

NSCASE International Guidance Discussion

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Introduction

1. This paper responds to the request from the Committee for a holistic discussion on the principles to be applied in determining which international guidance to follow. Presented within is a brief descriptive overview of the guidance used to produce National Accounts statistics (UK, internationally), as well as an update to the proposed NSCASE decision-making framework (Annex 1).
2. The descriptive overview of current national accounts statistics, specifically European System of National Accounts (ESA 2010; Eurostat, 2010) and the 2008 System of National Accounts (2008 SNA; United Nations Statistics Division 2008) is for informative purposes only; it is presented to the committee to enable them to contextualise topic areas within the broader national accounts context. The updated NSCASE decision-making framework is presented to enhance the previous framework, outlining the scope of the framework and key decision criteria that will aid the committee in their decision making. Finally, Annexes 2 and 3 includes useful information about the key manuals for informational purposes only.
3. We ask members to provide feedback on the updated NSCASE decision-making framework, assessing its suitability as a tool for future NSCASE work.

What Guidance is Currently Being Used in the UK

4. As a legal requirement, the UK is currently compliant with ESA 2010 for historic data still being processed (i.e., data from years prior to withdrawal from the EU, pre-2021). Article 136 in the Withdrawal Agreement mandates that Gross National Income (GNI) must continue to be produced, in line with ESA 2010, for the years 2010 to 2020. While we expect the last revision of this data will be in 2024, any actions or reservations not finalised by that time might mean data for 2010 to 2020 in future Blue Book years can also be impacted. Only once all actions are successfully completed will it mean that the UK is no longer legally obliged to be compliant with ESA 2010 (and any of its related manuals) for current and future national accounts.
5. The UK also complies with the Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual Sixth Edition (BMP6) for its balance of payments statistics.

6. In the European Statistical System, the key manual is ESA 2010. Additionally, sub-manuals are produced by Eurostat that are complimentary to ESA 2010, these manuals provide detailed practical guidance for compilers. This includes the Manual on Government Deficit and Debt (MGDD); more manuals can be found in Annex 3.

Guidance in the International Context

7. All countries within the European Economic Area (EEA); which includes all countries in the European Union (EU) as well as Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein, must legally follow the European Statistical System (Eurostat, n.d.). Switzerland also opts into this statistical system.
8. The main manual used internationally outside the EEA is the 2008 SNA. Countries outside of the European Statistical System tend to gravitate to this manual. No country fully adheres to SNA. According to the IMF (n.d.), the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan are generally consistent with the 2008 SNA, along with a number of other countries.
9. Countries may not be fully compliant with SNA because:
 - a. A recommendation made may not be relevant for a particular economy or cost the of compiling the data cannot be justified.
 - b. Countries use a compilation method they consider to be superior.
 - c. Countries present the economic activity differently as they consider this approach to be analytically superior for their needs (although they report internationally following the SNA).
10. Whilst ESA 2010 is built from the 2008 SNA and then adapted, ESA 2010 does not include quality adjustments on public services, alongside other differences. Therefore, ESA 2010, and all countries legally bound by ESA 2010 are not fully compliant with the 2008 SNA.
11. It is worth noting that some smaller economies follow a mixture of previous versions of the SNA. Current international capability-building support is working to bring at least the countries following the 1968 SNA up to 2008 SNA at the current time.
12. The international standards are being updated. The intention is for the new global manuals to be adopted by the international community in early 2025 (See Annex 2). The U.K. is actively involved in the update of the SNA and BPM.

13. The ESA 2027 process has not begun, so we can offer no advice on the contents of this guidance. However, given the high level of active Eurostat involvement in the SNA it is likely that differences between SNA 2025 and any forthcoming ESA may be minimal, subject to the European legislative process.

