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Draft report
Edward Scicluna
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on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
amending Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 on European statistics
(COM(2012)0167 – C7 0101/2012 – 2012/0084(COD))

Proposal for a regulation
(COM(2012)0167 – C7-0101/2012 – 2012/0084(COD))

Amendment 13

Elena Băsescu

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) The European Statistical System (the ESS), as a partnership, has in general successfully consolidated its activities to ensure the development, production and dissemination of high-quality European statistics, including by improving the governance of the system.

Amendment

(1) The European Statistical System (the ESS), as a partnership, has in general successfully consolidated its activities to ensure the development, production and dissemination of high-quality, ***regulated and reliable*** European statistics, including by improving the governance of the system.

Or. en

Amendment 14

Elena Băsescu

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) Some weaknesses have, however, recently been identified, in particular with regard to the statistical quality-management framework.

Amendment

(2) Some weaknesses have, however, recently been identified, in particular with regard to the statistical quality-management framework, ***and there is a need to further strengthen the credibility of statistics.***

Or. en

Amendment 15

Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) Some weaknesses have, however, recently been identified, in particular with regard to the statistical quality-management framework.

Amendment

(2) Some ***serious systemic inaccuracies and*** weaknesses have, however, recently been identified, in particular with regard to the statistical quality-management framework, ***as a result of the indulgent provision of statistical data which preceded the start of the social, financial and economic crisis.***

Or. hu

Amendment 16

Philippe Lamberts

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) ***Some*** weaknesses have, however, recently been identified, in particular with regard to the statistical quality-management framework.

Amendment

(2) ***Grave*** weaknesses have, however, recently been identified, in particular with regard to the statistical quality-management framework.

Or. en

Amendment 17

Elena Băsescu

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) The Commission suggested action to address these weaknesses in its Communication of 15 April 2011 to the European Parliament and the Council ‘Towards robust quality management for European Statistics’ . In particular, it

Amendment

(3) The Commission suggested action to address these weaknesses ***and to strengthen the governance of the ESS*** in its Communication of 15 April 2011 to the European Parliament and the Council ‘Towards robust quality management for

suggested a targeted amendment of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics .

European Statistics’ . In particular, it suggested a targeted amendment of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics .

Or. en

Amendment 18
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) Those aspects should not remain limited to the statistics produced for the purposes of the fiscal-surveillance system and the excessive-deficit procedure but should apply to all European statistics developed, produced and disseminated by the ESS.

Amendment

(6) Those aspects should not remain limited to the statistics produced for the purposes of the fiscal-surveillance system and the excessive-deficit procedure but should apply to all European statistics developed, produced and disseminated by the ESS, ***including those relating to growth and employment, taking account of and assessing the added value of statistics gathered for attainment of the targets of the Europe 2020 Strategy.***

Or. el

Amendment 19
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) Moreover, the adequacy of resources attributed on an annual or a multiannual basis and available to meet statistical needs is a necessary condition for the professional independence of statistical authorities.

Amendment

(7) Moreover, the adequacy of resources attributed on an annual or a multiannual basis and available to meet statistical needs is a necessary condition for the professional independence of statistical authorities ***and to ensure high quality***

statistical data.

Or. el

Amendment 20
Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) Moreover, the adequacy of resources attributed on an annual or a multiannual basis and available to meet statistical needs is a necessary condition **for** the professional independence of statistical authorities.

Amendment

(7) Moreover, the adequacy of resources attributed on an annual or a multiannual basis and available to meet statistical needs is a necessary condition **to ensure** the professional independence of statistical authorities.

Or. hu

Amendment 21
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) To that effect, the professional independence of statistical authorities should be strengthened and minimum standards should be enforced, in particular as regards the heads of national statistical institutes (NSIs), to whom specific guarantees should be provided in terms of the performance of statistical tasks, organisational management and resource allocation.

Amendment

(8) To that effect, the professional independence of statistical authorities should be strengthened and minimum standards should be enforced, in particular as regards the heads of national statistical institutes (NSIs), to whom specific guarantees should be provided in terms of the performance of statistical tasks, organisational management and resource allocation. ***To this end, national parliaments have a particularly important role to play regarding the legitimacy of the process and in terms of parliamentary control.***

Amendment 22
Krišjānis Kariņš

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

8. To that effect, the professional independence of statistical authorities should be strengthened and minimum standards should be enforced, in particular as regards the heads of national statistical institutes (NSIs), to whom specific guarantees should be provided in terms of the performance of statistical tasks, organisational management and resource allocation.

Amendment

8. To that effect, the professional independence of statistical authorities should be strengthened and minimum standards should be enforced, in particular as regards the heads of national statistical institutes (NSIs), to whom specific guarantees should be provided in terms of the performance of statistical tasks, organisational management and resource allocation ***and whose professional abilities should be assessed.***

Amendment 23
Elena Băsescu

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) To that effect, the professional independence of statistical authorities should be strengthened and minimum standards should be enforced, in particular as regards the heads of national statistical institutes (NSIs), to whom specific guarantees should be provided in terms of the performance of statistical tasks, organisational management and resource allocation.

Amendment

(8) To that effect, the professional independence of statistical authorities should be strengthened ***in order to safeguard their high credibility*** and minimum standards should be enforced, in particular as regards the heads of national statistical institutes (NSIs), to whom specific guarantees should be provided in terms of the performance of statistical tasks, organisational management and resource allocation.

Amendment 24
Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) To that effect, the professional independence of statistical authorities should be strengthened and minimum standards should be enforced, in particular as regards the heads of national statistical institutes (NSIs), to whom specific guarantees should be provided in terms of the performance of statistical tasks, organisational management and resource allocation.

Amendment

(8) To that effect, the professional independence of statistical authorities should be strengthened and minimum standards, ***unified at European level***, should be enforced, in particular as regards the heads of national statistical institutes (NSIs), to whom specific guarantees should be provided in terms of the performance of statistical tasks, organisational management and resource allocation.

