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Proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Community Statistical Programme 2008 to 2012

Proposal for a decision (COM(2006)0687 – C6-0427/2006 – 2006/0229(COD)(COD))

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendments by Parliament

Amendment by Andrea Losco

Amendment 2
Recital 7

(7) *The* preparation of the annual statistical work programmes of the Commission should take account of the need for ongoing review of statistical priorities, including the simplification of processes and the reduction of requirements of declining importance, with a view to making the best use of available resources.

(7) *In the light of the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on reduction of the response burden, simplification and priority-setting in the field of Community statistics¹, the* preparation of the annual statistical work programmes of the Commission should take account of the need for ongoing review of statistical priorities, including the simplification of processes and the reduction of requirements of declining importance, with a view to making the best use of available resources.

¹ COM(2006)0693

Or. it

Justification

The preparation of the annual statistical work programmes should aim to make the best use of available resources in line with the principles of 'better regulation' and the above-mentioned Commission Communication.

Amendment by Gilles Savary

Amendment 3

Article 2, paragraph 1, indent 2 and 2a (new)

- solidarity, ***economic and social cohesion*** and ***sustainable*** development,
- solidarity and ***human*** development, – ***economic and social cohesion*** and ***sustainable*** development,

Or. fr

Justification

This amendment seeks to include a qualitative criterion among the policy priorities for the 2008-2012 Community statistical programme.

Amendment by Andrea Losco

Amendment 4

Article 4, paragraph 2 a (new)

(2a) When preparing the annual statistical work programmes, the Commission should carry out ex ante studies of the financial implications of any planned new statistical activities which impose additional burdens on the Member States.

Or. it

Amendment by Andrea Losco

Amendment 5

Annex I, title, footnote (new)

FIVE-YEAR STATISTICAL
PROGRAMME: CROSS-CUTTING

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ISSUES

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¹ When implementing the following programme the Commission undertakes, to clarify and simplify the process, to identify all the various Commission directorates and services involved under each individual title of the programme.

Or. it

Amendment by Andrea Losco

Amendment 6

Annex I, point 2.1, table, subparagraph 3

- A process for quality labelling of European official statistics shall be put in place.

- A process for quality labelling of European official statistics shall be put in place ***and shall include feasibility studies for the development of suitable procedures, standards and criteria for that purpose.***

Or. it

Justification

The inclusion of feasibility studies is a vital step towards introducing quality labelling of European official statistics and strengthening the credibility of statistics and of the ESS as a whole.

Amendment by Gilles Savary

Amendment 7

Annex I, point 2.1, table, subparagraph 3

- A process for quality labelling of European official statistics shall be put in place.

- A process for quality labelling of European official statistics shall be put in place, ***which shall also make it possible to certify the conformity of the data published regardless of its provenance, be it local, national, European or third-country.***

Or. fr

Justification

The quality of statistics classified as official must be ensured, given the variety of sources from which they may originate.

Amendment by Andrea Losco

Amendment 8
Annex I, point 3.3

In order to improve the statistical service to the users, and in order to improve efficiency for the European Statistical System as a whole, a stronger focus on the core needs for European policies is necessary. **This** will be based on the **“First for Europe” approach**, a pragmatic strategy to facilitate the compilation of European aggregates which are of particular importance for Community policies. Also, the flexibility of the European Statistical System and its ability to respond promptly to changing user needs must be strengthened.

In order to improve the statistical service to the users, and in order to improve efficiency for the European Statistical System as a whole, a stronger focus on the core needs for European policies is necessary. **In specific cases, this** will be based on the **“European approach to statistics”**, a pragmatic strategy to facilitate the compilation of European aggregates which are of particular importance for Community policies. Also, the flexibility of the European Statistical System and its ability to respond promptly to changing user needs must be strengthened.

Or. it

Justification

The 'European approach to statistics' should be applied only in certain cases relating to specific policy issues and territorial requirements.

Amendment by Andrea Losco

Amendment 9
Annex I, point 3.5, table, subparagraph 1

- Joint structures, tools and processes shall be established, involving national authorities and relevant EC services and facilitating the specialisation of certain Member States in specific statistical activities for the benefit of the European Statistical System as a whole.