Updating the Decision Framework

14. To aid its work in deciding whether to recommend deviations, the Committee has developed a decision-making framework to ensure its approach is consistent, coherent and systematic. Taking note of the experience and a broader review of international practice, an enhanced decision-making framework is set out in annex 1 and described below.
15. This updated, more detailed framework supports the five quality criteria of statistics; timeliness, accuracy, reliability, coherence, and clarity.
16. As outlined in the previous section, the international guidance employed by the ONS for the compilation of National Accounts and related data sets at the present time is the Eurostat's *ESA 2010* and related guidance – such as the *Manual on Government Deficit and Debt* (MGDD). Further, Annex 3 lists key additional international guidance employed by the ONS (relevant guidance).
17. Against this background, the Committee has discussed ONS proposals that deviate from the relevant guidance, such as on measurement of package holiday price changes, the quality adjustment of public sector service output, and proposals to adopt updated Eurostat guidance, such as on public-private partnerships.
18. Given the identification of the relevant guidance and drawing on the Committee's discussions to date, there is an updated version of the decision-making framework the Committee adopted in January in Annex 1. **This updated version is for discussion and, subject to comments by Committee members, intended to replace the existing version.**
19. The text ahead explains the reasoning behind the edits to the analytical framework and decision-making criteria. The other sections are unchanged.

Analytical Framework

20. The analytical framework is central to any assessment of an ONS proposal covering:
- international guidance,
 - UK specific factors, and
 - economic relevance.
21. The updated framework (Annex 1) adds questions to the UK specific factors and economic relevance. These are outlined below.
22. *Describing the issue*: Whether the relevant guidance is presently employed, or not, is a natural starting point for any discussion.
23. *International guidance*: Relevant to the Committee's work is understanding the relationship between the issue at hand and the international guidance. Strengthening the list of questions are:
- does international guidance actually exist e.g., for non-fungible tokens?
 - is the methodological soundness of a proposal open to debate?
 - are there international commitments that require specific guidance to be followed, e.g., international guidance related to the Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS) plus?
 - The UK adhered to this standard last year and while the standard is more focussed on dissemination than methodology, there are coverage and presentational requirements to be met e.g., for sectoral accounts and general government operations.
 - does the Committee take the view that there is a good case for the UK to follow what NSCASE regards as best practice rather than international guidance? Is there a case for publishing two series, one following best practice and the other international guidance?
 - has the UK materially influenced the development of the guidance?
24. *UK specific factors*: This aspect of the decision-making framework is central to the Committee's work in identifying best practice for the UK, as Professor Sir Ian Diamond identifies in his statement on NSCASE's first year of progress (UKSA, 2023). Two types of issues have arisen from the Committee's discussions to date:
- does following international guidance result in analytically misleading data for the UK given the specific characteristics of our economy (e.g., NMG)?
 - is an alternative approach to the relevant guidance analytically superior? For instance, is it being used elsewhere or is it currently in development e.g., package holiday price changes and the unit value method in price indices.

Decision criteria

25. In developing the decision-making framework, while recognising the central importance of the analytical factors, the Committee also consider the need for criteria against which any proposal must be judged. The proposed criteria are:
26. *System coherence*: This is a new criterion, as how a proposal fits into the integrated national accounts, or related system, needs to be considered, along with any data inconsistencies, imbalances, or double counts created. Such concerns have been raised by the Committee e.g., in the discussion on the quality adjustment of public sector services (Meeting date: 17th April 2023, Paper Number: 23(12); NSCASE 2023). Are imbalances created in any of the accounts because of the proposal? Does the proposal cause double counting?
27. *International comparability*: The Committee's work needs to bear in mind international comparability, as Professor Sir Ian Diamond mentions in his [statement](#) (UKSA, 2023); understanding the practice in other comparable countries is invariably relevant. At the same time the Committee recognises that a desire to maintain international comparability may be overruled with other objectives.
28. *Data continuity*. Many ONS users rely on time series and value continuity in these. The Committee appreciates the importance of this but at the same recognises that changes to the structure of the economy may sometimes make it undesirable to attempt to maintain temporal continuity.
29. *Practicality*: Assessment is needed of the analytical benefit against the resource costs/feasibility and the possibility of reputational risk when discussing any proposal for change. The committee will also consider cost to data suppliers and businesses when providing advice.

