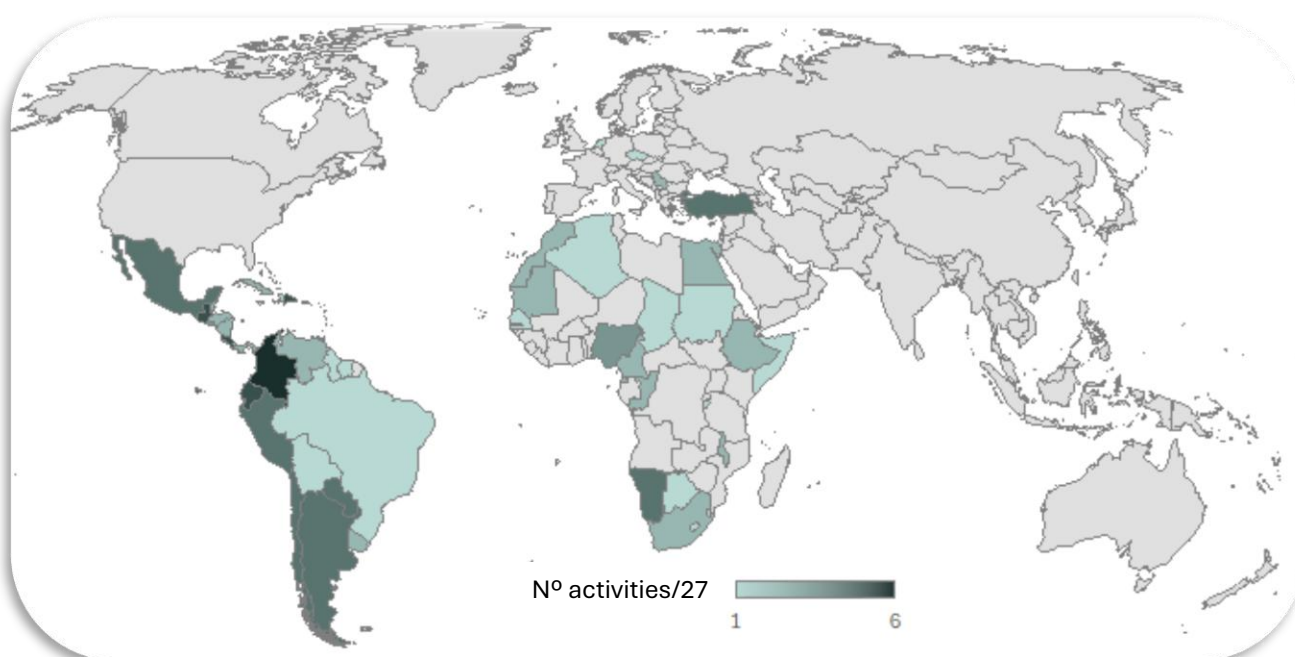


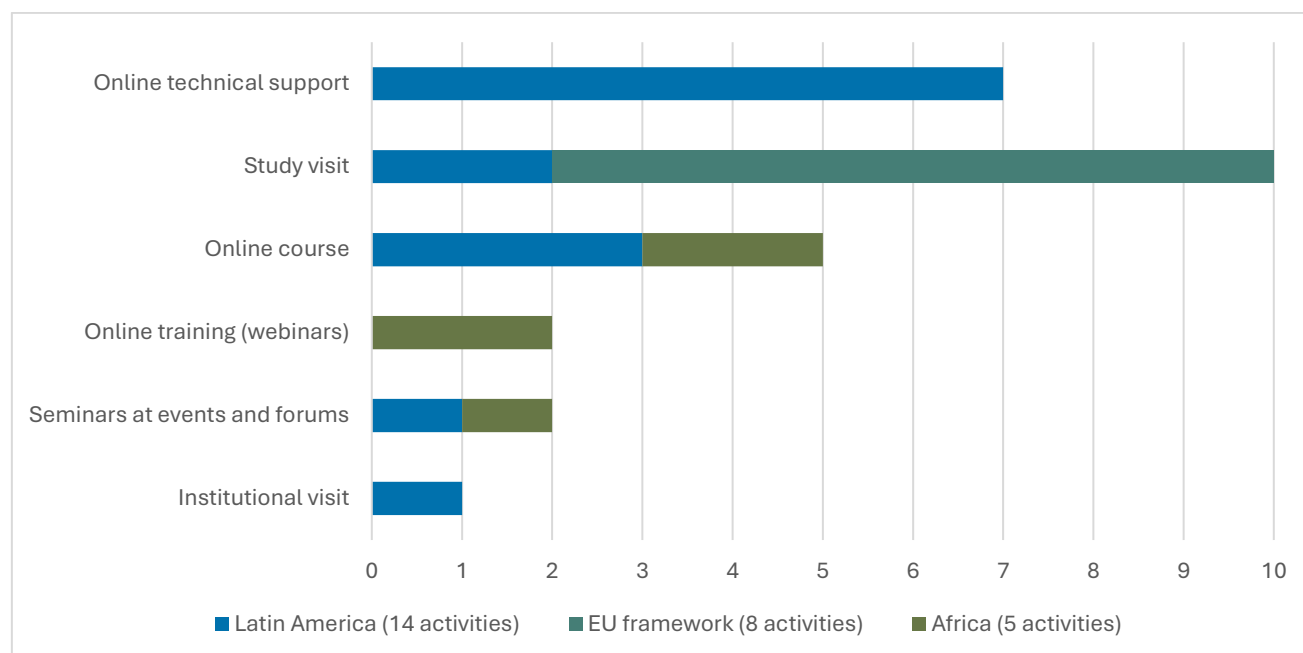
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION NEWSLETTER 2025

*International cooperation and technical assistance activities play a primary role in institutional strengthening and the development of official statistics. The Spanish National Statistics Institute (INE) is responsible for international technical cooperation in statistical matters in accordance with the Law on the Public Statistical Function. During 2025, coordinated and promoted by the Subdirectorate-General for International Relations and the 2030 Agenda (SGRIA), the INE carried out a total of **27 cooperation activities involving 58 different countries in Europe, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean.***

Countries benefiting from the INE's cooperation activities, 2025



Number of cooperation activities by type of activity and beneficiary, 2025



EUROPE

During 2025, the INE received study visits from the Czech Republic and the Netherlands, as well as candidate and potential candidate countries such as Turkey and Serbia, thus contributing to the consolidation of statistical systems and the harmonisation process.

Study visit by the Turkish Statistical Institute (TURKSTAT) on the use of new data sources and methodologies in regional accounts - 6, 7 and 8 May 2025



