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## - ongoing projects

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## EUROSTAT PROJECTS

The list includes ongoing statistical projects funded (co-funded) by the European Union, represented by the European Commission, Eurostat. Projects are considered ongoing until the approval of the final project report.

# Statistics on the usage of Information and Communication Technologies 2023 and 2024

EG22 ICT

Contract number: 101101848

Implementation period from 01/12/2022 to 31/01/2025

## Project summary

The project, Statistics on the usage of Information and Communication Technologies 2023 and 2024, consists of two parts:

- 1) Statistics on the usage of Information and Communication Technologies in enterprises 2023 and 2024
- 2) Statistics on the use of Information and Communication Technologies in households and by individuals 2023 and 2024

Data collected from both ICT surveys support measuring the implementation of one of the six priorities for the period 2019-2024 of European Commission – A Europe fit for the digital age. The strategy aims to support the digital transformation of Europe and it is built on three pillars:

- (1) Technology that works for the people
- (2) A fair and competitive digital economy
- (3) An open, democratic and sustainable society

ICT data facilitate the monitoring of the EU's digital targets for 2030, set by the Digital Compass for the EU's Digital Decade, evolving around four cardinal points: skills, digital transformation of businesses, secure and sustainable digital infrastructures, and digitalization of public services.

The general objective of the project is to ensure implementation of the new legal framework for the ICT usage in both surveys. This includes the collection of accurate, reliable and representative data, delivered in a timely manner, for years 2023 and 2024, in line with the new legal basis. The main activities are drawing representative samples of statistical units, collecting accurate and reliable survey data and transmitting the data to Eurostat in required format while satisfying the data quality requirements. Result of the project is to provide quality data to user groups in governmental bodies that would allow them to improve ICT related policies. Impact of the project is related to defining a long-term country-wide strategy in informatization. The main target groups are government bodies which define the strategy that presents an overview of the development of informatization and e-services in the public sector.

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## Project results

Project is ongoing.



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# Real estate Statistics, Activity 1, Quarterly house sales indicators

EG22 RES

Contract number: 101112314

Implementation period from 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2024

## Project summary

Real estate statistics coordinated by Eurostat has an important role in official statistics as it provides information for economic and monetary policy makers. Real estate statistics comprises the HPI, the Owner-occupied housing price index (OOHPI), commercial real estate indicators and house sales indicators.

The CBS has been regularly producing the HPI and OOHPI on quarterly basis, in line with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1148. Also, CBS provide the annual weights for HPI and OOHPI as well as values of transactions of the previous year that have been used for weights calculation. Still, CBS do not compile quarterly house sales indicators.

In the scope of this Grant Project it is planned to establish and develop the methodology for regular production of quarterly house sales indicators where value of transactions and the number of transactions is identified as priority. Additional study will be aimed to potential further breakdowns for different types of dwellings and geographical breakdowns as this data could be very useful for interpreting the evolution in the housing market.

Country specific objectives are:

- to establish the system of quarterly house sales indicators: the number and the value of dwelling transactions
- to explore how to provide house sales data for different categories (new and existing dwellings), type of dwellings (flat or detached house) and geographical areas
- to establish regular transmission of the quarterly house sales indicators to Eurostat
- to assess the sustainability of the developed approaches over time and the quality of the methods implemented.

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# Reconciliation of vertical discrepancies between financial and non-financial sector accounts

EG22 BOP

Contract number: 101103045

Implementation period from 01/12/2022 to 30/11/2024

## Project summary

The Croatia would like to achieve reconciliation between non-financial and financial sector accounts which is an important quality aspect and requires the cooperation of financial and non-financial accounts compilers. When executing the tasks, the Croatia will comply with the Regulation (EC) No 1161/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 2005 on the compilation of quarterly non-financial accounts by institutional sector.

ESA 2010 acknowledges the conceptual consistency of financial and non-financial sector accounts and the existence of statistical discrepancies for net lending/net borrowing in practice (see paragraphs 1.126, 5.18, 20.113 of Annex A to ESA 2010 Regulation ). The importance of reducing vertical discrepancies between ESA 2010 tables 6 (annual financial accounts by sector) and 8 (annual non-financial accounts by sector) has been highlighted as one of the priority areas for the work of the Eurostat Task Force on Cross-Domain Consistency, set up by the Directors of Macroeconomic Statistics (DMES) meeting in 2018.

