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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.

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

EG24 HBS

Contract number: 101191432

Implementation period from 01/04/2025 to 30/06/2028

### Project summary

Applying for this project is based on new legal acts for Household Budget Survey (HBS in the continuation of the text in application) from HBS 2026 wave onwards: Regulation (EU) 2019/1700 Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2180 Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2181 Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/256 Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2094 Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/126 With adopting of new legal acts for HBS, there is a need for changes in conducting the HBS 2026 wave in terms of data collecting, data processing, data imputation, data validation and data quality reporting. Living Conditions Unit which is in charge of conducting HBS, through the project will apply all needed changes in order to be complaint with the requirements of new legal acts.

Planned preparation activities for the HBS 2026 wave are set to start in April 2025 and last to the June 2028, when the last activity – preparing of Final methodological report will be finished.

Although, as it was important to set some activities and objectives in the project, Living Conditions Unit has performed with sample expert some precalculations of needed sample size in order to be complaint with the new legal acts, and those precalculations will be a ground foundation for conducting of HBS 2026 wave. It is also important to state that there has not been any applying for the derogations in HBS regarding new legal acts which makes Living Conditions Unit binding to perform and implement all set activities and objectives outlined in this application. Through the project Living Conditions Unit is planning to implement several new activities which will become regular activities in conducting HBS waves from 2026 onwards, either it will be nationally or regular EU HBS wave.

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# Collection of Online Job Advertisements (OJA) Data for European Statistics

EG24 WIH

Contract number: 101225518

Implementation period from 01/05/2025 to 30/04/2027

## Project summary

The project, titled "Collection of Online Job Advertisements (OJA) Data for European Statistics" focuses on utilizing methods to collect data from online job advertisements to create high-quality, experimental statistics on labour demand and employment trends. This initiative is aligned with the objectives of the Single Market Programme for European statistics, specifically under the Web Intelligence Hub (WIH) and Web Intelligence Network (WIN) led by Eurostat.

Through this project, we aim to improve the efficiency and scope of national statistical institutes (NSIs) in gathering, processing, and analysing real-time labour market data sourced from job postings, complementing and enhancing traditional labour statistics.

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# LFS 2026 ad hoc subject “Digital Platform Employment”

EG25 LFS

Contract number: 101249901

Implementation period from 01/09/2025 to 31/07/2027

## Project summary

The purpose of this project is to implement LFS 2026 module on "Digital platform employment" under Work package "Implementation of the 2026 EU-LFS ad hoc subject on 'Digital Platform Employment'".

The project aims at supporting the Croatian Bureau of Statistics to be compliant with the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2240 and with the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/2887 through:

- increasing the comparability of results by using the explanatory notes and proposed model questionnaire as agreed by the LAMAS working group
- collecting methodologically sound and valid data in accordance with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/2887 of 14 November 2024 specifying the technical items of the data set for the 2026 LFS ad hoc subject on “Digital Platform Employment” in the labour force domain

The LFS 2026 ad hoc module will be carried out as a supplement to the Labour Force Survey (LFS). It will be conducted in each quarter of 2026 on a LFS subsample. Data collection (fieldwork) will be carried out by computer-assisted personal interviewing (CAPI).

The main aim of the project is to produce sound statistical results comparable with other 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 and using the required concepts and definitions for LFS 2026 ad hoc subject, development of CAPI software, data collection, data editing, data processing, data validation and transmission the microdata set to Eurostat via Edamis channel.

This LFS 2026 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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# European Statistics Competition 2025 – 2026 – Participation

EG25 COMP-PARTIC

Contract number: 101243839

Implementation period from 01/09/2025 to 31/08/2026

## Project summary

Croatian Bureau of Statistics will organize ninth in a row European Statistical Competition at national level 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 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 stage, 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, both national and European, and the ESC through different channels (webinar, workshop). The CBS will also try 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 at national and European level, 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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# SAIO PPP Use Statistics Data Collection 2026

EG25 SAIO PPP

Contract number: 101249499

Implementation period from 01/01/2026 to 31/12/2027

## Project summary

This project aims to collect data on pesticide use on 21 crops as specified in Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1537. The Croatian Bureau of Statistics (CBS) will conduct a survey on a sample of 5,000 agricultural holdings and provide data on pesticide use for the reference year 2026.

The planned activities are aimed at producing high-quality, representative data on pesticide use for 2026, in line with the SAIO requirements.

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# Integrated Farm Statistics (IFS) 2026

EG25 IFS26

Contract number: 101250178

Implementation period from 01/12/2025 to 29/02/2028

## Project summary

This project aims to collect microdata for the reference year 2026, as well as a Quality report for all data collections for the reference year 2026 as specified in Annex III of Regulation (EU) 2018/1091 and the 2026 module variables listed in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/2914. The Croatian Bureau of Statistics (CBS) will conduct a survey on a sample of around 29000 agricultural holdings and provide data for the reference year 2026.