Or. hu

Amendment 25
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8a) As well as the independence of national statistical institutes (NSIs), it is necessary for the independence of Eurostat to be consolidated and guaranteed by means of effective parliamentary consultation and control.

Or. el

Amendment 26
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) Furthermore, the coordinating role already attributed to the NSIs should be clarified as regards its scope, so as to achieve more efficient coordination of statistical activities at national level, including quality management.

Amendment

(9) Furthermore, the coordinating role already attributed to the NSIs should be clarified as regards its scope, so as to achieve more efficient coordination of statistical activities at national level, including quality management. ***At the same time, it is necessary to step up coordination and cooperation national statistical institutes (NSIs) and Eurostat and remedy any shortcomings observed in this respect.***

Or. el

Amendment 27
Edward Scicluna

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) Furthermore, the coordinating role already attributed to the NSIs should be clarified as regards its scope, so as to achieve more efficient coordination of statistical activities at national level, including quality management.

Amendment

(9) Furthermore, the coordinating role already attributed to the NSIs ***for European statistics produced through the ESS*** should be clarified as regards its scope, so as to achieve more efficient coordination of statistical activities ***within the ESS*** at national level, including quality management.

Or. en

Amendment 28
Edward Scicluna

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9 a) In accordance with Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 and Article 2a of Council Regulation (EC) No 2533/98 of 23 November 1998 concerning the collection of statistical information by the European Central Bank¹, the ESS and the European System of Central Banks (ESCB) cooperate closely to ensure complete and coherent European statistics produced by the two statistical systems in their fields of competence in accordance with their respective work programmes. Particular areas of cooperation include national accounts and balance of payment statistics, as well as the provision of advice to the Commission on statistics related to the excessive deficit procedure.

¹ OJ L 318, 27.11.1998, p. 8.

Or. en

Amendment 29
Vicky Ford

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10) In order to reduce the burden on statistical authorities and respondents, the NSIs and other national authorities should be able to access and use administrative records, including those filled electronically, promptly and free-of-charge, as well as to integrate these records with statistics.

(10) In order to reduce the burden on statistical authorities and respondents, the NSIs and other national authorities should be able to access and use administrative records ***of publicly available information***, including those filled electronically, promptly and free-of-charge, as well as to integrate these records with statistics.

Or. en

Amendment 30
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10a) National and European statistical data must be easy to compare and access and must be updated promptly and regularly so as to ensure that EU policies and funding initiatives take full account of developments in Europe, in particular the consequences of the economic crisis.

Or. el

Amendment 31
Edward Scicluna

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11) The NSIs should furthermore be consulted at an early stage on the design of new administrative records that could provide data for statistical purposes and on planned changes to, or cessation of, existing administrative sources. They should also receive relevant metadata from the owners of administrative data and coordinate standardisation activities concerning administrative records that are relevant for statistical data production.

(11) The NSIs should furthermore be consulted at an early stage on the design of new administrative records that could provide data for statistical purposes and on planned changes to, or cessation of, existing administrative sources. They should also receive relevant metadata from the owners of administrative data and coordinate standardisation activities concerning administrative records that are relevant for statistical data production. ***The exercise by the NSIs and other national authorities of competences related to access, use, standardisation, initial design, subsequent development and cessation of ESCB administrative records should not interfere with the performance of ESCB tasks specified in Article 127 of***

the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) and with safeguards on central bank independence under Articles 130 and 282 (3) of the TFEU and Article 7 of Protocol (No 4) on the Statute of the European System of Central Banks and of the European Central Bank.

Or. en

Amendment 32
Hans-Peter Martin

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) The NSIs should furthermore be consulted at an early stage on the design of new administrative records that could provide data for statistical purposes and on planned changes to, or cessation of, existing administrative sources. They should also receive relevant metadata from the owners of administrative data and coordinate standardisation activities concerning administrative records that are relevant for statistical data production.

Amendment

(11) The NSIs should furthermore be consulted at an early stage on the design of new administrative records that could provide data for statistical purposes and on planned changes to, or cessation of, existing administrative sources, ***as long as such consultations do not delay the administrative procedures unduly. Consultations can be informal if this speeds up the process.*** They should also receive relevant metadata from the owners of administrative data and coordinate standardisation activities concerning administrative records that are relevant for statistical data production.

Or. de

Amendment 33
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

(12) The confidentiality of data obtained

Amendment

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from administrative records should be protected under the common principles and guidelines applicable to all confidential data used for the production of European statistics. Quality-assessment frameworks applicable to these data should also be established.

from administrative records should be protected under the common principles and guidelines applicable to all confidential data used for the production of European statistics. Quality *and transparency* assessment frameworks applicable to these data should also be established.

Or. el

Amendment 34
Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

(12) The confidentiality of data obtained from administrative records should be protected under the common principles and guidelines applicable to all confidential data used for the production of European statistics. Quality-assessment frameworks applicable to these data should also be established.

Amendment

(12) The confidentiality of data obtained from administrative records should be protected under the common principles and guidelines applicable to all confidential data used for the production of European statistics. *Unified* quality-assessment frameworks applicable to these data should also be established.

Or. hu

Amendment 35
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

(13) The quality of European statistics could be strengthened and the confidence of users reinforced, by involving national governments in the responsibility of applying the European Statistics Code of Practice. To this end, a ‘Commitment on Confidence in Statistics’ should be

Amendment

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established in each Member State and include specific undertakings by its government to implement the Code and national quality-assurance frameworks, including self-assessments and improvement actions.

established in each Member State and include specific undertakings by its government to implement the Code and national **high** quality-assurance frameworks, including self-assessments and improvement actions **with the participation and supervision of national parliaments**.

Or. el

Amendment 36
Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

(13) The quality of European statistics could be strengthened and the confidence of users reinforced, by involving national governments in the responsibility of applying the European Statistics Code of Practice. To this end, a ‘Commitment on Confidence in Statistics’ should be established in each Member State and include specific undertakings by its government to implement the Code and national quality-assurance frameworks, including self-assessments and improvement actions.

