

Production of Statistical Information for the New EU Initiatives Programme Annual Report 2024

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Abstract

In 2024, within the framework of Production of Statistical Information for the New EU Initiatives programme, various activities were performed in **41** grant projects: **14** new projects were launched, **12** projects were completed, **11** final reports were submitted, and **17** proposal applications were submitted to Eurostat.

In 2024 actual direct expenses of the CSB on various grant projects comprised **EUR 1 083 348**, moreover 91 % of the expenses went on remuneration as the projects engaged **213** employees.

The grant project works carried out during the reporting year met the objectives set and the results defined were achieved.

Abbreviations

ANCs	Areas facing Natural or other specific Constraints
BPM6	balance of payments and international investment position manual
CAPI	computer assisted personal interviewing
CAWI	computer assisted web interviewing
CATI	computer assisted telephone interviewing
CSB	Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia
LFS	Labour Force Survey
DG ECFIN	Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs
ESA 2010	European System of National and Regional Accounts
EU	European Union
Eurostat	statistical office of the European Union
EU-SILC	European Union statistics on income and living conditions
GDP	gross domestic product
HBS	Household Budget Survey
NACE	Statistical Classification of Economic Activities in the European Community
GNI	gross national income
PPPs	purchasing power parities
VAT	value added tax
PRODCOM	Classification of industrial production; an annual European Union survey focused on collecting and disseminating statistics on the production of industrial goods, both in terms of value and quantity
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
SAIO regulation	Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on agricultural input and output
SFR	Statistical Farm Register
SSFR regulation	Social Statistics Framework Regulation

Launched Grant Projects

In 2024 CSB received 19 calls for proposal in the major EU topics and areas of action. Based on the project objectives and CSB priorities, CSB specialists applied for 16 projects and did not apply for 3 projects because:

- The CSB is already implementing a project on the proposed topic;
- there is a lack of implementation staff capacity;
- the indicators requested in the project have already been calculated.

In 2024 CSB launched **14** grant projects in various statistical domains, e.g., business statistics, social statistics, macroeconomic statistics, agricultural and environment statistics, business tendency, and territorial statistics. The report lists some of the projects launched in 2024 and having major importance in the development of **statistical production**.

1. Development of the PRODCOM data recalculation methodology by adapting existing time series to the new NACE Rev. 2.1 classification (G-23.13)

Objective –

To develop a methodology for backcasting PRODCOM data, adapting the existing time series to the new NACE Rev. 2.1 classification.

Actions planned and results:

To develop a methodological description for data backcasting, create programme code for recalculating time series, produce the backcasted time series, and submit them to Eurostat.

2. Data Collection for City and Subnational Statistics (G-23.16)

Objective –

Collection of comparable quantitative information on the quality of life in European cities and the development of a new methodology for subnational statistics to support EU policy initiatives in the field of urban development, as well as to increase awareness and knowledge of subnational data.

Actions planned and results:

To compile reliable and comparable data on demographics, nationality, household structure, housing, health, crime, the labour market, economic activity, education and training, educational qualifications, waste, travel habits, culture and recreation in Latvian cities and functional urban areas, and to provide the available data to Eurostat. The reference year for the data compiled will be 2023, 2024, and 2025.

To prepare metadata on the subnational data compiled, including the data source, the methodology used, and the data quality assessment. The metadata file will be prepared in accordance with ESS standards.

3. Extension of time series on environmental protection subsidies and similar transfers, and development of accounts for potentially environmentally harmful subsidies (G-24.01)

Objective –

To collect information and complete tables on environmental subsidies, transfers, and tax reductions in Latvia for the years 2017–2022 in order to extend the existing time series, as well as to update the methodology for the annual compilation of statistics on environmental subsidies and similar transfers.

To examine the situation in Latvia and prepare a list of potentially harmful subsidies, focusing on fossil fuel subsidies. To carry out initial assessments of fossil fuel subsidies and complete the questionnaire for the years 2020–2022.

Actions planned and results:

The existing time series on environmental subsidies and similar transfers have been extended, and the calculation methods for compiling annual statistics on environmental subsidies and similar transfers have also been updated.

Potentially environmentally harmful subsidies have been mapped for the first time, and the first average effective carbon rates have been calculated.

4. Study on the use of geospatial information in grassland age statistics and the development of method for estimating the production of fodder and green forage crops in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2022/2379 (G-24.02)

Objective –

To approve and improve the methodology for determining the area and age of grasslands, especially those not declared for support, using satellite imagery and geospatial information.

To develop a research-based methodology for modelling the green mass and dry matter yield of fodder and green forage crops to provide statistical information in accordance with the requirements of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1538.

Actions planned and results:

Development of a comprehensive methodology for determining the age groups defined in the regulation for 2026 and the subsequent years, using geospatial information.

