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THE CODE OF PRACTICE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICS



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The European Statistical System



**National Statistical Systems
Strengthening of the role of
the EES in the EU:
The Code of Practice of
European Statistics**

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Palermo Strategy (47 Meeting of the DGINS of September 2002)

I. The need to strengthen the role of the European Statistical System

- Examine the legal instruments governing work in the EES: working out a code of practice for European statistics

COMPOSITION

EUROPEAN COMMISSION: D.G. EUROSTAT +

**OFFICIAL BODIES OF THE 25 MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE EU
(STATISTICAL OFFICES, MINISTRIES, BANKS AND AGENCIES)**

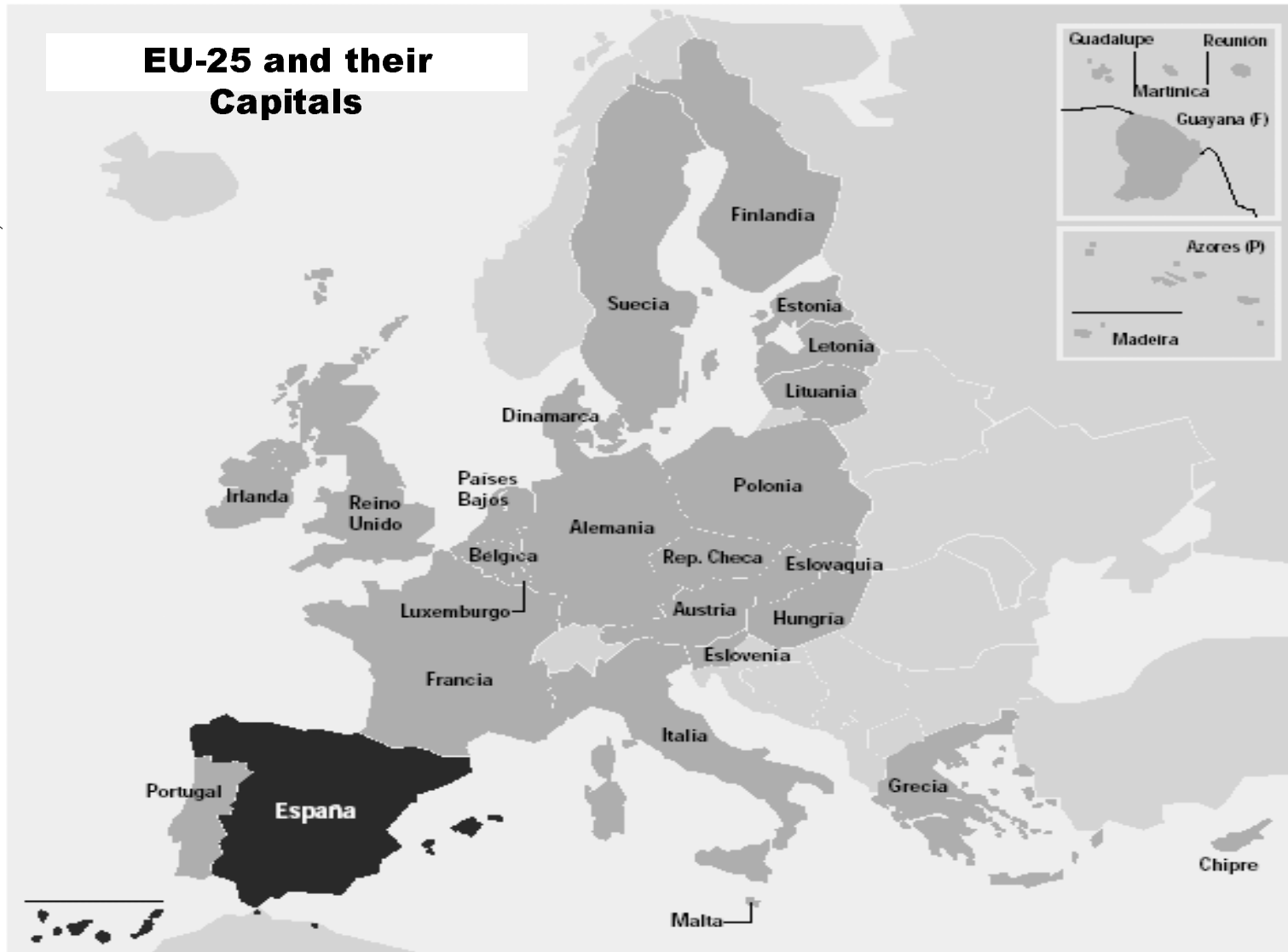
EUROPEAN UNION MEMBER STATES + EFTA COUNTRIES

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Amsterdam Treaty (Arts.285-287): Signed in 1997 and came into force on 1 May 1999

Statistics Law ⇒ Council Regulation (EC) N°322/97 on Community statistics:

EU-25 and their Capitals



Alemania *Berlin*
 Austria *Viena*
 Bélgica *Bruselas*
 Chipre *Nicosia*
 Dinamarca *Copenhague*
 Eslovaquia *Bratislava*
 Eslovenia *Liubliana*
 España *Madrid*
 Estonia *Tallin*

Finlandia *Helsinki*
 Francia *Paris*
 Grecia *Atenas*
 Hungría *Budapest*
 Irlanda *Dublín*
 Italia *Roma*
 Letonia *Riga*

Lituania *Vilna*
 Luxemburgo *Luxemburgo*
 Malta *Valleta*
 Países Bajos *Ámsterdan*
 Polonia *Varsovia*
 Portugal *Lisboa*
 Reino Unido *Londras*
 Rep. Checa *Praga*
 Suecia *Estocolmo*



Code of Practice

Approval process:

**Approval in the Statistical Programme Committee in February 2004 and
Proposal for a European Commission Recommendation**

DEFINITIONS

**European
Statistics**

**Statistical
Authority**

**European
Statistical
System**

Code of Practice

PURPOSES OF THE CODE

Improved confidence in the statistical independence of the national and Community authorities and in the credibility and quality of the statistics both produce and distribute

Promotion of a uniform application of the best international statistical principles, methods and practices by all producers of official statistics in Europe so as to optimize their quality



Code of Practice

INSTITUTIONS AFFECTED

★ Government
authorities

★ Statistical
authorities and
their personnel

★ Users

★ Data suppliers



Code of Practice Principles and Indicators

1. Professional independence
2. Legal mandates for data collection
3. Adequacy of resources
4. Commitment to Quality
5. Statistical confidentiality
6. Impartiality and objectivity
7. Sound methodology
8. Appropriate statistical processes
9. Not too heavy a load
10. Cost effectiveness
11. Relevance
12. Precision and reliability
13. Timeliness and punctuality
14. Coherence and comparability
15. Accessibility and clarity

Debate of the Members of the Conference



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