Amendment

(13) The quality of European statistics could be strengthened and the confidence of users reinforced, by involving national governments **in power at the time** in the responsibility of applying the European Statistics Code of Practice **and providing the final guarantee for the accuracy of data supplied by the Central Statistical Institute**. To this end, a ‘Commitment on Confidence in Statistics’ should be established in each Member State and include specific undertakings by its government to implement the Code and national quality-assurance frameworks, including self-assessments and improvement actions.

Or. hu

Amendment 37
Elena Băsescu

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

(13) The quality of European statistics could be strengthened and the confidence of users reinforced, by involving national governments in the responsibility of applying the European Statistics Code of Practice. To this end, a ‘Commitment on Confidence in Statistics’ should be established in each Member State and include specific undertakings by its government to implement the Code and national quality-assurance frameworks, including self-assessments and improvement actions.

Amendment

(13) The quality of European statistics could be strengthened and the confidence of users reinforced, by involving national governments in the responsibility of **rigorously** applying the European Statistics Code of Practice. To this end, a ‘Commitment on Confidence in Statistics’ should be established in each Member State and include specific undertakings by its government to implement the Code and national quality-assurance frameworks, including self-assessments and improvement actions.

Or. en

Amendment 38

Philippe Lamberts

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 13 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(13 a) The Commission (Eurostat) website should allow easy access to complete, user-friendly data series and should include easily comprehensible, comparative, coloured graphs. This should apply to all data sets, and equal representation of those sets should be guaranteed. Where possible, periodic updates should provide year-on-year and month-on-month information on each Member State.

Or. en

Justification

Building on the rapporteur's amendment. It is important that for example data and graphs on private debt is as accessible as for public debt

Amendment 39
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

(18) There is a need for uniform conditions for implementing access to confidential data for scientific purposes. Implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission with a view to establishing the arrangements, rules and conditions governing such access at Union level, in accordance with the examination procedure laid down in Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and the Council laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by the Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers.⁹

Amendment

(18) There is a need for uniform conditions for implementing access to confidential data for scientific purposes ***without compromising transparency.*** Implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission with a view to establishing the arrangements, rules and conditions governing such access at Union level, in accordance with the examination procedure laid down in Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and the Council laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by the Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers.⁹

Or. el

Amendment 40
Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) Since the objective of this Regulation cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States and can be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set

Amendment

(19) Since the objective of this Regulation cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States and can be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set

out in that Article, this Regulation *does* not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve that objective.

out in that Article, this Regulation *cannot* go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve that objective.

Or. hu

Amendment 41
Edward Scicluna

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – point 2

Regulation No 223/2009 on European Statistics

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The national statistical authority designated by each Member State as the body having the responsibility for coordinating all activities *at national level* for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics (the NSI) shall act in this regard as the sole contact point for the Commission (Eurostat) on statistical matters.

Amendment

1. The national statistical authority designated by each Member State as the body having the responsibility for coordinating all activities for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics *at national level under this Regulation* (the NSI) shall act in this regard as the sole contact point for the Commission (Eurostat) on statistical matters.

Or. en

Amendment 42
Edward Scicluna

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – point 2

Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 on European statistics

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The coordinating responsibility of the NSI shall cover all other national authorities responsible for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics. The NSI shall, in particular, be

Amendment

The coordinating responsibility of the NSI shall cover all other national authorities responsible for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics *produced under this Regulation*.

responsible at national level for coordinating statistical programming and reporting, quality monitoring, methodology, data transmission and communication on ESS statistical actions.

The NSI shall, in particular, be responsible at national level for coordinating statistical programming and reporting, quality monitoring, methodology, data transmission and communication on ESS statistical actions ***and shall cooperate with the respective national central bank (NCB) to ensure production of complete and coherent European statistics through the ESS and the ESCB in their respective fields of competence.***

Or. en

Amendment 43
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – point 2
Regulation 223/2009
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The coordinating responsibility of the NSI shall cover all other national authorities responsible for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics. The NSI shall, in particular, be responsible at national level for coordinating statistical programming and reporting, quality monitoring, methodology, data transmission and communication on ESS statistical actions.

Amendment

The coordinating responsibility of the NSI shall cover all other national authorities responsible for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics. The NSI shall, in particular, be responsible at national level for coordinating statistical programming and reporting, quality monitoring, ***elucidating*** methodology, data transmission and communication on ESS statistical actions.

Or. el

Amendment 44
Edward Scicluna

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – point 3

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Within their national statistical system, the heads of NSIs shall have the sole responsibility for deciding on processes, statistical methods, standards and procedures, and on the content and timing of statistical releases and publications for all European statistics. They shall be empowered to decide on all matters regarding the internal management of the NSI. They shall coordinate the statistical activities of all national authorities that contribute to the development, production and dissemination of European statistics. When carrying out these tasks, the heads of NSIs shall act in an independent manner; they shall neither seek nor take instructions from any government or other institution, body, office or entity; they shall refrain from any action incompatible with the performance of these tasks.

Amendment

1. Within their national statistical system, the heads of NSIs shall have the sole responsibility for deciding on processes, statistical methods, standards and procedures, and on the content and timing of statistical releases and publications for all European statistics. They shall be empowered to decide on all matters regarding the internal management of the NSI. They shall coordinate the statistical activities of all national authorities that contribute to the development, production and dissemination of European statistics ***produced through the ESS. Furthermore, they shall cooperate with the respective NCBs on issues related to the production of European statistics that are common to the ESS and to the ESCB.*** When carrying out these tasks, the heads of NSIs shall act in an independent manner; they shall neither seek nor take instructions from any government or other institution, body, office or entity; they shall refrain from any action incompatible with the performance of these tasks.