A methodology and calculation tool for modelling the green mass and dry matter yield of fodder and green forage crops to provide statistics in accordance with the requirements of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1538.

5. Health sector – European Health Interview Survey (EHIS) 2025 (G-24.07)

Objective –

To develop a methodology for the European Health Interview Survey 2025 to enable the implementation of the survey in accordance with regulatory and data user requirements, as well as to improve the data collection process and data quality.

Actions planned and results:

The survey has been implemented in accordance with Eurostat requirements, ensuring international comparability of the data. Cognitive testing of the new questions will be carried out to help improve the survey questionnaire and interviewer instructions, with the aim of enhancing the quality of the data collection process. As a result of the communication campaign, the survey and the CSB will be

promoted more broadly. The CSB will share its experience in survey implementation, interviewer training, use of administrative data, and communication activities with other EU countries, which will be useful for planning future surveys.

6. Labour Force Survey – 2025 module (G-24.08)

Objective –

To prepare the questionnaire and instructions for interviewers. To conduct cognitive testing of the questionnaire. To collect data on the situation of persons with caregiving responsibilities and their participation in the labour market, the use of care services, and the impact of caregiving duties on employment in Latvia.

Actions planned and results:

To collect data-based information on the situation of persons with caregiving responsibilities and their participation in the labour market, the use of care services, and the impact of caregiving duties on employment in Latvia.

In the long term, the module results will be used for policy planning aimed at reducing the risk of individuals unintentionally falling out of the labour market due to lack of access to necessary care services.

The data will be analysed and published in the informative leaflet of the Labour Force Survey.

7. Income and living conditions domain – EU-SILC 2025 module (G-24.09)

Objective –

Support to national statistical institutes in implementing new or additional variables in EU-SILC data collection.

Actions planned and results:

In 2025, the EU-SILC will include an ad hoc topic 'Energy and Environment', consisting of 20 new or additional indicators that will be collected for the first time. Preparation of the questionnaire and cognitive test for the EU-SILC 6-year module 'Over-indebtedness, Consumption and Well-being' for the survey of 2026.

8. PPPs Data Collection 2025 (G-24.10)

Objective –

Provision of basic information for PPPs Data Collection 2025.

Actions planned and results:

Data included in the project have been compiled from surveys such as consumer price surveys, survey of rental agencies, capital goods price surveys, hospital price survey, as well as other surveys — GDP weights, VAT data, survey on wages in the public sector, and data on the rent of dwellings. An updated description of the data sources and methods used for PPP calculations (Inventories) has been prepared.

Benefit of the data for Latvia - purchasing power parities are calculated and it is possible to make a comparison with other European countries. PPPs are spatial deflators and currency converters that

smooth out differences in price levels between countries and thus allow comparisons of the volume components of GDP. PPPs allow value of the currency used in the country's economy to be measured on the basis of the quantity of goods and services that can be bought in that country's currency.

Active Grant Projects

In 2024, 41 projects of the grant scheme were undertaken in the CSB.

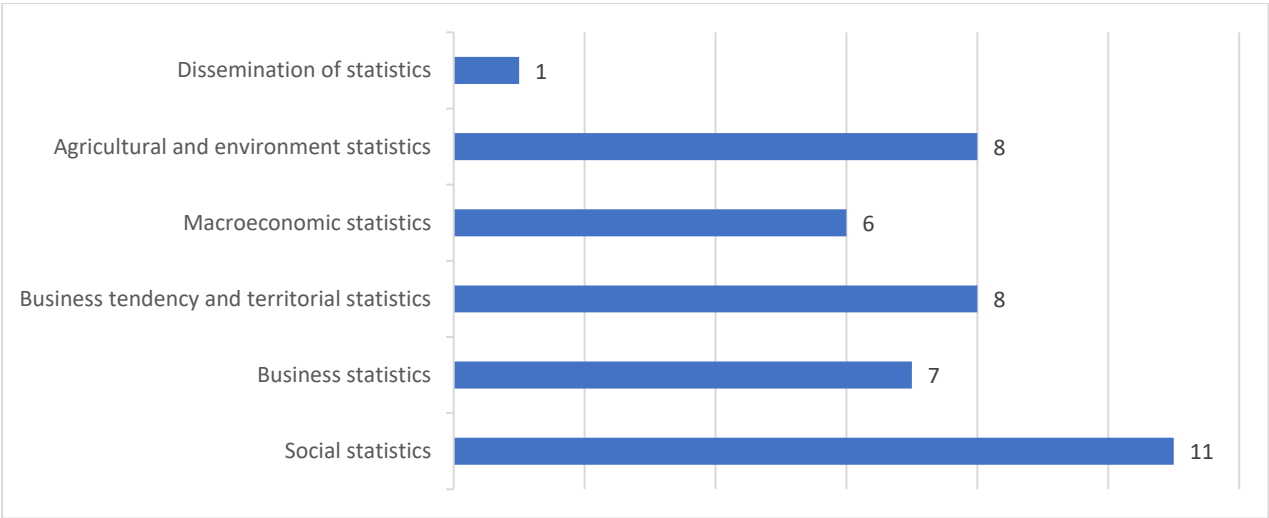


Figure 1 Active projects by statistical domain (2024)