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# Income and living conditions domain – EU-SILC 2026 modules – Preparation of 2027 ad hoc subject

EG24 ILC SILC

Contract number: 101242257

Implementation period from 01/11/2025 to 31/07/2027

## **Project summary**

The purpose of this project is to implement, collect, process and transmit mandatory rolling module in 2026 Over-indebtedness, consumption and wealth and preparation activities for implementation of 2027 ad-hoc module Mental health and wellbeing. Legal basis for collection of data from rolling modules and ad-hoc modules were adopted (or are forthcoming) pursuant Regulation (EU) 2019/1700. Due to introduction of 6-yearly rolling module variables, as a new rolling module which has not been part of EU-SILC data collection since the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2019/1700, in this application is also explained a need of subcontracting of external interviewers, with explained calculation of needed subcontracting amount. In project are included all activities which are in the scope of call with objectives of implementation of 6-yearly rolling module 2026 and preparatory activities of ad-hoc 2027 module:

- Data collection activities (implementation of 6-yearly module variables in Blaise software, instructions of interviewers, successful organisation of fieldwork, successful CAPI and CATI data collection)
- Data processing (performing of logical-mathematical controls and data quality analysis)
- Validation of data and data transmission
- Introduction of 6-yearly rolling module in national questionnaire and translation to English (as a mandatory annex of Quality report)

Preparation activities of ad-hoc module 2027 Mental health and wellbeing which will include using of Blaise 5 software for data collection for the first time in EU-SILC (implementation of ad-hoc module variables in Blaise 5 software from IT Expert and testing the Blaise 5 software with included variables from SILC methodologists).

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# Integration of geospatial information and statistics

EG25 GEOS

Contract number: 101259271

Implementation period from 01/01/2026 to 31/12/2027

## Project summary

The general context of this action is integration of geospatial and statistical information in support of EUs strategic objectives and the underlying policies and policy instruments at European, national and subnational levels. The main purpose of this action is the support to Croatian Bureau of Statistics (CBS) as a beneficiary in developing and adapting its statistical infrastructure in order to be able to produce statistics based on the new methodology, which aims to minimize disclosing confidential information and maximize the level of spatial resolution. Objectives will be achieved through the following activities:

- research of methodology,
- creating a set of base grids of different resolutions with hierarchical structure,
- overlapping point data set with base grids and performing data aggregation,
- analysing the need and implementing disclosure control methods,
- creating multi-resolution grids for selected variables,
- upgrading and adjusting Web-GIS portal GeoSTAT<sup>RH</sup>,
- creating methodological guidelines,
- creating a publication on coordination and cooperation of statistical and geospatial data holders,
- communication activities and dissemination of results.

Final results are going to be publicly available on the GeoSTAT<sup>RH</sup> Web-GIS portal and methodological guidelines will be published on official CBS webpages. Project activities and results are going to be presented in relevant meetings and conferences that cover topics on geospatial and statistical integration, i.e., Working Group on Integrating statistical and geospatial information (GISCO Working Group), EFGS conference. The project is expected to contribute to the ESS outputs by offering better integration of statistical and geographic information and by contribution to the implementation of the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework (GSGF) in the EU.

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# PPPs data collection 2026 and quality improvements

EG25 PPP

Contract number: 101254431

Implementation period from 01/11/2025 to 30/04/2027

## 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. 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 (Tab24), compensation of government employees, actual and imputed rents, VAT and tips for referent years 2023-2024-2025 and CPI questionnaire about HICP indices for 2025 that will use for calculation TAP (Temporal adjustment factor).

**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.

The main outcome is the Purchasing Power Standard (PPS) - an artificial reference currency that eliminates differences in price levels between countries and allows for comparison of the volume of economic indicators in the countries participating in the project.

The aim of the implementation of this project is GDP per PPS - an economic indicator of the economic and material development of the country in comparison with the 36 countries participating in the ECP/PPP project.

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# Tourism statistics – towards an innovative multi-source integrated production system

EG25 TOUR

Contract number: 101262646

Implementation period from 02/02/2026 to 01/05/2027

## Project summary

This project aims to modernise the production of tourism statistics by using mobile network operator (MNO) data as a complementary and innovative data source. Traditional methods, such as surveys, are often limited by timeliness, coverage, and cost. Mobile data can offer a more dynamic, timely, and granular view of tourism flows, particularly for same-day visits and short trips, which are often underreported. In partnership with a national MNO, CBS will develop algorithms to identify same-day and overnight trips made by residents to domestic and foreign destinations. These algorithms will be implemented securely by the MNO, who will return anonymised, aggregated indicators to the CBS. Monthly estimates will be produced at the national level throughout the year. The project will explore the integration of MNO-derived indicators into official statistics using model-based techniques such as regression and calibration. It will also compare mobile-based estimates with traditional sources and assess their quality, consistency, and added value. Expected outputs include a documented methodology, a full set of monthly tourism indicators, and an analysis of data quality and usability. The results will be shared with Eurostat and the broader statistical community. The project is expected to benefit national and European statistical systems, policymakers, and tourism stakeholders by improving data availability, reducing costs, and supporting data innovation in line with EU priorities for digital transformation and smarter statistics.

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# TECHNICAL SUPPORT INSTRUMENT 2021-2027

## Implementation of the DGA: Support for the competent body and analysis of the challenges of public sector bodies

TSI DGA

Contract number: REFORM/IM2025

Implementation period from 02/2026 to 02/2028

### **Project summary**

The Technical Support Instrument (TSI) is the EU programme that provides tailor-made technical expertise to EU Member States to design and implement reforms.

The scope of the project is to assist National Statistical Institutes (NSI) as designated Competent Bodies in Croatia, Estonia, Germany, and the Netherlands in developing a structured framework for the implementation of Article 7, Data Governance Act (DGA).

The general objective of the Technical Support Instrument (TSI) that this Project is contributing to is to support Croatia, Estonia, Germany and the Netherlands in their efforts to implement European Data Strategy reforms, which could encourage investment, increase competitiveness, and assist in achieving sustainable economic and social convergence, resilience, and recovery.

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