Or. en

Amendment 45
Sari Essayah

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – point 3
Regulation (EC) No 223/2009
Article 5a – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Within their national statistical system, the heads of NSIs shall have the sole responsibility for deciding on processes,

Amendment

1. Within their national statistical system, the heads of NSIs shall have the sole responsibility for ***coordinating*** processes,

statistical methods, standards and procedures, and on the content and timing of statistical releases and publications for all European statistics. ***They shall be empowered to decide on all matters regarding the internal management of the NSI.*** They shall coordinate the statistical activities of all national authorities that contribute to the development, production and dissemination of European statistics. When carrying out these tasks, the heads of NSIs shall act in an independent manner; they shall neither seek nor take instructions from any government or other institution, body, office or entity; they shall refrain from any action incompatible with the performance of these tasks.

statistical methods, standards and procedures, and the content and timing of statistical releases and publications for all European statistics. They shall coordinate the statistical activities of all national authorities that contribute to the development, production and dissemination of European statistics. ***NSIs shall be responsible for their internal organisation for the purposes of compliance with this Regulation.*** When carrying out these tasks, the heads of NSIs shall act in an independent manner; they shall neither seek nor take instructions from any government or other institution, body, office or entity; they shall refrain from any action incompatible with the performance of these tasks.

Or. fi

Justification

The EU statistical programme includes statistics which, in many Member States are compiled by, and placed under the responsibility of, national statistical authorities other than the central agency.

Amendment 46 **Vicky Ford**

Proposal for a regulation **Article 1 – point 3** Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 Article 5a – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Within their national statistical system, the heads of NSIs shall have the sole responsibility for deciding on processes, statistical methods, standards and procedures, and on the content and timing of statistical releases and publications for all European statistics. They shall be empowered to decide on all matters regarding the internal management of the

Amendment

1. Within their national statistical system, the heads of NSIs shall have the sole responsibility for deciding on processes, statistical methods, standards and procedures, and on the content and timing of statistical releases and publications for all European statistics ***which are produced by NSIs.*** They shall be empowered to decide on all matters regarding the internal

NSI. They shall *coordinate the statistical activities of all national authorities that contribute* to the development, production and dissemination of European statistics. When carrying out these tasks, the heads of NSIs shall act in an independent manner; they shall neither seek nor take instructions from any government or other institution, body, office or entity; they shall refrain from any action incompatible with the performance of these tasks.

management of the NSI. They shall *set guidelines relating* to the development, production and dissemination of European statistics *within the national statistical system*. When carrying out these tasks, the heads of NSIs shall act in an independent manner; they shall neither seek nor take instructions from any government or other institution, body, office or entity; they shall refrain from any action incompatible with the performance of these tasks.

Or. en

Justification

In the case of European Statistics, these can be complied in many different government departments and heads of NSIs may not have legal power to instruct personnel in other government departments. They can set guidelines for the other departments to comply with.

Amendment 47 **Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz**

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – point 3
Regulation (EC) No 223/2009
Article 5 a – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) Within their national statistical system, the heads of NSIs shall have the sole responsibility for deciding on processes, statistical methods, standards and procedures, and on the content and timing of statistical releases and publications for all European statistics. They shall be empowered to decide on all matters regarding the internal management of the NSI. They shall coordinate the statistical activities of all national authorities that contribute to the development, production and dissemination of European statistics. When carrying out these tasks, the heads of NSIs shall act in an independent manner; they shall neither seek nor take instructions

Amendment

(1) Within their national statistical system, the heads of NSIs shall have the sole responsibility for deciding on processes, statistical methods, standards and procedures, and on the content and timing of statistical releases and publications for all European statistics. They shall be empowered to decide on all matters regarding the internal management of the NSI. They shall coordinate the statistical activities of all national authorities that contribute to the development, production and dissemination of European statistics. When carrying out these tasks, the heads of NSIs shall act in an independent manner; they shall neither seek nor take instructions

from any government or other institution, body, office or entity; they shall refrain from any action incompatible with the performance of these tasks.

from any government or other institution, body, office or entity; they shall refrain from any action incompatible with the performance of these tasks; ***failure to do so will result in immediate suspension and holding those responsible personally to account.***

Or. hu

Amendment 48
Sari Essayah

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – point 3

Regulation (EC) No 223/2009

Article 5a – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. The procedures for recruitment, transfer and dismissal of heads of NSIs shall be transparent and based on professional criteria only.

deleted

Or. fi

Justification

The above paragraph is unnecessary, since the principle of professional independence applying to national statistical authorities is already laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1175/2011 and in Article 10a of Regulation (EC) No 1466/97.

Amendment 49
Edward Scicluna

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – point 3

Regulation (EC) No 223/2009

Article 5a – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. The procedures for recruitment, transfer

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and dismissal of heads of NSIs shall be transparent and based on professional criteria only.

and dismissal of heads of NSIs shall be transparent and based on professional criteria only. ***Heads of NSIs shall be appointed by national governments after consulting the National Parliament. Candidates shall be invited to appear before the relevant national parliamentary committees prior to their appointment.***

The Heads of NSIs shall have the sole responsibility for deciding on the processes, statistical methods, standards and procedures, and on the content and timing of statistical releases and publications for all statistics produced by the respective NSIs. The Head of NSI shall be empowered to decide on all matters regarding the internal management of the NSI. When carrying out these tasks the Heads of NSIs shall act in an independent manner and shall neither seek nor take any instructions from any government or any institution, body, office or agency.

The Heads of NSIs shall be accountable for the statistical activities and budget execution of the respective NSIs. He/She may be invited to appear before the relevant committee of the national parliament to discuss a matter pertaining to statistical governance and express comments on budget allocation issues related to the statistical activities of the respective NSIs.

Or. en

Amendment 50

Sharon Bowles, Olle Schmidt, Sylvie Goulard, Sophia in 't Veld

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – point 3

Regulation (EC) No 223/2009
Article 5a – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The procedures for recruitment, transfer and dismissal of heads of NSIs shall be transparent **and** based on professional criteria **only**.

Amendment

2. The procedures for recruitment, transfer and dismissal of heads of NSIs shall be transparent, based on professional criteria **and published on the website of the NSI. They shall ensure that there are equal opportunities, notably as regards gender, and that all positions have both male and female candidates.**

Or. en

Amendment 51
Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – point 3

Regulation (EC) No 223/2009

Article 5 a – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) The procedures for recruitment, transfer and dismissal of heads of NSIs shall be transparent and based on professional criteria only.

