

CESD-Communautaire: Gateway to Public European Statistical Cooperation

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Implementing European statistical cooperation and advanced statistical methodologies

Mission Statement

A Centre of Expertise

- ❖ To Implement European Statistical COOPERATION programmes.
- ❖ To assist the European Statistical System in starting up & promoting advanced statistical methodologies.

Who are we?

- ❖ Members of the association are mainly high-ranking managers of National Statistical Institutes. This empowerment by public servants, financial control and audit by Community institutions in addition to regular external auditing guarantee the quality of our interventions as well as proper use of funds.
- ❖ A multinational staff of more than 65 persons trained to work in close co-operation with partners from both Western Europe and emerging countries
- ❖ Experts are professional statisticians and/or economists working mainly in National Statistical Offices of the European Union & EFTA

Statistical & logistical know-how

- ❖ Our team has expertise in technical statistical fields, project management and logistics adapted to manage requests and budgets provided by the European Commission (Phare, Tacis, Meda, Fed, Eurostat and various DGs), EFTA, FAO etc.
- ❖ CESD-Communautaire adds statistical and/or logistical value at all phases of projects: identification; feasibility, co-ordination of complex projects, logistic administrative & financial management, follow-up; monitoring; evaluation.
- ❖ Development of statistical software, methodologies, training tools, etc.

For whom?

- ❖ Statistical co-operation programmes are implemented in emerging countries: i.e. ACP, Asia, Latin America, CEEC, MED and NIS countries.
- ❖ CESD-Communautaire also assists the European Statistical System in starting up advanced statistical methodologies: e.g. application of Land use / Land Cover to statistics.

Finance and Audit

All programmes entrusted to CESD-Communautaire are 100 % publicly funded programmes.

Therefore, they are subject to audits from the Court of Account and financial control (DG 19).

CESD-Communautaire has also included in its statutes the mandate of audits performed by qualified professionals.

CESD-Communautaire co-operation is closely linked with Eurostat and EU Member States and EFTA National Statistical System.

Comparative advantages implementing EU statistical co-operation:

Our capacity and experience in mobilising expertise in official statistics in the European Union and partner countries in close technical monitoring by Eurostat, serving European wide interests.

Our status of a non-profit organisation closely guaranteeing impartiality, professionalism and cost-control.

Experience of difficulties in logistics, follow-up and monitoring of statistical activities in a variety of emerging countries.

- ❖ Its lean, flexible structures can be adapted to suit demand.
- ❖ As a publicly financed, non-profit-making structure, CESD-Communautaire is governed by a public service ethic.
- ❖ The fact of having a permanent team of experts on hand to manage activities speedily and competently avoids setting up ad hoc structures for individual projects.
- ❖ The absence of profit-making motives ensures that efforts are made to allocate an optimum share of earmarked budgets to direct cooperation initiatives.
- ❖ Any surplus is reverted to other co-operation activities via intervention funds.

❖ Proper use of funds

External audits are conducted by:

- Statutory auditors,
- The Commission Financial Control division (DG 19)
- The Court of Auditors of the European Communities.
- Internal controls are conducted by:
 - The General Assembly
 - The Board of Directors both composed mainly of members of statistical institutes,

Participation in the following networks:

- ❖ CESD network: CESD Lisbon, Madrid, Paris, Rome, CDG Munich, TES Institute.
- ❖ Operator of Fresco network (Fiesole Round table for Statistical Co-operation) 15 EU + 4 EFTA National Statistical Institutes.
- ❖ Stakeholder of TRADESIS & LANDSIS G.E.I.E.
- ❖ Lanes network. (Land cover / land use information system derived from Earth observation)

More info?

Our web sites:

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