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<p style="text-align: center;">Brief description of the organisation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The European Central Bank (ECB) lies at the centre of the Eurosystem and the European System of Central Banks (ESCB) established in 1998. The ECB has its own legal personality in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community. The Eurosystem comprises the ECB and the national central banks (NCBs) of the euro area, i.e. the currently 16 Member States of the European Union (EU) that have adopted the euro as the single currency. The ESCB comprises the ECB and the NCBs of all currently 27 EU Member States. The ECB is located in Frankfurt am Main. ▪ The primary objective of the Eurosystem is to maintain price stability.
<p style="text-align: center;">Mission for statistics</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The main purpose of ECB statistics is to support the monetary policy of the ECB and other tasks of the ESCB.
<p style="text-align: center;">Fields of activity/ structure</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Statistics</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ECB statistics includes mainly statistics relating to monetary financial institutions, other statistics relating to financial intermediaries, statistics relating to interest rates, statistics on securities, balance of payments and international investment position statistics, the Eurosystem’s international reserves, statistics relating to the international role of the euro, effective exchange rates of the euro, government finance statistics, euro area accounts by institutional sector, payments and securities settlement system statistics. A more detailed description is available in the publication “ECB statistics, an overview” http://www.ecb.europa.eu/pub/pdf/other/ecbstatisticsanoverview2008en.pdf ▪ The ECB statistics is provided by the Directorate-General Statistics of the ECB that comprises currently the following 5 Divisions: Euro Area Accounts and Economic Data, External Statistics, Monetary and Financial Statistics, Statistical Information Services, and Statistics Development and Coordination.
<p style="text-align: center;">Mandate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Statute of the ESCB and of the ECB, together with Council Regulation (EC) No 2533/98, sets out the ECB’s responsibilities and regulatory powers concerning the collection of statistical information. ▪ The ECB makes regulations, guidelines and recommendations for the collection of statistical information. Regulations are binding in their entirety and directly applicable in all Member States that have adopted the euro. The ECB statistical legal acts are prepared by the ESCB Statistics Committee (STC), adopted by the Governing Council of the ECB and published in the Official Journal of the EU. New statistical requirements are subject to a systematic merits and costs procedure. ▪ The ESCB Statistics Committee is chaired by the Director-General Statistics of the ECB and comprises in addition to the ECB the NCBs. The STC meets in euro area and



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	<p>EU composition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The ESCB's governance structure applied to statistics is explained in more detail in: http://www.ecb.int/pub/pdf/other/escbstructureappliedtostatistics200611en.pdf.▪ The Treaty establishing the European Community provides a role for both the ECB and the European Commission in the provision of official European statistics. The division of labour between the ECB (Directorate-General Statistics) and the European Commission (Eurostat) is set out in a Memorandum of Understanding http://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/legal/pdf/en_mou_with_eurostat1.pdf.▪ The ECB Directorate-General Statistics also contributes to the development and harmonisation of statistics through its international cooperation with the Bank for International Settlements, the International Monetary Fund, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, the World Bank and the United Nations.
Statistical work programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ “The medium-term work programme for the ECB’s statistical function (2009-2012)” is published: http://www.ecb.europa.eu/stats/html/workprogramme.en.html
Number of staff <i>Total / Statistics</i>	1500 / 140 full-time equivalent
Flagship publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The section “euro area statistics” of the ECB Monthly Bulletin (http://www.ecb.europa.eu/pub/mb/html/index.en.html)▪ Statistics Pocket Book (http://www.ecb.europa.eu/pub/spb/html/index.en.html)▪ ECB statistical data are accessible on the Internet via the ECB Statistical Data Warehouse (http://sdw.ecb.europa.eu/)
Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ http://www.ecb.europa.eu/



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