Amendment

(2) The procedures for recruitment, transfer and dismissal of heads of NSIs **must** be transparent and based on professional criteria only.

Or. hu

Amendment 52
Sharon Bowles

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – point 3

Regulation (EC) No 223/2009

Article 5a – paragraph 2a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2 a. The dismissal of the heads of NSIs

shall be duly motivated and not consequent on political changes.

Or. en

Amendment 53
Edward Scicluna

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – point 3
Regulation (EC) No 223/2009
Article 5a – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The heads of NSIs shall be accountable for the statistical activities and budget execution of the NSI; they shall publish an annual report and may express comments on budget allocation issues related to the statistical activities of the *NSI*.

Amendment

3. The heads of NSIs shall be accountable for the statistical activities and budget execution of the NSI; they shall publish an annual report and may *be invited to appear before the relevant committee of the national parliament to discuss matter pertaining to statistical governance and* express comments on budget allocation issues related to the statistical activities of the *respective NSIs*.

Or. en

Amendment 54
Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – point 3
Regulation (EC) No 223/2009
Article 5 a – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) The heads of NSIs shall be accountable for the statistical activities and budget execution of the NSI; they shall publish an annual report and may express comments on budget allocation issues related to the statistical activities of the NSI.

Amendment

(3) The heads of NSIs shall be accountable for the statistical activities and budget execution of the NSI; they shall publish an annual report and may express comments on budget allocation issues *in national parliaments* related to the statistical

activities of the NSI.

Or. hu

Amendment 55
Sharon Bowles

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – point 3 a (new)
Regulation (EC) No 223/2009
Article 5b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3a) The following Article 5b is inserted:

Article 5b

National Statistical Advisory Boards

1. A National Statistical Governance Advisory Board (the Board) shall be established in each Member State. The purpose of the Board shall be to provide an independent overview of the national providers of European statistics as regards the implementation of the Code of Practice.

2. The Board shall report annually to national Parliaments on the implementation of the Code of Practice in a Member State, and advise the national authorities on appropriate measures to facilitate its implementation.

3. The Board shall represent a cross-section of Union interests and for that purpose they shall comprise at least one Member designated by the Commission.

Or. en

Amendment 56
Philippe Lamberts
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – point 4

Regulation (EC) No 223/2009

Article 6 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. At Union level, the Commission (Eurostat) shall act independently in ensuring the production of European statistics according to established rules and statistical principles. In this respect, it shall have the **sole** responsibility for deciding on processes, statistical methods, standards and procedures, and on the content and timing of statistical releases.

Amendment

2. At Union level, the Commission (Eurostat) shall act independently in ensuring the production of European statistics according to established rules and statistical principles. In this respect, it shall have the **key** responsibility for deciding on processes, statistical methods, standards and procedures, and on the content and timing of statistical releases, **without prejudice to legislative guidance in accordance with Article 12(2)**.

Or. en

Amendment 57

Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – point 4

Regulation (EC) No 223/2009

Article 6 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. At Union level, the Commission (Eurostat) shall act independently in ensuring the production of European statistics according to established rules and statistical principles. In this respect, it shall have the sole responsibility for deciding on processes, statistical methods, standards and procedures, and on the content and timing of statistical releases.

Amendment

2. At Union level, the Commission (Eurostat) shall act independently in ensuring the production of European statistics according to established rules and statistical principles, **through cooperation and coordination with national statistics institutions (NSIs)**. In this respect, it shall have the sole responsibility for deciding on processes, statistical methods, standards and procedures, and on the content and timing of statistical releases.'

Or. el

Amendment 58
Edward Scicluna

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 4 a (new)
Regulation (EC) No 223/2009
Article 6a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) the following article is inserted:

Article 6a

***Director-General of the Commission
(Eurostat)***

1. The statistical office of the Commission (Eurostat) shall be headed by a Director-General. The Director-General shall be appointed by the Commission for a once-renewable term of office of seven years, in accordance with the procedure specified in paragraph 2.

2. The Commission shall publish a call for applications in the Official Journal of the European Union no later than six months before the end of the term of office of the Director-General in office. The procedure for the recruitment of the Director-General shall be transparent and based only on professional criteria. The Commission shall draw up a list of suitably qualified candidates and shall appoint the Director-General after consulting the European Parliament.

3. The Director-General shall have the sole responsibility for deciding on processes, statistical methods, standards and procedures, and on the content and timing of statistical releases and publications for all statistics produced by the Commission (Eurostat). The Director-General shall be empowered to decide on all matters regarding the internal management of the Commission (Eurostat). When carrying out these tasks, the Director-General shall act in an independent manner and shall neither

seek nor take instructions from any government or any institution, body, office or agency.

4. The Director-General shall be accountable for the statistical activities and budget execution of the Commission (Eurostat). He or she may be invited to appear before the relevant committee of the European Parliament to discuss matters pertaining to statistical governance and express comments on budget allocation issues related to the statistical activities of the Commission (Eurostat).

Or. en

Amendment 59

Philippe Lamberts

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 4 a (new)

Regulation (EC) No 223/2009

Article 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) the following Article is inserted:

"Article 6a

*Director-General of the Commission
(Eurostat)*

1. The statistical office of the Commission (Eurostat) shall be headed by a Director-General. The Director-General shall be appointed by the Commission, for a non-renewable term of office of seven years, in accordance with the procedure specified in paragraph 2.

2. The Commission shall publish a call for applications in the Official Journal of the European Union no later than six months before the end of the term of office of the Director-General in office.

The procedure for the recruitment of the Director-General shall be transparent and based only on professional criteria. After a favourable opinion has been given by the European Statistical Governance Advisory Board (ESGAB) on the selection procedure applied by the Commission, the Commission shall draw up a list of suitably qualified candidates, containing at least one candidate of each gender. The Commission shall appoint the Director-General after consulting the European Parliament and the Council.