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Annex 1

The framework below has tracked changes to highlight the updated sections of the existing framework.



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National Statistician’s Committee for Advice on Standards for Economic Statistics (NSCASE) Decision Making Framework

Principle: The role of NSCASE is to advise the National Statistician on the appropriate standards, guidelines, and classifications for the ONS to adopt. Its advice will be guided by the need to produce a set of conceptually coherent economic statistics that meet the quality requirements and needs of UK users of the statistics whilst conforming, as far as possible with international guidance.

Framework for NSCASE decision making.	
Analytical Framework	Description of the issue, including whether current practice is based on the relevant international guidance (add NSCASE number of ONS note), or not.
	Summary of options.
	International guidance: What is the relevant international guidance? Does relevant guidance exist? Is the guidance being reviewed? If so, what is being proposed? Is its methodological soundness open to any debate? Does the UK have an international commitment to compile data on a basis other than the relevant guidance? Has the UK materially influenced the development of the guidance? Does the Committee take the view that there is a good case for the UK to follow what NSCASE regards as best practice rather than international guidance? Is there a case for publishing two series, one following best practice and the other international guidance?
	UK specific factors: What U.K. specific factors need to be considered? These include (1) does the relevant international guidance result in analytically misleading data for the UK given the size and relevance of the activity being measured, and (2) is there an alternative approach, including alternative international guidance, that results in analytically superior data for the UK.
	Relationship to economic concepts: How would an informed economist assess the economic nature of the issue under review?

Decision criteria to be applied to available options	Substance. Does the option focus on the substance of the activity?
	Borderlines. Does the option create any awkward borderline issues of classification and/or methodology?
	System coherence: What are the implications for the integrated statistical system? Are any data inconsistencies created?
	International comparability. How is international comparability affected by the option? What is the practice in comparable countries?
	Data continuity. What, if any, are the implications of the choice for the continuity of time series?
	Time-scale. How long will it take for the option to be implemented?
	Practicality. Is the option practical? What are the resource implications? Does the analytical benefit justify the resource cost to both ONS and data suppliers? Are there any potential reputational risks?
	Designation. Would the option deliver statistics of a quality consistent with the designation of National Statistics?
	Stakeholder views. These should be considered as appropriate.
	Benefits. In summary, what are the overall benefits and drawbacks of the option?
Summary	What is the Committee's decision and why?
Publication	Minutes: NSCASE advice to be published with each of the above points covered.
Principle	
Monitoring	Monitor the extent to which NSCASE's advice has been taken.
Framework for Monitoring	

Reporting	Annual report: ONS staff to report once a year to NSCASE on the progress with, and extent of, implementation of NSCASE advice including an estimate of the time and resources needed for full implementation.
	Justifications: ONS to justify in cases where NSCASE's advice is rejected or not fully implemented.
	NSCASE's view: NSCASE to respond to ONS's justification in cases where NSCASE advice is not fully implemented.
Publication	NSCASE to report on implementation in its annual report.

Annex 2

Supplementary Information

These next sections are purely for informational purposes. They are not required reading for the July 2023 meeting.

The System of National Accounts (SNA) - UN

The 2008 SNA is the current edition and successor to the 1993 SNA, of the international statistical standard for the national accounts which is adopted by the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). The SNA is a statistical framework which provides a comprehensive set of macroeconomic accounts for analytical, research and policymaking purposes (SNA, 2008). As the SNA is a conceptual framework, it does not attempt to provide compilation guidance making estimates. It also does not describe the setting of priorities of accounts and tables, or the frequency of their publication (United Nations Statistics Division, 2008). The sequence of economic accounts is the compulsory part of the SNA. The satellite and supplementary tables, however, are not. For the practical implementation of the SNA there are several handbooks developed by international agencies including the UNSD (United Nations Statistics Division), these can be found in Annex 3.

