

ANNEX II

CRITERIA FOR MEASURING QUALITY

1. CRITERIA FOR MEASURING QUALITY FOR THE ESSPROS CORE SYSTEM

1.1. Accuracy and reliability

1.1.1. For quantitative data

1.1.1.1. Coverage of data sources

Member States must provide information concerning:

- the types of sources used: registers or other administrative sources, surveys, estimates, etc.,
- reports on problems (including delays) which lead to estimation of data,
- the schemes covered by the different types of sources,
- where appropriate, the benefits concerned by the different types of source (if cross-sources are used, e.g. labour cost surveys).

1.1.1.2. Methodologies and assumptions used in the estimates

Member States must provide information concerning:

- the estimates for schemes on which no data are available,
- the estimates for missing receipts, expenditure and detailed benefits:
 - (a) if data are completely lacking;
 - (b) if the breakdown for one benefit or group of benefits is missing (e.g. breakdown of one benefit into mean-tested and non-mean-tested benefit or breakdown of a cash benefit specific to one function into several detailed benefits).

1.1.1.3. Revision of statistics

Member States must provide information concerning:

- changes in the data sources used,
- changes in the methods used for estimating data,
- revisions of data due to conceptual adjustments (for example, adjustments of national accounts),
- revisions of data due to availability of final statistics,
- revisions of data due to quality review actions.

1.1.2. For qualitative information

Not applicable.

1.2. Comparability

1.2.1. For quantitative data

Geographical comparability

To allow Eurostat to evaluate comparability between countries, Member States must provide information concerning:

- degree of coverage in terms of schemes,
- degree of coverage in terms of receipts, expenditure and detailed benefits,

- cases of non-application of the ESSPROS methodology in the form of a comprehensive list.

1.2.2. For qualitative information

Not applicable.

2. CRITERIA FOR MEASURING QUALITY FOR THE MODULE ON PENSION BENEFICIARIES

2.1. Accuracy and reliability

2.1.1. Coverage of data sources

Member States must provide information concerning:

- the types of source used: registers or other administrative sources, surveys, estimates, etc.,
- reports on problems (including delays) which lead to estimation of data,
- the schemes covered by the different types of source.

2.1.2. Methodologies and assumptions used in the treatment of double counting and in estimates

Member States must provide information concerning:

- the estimates for schemes on which no data are available,
- the treatment of double counting:
 - (a) for a pension category inside a single scheme,
 - (b) between schemes (a pension category for all schemes),
 - (c) between non-means-tested and means-tested pension categories,
 - (d) between categories in aggregation.

2.1.3. Revision of statistics

Member States must provide information concerning:

- changes in the data sources used,
- changes in the methods used for estimating data,
- revisions of data due to availability of final statistics,
- revisions of data due to quality review action.

2.2. Comparability

Geographical comparability

To allow Eurostat to evaluate comparability between countries, Member States must provide information concerning:

- degree of coverage in terms of schemes,
- degree of coverage in terms of beneficiaries,
- cases of non-application of the ESSPROS methodology in the form of a comprehensive list.

3. TIMETABLE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THE QUALITY REPORTS

3.1. For the core system

The quality reports on the core system are annual. The report on year N must be transmitted to Eurostat by the end of September in year N+2. On this basis Eurostat will produce and disseminate a consolidated version of these reports by the end of December of year N+2.

3.2. For the pension beneficiaries module

The quality reports on the module on pension beneficiaries are annual. The report on year N must be transmitted to Eurostat by the end of August in year N+2. On this basis Eurostat will produce and disseminate a consolidated version of these reports by the end of November of year N+2.