3. The Director-General shall have the sole responsibility for deciding on processes, statistical methods, standards and procedures, and on the content and timing of statistical releases and publications for all statistics produced by the Commission (Eurostat). The Director-General shall be empowered to decide on all matters regarding the internal management of the Commission (Eurostat). When carrying out these tasks, the Director-General shall act in an independent manner and shall neither seek nor take instructions from any government or any institution, body, office or agency. If the Director-General considers that a measure taken by the Commission calls his or her independence into question, he or she shall immediately inform the ESGAB.

4. The Director-General shall be accountable for the statistical activities and budget execution of the Commission (Eurostat). He or she shall appear annually in the framework of a Statistical Dialogue before the relevant committee of the European Parliament to discuss matters pertaining to statistical governance, methodology, statistical innovation, and express comments on budget allocation issues related to the statistical activities of the Commission (Eurostat).

5. Before imposing any disciplinary penalty on the Director-General, the Commission shall consult the ESGAB.

The imposition of any disciplinary penalty on the Director-General shall be the subject of a reasoned decision, which shall be submitted, for information, to the European Parliament, the Council and the ESGAB."

Or. en

Justification

Building on the rapporteur's amendment, further enhancement accountability and legitimacy of the DG: Gender balanced selection and establishment of a Statistical Dialogue.

Amendment 60
Sophia in 't Veld

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 4 a (new)
Regulation (EC) No 223/2009
Article 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) the following Article is inserted:

"Article 7 (a)

Fine for manipulation of statistics

1. The Commission may impose a fine on a Member State that intentionally or, by gross negligence, seriously misrepresents statistical data.

2. In order to establish the existence of an infringement referred to in paragraph 1, the Commission may conduct all necessary investigations. The Commission may decide to initiate an investigation when it finds that there are clear indications of serious misrepresentations of data. The Commission shall conduct its investigation taking into account any comments submitted by the Member State

subject to investigation. In order to carry out its tasks, the Commission may request that the Member States subject to investigation provide information. The Commission may also conduct on-site inspections and have access to all data produced by an NSI at national, regional and local level. If required by the law of the Member State subject to investigation, authorisation by a judicial authority shall be obtained before any on site inspection.

Upon completion of its investigation, the Commission shall give to the Member State subject to investigation the opportunity of being heard on the matters being investigated. The Commission shall base its decision to the Council only on facts on which the Member State has had the opportunity to comment.

The rights of the defence of the Member State subject to investigation shall be fully respected during the investigation.

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 26a concerning:

(a) detailed criteria establishing the amount of the fine; and

(b) detailed rules on the procedure for the investigations referred to in paragraph 2, associated measures and reporting, including detailed rules of procedure aimed at guaranteeing the rights of the defence and relating to access to the file, legal representation, confidentiality, time limits, and the collection of fines.

4. The Court of Justice of the European Union shall have unlimited jurisdiction to review decisions whereby the Commission has fixed a fine in accordance with paragraph 1. It may annul, reduce or increase the fine imposed."

Or. en

Amendment 61
Philippe Lamberts
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 4 b (new)
Regulation (EC) No 233/2009
Article 7 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4b) the following Article is inserted:

"Article 7b

Fine for manipulation of statistics

1. Unless Council objects with a qualified majority, the Commission may impose a fine on a Member State that intentionally or, by gross negligence, seriously misrepresents statistical data.

2. In order to establish the existence of an infringement referred to in paragraph 1, the Commission may conduct all necessary investigations. The Commission may decide to initiate an investigation when it finds that there are clear indications of serious misrepresentations of data. The Commission shall conduct its investigation taking into account any comments submitted by the Member State subject to investigation. In order to carry out its tasks, the Commission may request that the Member States subject to investigation provide information. The Commission may also conduct on-site inspections and have access to all data produced by an NSI at national, regional and local level. If required by the law of the Member State subject to investigation, authorisation by a judicial authority shall be obtained before any on site inspection.

Upon completion of its investigation, and before submitting any proposal to the Council, the Commission shall give to the Member State subject to investigation the opportunity of being heard on the matters being investigated. The Commission shall

base its proposal to the Council only on facts on which the Member State has had the opportunity to comment.

The rights of the defence of the Member State subject to investigation shall be fully respected during the investigation.

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 26a concerning:

(a) detailed criteria establishing the amount of the fine; and

(b) detailed rules on the procedure for the investigations referred to in paragraph 2, associated measures and reporting, including detailed rules of procedure aimed at guaranteeing the rights of the defence and relating to access to the file, legal representation, confidentiality, time limits, and the collection of fines.

4. The Court of Justice of the European Union shall have unlimited jurisdiction to review decisions whereby the Council has fixed a fine in accordance with paragraph 1. It may annul, reduce or increase the fine imposed."

Or. en

Justification

Buliding on the rapporteur's amendment, but tightening the sanction regime further.

Amendment 62

Philippe Lamberts

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 4 c (new)

Regulation (EC) No 233/2009

Article 7 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4c) the following Article is inserted:

"Article 7c

Transmission and quality of data

In case the data flow from NSIs to Eurostat, or the quality of the data, is not to the satisfaction of the Commission, the Commission shall send a public warning to the Member State concerned, publish it on the Eurostat website, and include a reference to it in the corresponding data set. If within six months the problems have not been remedied, the Commission may impose fines in accordance with article [to be inserted, article 7b new on fine for manipulation of statistics]."

Or. en

Amendment 63
Jean-Pierre Audy

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – point 5

Regulation (EC) No 223/2009

Article 11 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Member States shall take all necessary measures to implement the Code of Practice in order to maintain confidence in their statistics. To this effect, each Member State, represented by its government, shall sign and implement a ‘Commitment on Confidence in Statistics’ whereby specific policy commitments are made to implement the Code and to establish a national quality assurance framework, including self-assessments and improvement actions. The Commitment shall be counter-signed by the Commission.

