

# VOORBURG GROUP 2004 PROGRESS REPORT – SPAIN

## 1. The main achievements of Spain for the recent period 2003-2004

### Producer Price Index (PPI) for Services

Since January 2004, prices are collected on postal services, telecommunication services and freight transport by road services.

Spain participates in the Joint Eurostat-OECD Task Force on Output Prices for Other Services in short-term statistics.

### Detailed turnover by products

Spain participates from the beginning in the EU project '*Business services: Methodological development and harmonised data collection*'. Actually data of year of reference 2003 are being collected. For 2003, the turnover by product for the next activities:

- Computer services (division 72 of NACE Rev.1.1)
- Legal services (class 74.11 of NACE Rev.1.1)
- Accounting, book-keeping and auditing activities, tax consultancy (class 74.12 of NACE Rev.1.1)
- Business and management consultancy activities (class 74.14 of NACE Rev.1.1)
- Market research and public opinion polling (class 74.13 of NACE Rev.1.1)
- Architectural, engineering and technical consultancy services (group 74.2 of NACE Rev.1.1)
- Technical testing and analysis (group 74.3 of NACE Rev.1.1)
- Advertising services (group 74.4 of NACE Rev.1.1)
- Labour recruitment and provision of personnel (group 74.5 of NACE Rev.1.1)

Some of these activities are studied for first time: 74.11, 74.3 and 74.5

### Short term Indicators

1. Retail Trade Index: There are two new features in this statistic. First, an index on department stores turnover is published monthly. Furthermore, all monetary indices are published at current and constant prices.
2. Short term indices for other services: Since month of reference January 2004, the turnover and employment indexes for other services have reduced the timeliness (last year they were published in t+85 and now in t+60). Moreover, in 2003 these indices were quarterly, and nowadays they are monthly.

### Information Society

Spain carries out the Survey on ICT use and e-commerce since 2002, according to international requirements and following and harmonised methodology.

We participate in the following international work groups related to this subject:

- Working group on Information Society, Eurostat.
- Working Party on Indicators for the Information Society (WPIIS), OECD.

## **2. The main issues and challenges facing INE**

### Producer Price Index (PPI) for Services

The Spanish priorities for next year are to start collect prices of the following activities:

- 72: Computer services
- 62.1: Scheduled Air Transport

Before collecting data phase, meeting with the main enterprises and/or associations for each sector are going to carry out, to investigate the structure of market, supplied services,...

Methodologies of countries with experience on these issues are going to be studied.

### Detailed turnover by products

The results of these statistics are very useful to calculate weights for PPI, and also to have a better knowledge of the structure of turnover and to classify correctly the activity of enterprises.

For these reasons, INE is going to participate in initiatives which aims are to study more activities from this point of view and/or to improve the quality of this kind of data.

### Short term Indicators

Actually, the base year of short-term statistics for other services is 2000. There will be a change to base year 2005. Take this opportunity to calculate indices by regions (Spanish Autonomous Communities) and to increase the activities: audio-visual activities (groups 92.1 and 92.2 of NACE Rev.1.1) and personal services (division 93 of NACE Rev.1.1)

### Information Society

As a pilot study inside the Survey on ICT use and e-commerce on enterprises, and with reference period 2003, we have included and specific questionnaire for the financial sector (section J according to NACE 93), due to study the particular features of these enterprises. We have followed the guidelines provided by the international groups in which we participate, and during the last term of the year first results will be available.

Changing subject, we have planed to compiled statistical information on the ICT sector. We have asked other areas inside our Organisation for different indicators related to the branches included in the ICT sector. The aim is to gather all this information together in a pilot study on the ICT sector.

## **3. The priorities of the work program for next years**

### Producer Price Index (PPI) for Services

The amendment to the short-term statistics Council Regulation 1165/98 will list the priority 1 activities to calculate PPIs. Our main objective is to fulfil this regulation, although it is going to be a hard task, because there are many activities in that list and Spain has a 'long way to walk'.

### Detailed turnover by products

Increase the number of activities in order to calculate weights for PPI and go on participating in the EU project

### Short term Indicators

To improve the timeliness and cover more activities.

### Information Society

The target population of our Survey on ICT use and e-commerce in enterprises covers all enterprises of NACE-93 sections D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K and O (groups 92.1 and 92.2), with at least ten people employed.

The challenge for next year is to include the small enterprises (with less than ten people employed) into the target population. We have to make the best of our resources to cover the sample increase that will be needed.