

Community statistics: 2003-2007 programme

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PURPOSE : to establish a Community statistical programme for the period 2003-2007. **COMMUNITY MEASURE** : Decision 2367/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council. **CONTENT** : this Decision establishes a Community statistical programme for the period 2003-2007. Taking account of the available resources of the national authorities and the Commission, this programme shall be guided by the principal Community policy priorities of: - economic and monetary union, - European Union enlargement, - competitiveness, sustainable development and the social agenda. The programme shall also ensure the continuation of existing statistical support for decisions in current policy areas and the additional requirements arising from new Community policy initiatives. It shall take account of the need for ongoing review of statistical priorities and of the necessity of the statistics produced, with a view to making best use of available resources and minimising response burdens. Furthermore, the Commission shall ensure comparable and high quality statistics. The financial framework for the implementation of this programme for the period 2003 to 2007 is hereby set at EUR 192 500 000. EUR 150 727 000 shall be for the period 2003 to 2006. EUR 41 773 000 shall be for 2007. The amount of EUR 41773000 shall be deemed to be confirmed if it is consistent with the financial perspective in force for the period commencing in 2007. The annual appropriations shall be authorised by the budgetary authority within the limits of the financial perspectives. It should be noted that during the third year of implementation of the programme, the Commission shall prepare an intermediate report showing its stage of development and present it to the Statistical Programme Committee. At the end of the period covered by the programme, the Commission, after consulting the Statistical Programme Committee, shall present an appropriate evaluation report on the implementation of the programme, taking into account the views of independent experts. That report is to be completed by the end of 2008 and subsequently submitted to the European Parliament and the Council. **ENTRY INTO FORCE** : 01/01/2003.