

Announcement regarding the INE's activity in the face of the health emergency occasioned by COVID-19

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Faced with the pandemic caused by Covid-19, the National Statistics Institute (INE) has had to adapt to the new circumstances in order to minimize the impact on its mission: the collection of data to produce and disseminate statistical information of the highest quality, and make it available to the General Government, businesses, social agents, citizens, and the media.

In order to fulfil this mission, the INE is working in collaboration with Eurostat and the statistical offices of the Member States of the European Union, particularly as regards the following statistics:

- Consumer Price Index
- National Quarterly Accounts
- Short-term Business Statistics
- Labour Market Indicators

During this high-alert period, the INE is carrying out data collection using telematic methods. Household surveys have thus been replaced by personal interviews, either by telephone or on-line. In the case of business surveys, collaboration is primarily on-line, with some telephone consultation. The INE appreciates the collaboration of all the informants, who can obtain information regarding the different surveys in which they have participated by calling the toll-free 900 lines.

However, in order to fulfil its mission, right now it is of particular importance that companies, households, and individuals collaborate by continuing to contribute their data, as they have been doing up to now. It is only with your help that the INE can obtain the information necessary to compile statistics that will subsequently guide policy decisions on economic, social, national, and European issues, thereby ensuring that the most appropriate measures are always adopted. All this is for the benefit of society as a whole.

Finally, the INE will continue to work to ensure that statistics are published according to the planned calendar, although this calendar may from time to time be revised, depending on how current and future circumstances affect data collection and processing. This will be duly announced to users on the INE's website and social networks.

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The grave situation caused by the rise of COVID-19 has had a direct effect on the statistical activity carried out by the National Statistics Institute (INE), both with regard to the preparation of various operations and, in particular, due to its impact on face-to-face information collection activities.

Under these exceptional circumstances, the INE would like to announce that the timing for the dissemination of its statistics, both short-term and structural, may be revised in order to adapt to the availability of means and basic information.

The INE website will thus offer updated information on the final dates for the dissemination of statistics, highlighting the operations that will be disseminated at a date later than that initially planned.

None of the foregoing presents an obstacle for the INE, which, aware of the importance of having and offering reliable statistics to the society in these moments of crisis, expresses its desire to continue its work in the production rigorous and quality-high statistics. To make this possible, we request the collaboration of our informants, both companies and households.

We end by thanking our informants, the media and, in general, society as a whole for the trust placed in our organization.