- Joint structures, tools and processes shall be established, involving national authorities and relevant EC services, **developing the ESS networks** and facilitating the specialisation of certain Member States in specific statistical activities for the benefit of the European Statistical System as a whole.

Or. it

Justification

It is important to develop the ESS networks in order to work on specific areas of excellence, while avoiding duplication of effort and improving the efficiency of the European Statistical System (ESS).

Amendment by Andrea Losco

Amendment 10
Annex II, title, footnote (new)

FIVE-YEAR STATISTICAL
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Or. it

Amendment by Andrea Losco

Amendment 11
Annex II, title I, Main initiatives 2008-2012, subparagraph 1

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Or. it

Amendment by Gilles Savary

Amendment 12
Annex II, title V, Current situation, subparagraph 2

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Or. fr

Justification

Community transport statistics fail to take adequate account of the operating conditions of the various transport modes, which would make it possible to ascertain their respective competitiveness.

Amendment by Gilles Savary

Amendment 13

Annex II, title V, Main initiatives 2008-2012, subparagraph 2 a new and 2 b new

- ***Comparative statistics shall be compiled and circulated concerning the conditions of inter- and intra-modal competition, including in particular direct and indirect tax rates, use tax and toll rates, salary costs and tariff scales.***
- ***On the basis of the study which the Commission has pledged to publish in 2008, the global cost indicators for the various transport modes shall be regularly published, including - and paying particular attention to - their external costs.***

Or. fr

Justification

Community transport statistics should be supplemented by additional indicators which would make it possible to compare the competitiveness of each transport mode.

Amendment by Gilles Savary

Amendment 14

Annex II, title VIII, Current situation, subparagraph 1

Labour market statistics are governed by a solid legal framework to assure regular data transmission for the estimation of employment, unemployment, earnings and labour cost. Nevertheless, new policy areas will require the extension of the statistical legislation to other domains such as (i) job vacancy statistics, evaluating the demand side of the labour market and complementing statistics on employment and unemployment, (ii) the labour market situation of migrants, promoting better integration of this population and (iii) the transition from school to work, underpinning adequate policies assuring a smooth incorporation of the young into the labour market. Other areas as quality in work and employment in an ageing labour force context, adaptability of workers and enterprises as well as the labour market needs of the information society will continue to focus the attention for the development of statistics.

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Or. fr

Amendment by Gilles Savary

Amendment 15

Annex II, title VIII, Main initiatives 2008-2012, subparagraph 3 a new

- ***Statistics on employment and unemployment shall include more focussed territorial indicators, particularly for urban areas***

***(towns with a population of over 500 000)
in order to take fuller account of local
variations in employment and
unemployment.***

Or. fr

Amendment by Katerina Batzeli

Amendment 16

Annex II, title VIII, Main initiatives 2008-2012, subparagraph 5 a new

***• Improvement of statistical monitoring
broken down by specialist skills, recording
the jobs offered and the equivalent jobs
sought.***

Or. el

Amendment by Gilles Savary

Amendment 17

Annex II, title XI, Current situation, subparagraph 5 a new and b new

***Although statistics to enable levels of
human development to be qualitatively
assessed (IHD) are being developed,
particularly under the aegis of the United
Nations, European statistics continue to be
too nominal-data-oriented and macro-
economic to take account of the new
phenomena of job insecurity and
pauperisation increasingly affecting
Europeans, including those who are in
employment, whether on an intermittent or
a regular basis.***

***Although the 20th century was
characterised by the urbanisation of the
European continent, and many Europeans
live in towns, where modern economic and
social life is chiefly concentrated, no
consolidated and comparable socio-
economic and urban data exists in Europe.***

Or. fr

Amendment by Gilles Savary

Amendment 18

Annex II, title XI, Main initiatives 2008-2012, subparagraph 8 a new, b new and c new

- *The development of a socio-economic statistical system for towns and cities with a population of over 50 000, to enable data to be compared Europe-wide.*
- *The development of a composite European human development indicator along the lines of the Human Development Index (HDI), which should include qualitative data on health, literacy, education and housing.*
- *The promotion and formulation of a European statistical system covering housing and conditions governing European citizens' access to housing.*

Or. fr