Table 1
Number of active projects by statistical domain (last five years)

Domain	Active projects				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Social statistics	9	8	9	10	11
Business statistics	7	6	8	7	7
Business tendency and territorial statistics	10	9	8	8	8
Dissemination of statistics	-	-	-	1	1
IT	1	-	-	-	-
Macroeconomic statistics	9	11	7	8	6
Agricultural and environment statistics	6	5	5	7	8
Mathematical statistics	1	-	-	-	-
Methodology and quality of statistics	2	1	1	1	-
Total	45	40	38	42	41

Grant projects have provided opportunities to continuously develop new and innovative methods in data collection, mathematical analysis, communication, and other stages of statistical production, as well as to facilitate the implementation of new regulatory requirements in national statistics.

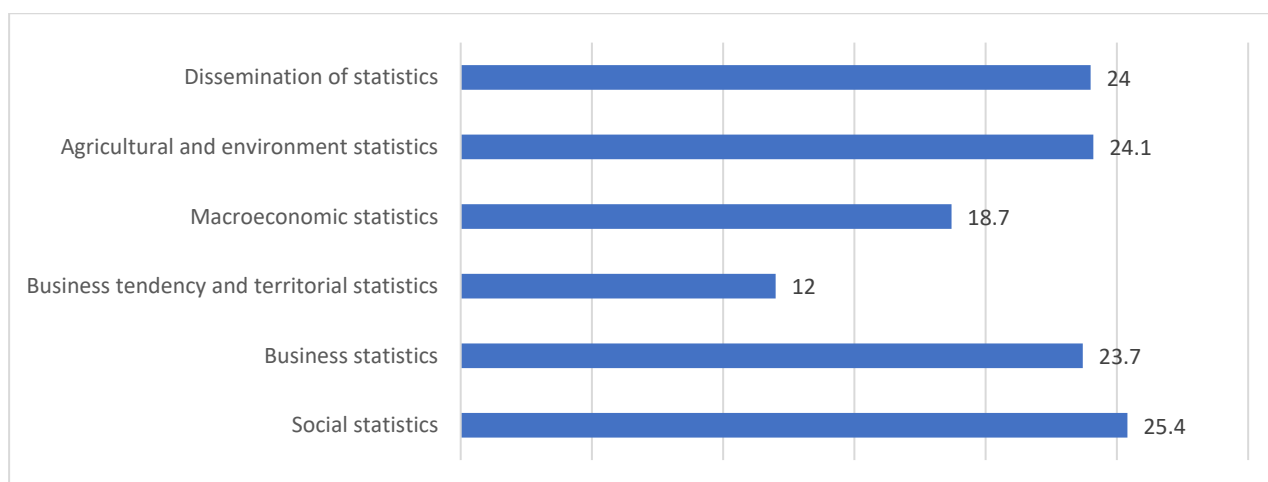


Figure 2 Average duration of active projects by statistical domain (months, 2024)

Average duration of active projects in the CSB is 21.2 months in 2024. In business tendency and territorial statistics length of the projects is 12 months, within the framework of grant projects, surveys are carried out annually thus allowing to acquire business tendency variables characterizing situation in sectors such as industry, construction, retail trade and services and make short-term forecasts. The variables acquired are regularly sent to DG ECFIN for the calculation of common EU and euro area figures as well as published on the official statistics portal.

Completed Grant Projects

In 2024, **12** grant projects were completed. In 2024 final reports on **11** grant projects were drawn up and sent to Eurostat.

Table 2
Grant projects final reports whereof were sent to Eurostat in 2024

Project title	Project objective	Project result	Project ID. manager
Modernisation of Agricultural Statistics Activity 1 Pilot Study on the Use of Geospatial Information for Obtaining Statistical Data on Grassland Management <i>Development of methodology for modernisation of obtaining statistical data on grassland management and for modernisation of the Statistical Farm Register</i> WP1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To develop a methodology for ensuring compliance with the SAIO regulation requirements regarding permanent grassland areas, in accordance with the age groups specified in the draft regulation; ➤ to develop a methodology for determining grassland yield; ➤ to identify ecologically significant, biologically diverse, and biologically valuable grassland areas in Latvia and its regions; ➤ to develop proposals for the future use of satellite imagery and block maps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A methodology for ensuring compliance with the SAIO regulation requirements regarding permanent grassland areas in accordance with the age groups specified in the draft regulation, as well as for determining grassland yield was developed. ➤ To reduce the burden on respondents, geospatial information was used in the Integrated Farm Statistics Survey 2023 to provide data on ADSI (areas with natural or other specific constraints) and ecologically significant areas on agricultural holdings. ➤ Proposals have been developed for the future use of available geospatial information for statistical purposes. 	<p>G-20.19.1, Ilze Januška, ilze.januška@csp.gov.lv</p> <p>G-20.19.2, Jovita Krēmane, Jovita.krēmane@csp.gov.lv</p>