Over three days, the representatives of Turkstat and INE's experts had the opportunity to exchange professional skills in the fields of regional accounts, GDP and compliance with the requirements of the System of National Accounts (SNA). There was a presentation of INE's experience of estimating regional accounts and integrating new data sources, as well as guidelines and recommendations for each macro variable. This initiative was supported by the European Union through the IPA 2022 instrument.

Study visit by TURKSTAT (Turkey) on tourism statistics - 21-22 May 2025

The INE received a team of experts from Turkstat in order to conduct detailed analysis of the former's official and experimental tourism statistics.

The Turkish delegation was particularly interested in the use of new information sources, as a result of which there were specific sessions to present the experimental statistics that are being drawn up by the INE to improve the measurement of tourism statistics, including the use of mobile phone positioning, bank card transactions and occupancy in tourist accommodation with data from digital platforms.



Study visit by TURKSTAT on the production of input-output tables - 27, 28 and 29 May 2025



This visit by Turkstat focused on exchanging work experiences in the field of supply and use tables (SUT), as well as discussing and finding out more about the practices, approaches and steps required for the compilation of a complete SUT system. The aim was to provide TURKSTAT with the means necessary to establish and maintain a sustainable production system for its SUTs and input-output tables to support it in improving Turkey's system national accounts.

This initiative was conducted through the IPA 2022 funding instrument of the European Union.