European System of Accounts (ESA) - Eurostat

ESA 2010 is also an international statistical standard for the national accounts, for use within European Union. Although it is largely consistent with the 2008 SNA, with regards to the accounting rules, classifications and definitions there are some key differences in its presentation to meet its specific use in the European Union (ESA, 2010). The current edition of ESA 2010 is also consistent with BPM6. The major difference in the ESA manuals is the legally binding nature, from 2014 all EU members have had to abide by the specific guidance of ESA 2010, moving from ESA 1995. ESA is legally binding due to the GNI calculation being used to calculate payment to the Union (Office for National Statistics (Archived), n.d). ESA 2010 also has various complimentary manuals which aim to provide compilers with extra information of implementation, these can be found in Annex 3.

The Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual (BPM) - IMF

The BPM is consistent with the SNA. BPM6, was published in 2009 replacing BPM5 which was released in 1993. The manual has a greater focus on balance sheets and their vulnerabilities. Increased detail of foreign direct investment (FDI) transactions is also required, maintaining consistency with the OECD benchmark definition of FDI (Office for National Statistics (Archived), n.d). The manual has four main purposes. These are:

“a) To provide and explain concepts, definitions, classifications, and conventions for balance of payments and international investment position statistics.

b) To enhance international comparability of data through the promotion of guidelines adopted internationally.

c) To show the links of balance of payments and international investment position statistics to other macroeconomic statistics and promote consistency between different data sets.

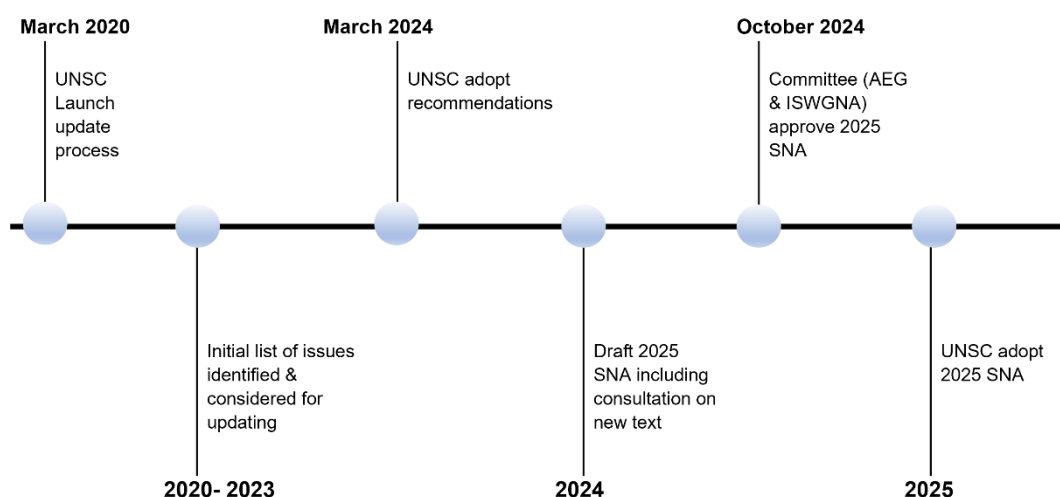
d) To provide a brief introduction to uses of data on balance of payments, other changes in financial assets and liabilities, and international investment position, as the international accounts of an economy.” (BPM6, 2009)

