DEFine: an application for looking up the main concepts in use at the INE

INTRODUCTION

The DEFine application provides clear-cut, readily available information regarding the main concepts and definitions in statistical production at the INE. It is developed as a user help tool, and is constantly updated both with new information being published, and with concepts flagged up as being of interest to users, which translates as a living application that is constantly being improved upon.

WHAT'S INSIDE

DEFine contains the main concepts associated with information disseminated by the INE, alongside other statistical concepts of a general nature. It should be pointed out that data compiled by the INE is based on definitions adapted the national reality, observing the Community regulations and international directives and recommendations.

The following are included for each concept:

- Concept name
- Definition with explanatory notes where needed
- Source of origin of the definition
- Subject classification of each concept
- Statistical transactions that use each definition
- List of concepts related to a selected concept

HOW THE INFORMATION IS ORGANISED

Information is organised in two ways; by statistical operation and by subject classification.

1. By statistical operation. The main concepts for data published on the INE website have been associated

2. Subject classification. Each concept has been included in a broad subject classification. This classification makes it possible to find concepts associated with a specific subject, for example education, regardless of the transaction using it, which may or may not be education.

Moreover, literals may be searched on, which allows for finding concepts contain a literal string associated with the field in which these are used, distinguishing where the same concept is used in two or more fields with different definitions due to their objectives being different.

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