The action aims at ensuring higher quality data with the improving of vertical consistency data following the common recommendations developed by the Working Group on Financial Accounts and Government Finance Statistics, Expert Group on Sector Accounts, Task Force on Annual Financial Account. This project would be of significant contribution to achieving goals related to the higher consistency within the tables in the Croatian national accounts system, both financial and non-financial one.

**The main objective** of the project is to improve the quality of national accounts data, and the transparency of the sources and methods used to compile them,

The specific objective of the project is to achieve higher harmonization of methods and to improve quality and comparability of non-financial and financial sector accounts.

## Results ( deliverables)

Description of the current vertical reconciliation procedures following the sequence of the recommendations in the Guidelines on developing a common approach to improve vertical consistency between financial and non-financial accounts.

- b. Presenting the time series by sectors before and after vertical balancing procedures.
- c. the degree of progress,
- d. the difficulties encountered
- e. and a roadmap for the remaining work until the end of the project

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# Transport by light utility vehicles

EG22 TRANS

Contract number: 101114711

Implementation period from 01/05/2023 to 30/04/2025

## Project summary

Transport by light utility vehicles is the missing part in obtaining the overall picture of road freight transport in Croatia and impact on the environment. CBS believes that useful information will be collected through pilot survey necessary for determining and evaluating GHG emission policies as well as for transport and environmental modelling.

This project relates to light utility vehicles statistics and is based on data requirements and proposed questionnaires developed by Eurostat in cooperation with the Task Force on Light Utility Vehicles. This action will contribute to the development of a harmonized methodology for monitoring of LUV activity.

The goal of this action is the implementation, evaluation of the methodology for collecting harmonized data on LUV and the conducting of a pilot survey to collect data on LUV activity and production of data on vehicle stocks, vehicle-kilometres, tonne-kilometres, fuel consumption, number of stops, data on transport of goods by kind of goods and type of transport (national/international). The entire category of vehicles N1 will be included in the survey with the coverage of the institutional sectors of users/owners of the vehicles, which include companies and households.

CBS will prepare an evaluation of the methodology as well as an assessment of sustainability, costs, burden and statistical quality of collected data as well as proposals for improving the methodology. Based on all collected information, CBS will decide on the introduction of this survey into regular production, which would ensure the sustainability of the results.

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# SMP-ESS-2022-ILC-SILC-IBA — Income and living conditions domain - SILC statistical infrastructure under IESS - SILC 2024 6-yearly variables on Access to services - Pilot study 2023 Infra-annual data collection

EG22 SILC

Contract number: 101122644

Implementation period from 01/11/2023 to 31/07/2025

## **Project summary**

Following changes such as improved timeliness, shorter deadlines for EU-SILC data transmission, improved precision, with introduction of additional/changed variables and variables of 3-yearly and 6-yearly modules, brought by new legal acts, there are needs for enhancing in the EU-SILC data preparation, collection methods, processing, transmission and reporting. This project will include fundable activities from Call: SMP-ESS-2022-ILC-SILC-IBA which refers on:

- EU-SILC 2024 data preparation and organisation of fieldwork,
- data collection (combining fieldwork and administrative data),
- data processing and validation,
- dissemination of microdata to Eurostat according to defined Eurostat methodology for operation year 2024
- submission of Quality report according to Commission Implementing regulation (EU) 2019/2180.

Project also includes introduction of the 6-yearly module 'Access to services', which will be included in EU-SILC 2024 Blaise questionnaire for the first time according to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2498 and implementation of ad-hoc module 'Energy and environment' according to legal act which will be adopted. As EU-SILC 2022 operation year is last year with granted derogation for data transmission, reaching the required changes and deadlines from 2023 operation year onwards will be challenging. Purpose of this project will be to perform and optimize all needed activities for conducting 2024 EU-SILC operation with required changes adopted by new legal acts – Regulation (EU) 2019/1700 and its implementing and delegated acts.