Summary of Upcoming Guidance

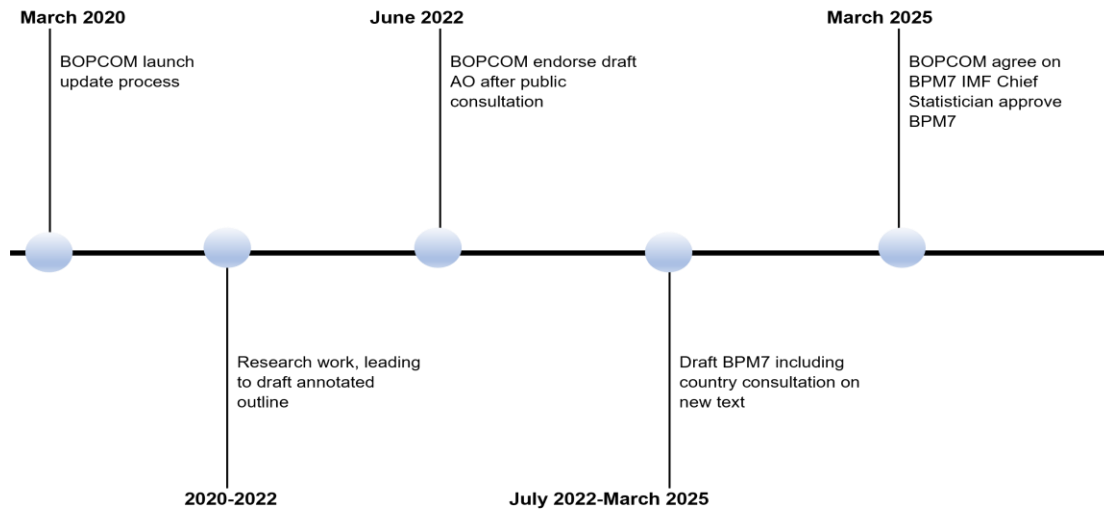
The 2008 SNA is currently being updated with its completion expected in 2025. Once the process to update the current SNA has happened it is likely that Eurostat will update the European System of Accounts. Typically, ESA updates two years after the SNA is published. Hence the predicted year for the due ESA manual is 2027. BMP6 is also being updated alongside 2008 SNA and is likely to be finished at the same time in 2025. Eurostat may also continue to release the complimentary manuals; however, we are unaware of the release schedule now that we have left the EU. Due to Eurostat’s resources, often the guidance is the most detailed for policymakers and national statistics offices to follow. With this in mind, and that UK policymakers have been and will have to follow ESA until our obligation is over, it may be appropriate to maintain a close following of ESA to provide much needed stability for compilers despite there being no legal obligation in the future.

Future timelines for SNA and BMP updates

SNA timeline



BMP timeline



- Adapted from Harper (2022).

Annex 3

In addition to the headline manuals, international bodies also produce sub manuals and manuals that record other parts of the economy that the national accounts exclude. Annex 3 is not an exhaustive list of all the economic manuals that these international bodies produce but shows the majority. This list is provided for reference only and it's not expected that any of the manuals are read.

Key OECD Economic Manuals

Name of Manual	Link
Cross Cutting and Horizontal Issues	
Data and Metadata Reporting and Presentation Handbook	https://www.oecd.org/sdd/37671574.pdf
Publishing Standards for Datasets and Data Tables	http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/603233448430
ESS Guidelines On Seasonal Adjustment (2015)	http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/cros/content/guidelines-sa-2015-edition_en
Agriculture and Fisheries	
The Producer Support Estimate Manual	https://www.oecd.org/agriculture/topics/agricultural-policy-monitoring-and-evaluation/documents/producer-support-estimates-manual.pdf
Development	
DAC Aid Statistics Methodology	http://www.oecd.org/dac/stats/methodology.htm
Education and Training	
Handbook for Internationally Comparative Education Statistics	https://www.oecd.org/edu/skills-beyond-school/oecdhandbookforinternationallycomparativeeducationstatisticsconceptsstandardsdefinitionsandclassifications.htm
Globalisation	
OECD Benchmark Definition of Foreign Direct Investment	https://www.oecd.org/daf/inv/mne/fdibenchmarkdefinition.htm
OECD Handbook on Economic Globalisation Indicators	https://www.oecd.org/sti/ind/oecdhandbookoneconomicglobalisationindicators.htm
Health	
A System of health accounts	https://www.oecd.org/health/health-systems/21160591.pdf
Information and Communication Technology	
Guide to Measuring the Information Society	https://www.oecd.org/sti/sci-tech/oecdguidetomeasuringtheinformationsociety2011.htm
Industry and Services	
Compilation manual for an index of service production	https://www.oecd.org/sdd/business-stats/37799074.pdf
Eurostat-OECD Manual on Business Demography Statistics	https://www.oecd.org/sdd/eurostat-oecdmanualonbusinessdemographystatistics.htm
Tourism Satellite Account: Recommended Methodological Framework	https://www.oecd.org/cfe/tourism/TSA_EN.pdf
International Recommendations for Tourism Statistics	https://www.oecd.org/cfe/tourism/IRTS_EN.pdf
Guidelines on Statistical Business Registers (2015)	http://www.unece.org:8080/index.php?id=40574&L=0%20
International Trade and Balance of Payments	
European Business Statistics compilers guide for European statistics on international of services by mode of supply: 2021 edition	https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/en/web/products-manuals-and-guidelines/-/ks-gg-21-025
Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual, Sixth Edition	https://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/bop/2007/bopman6.htm%20

