Eurostat projects. From the national viewpoint, the first classification proposals will not be available before mid-2002 but great importance will be given to the services sector, and particularly tourism.

Service Product Prices

PPI's in Services are still a project. Meanwhile, the Index for tourist activities will be almost finished next year just for the section concerned with collective tourist accommodation. The Telecommunication Price Index is also being worked out: its weighting structure (list of products and their relative weights) is already available in a special section of the Annual Services Survey. For this index, INE is collaborating with business associations of the sector and the Technological Market Commission (the sector's regulating organism).

Information Society

In 2000 and 2001, the INE has tackled the following subjects:

1. Economic data have been compiled on the ICT sector, including international OECD and Eurostat initiatives and a series of statistical tables based on several INE sources (Industrial Survey, Services Survey and National Accounts).
2. Eurostat sent a questionnaire on the IS and it was decided that it would be updated continuously as new data become available. Some of them are generated by the INE, other have to be required from the Ministries. It was agreed that no private source data would be supplied (on the number of connections, etc.), contrary to what occurs in other countries.
3. A statistical operation with enterprises is being designed on the ICT resources and usage, with the help of OECD and Eurostat questionnaires. It will include the current work on Electronic Commerce and ICT modules which were part of the Annual Surveys of Services and Innovations. A project has been prepared for a household survey that will be carried out in collaboration with the Technological Market Commission.
4. The 2000 pilot Survey on electronic commerce has been conducted under the direction of Eurostat.
5. The carrying out of audio-visual statistics implies the participation of a Eurostat Working Group and the filling in of an annual questionnaire.
6. The INE has been nominated for a R+ D project lead by Statistics Denmark within the EU 5th frame programme. The latter is a E-COMMON SENSE programme on the production of electronic commerce data.

Non- profit organisations

A Survey on Private Education Financing is being carried out (reference year 1999-2000).

Demand for purchased services

After last year's participation in the pilot survey on Demand of Services, not much has been done in this field. However, although no specific study is made of the results, the Annual Services Survey contains information on some highly important services consumed by enterprises, according to the General Accounting System, which are:

Research and development, Administrative services, Bank services, Advertising, Telecommunications, Temporary work enterprises, Transport, Rentals, Repairs, Insurance and others.

INE's concerns about the Group's future

Of all the items that are suggested for the forthcoming years, the INE is particularly interested in those connected with the Balance of Payment (since its Services section might be elaborated by the INE) as well as with the short-term services statistics (in order to comply with the Regulation and to achieve more and better short-term indicators for the Spanish economy demanded by many official and private organisms).