Amendment

3. Member States shall take all necessary measures to implement the Code of Practice in order to maintain confidence in their statistics. To this effect, each Member State, represented by its government, shall sign and implement a ‘Commitment on Confidence in Statistics’ whereby specific policy commitments are made to implement the Code and to establish a national quality assurance framework, including self-assessments and improvement actions. The Commitment shall be counter-signed by the Commission. *The statistical data, with particular reference to accounting and financial data, used for the purpose of implementing Protocol No 12 on the excessive deficit procedure and the Treaty*

on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union shall be certified by the European Court of Auditors, where appropriate on the basis of certification of national statistical data by national audit bodies.

Or. fr

Amendment 64

Philippe Lamberts

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – point 5

Regulation (EC) No 223/2009

Article 11 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Member States shall take all necessary measures to implement the Code of Practice in order to maintain confidence in their statistics. To this effect, each Member State, represented by its government, shall sign and implement a “Commitment on Confidence in Statistics” whereby specific policy commitments are made to implement the Code and to establish a national quality assurance framework, including self-assessments and improvement actions. The Commitment shall be counter-signed by the Commission.

Amendment

3. Member States shall take all necessary measures to implement the Code of Practice in order to maintain confidence in their statistics. To this effect, each Member State, represented by its government, shall sign and implement a “Commitment on Confidence in Statistics” whereby specific policy commitments are made to implement the Code and to establish a national quality assurance framework, including self-assessments and improvement actions. The Commitment shall be counter-signed by the Commission, *published on the website of the NSI and Eurostat, and be accompanied by a "Citizen's" summary.*

Or. en

Amendment 65

Edward Scicluna

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – point 5

Regulation (EC) No 223/2009

Article 11 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Member States shall take all necessary measures to implement the Code of Practice in order to maintain confidence in their statistics. To this effect, each Member State, represented by its government, shall sign and implement a “Commitment on Confidence in Statistics” whereby specific policy commitments are made to implement the Code and to establish a national quality assurance framework, including self-assessments and improvement actions. The Commitment shall be counter-signed by the Commission.

Amendment

3. Member States shall take all necessary measures to implement the Code of Practice in order to maintain confidence in their **contribution to the European statistics produced by the ESS**. To this effect, each Member State, represented by its government, shall sign and implement a “Commitment on Confidence in Statistics” whereby specific policy commitments are made to implement the Code and to establish a national quality assurance framework, including self-assessments and improvement actions. The Commitment shall be counter-signed by the Commission.

Or. en

Amendment 66

Sari Essayah

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – point 5

Regulation (EC) No 223/2009

Article 11 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Member States shall take all necessary measures to implement the Code of Practice in order to maintain confidence in their statistics. To this effect, each Member State, represented by its government, shall sign and implement a ‘Commitment on Confidence in Statistics’ whereby specific policy commitments are made to implement the Code and to establish a national quality assurance framework, including self-assessments and

Amendment

3. Member States shall take all necessary measures to implement the Code of Practice in order to maintain confidence in their statistics. To this effect, each Member State, represented by its government, **may, after reaching agreement with the Commission,** sign and implement a ‘Commitment on Confidence in Statistics’ whereby specific policy commitments are made to implement the Code and to establish a national quality assurance

improvement actions. The Commitment shall be counter-signed by the Commission.

framework, including self-assessments and improvement actions. The Commitment shall be counter-signed by the Commission.

Or. fi

Amendment 67

Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – point 5

Regulation (EC) No 223/2009

Article 11 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Member States shall take all necessary measures to implement the Code of Practice in order to maintain confidence in their statistics. To this effect, each Member State, represented by its government, shall sign and implement a ‘Commitment on Confidence in Statistics’ whereby specific policy commitments are made to implement the Code and to establish a national quality assurance framework, including self-assessments and improvement actions. The Commitment shall be counter-signed by the Commission.

Amendment

3. Member States shall take all necessary measures to implement the Code of Practice in order to maintain confidence in their statistics. To this effect, each Member State, represented by its government, shall sign and implement a ‘Commitment on Confidence in Statistics’ whereby specific policy commitments are made to implement the Code and to establish a national **high** quality assurance framework, including self-assessments and improvement actions **with the participation ad supervision of the national parliaments**. The Commitment shall be counter-signed by the Commission.

Or. el

Amendment 68

Sharon Bowles

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – point 5

Regulation (EC) No 223/2009

Article 11 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Member States shall take all necessary measures to implement the Code of Practice in order to maintain confidence in their statistics. To this effect, each Member State, represented by its government, shall sign and implement a “Commitment on Confidence in Statistics” whereby specific policy commitments are made to implement the Code and to establish a national quality assurance framework, including self-assessments and improvement actions. The Commitment shall be counter-signed by the Commission.

Amendment

3. Member States shall take all necessary measures to implement the Code of Practice in order to maintain confidence in their statistics. To this effect, each Member State, represented by its government, shall sign and implement a “Commitment on Confidence in Statistics” whereby specific policy commitments are made to implement the Code and to establish a national quality assurance framework, including self-assessments and improvement actions. The Commitment shall be counter-signed by the Commission. ***NSIs shall publish on their websites whether there is a "Commitment on Confidence in Statistics" established in their Member State.***

Or. en

Amendment 69

Philippe Lamberts

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – point 5

Regulation (EC) No 223/2009

article 11 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

These commitments shall be regularly monitored by the Commission on the basis of annual reports sent by Member States. The Commission shall report to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of these commitments within 3 years of the entry into force of this Regulation.

Amendment

These commitments shall be regularly monitored by the Commission on the basis of annual reports sent by Member States. The Commission shall report to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of these commitments within 3 years of the entry into force of this Regulation. ***If demonstrated that serious problems persist, the Commission shall propose legislation to render the commitment binding.***

Amendment 70
Philippe Lamberts
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – point 5
Regulation (EC) No 223/2009
Article 11 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

***The Commission shall devise a template
for and encourage peer review and best
practice exchanges amongst NSIs.***

Amendment 71
Sari Essayah

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – point 6
Regulation (EC) No 223/2009
Article 12 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Specific quality requirements, such as target values and minimum standards for the production of statistics, may be laid down in sectoral legislation. Where sectoral legislation does not so provide, the Commission may adopt, by means of delegated acts in accordance with Article 26a, such specific quality requirements.