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# Modernisation of Agricultural statistics

EG22 AGRI

Contract number: 101128961

Implementation period from 01/10/2023 to 30/09/2025

## Project summary

The purpose of this project is developing and implementing methods related to Modernisation of Agricultural Statistics, and in particular relating to preparing for the implementation of the SAIO regulation and its related implementing acts.

The Croatian Bureau of Statistics (CBS) will update data on nutrient content coefficients in crops and fodder crops, nutrient content coefficients in seeds, as well as other coefficients that would enable obtaining more accurate and comparable data.

Expected results: Development and implementation of methods related to the modernization of agricultural statistics. Preparation for the implementation of the SAIO Regulation and its implementing acts. Developing methodology. Updating data on nutrient coefficients in crops and fodder plants, nutrient coefficients in seeds, as well as other coefficients that would enable more accurate and comparable data to be obtained. Implementation of ideas and activities that correspond to the goals of the Eurostat document "Modernization of agricultural statistics". Further standardization according to statistical needs

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# Statistics for the European Green Deal

EG23 EGD

Contract number: 101155841

Implementation period from 01/03/2024 to 28/02/2025

## Project summary

Main objective is to produce national estimates of material footprints (raw material consumption) and report raw material equivalents in the Eurostat Economy-wide Material Flow accounts questionnaire.

Main activities: investigate national data sources from various statistical areas and develop methods and procedures to compile and report data on material footprints. Data will be compiled using the latest version of the EW-MFA questionnaire and the Eurostat country RME tool. The results will include new datasets in the area listed above, studying of methodologies, development of innovative techniques to produce data avoiding conventional surveys and their reporting burden (instead using administrative sources).

Aim is also to get practical information on methodology, data collection and processing methods used for producing material footprints, in other words to develop more and better-quality data on material footprints relying on the national data instead of using the estimates provided by Eurostat.

CBS is planning to deliver data on years 2022 and 2023 (pilot data collection). Many relevant statistics are beyond the scope of the current mandatory variables in the European environmental accounts, such is the case with Material footprints. Thus, this project will provide new relevant data for policy makers.

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# PPPs data collection 2024

EG23 PPP

Contract number: 101140396

Implementation period from 01/11/2023 to 28/02/2025

## Project summary

The aim of the project is to collect a high-quality data set for calculating parity, first from the lowest levels (SPD level) to basic groups (BHs) to obtain an indicator for calculating GDP by Purchasing Power Parity. The CBS will implement the project through different activities in accordance with the Eurostat PPP work plan. Implementation will be carried out according to the Eurostat / OECD PPP methodology and Regulation (EC) no. Regulation (EC) No 1445/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2007 establishing common rules for the provision of basic information on purchasing power parities and for their calculation and dissemination.

The Croatian Bureau of Statistics will implement the project through six objectives:

A: Consumer goods price surveys - through this objective CBS will provide data sets that Eurostat use for calculation price level indices (PLIs) which are the ratios of PPPs to exchange rates. They provide a comparison of countries' price levels relative to the European Union average: If the price level index is higher than 100, the country concerned is relatively expensive compared to the EU average, while if the price level index is lower than 100, then the country is relatively inexpensive compared to the EU average. The EU average is calculated as the weighted average of the national PLIs, weighted with expenditures from national accounts.

B: Estate agencies rents survey - the aim of the rent surveys is to calculate the differences in current rental levels for the same types of property between Brussels and each of the other places where the survey is done. With provide data sets Eurostat will calculate coefficient that will use to ensure equality of purchasing power of salaries in the different duty stations.

C: Capital goods price surveys - the aim of this objective is to provide to Eurostat data sets for two tasks, Construction survey and Equipment's good survey they are used to deflate Gross fixed capital formation (GFCF) expenditures.

D: Hospital price surveys - the aim of this objective is to collect data on internationally comparable quasi-prices for identified hospital products. These quasi-prices will use to calculate hospital output-based PPPs and price level indices In turn; these calculations will use to make international comparisons of volume-based measures of hospital expenditures and to calculate specific PPPs for health as a whole within the framework of the Eurostat-OECD PPP Programme.

E: Other PPP input data - this objective includes a few different tasks needed for calculation GDP per PPP: GDP expenditure weights, compensation of government employees, actual and imputed rents, VAT and tips for referent years 2021-2022-2023 and CPI questionnaire for 2023.