Study visit by the Czech Republic on the use of records in household surveys - 12-13 August 2025

Experts from the Department of Household Surveys of the Czech Statistical Office visited the INE to learn more about its experience of the use of administrative data for household surveys, particularly the Survey of Living Conditions. The experts from the two institutions had the opportunity to exchange practices and experiences regarding the household survey system and discuss the typology and methodology and the challenges faced in the use of administrative data in the Survey of Living Conditions.



Study visit by young statisticians from the Statistical Office of the Netherlands - 9 October 2025

The main purpose of the visit was to present the INE's work and organisation, with a particular focus on the most innovative projects that are being undertaken. Following a general presentation on the structure of the INE, the Spanish Statistical System, dissemination and open data, the 39 participants were divided into thematic areas in accordance with their professional profiles to explore their experience and innovative projects related to data collection, economic statistics and the labour market.



Study visit by Serbia (SORS) on the use of administrative records in censuses - 21, 22 and 23 October 2025



The INE received a team from the Statistical Institute of Serbia (SORS), which is drawing up a Statistical Population Register. It displayed great interest in INE's experience of using exclusively administrative records to compile the Population Census. The INE's experts in Demographic Statistics shared their methodologies and quality processes in projects such as the online census, the integration of data from the land registry and electricity consumption in the housing census and data protection.

This activity was funded by the IPA 2022 instrument of the European Union.

Study visit by Serbia (SORS) on the INE's transformative projects to modernise official statistics and its 2030 Strategy - 21, 22 and 23 October 2025

The INE received a team of experts from the Serbian Statistical Institute to acquire first-hand knowledge of how it is striving to enhance and modernise the production of statistics as part of its 2030 Strategy. For this purpose, seven different departments took part to present and discuss with the Serbians the main challenges and solutions encountered during the implementation process of the innovation-related projects, including methodologies and best practices in the use of new information sources and process digitisation.



This activity was funded by the IPA 2022 instrument of the European Union.

"We were surprised by the high level of innovation at the INE, which is working outside the comfort zone of any statistical institute", remarked the Serbian experts after their visit.

Study visit by TURKSTAT (Turkey) on sectoral accounts - 18, 19 and 20 November 2025



During the three-day study visit, the representatives of TURKSTAT had the opportunity to exchange work experiences with the INE's experts in the field of sectoral accounts and compliance with the SEC's requirements. In particular, the system of non-financial accounts of the institutional sectors was reviewed. Experts from the Bank of Spain took part in this visit and explained the calculation of the FISIM.

This activity was funded by the IPA 2022 instrument of the EU.

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

The INE's cooperation with the region of Latin America and the Caribbean continues to play a prominent role. In 2025, it received a study visit from Cuba on population projections, another from six countries in the region on coordination with the IDB in the agricultural census and an institutional visit from El Salvador. In addition, it attended to seven requests for online technical assistance and took part in an online seminar. Finally, the INE developed an online training programme for Latin America, with three courses in 2025.

Study visit by the ONEI of Cuba on population projections - 1, 3 and 10 July 2025

Following several performances of video conference technical assistance by the DG of Population Statistics, a team from the Centre for Population and Development Studies (CEPDE) of the National Office of Statistics and Information (ONEI) of Cuba visited the INE during the first half of July to study its process for drawing up population projections.



Members of the SG for Demographic Statistics took part in representation of the INE and went through the complete process for producing population projections, as well as other operations that they carry out, in order to assist the Cuban experts with their project to develop population projections in digitised form.

INE-IDB memorandum and study visit on agricultural censuses - 23, 24 and 25 September 2025

In 2025, the INE and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding to reinforce their technical cooperation in the field of statistics and support skill development in Latin American and Caribbean countries.



This visit by 11 experts from the statistical institutes of Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador, organised in collaboration with the IDB, took place within the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding. The main aim was to share the INE's experience of agricultural statistics, paying particular interest to the drawing up of the 2020 agricultural census. The INE's experts from the SG for Economic Sectors Statistics, the SG for Methodology and Design of Samples and the Support Unit of the DG for Population Statistics shared innovative aspects of the agricultural census, such as the collection of census information based on administrative records, the sample design of the modules complementary to the census,

geolocation, innovative dissemination methods and confidentiality.