BMP6 Compilation Guide	https://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/bop/2007/bop6comp.htm%20
Handbook on Measuring Digital Trade (Volume 1)	https://www.oecd.org/sdd/543001
International Merchandise Trade Statistics: Concept and Definitions 2010	http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/publications/international-merchandise-trade-statistics-concepts-and-definitions-2010-imts-2010.html%20
Guide to Measuring Global Production (2015)	http://www.unece.org:8080/index.php?id=42106&L=0%20
Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services 2010	https://www.oecd.org/sdd/its/manualonstatisticsofinternationaltradeinservices.htm
Monthly Economic Indicators	
Business Tendency Surveys: A Handbook	https://www.oecd.org/sdd/business tendency surveys a handbook.htm
Handbook on constructing composite leading indicators: methodology and user guide	https://www.oecd.org/els/soc/handbookonconstructingcompositeindicatorsmethodologyanduserguide.htm
OECD System of Composite Leading Indicators	https://www.oecd.org/sdd/41629509.pdf
National Accounts	
Handbook on Deriving capital measures of intellectual property product	https://www.oecd.org/sdd/na/handbook-on-deriving-capital-measures-of-intellectual-property-products-9789264079205-en.htm
Measuring the Non-Observed Economy – A handbook	https://www.oecd.org/sdd/measuringthe non-observedeconomy-ahandbook.htm
System of National Accounts 2008	http://unstats.un.org/unsd/nationalaccount/sna2008.asp
Understanding National Accounts Second Edition	https://www.oecd.org/sdd/UNA-2014.pdf
Understanding Financial Accounts	https://www.oecd.org/publications/understanding-financial-accounts-9789264281288-en.htm
Prices and Purchasing Power Parities	
Producer Price Indices – Comparative Methodological Analysis	https://www.oecd.org/sdd/prices-ppp/48370389.pdf
Consumer Price Index Manual – Theory and Practice	http://www.ilo.org/public/english/bureau/stat/guides/cpi/index.htm
Handbook on Residential Property Price Indices	https://www.oecd.org/sdd/handbook-on-residential-property-price-indices-9789264197183-en.htm
Eurostat- OECD Methodological Guide for Developing Producer Price Indices for Services	https://www.oecd.org/sdd/prices-ppp/eurostat-oecd-methodological-guide-for-developing-producer-price-indices-for-services-9789264220676-en.htm
Producer Price Index Manual – Theory and Practice	http://www.imf.org/external/np/sta/teqppi/index.htm
Eurostat - OECD Methodological Guide for Developing Producer Price Indices for Services	https://read.oecd-ilibrary.org/economics/eurostat-oecd-methodological-guide-for-developing-producer-price-indices-for-services_9789264220676-en#page1
A Manual on National Accounting Under Conditions of High Inflation	https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/economics/inflation-accounting_9789264299511-en
Transfer Pricing Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Tax Administrators 2010	https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/taxation/oecd-transfer-pricing-guidelines-for-multinational-enterprises-and-tax-administrations-2010_tpg-2010-en
Productivity	
Measuring capital – OECD Manual 2009	https://www.oecd.org/sdd/productivity-stats/43734711.pdf
OECD Manual: Measuring Productivity	https://www.oecd.org/sdd/productivity-stats/2352458.pdf
Science, Technology and Patents	
A Framework for Biotechnology Statistics	https://www.oecd.org/sti/inno/34935605.pdf
Frascati Manual: Guidelines for collecting reporting data on research and experimental development	https://www.oecd.org/sti/inno/frascati-manual.htm
OECD Patent Statistics Manual	https://www.oecd.org/sti/inno/oecdpatentstatisticsmanual.htm
System of Environmental Accounting	
SEEA Central Framework	https://seea.un.org/sites/seea.un.org/files/seea_cf_final_en.pdf
SEEA Ecosystem Accounting	https://seea.un.org/sites/seea.un.org/files/documents/EA/seea_ea_white_cover_final.pdf
SEEA Applications and Extensions	https://seea.un.org/file/16254/download?token=7sq-6K5C