F: PPP inventory - the aim of this objective is to provide to Eurostat new version of our method and sources that we used in implementation of project in the Republic of Croatia.

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# LFS 2024 module

EG23 LFS

Contract number: 101139483

Implementation period from 01/09/2023 to 31/07/2025

## Project summary

The purpose of this project is to implement LFS 2024 module on "Young people on the labour market" under Work package 1 - Implementation of the 2024 EU-LFS eight-yearly variables on 'young people on the labour market' and 'educational attainment – details, including education interrupted or abandoned'.

The project aims at supporting the Croatian Bureau of Statistics to be compliant with the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2447 of 16 December 2019 and with the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2312 of 25 November 2022 and to enhance the quality of the EU-LFS data as regards methodology provided in the new framework regulation on Integrated European Social Statistics (EU) 2019/1700 through:

- collecting methodologically sound and valid data in accordance with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2312 of 25 November 2022 specifying the technical items of the data set for the 2024 LFS module on "young people on the labour market",
- increasing the comparability of results by the use of the explanatory notes and proposed model questionnaire as agreed by the LAMAS working group.

The LFS 2024 module will be carried out as a supplement to the Labour Force Survey, in every quarter of 2024 on a subsample. Data collection (fieldwork) will be carried out by CAPI interviewing method. The main aim of the project is to produce sound and comparable results among EU countries and to deliver national microdata set to Eurostat in time. Objectives will be achieved through the following activities: development of national questionnaire and methodology for LFS 2024 module, development of software CAPI application, data collection, data editing, data processing, data validation and transmission the microdata set to Eurostat via Edamis LFS channel.

This LFS 2024 module expects to provide information to specific interest groups, as well as public and government bodies at national and EU level.

In Croatia, the ad hoc module with a topic "Young people on the labour market" was successfully implemented in 2016.

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# LFS 2025 module

EG24 LFS

Contract number: 101192025

Implementation period from 01/09/2024 to 31/05/2026

## Project summary

The purpose of this project is to implement LFS 2025 module on "Reconciliation of work and family life" under Work package 1 - Implementation of the 2025 EU-LFS eight-yearly variables on "reconciliation of work and family life".

The project aims at supporting the Croatian Bureau of Statistics to be compliant with the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2240 of 16 December 2019 and with the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2312 of 25 November 2022 and to enhance the quality of the EU-LFS data as regards methodology provided in the framework regulation on Integrated European Social Statistics (EU) 2019/1700 through:

- collecting methodologically sound and valid data in accordance with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2312 of 25 November 2022 specifying the technical items of the data set for the 2025 LFS module on "reconciliation of work and family life";
- increasing the comparability of results by using the explanatory notes and proposed model questionnaire as agreed by the LAMAS working group. The LFS 2025 module will be carried out as a supplement to the Labour Force Survey, in every quarter of 2025 on a subsample. Data collection (fieldwork) will be carried out by CAPI interviewing method. The main aim of the project is to produce sound and comparable results among EU countries and to deliver national microdata set to Eurostat in time.

Objectives will be achieved through the following activities: development of national questionnaire and methodology for LFS 2025 module, development of software CAPI application, data collection, data editing, data processing, data validation and transmission of the microdata set to Eurostat via Edamis LFS channel. This LFS 2025 module expects to provide information to specific interest groups, as well as public and government bodies at national and EU level.

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# New / Experimental statistics in the area of Micro Data Linking (MDL)

EG24 MDL

Contract number: 101196962

Implementation period from 01/12/2024 to 31/07/2026

## Project summary

Main context of this project is to carry out necessary actions which refer to the micro data linking between three statistical domains: SBR, SBS and ITGS. A methodology should be developed during data linking project in cooperation with Eurostat and other member states involved in the project, that will produce expected results and be sustainable for production of new statistics in future. All experience gained in this MDL project will be shared among all stakeholders for future benefit of ESS and other MS's. Overall objective of this project is to undertake all necessary activities for micro data linking between three statistical domains in field known as experimental statistics. Production of new statistical key indicators that could improve insight into businesses performance, with detailed methodological explanations, is the main goal of the project. CBS participation in this MDL project will contribute to possible national statistical productions in field of experimental statistics in the future.

