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## Directory of statistical services of international organisations **Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)**

| Brief<br>description of<br>the<br>organisation <sup>1</sup> | <ul> <li>The OECD, established in 1961, provides a setting where governments compare policy experiences, seek answers to common problems, identify good practice and co-ordinate domestic and international policies. Statistics and data play a key role in this comparative work and evidence-based analysis.</li> <li>OECD brings together 38 member countries and many partners that collaborate closely on key global issues. In addition, 8 countries are engaged in a process of accession. OECD standards and initiatives help drive and anchor reform in more than 100 countries around the world, building on collective wisdom and shared values.</li> <li>The OECD headquarters are situated in Paris. OECD collects statistics and data on a wide range of societal issues from member countries, from non-member countries and from other organisations. In a few cases, OECD organises data collection directly from citizens or businesses. OECD is engaged in making statistics comparable across countries.</li> <li>OECD engages, together with other international organisations, in the setting of worldwide standards and handbooks on statistical concepts and methodology, as well as technical standards.</li> <li>The statistical work is decentralised and goes hand-in-hand with policy work carried out by OECD directorates. The <u>Statistics and Data Directorate</u> (SDD) compiles economic statistics e.g. national accounts including financial accounts, environmental-economic accounts, price statistics, labour statistics, trade statistics, income distribution, other short-term economic and financial statistics and data communities of practice. The broad objectives of this governance consists in the implementation of the <u>OECD Smart Data strategy</u>.</li> <li>In 2015, the OECD Council adopted the <u>Recommendation on Good Statistical Practice</u>. This recommendation represents a key reference for assessing and benchmarking the national statistical systems of the OECD members, partners and candidate countries, and a detailed blueprint to e</li></ul> |
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| Mission <sup>2</sup>  | OECD brings together the governments of countries committed to democracy and the market economy from around the world to create a stronger, cleaner and fairer economy.   |
| Fields of<br>Activity/<br>structure<br>Statistics           | <ul> <li>Fields of activity. Production of statistics in almost any domain of society, e.g. population, labour force, education, environment and climate, energy, national accounts, etc. Development and maintenance of methodological handbooks, guidelines and classifications for use in the international community of official statistics.</li> <li>SDD is co-leading, with the Economics Department, the OECD Innovation Lab, whose objective is to mainstream the use of new techniques and alternative data in OECD analysis. SDD also leads the Statistical Information System Collaboration Community</li> </ul>   |

<sup>1</sup> Description of the statistics section/department in the organization <sup>2</sup> Mission of the organization



|  | <ul> <li>(<u>https://siscc.org</u>) which brings together national and international statistical organisations to co-innovate and co-invest in open source solutions (flagship: <u>.Stat Suite</u>).</li> <li>Structure: the OECD Statistics and Data Directorate has 3 divisions: National Accounts Division, Trade and Productivity Statistics Division and Smart Data Practices and Solutions Division. In addition, <u>PARIS21</u> (Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century) which extends the reach of OECD co-operation on data and statistical capacity development to low and middle income countries, is hosted by SDD.</li> </ul> |
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| Mandate  | <ul> <li><u>Convention on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development</u>, 14th<br/>December 1960</li> </ul>   |
| Statistical work<br>programme                      | <ul> <li>Bi-annual programme, set in the context of the OECD-wide programme of work and<br/>budget. A description of the OECD statistical activities is provided annually in the <u>OECD</u><br/><u>Statistical Programme of Work</u></li> </ul>  |
| Number of staff<br>Total / Statistical<br>division | • 2500 / 75   |
| Publications                                       | https://www.oecd.org/en/publications.html   |
| Website  | https://www.oecd.org/sdd  |

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