	(geospatial information) for statistical purposes.	➤ To provide data users with more comprehensive geospatial information on the agricultural sector in Latvia, cartographic material has been prepared, compiling available statistical data and administrative information at the municipality level, as well as calculating potential indicators — such as the number of farms in a municipality, the number of grazing animals per area of permanent grassland, the number of employed persons, etc.	
Modernisation of Agricultural Statistics Activity 2 Development of Methodology for Modernisation of the Statistical Farm Register. <i>Development of methodology for modernisation of obtaining statistical data on grassland management and for modernisation of the Statistical Farm Register</i> WP2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To assess the functionality of the Statistical Farm Register (SFR) and to develop proposals for necessary improvements and enhancements; • to identify new data sources for the regular updating of SLSR information and for ensuring agricultural statistics; • to develop a methodology for the further use of new data source information for agricultural statistics purposes; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a methodology for maintaining and improving the functionality of the Statistical Farm Register (SFR) has been developed and enhanced, and the SFR description has been updated, which will facilitate the future process of data updating and ensure the use of high-quality data; • financial calculations have been carried out for the implementation of the proposals after the end of the grant project; • to reduce the respondent burden, the possibility of using information from a new data source — the State Plant Protection Service (SPPS) — for ensuring agricultural statistics and updating the Statistical Farm Register (SFR) has been evaluated, and a methodological description has been prepared for the future use of this data. 	
Population and Housing Census <i>Population and housing census</i>	To develop procedures and technical solutions for providing selected census data in a 1 km ² grid, and to prepare and upload the Population Census 2021 data to the Eurostat CensusHub and metadata to the ESS MH.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thirteen data files from the Latvian Population Census 2021 based on the European 1 km² grid are available to Eurostat; • The corresponding metadata is available to Eurostat. 	G-21,07, Pēteris Vēģis, peteris.vegis@csp.gov.lv
Data Collection for City and Subnational Statistics <i>Data collection for City and Subnational Statistics</i>	Collection of high-quality, comparable statistical information on functional urban areas, provision of explanatory metadata for these statistics, conducting quality of life surveys, and raising awareness about regional statistics.	The statistical data collected within the project supplement the existing data available from previous regional statistics and urban audit projects.	G-21.09, Ieva Kurme, ieva.kurme@csp.gov.lv
PPPs Data Collection 2023	Provision of basic information for PPPs Data Collection 2023.	➤ Data included in the project have been compiled from surveys such as consumer price surveys, survey of rental agencies, capital goods price surveys, hospital price survey, other surveys (GDP weights, VAT data, survey	G-22.06, Baiba Alksnīte, baiba.alksnite@csp.gov.lv