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# PPPs data collection 2025

EG24 PPP

Contract number: 101194537

Implementation period from 01/11/2024 to 28/02/2026

## Project summary

The aim of the project is to collect a high quality data set for calculating parity, first from the lowest levels (SPD level) to basic groups (BHs) to obtain an indicator for calculating GDP by Purchasing Power Parity. The CBS will implement the project through different activities in accordance with the Eurostat PPP work plan. Implementation will be carried out according to the Eurostat / OECD PPP methodology and Regulation (EC) no. Regulation (EC) No 1445/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2007 establishing common rules for the provision of basic information on purchasing power parities and for their calculation and dissemination.

The Croatian Bureau of Statistics will implement the project through eight objectives:

A: Consumer goods price surveys - through this objective CBS will provide data sets that Eurostat use for calculation price level indices (PLIs) which are the ratios of PPPs to exchange rates. They provide a comparison of countries' price levels relative to the European Union average. The EU average is calculated as the weighted average of the national PLIs, weighted with expenditures from national accounts.

B: Estate agencies rents survey - the aim of the rent surveys is to calculate the differences in current rental levels for the same types of property between Brussels and each of the other places where the survey is done. With provide data sets Eurostat will calculate coefficient that will use to ensure equality of purchasing power of salaries in the different duty stations.

C: Capital goods price surveys - the aim of this objective is to provide to Eurostat data sets for two tasks, Construction survey and Equipment's good survey they are used to deflate Gross fixed capital formation (GFCF) expenditures.

D: Hospital price surveys - the aim of this objective is to collect data on internationally comparable quasi-prices for identified hospital products. These quasi-prices will use to calculate hospital output-based PPPs and price level indices; these calculations will be used to make international comparisons of volume-based measures of hospital expenditures and to calculate specific PPPs for health as a whole within the framework of the Eurostat-OECD PPP Programme.

E: Other PPP input data - this objective includes a few different tasks needed for calculation GDP per PPP: GDP expenditure weights, compensation of government employees, actual and imputed rents, VAT and tips for referent years 2022-2023-2024 and CPI questionnaire for 2024.

F: PPP inventory - the aim of this objective is to provide to Eurostat new version of our method and sources that we used in implementation of project in the Republic of Croatia.

G: This objective includes a number of tasks that are useful in the context of the PPP programme but for which individual countries may have different needs.

WP: Management and coordination of action

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# European Statistics Competition 2024-2025 – Participation

EG24 COMP-PARTIC

Contract number: 101190726

Implementation period from 01/09/2024 to 31/08/2025

## Project summary

Croatian Bureau of Statistics (CBS) will organize eighth in a row European Statistical Competition (ESC) as a part of all other activities in a field of statistical literacy promotion. Over a decade the CBS promotes official statistics through various channels (web site, social media, workshops) in order to reach different audience with a special target on students as future decision makers and labour market active participants. As a part of this project the CBS will conduct activities related to better communication of official statistics, both national and European, and its values by promoting it as a trustworthy source. The general objective of the action is to enhance the ability of young people to understand official statistics as well as to continue raising students' awareness of the presence of statistical data in everyday life. It is important that official statistics, as an authority in the field of promoting statistical literacy, offer an information infrastructure and knowledge and the improvement can be achieved by offering new products.

By organizing the ESC at national level, the CBS will maintain continuity in promoting curiosity and interest in statistics among students and will use new communication channels adapted to nowadays trends for promotion. Also, the CBS will encourage teachers to use new materials for teaching statistics by presenting official statistics and the ESC through different channels (webinar, leaflet, workshop) and to reach new students who have not been introduced to the ESC yet. Through all activities mentioned the CBS will show the role of statistics in various aspects of society by presenting wide spectrum of data available and their connection with the real life. The very concept of the ESC which promotes teamwork and collaboration among students is one of the main reasons why the ESC has been so well accepted and will remain one of the main features in future editions of the ESC.

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# 2026 European conference on quality in official statistics

EG24 QUAL – CONFERENCE

Contract number: 101205876

Implementation period from 03/01/2025 to 02/04/2027

## Project summary

Eurostat and the European Union National Statistical Institutes have committed themselves to a strategy of continuous quality improvement, as a result of the work accomplished by the European Leadership Expert Group (LEG) on Quality in 2001.

