

Statistics on crime and criminal justice : Activities of Eurostat



Eurostat

Function

- Statistical Office of the European Union

Organisation

- A General Directorate of the Commission

Purpose

- To collect and publish statistics in all areas

Specific task

- Statistics on crime, victimisation and criminal justice

Crime, victimisation and criminal justice

Crime statistics

- Figures based on police reports are available in all Member States but with varying definitions and counting rules

Victimisation

- Household surveys are conducted in some Member States

Criminal justice

- Prosecutions, convictions, sentencing, prison populations

Developing a comprehensive and coherent EU strategy to measure crime and criminal justice: An EU Action Plan 2006 – 2010

(Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, 7/8/2006)

- Directorate-General for Justice Freedom and Security (DG JLS) set up Expert Group and sub-groups
- Eurostat Working Group on Crime and Criminal Justice Statistics, and task forces
- One task force deals with *Crime Data Availability*

Mandate of the task force ‘*Crime Data Availability*’

1. To review the discussions of the Expert Group
2. To identify which indicators might be provided on the basis of existing data, and to discuss methods of collecting these
3. To identify indicators developed by the Expert Group for which no statistical data exists, and to suggest methods of obtaining such data or proxy data
4. To examine quality aspects of the available data
5. To suggest changes in the interest of improving the efficiency of the data collection
6. To propose measures for co-ordinating the data collection with similar international exercises
7. To assist in preparing meetings of the Working Group

The '*Crime Data Availability*' task force examines in turn each of the areas where Expert Group sub-groups are working, for example :

- Financial crime (including money-laundering and corruption)
- Trafficking in human beings
- Criminal justice
- Police co-operation (just starting)

Case study : Developing indicators on money-laundering

- List of indicators finalised by sub-group on financial crime, March 2008
- Eurostat sent request for data/metadata to contact points in Member States, May 2008
- Results of the data collection examined by task force, 6-7 November 2008
- Sub-group on financial crime asked to revise indicators
- New request will be sent out by Eurostat, May 2009
- Results to be examined by task force, 3-4 Nov. 2009
- If quality is acceptable, results to be published by end 2009

Thank you for your attention

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