Institutional visit by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Embassy of El Salvador - 3 October 2025

The Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of El Salvador, together with the Ambassador of El Salvador and other senior officials, met the INE's Director General of Population Statistics and Deputy Director General of International Relations and the 2030 Agenda. The delegation was particularly interested in the data on Salvadorans in Spain.

Participation in the 3rd Meeting of the Community of Practice on Agricultural Statistics of Mexico, Central America and the Dominican Republic - 26 June 2025

The main purpose of this meeting, organised by the ECLAC, was to explore practical approaches and national experiences in two areas of increasing importance for agricultural statistics: the use of geospatial data for agricultural statistics and the dissemination of data to end users.

The INE's experts attended the meeting and had the opportunity to present their experience and knowledge during the session devoted to geospatial data in agricultural statistics.

Other activities: In addition to the above, in 2025 the INE attended to seven requests for technical assistance from Latin American and Caribbean countries in several statistical matters:

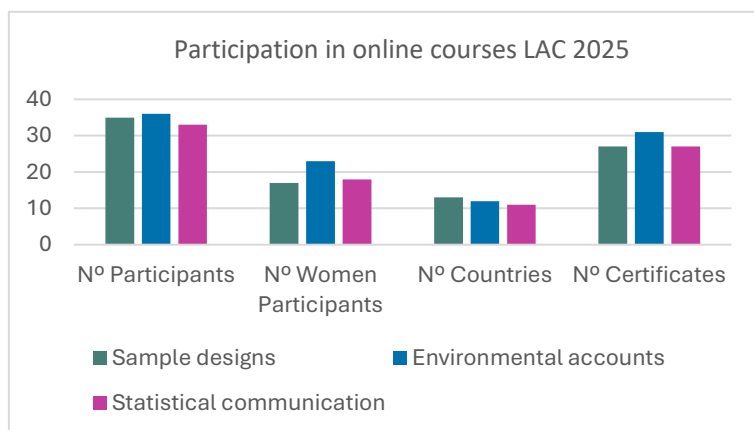
- **Video conference technical assistance to the ONEI of Cuba on population projections - April and May 2025:** Assistance from the DG for Population Statistics for the ONEI's project to perform digitised population projections.
- **Video conference technical assistance to the DANE of Colombia on tourism statistics - May 2025:** Assistance from the SG for Economic Sectors Statistics for the DANE's project to redesign its domestic and international tourism surveys.
- **Video conference technical assistance to the INEC of Ecuador for the construction of the Energy Flows Satellite Account - April 2025:** Assistance from the SG for Economic Sectors Statistics to resolve queries concerning the INEC's Energy Flows Satellite Account.
- **Video conference technical assistance to the INEC of Costa Rica on the agricultural census - July 2025:** Assistance from the SG for Economic Sectors Statistics to resolve queries regarding land registry coverage during the cartographic construction process of the agricultural census.
- **Review of documentation on statistical planning for the DANE of Colombia - August 2025:** Assistance from the DG for Statistical Planning and Processes in the review of the methodology developed by the DANE for the drawing up of statistical plans.
- **Video conference technical assistance to the INE of Uruguay on the National Statistical System - October 2025:** Assistance from the SG for Statistical Coordination and Planning to share experiences and coordination mechanisms in the National Statistical System.
- **Video conference technical assistance to the INDEC of Argentina on household survey data collection - October 2025:** Assistance from the SG for Data Collection on the compiling of data by means of household surveys, particularly implemented strategies, resource management, tools, improving the response rate, monitoring and quality.

Online training programme in statistics for professionals from Latin America and the Caribbean

Each year, as part of its international cooperation activities, the INE launches an online training programme aimed at Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as Equatorial Guinea, to address different subjects in the field of statistics.

During the second half of 2025, the INE organised and carried out three online training activities as part of the programme, which were disseminated among the countries in the region:

- Online course "Sample designs applied to the production of official statistics" - **10 February to 9 March 2025**.
- Online course "Environmental accounts: Theoretical fundamentals and practical aspects" - **22 September to 26 October 2025**.
- Online course "User-oriented statistical communication" - **27 October to 16 November 2025**.