PPPs data collection 2023		<p>on wages in the public sector, and data on the rent of dwellings);</p> <p>➤ An updated description of the data sources and methods used for PPP calculations (Inventories) has been prepared.</p>	
Labour Domain – LFS Statistical Infrastructure Under IESS – LFS 2023 Module – Improvements of Labour Market Statistics Collected from Businesses (LMB) <i>Labour domain - LFS statistical infrastructure under IESS - LFS 2023 module - Improvements of Labour Market statistics collected from Businesses (LMB)</i>	<p>Preparation of the module on pensions and participation in the labour market for 2023, conducting fieldwork, compiling the results and submitting them to Eurostat, while implementing measures to increase the response rate of the LFS.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The module results, in accordance with the methodology, have been sent to Eurostat. • Comics promoting CAWI and remote work have been published. • Two videos about young people and remote work have been prepared for publication within the framework of the next grant project. 	<p>G-22.10, Ruta Beināre, ruta.beinare@csp.gov.lv</p>
Income and Living Conditions Domain – SILC Statistical Infrastructure Under IESS – SILC 2023 Module <i>Income and living conditions domain – SILC statistical infrastructure under IESS - SILC 2023 module</i>	<p>➤ To carry out data collection for the EU-SILC 2023 survey modules and submit the relevant data to Eurostat; to increase response rates in the EU-SILC survey by implementing an EU-SILC awareness campaign;</p> <p>➤ to carry out cognitive testing of the EU-SILC 2024 module questionnaire.</p>	<p>➤ The EU-SILC 2023 survey was carried out, during which data were collected for the 3-year module 'Labour market and dwelling', the 6-year module 'Inheritance of advantages and disadvantages across generations, Difficulties related to housing, and Energy efficiency of households', and the data of module on the impact of COVID-19, and the respective data were submitted to Eurostat;</p> <p>➤ An EU-SILC survey advertising campaign was carried out, inviting to participate through regional press, TV and radio, as well as thank-you cards were sent to respondents who participated;</p> <p>➤ Cognitive testing of the 2024 EU-SILC 6-year module questionnaire 'Availability of services' was carried out.</p>	<p>G-22.12, Darja Behtere, darja.behtere@csp.gov.lv</p>
Business and Consumer Surveys: Industry Survey; Business and Consumer Surveys: Construction Survey; Business and Consumer Surveys: Retail Trade Survey;	<p>To provide data in accordance with the Joint Harmonised EU Programme of Business and Consumer Surveys.</p>	<p>Business tendency indicators have been obtained that describe the situation in a specific sector and can also be used for short-term forecasts. The variables acquired were sent to DG ECFIN, where they are used for the calculation of common EU and euro area figures as well as published on the CSB website.</p>	<p>G-23.07,G-23.08 Matīss Žuravļevs, matiss.zuravlevs@csp.gov.lv</p> <p>G-23.09,G-23.10 Ieva Vanaga, ieva.vanaga@csp.gov.lv</p>

<p>Business and Consumer Surveys: Service Survey.</p> <p><i>Business and Consumer surveys</i></p>			
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Grant Project Resources

Finances

In 2024, CSB concluded **12** grant agreements for the total value of **EUR 1 443 081¹**.

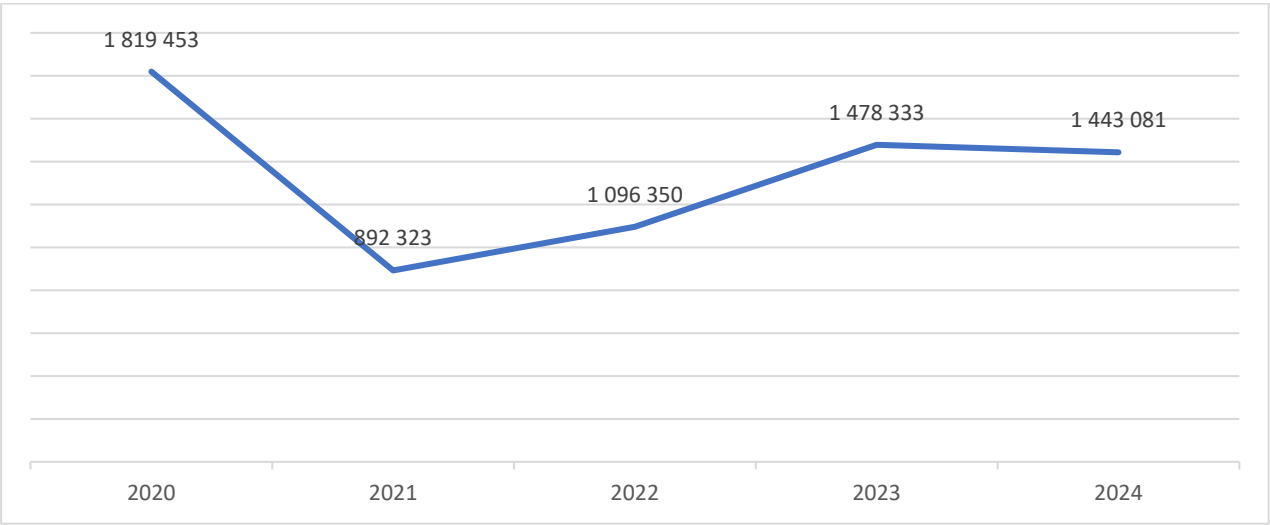


Figure 3 Value of concluded grant agreements during the past 5 years

The actual CSB expenditure on grant projects amounted to **EUR 1 083 348** in 2024, the largest share of which (**EUR 982 894**) went on remuneration. In 2024, an additional **EUR 140 822** were allocated as indirect costs to support project implementation and ensure the necessary conditions for carrying out activities and achieving the intended results.

¹ Agreement value covers both European Commission funding and national co-funding (on average 10–50 % of the agreement amount) as well as estimated indirect costs (on average 7–30 % of the agreement amount).