Transport	
Illustrated Glossary for Transport Statistics – 4 th Edition	https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/illustrated-glossary-for-transport-statistics-4th-edition_5km7qkhv6745.pdf?itemId=%2Fcontent%2Fpublication%2F9789282102947-en&mimeType=pdf
Wellbeing	
Framework for Statistics on the distribution of household wealth	https://www.oecd.org/statistics/guidelines-for-micro-statistics-on-household-wealth-9789264194878-en.htm
Guidelines for micro statistics on household wealth	https://www.oecd.org/statistics/guidelines-for-micro-statistics-on-household-wealth-9789264194878-en.htm

Key Eurostat Economic Manuals

Name	Link
MGDD 2022	https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/3859598/16029761/KS-GQ-23-002-EN-N.pdf/77a75b07-61c3-7d34-5243-70d09bc00e44?version=3.0&t=1677163672121
European business statistics geonomenclature applicable to European statistics on international trade in goods - 2023 edition	https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/3859598/16538894/KS-GQ-23-009-EN-N.pdf/99bc67a0-f67c-8489-250e-46c5326e0fda?version=1.0&t=1681731682879
Compilers' manual for statistics on the use of information and communication technologies (ICT) in households and by individuals - 2022 survey edition	https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/3859598/16403655/KS-GQ-22-012-EN-N.pdf/75100def-2d45-7307-8599-0a5f6bbbf290?version=1.0&t=1680161401957
European business statistics compilers' manual for statistics on the information and communication technology (ICT) usage and e-commerce - 2022 survey edition	https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/3859598/16403569/KS-GQ-22-011-EN-N.pdf/34b63261-fde1-39b2-2385-f3d3c61fb7a3?version=1.0&t=1680160843392
Statistical requirements compendium - 2023 edition	https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/3859598/16262350/KS-GQ-23-008-EN-N.pdf/ad5a933a-307b-11e0-f3a7-2f49feee3c32?version=2.0&t=1679934347406
Guide on the theoretical VAT - Practical guidelines for enhanced comparability across countries - 2023 edition	https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/3859598/16262358/KS-GQ-23-003-EN-N.pdf/24ca76d7-7a7f-e00a-0d27-acb0d7e294ac?version=1.0&t=1678456811190
Guide on the theoretical VAT - Practical guidelines for enhanced comparability across countries - 2023 edition	https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/3859598/16262358/KS-GQ-23-003-EN-N.pdf/24ca76d7-7a7f-e00a-0d27-acb0d7e294ac?version=1.0&t=1678456811190
European business statistics user's manual for PRODCOM – 2023 edition	https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/3859598/16130157/KS-GQ-22-014-EN-N.pdf/3751d778-9c44-2f51-0b20-49a1fd053f04?version=2.0&t=1676566349800
European business statistics compilers' manual for international trade in goods statistics – detailed data – 2023 edition	https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/products-manuals-and-guidelines/w/ks-gq-23-007
European business statistics compilers' manual for international trade in goods statistics – aggregated data – 2023 edition	https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/3859598/16108617/KS-GQ-23-005-EN-N.pdf/211f539e-e6c8-49e2-8784-9dbdc7b653f8?version=1.0&t=1676281000608
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