

## NOTE 2

### **CNIS : French National Council for Statistical Information**



A forum



A coordinator



A source of information

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The National Council for Statistical Information provides a forum for producers and users of public statistics. As coordinator of government statistical activities, it prepares a medium-term program, and -within that framework- an annual program incorporating all public surveys.

#### **▲ A forum**

Government statistical departments submit their projects (surveys, registers, panels and compilations from government records) to CNIS members.

The latter examine what each project seeks to achieve, how it will fit into the French statistical information system, and whether or not it deserves priority. All the stages from survey preparation to the dissemination of findings are reviewed.

The ultimate aim is to reach a consensus among statistical information producers and CNIS partners, who mainly represent business and labor organizations.

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CNIS approval therefore guarantees that an accepted project meets a genuine information requirement in the public interest, that is not redundant, and that it contributes to the medium-term goals defined for the field under study.

#### **▲ A source of information**

CNIS issues an abundant literature on a wide range of topics. It is thus the main source of information on statistical work in France.