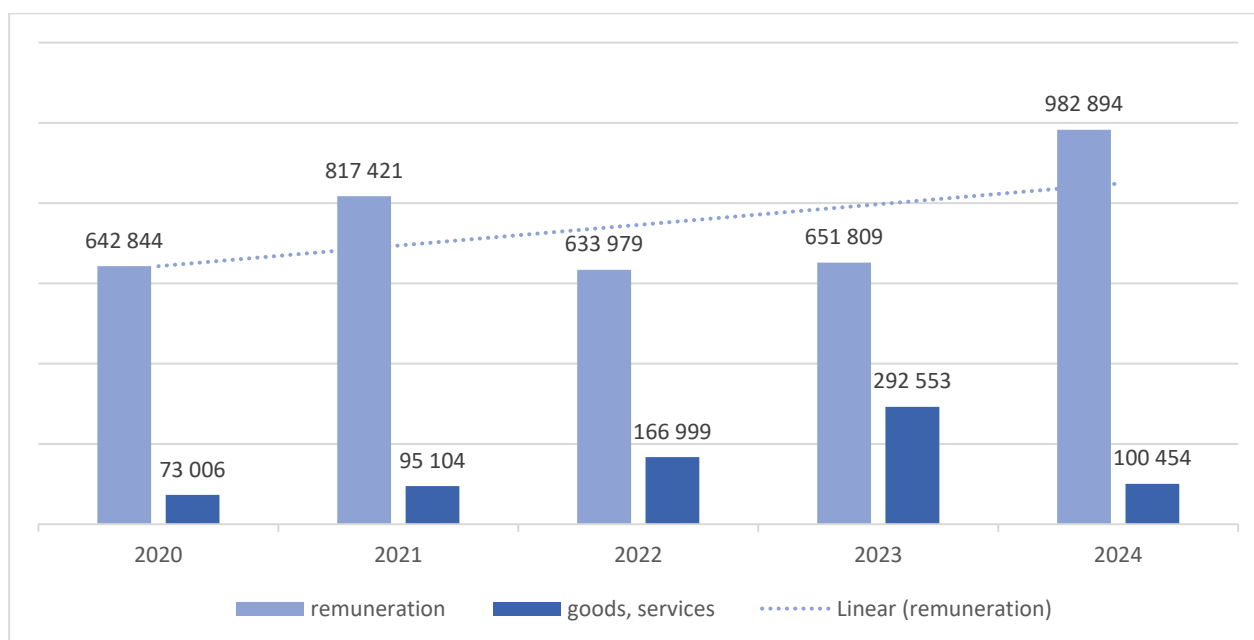
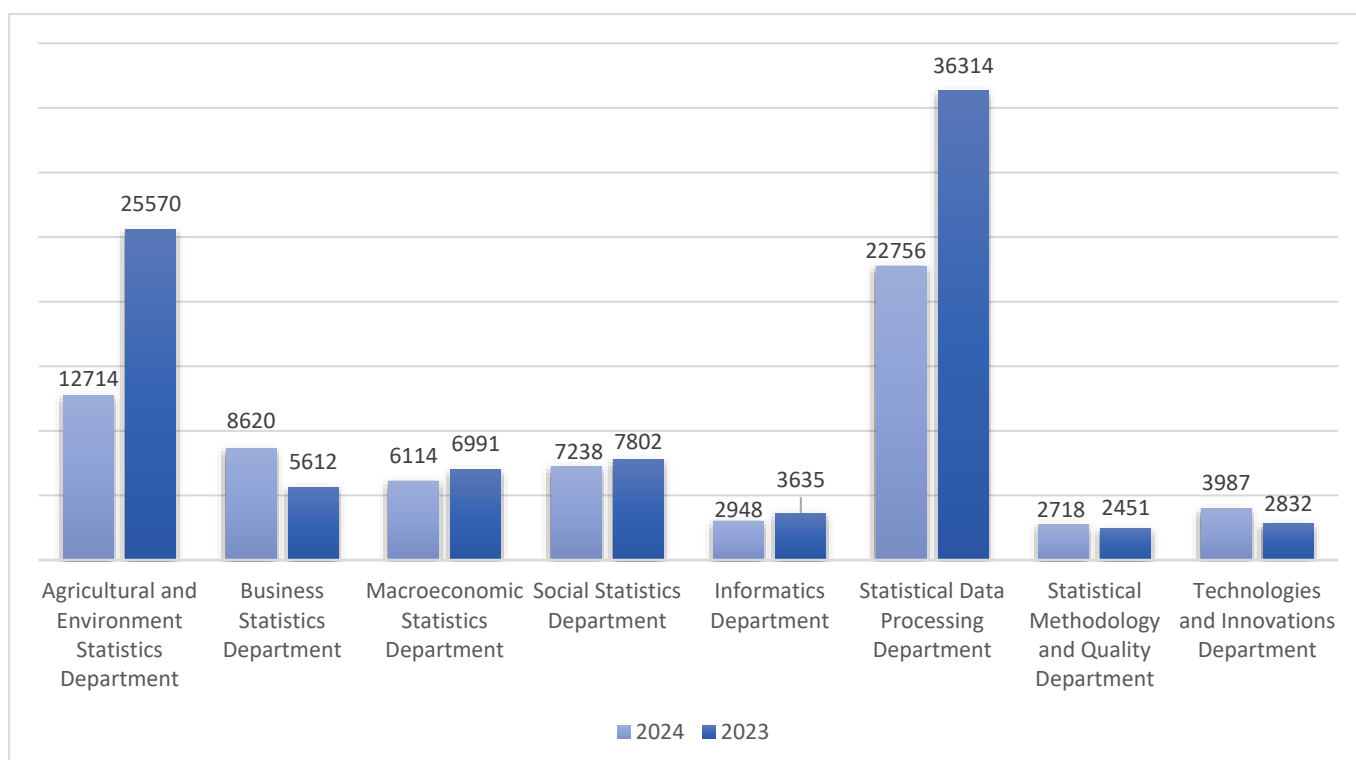