These training activities benefited 104 statisticians from 13 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as Equatorial Guinea. 82% of the participants satisfactorily completed the course and over 90% rated the training as adequate and in keeping with their expectations.

AFRICA

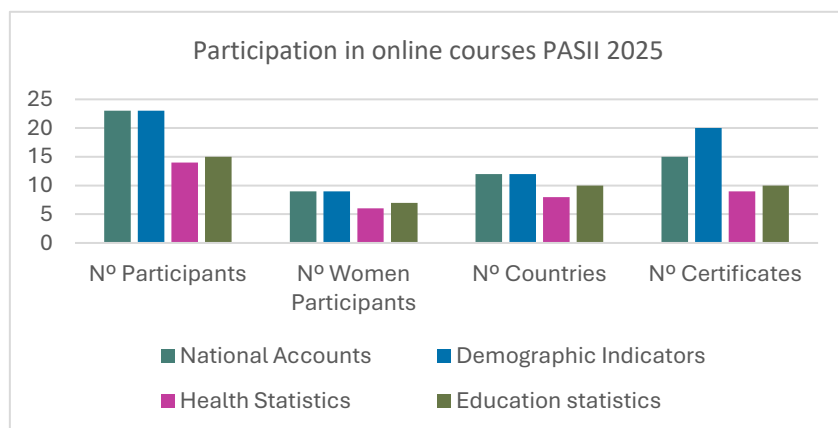
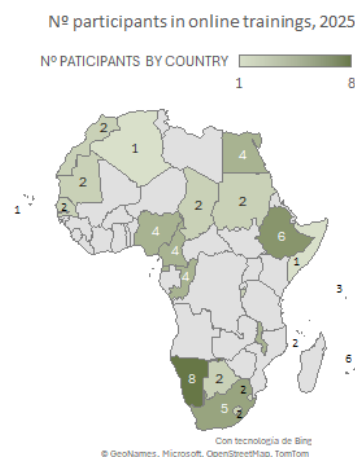
Over the last four years, the INE has actively collaborated with 51 countries on the African continent through an online statistical training programme funded by the European Commission's Pan-African Statistics Programme (PAS II), which is coordinated at the INE by the SGRIA.

Online training as part of the *Pan-African Statistics Programme II*

The INE forms part of the consortium that has been awarded two grants for the implementation of PAS II, a statistical cooperation programme funded by the European Union. The aim of this project is to support African integration by reinforcing the African Statistical System. As part of the consortium, INE committed itself to the conducting of different training activities in the form of courses and seminars over the 2022-2025 period.

Specifically, in 2025, the INE organised and carried out four training activities as part of the PAS II programme which were disseminated among the countries of the African Union:

- Online course titled "National Accounts" - **10 February to 9 March 2025.**
- Online course titled "Demographic Indicators" - **10 to 30 March 2025.**
- Online technical training (webinars) on "Health Statistics" - **20-21 May 2025.**
- Online technical training (webinars) on "Education statistics" - **10-11 June 2025.**



These four training activities were attended by 75 statisticians from 24 African countries. 94% of the participants positively rated the training as interesting and indicated that it will be helpful in their current and future jobs, while 98% were satisfied with how it was implemented.

Participation in the Forum on Administrative Data in Casablanca - 9-11 July 2025

In addition, within the framework of PAS II, the INE's Deputy Director of Demographic Statistics attended the Casablanca Forum on Administrative Data (9-11 July 2025) in person to share the institution's experience of the use of administrative records for the drawing up of statistics with the African statistical offices.



PAS II closing forum in Casablanca - 27-29 October 2025: This four-year cooperation programme with Africa came an end in 2025. During it, the INE organised 16 online training activities in different economic and social areas, benefiting a total of 412 statisticians from 51 African countries. At the closing event held from 27 to 29 October 2025 that was attended by the SGRIA, the European members of the consortium and the beneficiary countries gathered to celebrate the success of this European Union-Africa cooperation programme.