Specific quality requirements, such as target values and minimum standards for the statistical production, may be laid down in sectoral legislation.

Justification

Quality requirements can include, for example, accuracy requirements, which have a major impact in terms of statistical inflation, rising costs, and the heavier burden imposed on

respondents. They should be covered by an implementing act and not by delegated acts.

Amendment 72

Philippe Lamberts

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – point 6

Regulation (EC) No 223/2009

Article 12(2)

Text proposed by the Commission

Specific quality requirements, such as target values and minimum standards for the production of statistics, may be laid down in sectoral legislation. Where sectoral legislation does not so provide, the Commission may adopt, by means of delegated acts in accordance with Article 26a, such specific quality requirements.

Amendment

Specific quality requirements, such as target values and minimum standards for the production of statistics, ***and guidance on methodology***, may be laid down in sectoral legislation. Where sectoral legislation does not so provide, the Commission may adopt, by means of delegated acts in accordance with Article 26a, such specific quality requirements ***and guidance on methodology***.

Or. en

Amendment 73

Vicky Ford

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – point 6

Regulation (EC) No 223/2009

Article 12 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Specific quality requirements, such as target values and minimum standards for the production of statistics, may be laid down in sectoral legislation. Where sectoral legislation does not so provide, the Commission may adopt, by means of delegated acts in accordance with Article 26a, such specific quality requirements.

Amendment

Specific quality requirements, such as target values and minimum standards for the production of statistics, may be laid down in sectoral legislation. Where sectoral legislation does not so provide, the Commission may adopt, by means of delegated acts in accordance with Article 26a, such specific quality requirements, ***provided that these delegated acts do not impose a significant administrative***

burden on the Member States and on the respondent units.

Or. en

Amendment 74
Sven Giegold

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 7 a (new)
Regulation (EC) No 223/2009
Article 16 – paragraph 1a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7a) In Article 16, paragraph 1, point (a) is replaced by the following:

"a) maximising the availability of statistical aggregates at European level thus enlarging its coverage to economic activities of family businesses and of the third sector, including social economy and improving the timeliness of European statistics, especially in relation to the indicators underpinning the EU2020 objectives,"

Or. en

Amendment 75
Edward Scicluna

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – point 8
Regulation (EC) No 223/2009
Article 17a – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. In order to reduce the burden on respondents, the NSIs, other national authorities as referred to in Article 4 and the Commission (Eurostat) shall have the right to access and use, promptly and free

1. In order to reduce the burden on respondents, the NSIs, other national authorities as referred to in Article 4 and the Commission (Eurostat) shall have the right to access and use, promptly and free

of charge, all administrative records and to integrate these administrative records with statistics, to the extent necessary for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics.

of charge, all administrative records and to integrate these administrative records with statistics, to the extent necessary for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics
produced under this Regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 76
Vicky Ford

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – point 8
Regulation (EC) No 223/2009
Article 17a – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. In order to reduce the burden on respondents, the NSIs, other national authorities as referred to in Article 4 and the Commission (Eurostat) shall have the right to access and use, promptly and free of charge, all administrative records and to integrate these administrative records with statistics, to the extent necessary for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics.

Amendment

1. In order to reduce the burden on respondents, the NSIs, other national authorities as referred to in Article 4 and the Commission (Eurostat) shall have the right to access and use, promptly and free of charge, all administrative records *of publicly available information* and to integrate these administrative records with statistics, to the extent necessary for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics.

Or. en

Justification

Confidentiality needs to be preserved where appropriate. Therefore it would not be appropriate to give access to information which is not already available for public use.

Amendment 77
Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – point 8

Regulation (EC) No 223/2009
Article 17a – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) In order to reduce the burden on respondents, the NSIs, other national authorities as referred to in Article 4 and the Commission (Eurostat) shall have the right to access and use, promptly and free of charge, all administrative records and to integrate these administrative records with statistics, to the extent necessary for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics.

Amendment

(1) In order to reduce the burden on respondents, the NSIs, other national authorities as referred to in Article 4 and the Commission (Eurostat) shall have the right to access and use, promptly and free of charge, all administrative records and to integrate these administrative records with statistics, **but only** to the extent necessary for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics.

Or. hu

Amendment 78
Edward Scicluna

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – point 8

Regulation (EC) No 223/2009
Article 17a – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Access **by and involvement of the** NSIs, other national authorities and the Commission (Eurostat) **pursuant to** paragraphs 1 and 2 shall **be limited to administrative records within their own respective public administrative** system.

Amendment

3. ***The practical arrangements and the conditions for achieving effective access shall be determined where necessary by each Member State and the Commission within their respective spheres of competence. As regards administrative records built up and maintained by the ESCB, performance by NSIs, other national authorities and the Commission (Eurostat) of competences under paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not interfere with the performance of ESCB tasks specified in Article 127 of the TFEU and with the safeguards on central bank independence and professional secrecy laid down in Article 130 and Article 282 (3) of the TFEU and Articles 7 and 37 of Protocol (No 4) on the statute of the European System of Central Banks and of the***

European Central Bank respectively.

Or. en

Amendment 79
Edward Scicluna

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – point 8
Regulation (EC) No 223/2009
Article 17a – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The NSIs *shall receive relevant metadata from the owners of administrative records used for statistical purposes.*

Amendment

4. *Access by and involvement of the NSIs, other national authorities and the Commission (Eurostat) pursuant to paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 shall be limited to administrative records within their own respective public administrative system.*

Or. en

Amendment 80
Edward Scicluna

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – point 8
Regulation (EC) No 223/2009
Article 17a – paragraph 4a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

4a. The NSIs shall receive relevant metadata from the owners of administrative records used for statistical purposes.

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 81
Jean-Pierre Audy

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Amendment

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union. ***It shall be made available in consolidated form within three months of its entry into force.***

Or. fr