Figure 4 Actual expenditure on grant projects by purpose

Compared to 2023, actual expenditure on remunerations in grant projects went up by 50 % in 2024.

Employee involvement and hours worked in projects

In 2024 grant projects engaged **213** CSB employees who spent a total of **67 095 hours** on the project activities (9 % of all hours worked by the CSB staff). In 2024, compared to 2023 (91 205 hours), the total number of hours spent on projects has dropped by 26 %.



* Technologies and Innovations Department (previously, Information and Communication Department)

Figure 5 Actual hours worked on grant projects by structural unit

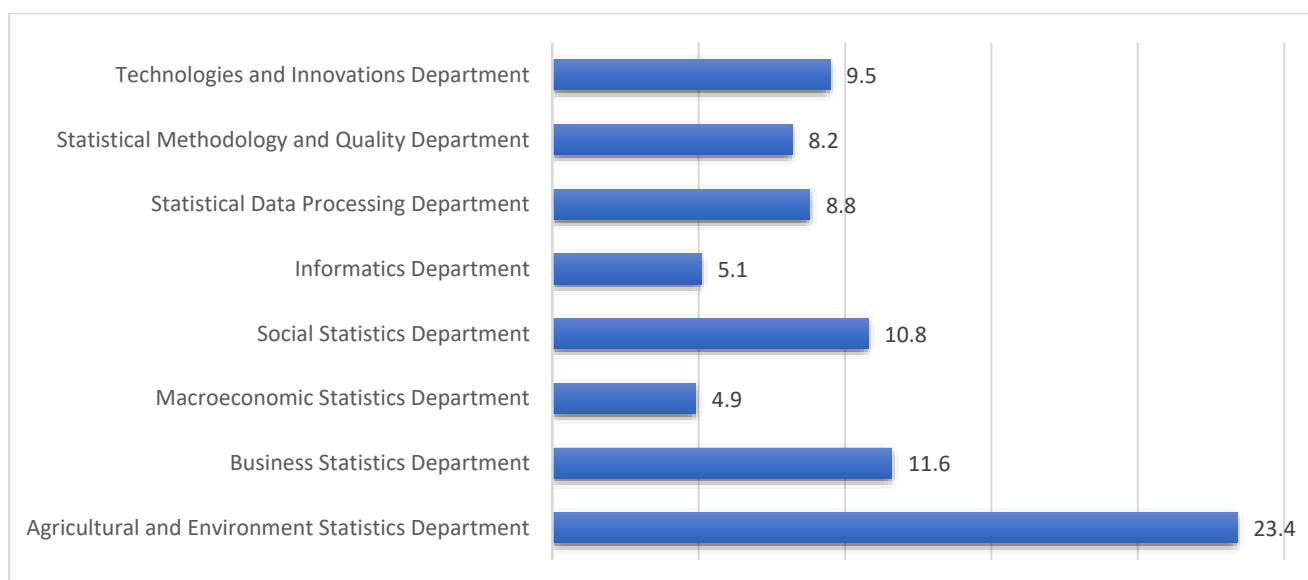


Figure 6 Share of hours worked on grant projects in the total number of hours worked by the respective structural unit (2024)

In the Agricultural and Environment Statistics Department, grant project activities related to integrated farm statistics 2023, transport statistics, development of the methodology for ensuring statistical data on organic farming took 18.2 % of all hours worked by the department employees.