A clear need to improve co-operation and exchange among the European Union National Statistical Institutes (NSIs) in the field of quality in statistics was identified. In particular, it was agreed to establish a series of biennial scientific gatherings covering important methodological and quality-related topics of relevance to the European Statistical System (ESS). Eurostat and the European Union National Statistical Institutes have committed themselves to a strategy of continuous quality improvement, as a result of the work accomplished by the European Leadership Expert Group (LEG) on Quality in 2001.

Croatian Bureau of Statistics expresses the interest for organising the 12th European Conference on Quality in Official Statistics in 2026 (Q2026) in the Šibenik-Knin County, Croatia. The overall objectives of the Conference will be bringing together the greatest possible number of statisticians, academia and stakeholders from NSIs and ONAs in the ESS and beyond, enforcing dissemination of knowledge and recent research in emerging issues related to Quality in Official Statistics, fostering and increasing cooperation between users and producers, enhancing cooperation and participation in projects with the scientific community as well as exchanging good practices and sustainable approaches when meeting new challenges.

Such event will also draw attention of Government organizations to the importance of high quality, at the same time timely and more detailed statistics, and increase awareness of producers and users of challenges faced by Official Statistics in ensuring quality, use of alternative data sources, producing experimental statistics, especially in times of critical situations.

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# Statistics for the European Green Deal

EG24 EGD

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Implementation period from 01/03/2025 to 31/01/2026

## Project summary

The objective of this grant project is the development of more and better data and statistics needed to underpin the policies under the European Green Deal. In order to do that, project will consist of the implementation of the new classification of environmental purposes (CEP).

New classification will be delivered for the 2025 data collection of the monetary modules of European economic environmental accounts; Environmental goods and services sector (EGSS) with deadline October 2025, Environmental protection expenditures accounts (EPEA) and Environmental subsidies and similar transfers (ESST) with deadline December 2025.

Main activities that will be a part of the project are the complete revision of EPEA, EGSS and ESST data collection to the new CEP classification as well as the investigation of national data sources from various statistical areas and development of various methods and procedures to compile and report data on climate change investments.

During the project, Croatian Bureau of statistics will work on the upgrade of the existing EPEA and EGSS annual survey by adding the CEP classification and new products relevant for climate change mitigation and adaptation. Data will be compiled using the latest versions of the EGSS, EPEA and ESST questionnaires.

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## Project results

Project is ongoing.



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# SMP- ESS-2024-HBS-IBA-H3-6726 — Consumption domain - Household budget survey (HBS) 2026 wave including innovative tools and sources

EG24 HBS

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## Project summary

The Household Budget Survey (HBS) is a national survey that provides a picture of the level and structure of consumption of private households in the Republic of Croatia. In addition to data on household consumption expenditure, the HBS survey also collects socio-demographic and economic data on household members and other household characteristics such as housing conditions, availability of durable goods, etc.

The HBS data are used to calculate weights for monitoring of the consumer price index and for calculating of final household consumption (part of the system of national accounts).

The first HBS survey was carried out in 1998 and data were collected and published on an annual basis until 2011. After that, the Survey periodicity changed to multi-year and the last national HBS survey was carried out in 2022.

The purpose of the project is to harmonize HBS survey according to the regulations (EU) 2019/1700, (EU) 2019/2180, 2019/2181, (EU) 2020/256 and according to new regulations in domain of consumption statistics: Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2094 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/126.

The project includes various activities for the preparation and implementation of the survey: including new variables in the Survey, improving data collection methods, data processing, validation and reporting on data quality. Furthermore, improvements are planned in the area of sampling in order to achieve a higher response rate, higher precision and better data quality. In order to reduce the burden on the households it is planned to use administrative data sources for household income and earnings.

The project runs from April 2025 to June 2028. The data collection will take place during 2026.

Overall objective of the project is to collect the HBS survey data under the Regulation (EU) 2019/1700 and its delegated and implementing acts as well as to produce reliable data on household consumption expenditure for the Republic of Croatia comparable with other EU countries, and to submit microdata sets and a quality report to Eurostat within the given deadlines.

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## **Project results**

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