Table 3
Hours worked on grant projects (2024)

Project code	Project title	Actual hours worked
G-20.19.01	Modernisation of Agricultural Statistics. Activity 1: Pilot Study on the Use of Geospatial Information for Obtaining Statistical Data on Grassland Management	304
G-22.06	PPPs Data Collection 2023	330
G-22.07	Integrated Farm Statistics 2023	6 811
G-22.08.1	Data Collection on ICT Usage in Households and by Individuals 2023	21
G-22.08.2	Data Collection on ICT Usage in Households and by Individuals 2024	7 334
G-22.09.2	Data Collection on ICT Usage and E-Commerce in Enterprises 2024	3 740
G-22.10	Labour Domain – LFS Statistical Infrastructure Under IESS – LFS 2023 Module – Improvements of Labour Market Statistics Collected from Businesses (LMB)	305
G-22.11	Development of Population Statistics Methodology Using Signs of Life in National Registers	2 810
G-22.12	Income and Living Conditions Domain – SILC Statistical Infrastructure Under IESS – SILC 2023 Module	144
G-22.13	Survey on Global Value Chains – Further Questions	917
G-22.14	Geospatial and Descriptive Statistics for Place of Residence, Workplace and Commuting Flows	5 469
G-23.01	Development of New Transport Statistics	5 882
G-23.02	Income and Living Conditions Domain – SILC Statistical Infrastructure Under IESS – EU-SILC 2024 6-Year Rolling Module on Access to Services	1 771

Project code	Project title	Actual hours worked
G-23.03	Incorporating Digital Intermediation Platforms into the System of National Accounts	148
G-23.04.1	Review and Update of the Coefficients for Calculating the Nutrient Balance in Crops in Accordance with the Requirements of Regulation (EU) 2022/2379	528
G-23.04.2	Production of Organic Farming Statistics in Accordance with the Requirements of Regulation (EU) 2022/2379	1 144
G-23.05	Implementation of NACE Rev. 2.1 in the Statistical Business Register	1 119
G-23.06	Implementation of Regulation 2019/1700 for HBS 2026; Innovative Tools and Sources for HBS	4 080
G-23.07	Business and Consumer Surveys: Industry Survey	952
G-23.08	Business and Consumer Surveys: Construction Survey	512
G-23.09	Business and Consumer Surveys: Retail Trade Survey	587
G-23.10	Business and Consumer Surveys: Service Survey	713
G-23.11	PPPs Data Collection 2024	4 971
G-23.12	Labour Domain – Labour Force Survey (LFS) – Regulatory Framework for Social Statistics Related Statistical Infrastructure – Module of 2024 – Testing of the International Classification of Employment Status	1 511
G-23.13	Development of the PRODCOM data recalculation methodology by adapting existing time series to the new NACE Rev. 2.1 classification	900
G-23.14.1	ESA 2010 and BPM6 Implementation, Quality Improvements, and Execution of the GNI Control Cycle Experimental statistics on satellite accounts for the space economy (Supply and Use Tables) (WP1)	1 000
G-23.14.2	ESA 2010 and BPM6 Implementation, Quality Improvements, and Execution of the GNI Control Cycle Improving Transparency for Data Users by Documenting the Data Sources and Methods Used in Compiling National Accounts Data — Price and Volume Accounting (WP2)	906
G-23.15	Improvement of Labour Market Statistics (LMS) Compiled from Enterprises in Accordance with the Requirements of the New Framework Regulation and Amendments to the Existing Regulations	1 516
G-23.16	Data Collection for City and Subnational Statistics	356
G-24.01	Extension of time series on environmental protection subsidies and similar transfers, and development of accounts for potentially environmentally harmful subsidies	1 498
G-24.02	Study on the use of geospatial information in grassland age statistics and the development of method for estimating the production of fodder and green forage crops in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2022/2379	278
G-24.03	Business and Consumer Surveys: Industry Survey	1 896
G-24.04	Business and Consumer Surveys: Construction Survey	1 104
G-24.05	Business and Consumer Surveys: Retail Trade Survey	1 272
G-24.06	Business and Consumer Surveys: Service Survey	1 502
G-24.07	Health sector – European Health Interview Survey (EHIS) 2025	632
G-24.08	Labour Force Survey – 2025 module	720
G-24.09	Income and living conditions domain – EU-SILC 2025 module	592

Project code	Project title	Actual hours worked
G-24.14.1	Data Collection on ICT Usage in Households and by Individuals 2025	400
G-24.14.2	Data collection on ICT usage and e-commerce in enterprises in 2025	421

The greatest number of actual hours was worked on the grant project Data Collection on ICT Usage in Households and by Individuals, and in Enterprises for 2023 and 2024 (G-22.08.1; G-22.08.2; G-22.09.2) – 11 095 hours in 2024.

Other large-scale grant projects in 2024: Integrated Farm Statistics 2023 (G-22.07) (6 811 hours), Geospatial and Descriptive Statistics for Place of Residence, Workplace and Commuting Flows (G-22.14) (5 469 hours) and Development of new transport statistics (G-23.01) (5 882 hours).

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