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EUROSTAT IN 1978

1. During 1978, the Office made steady progress towards the primary objective set out in its Fourth Statistical Programme namely that of giving an improved statistical service.

Publications

- 2. Evidence of the better dissemination and use of EUROSTAT statistics comes from the increasing number of references in the press to figures released via the statistical telegrams and other publications. In addition to the long standing series on energy and steel, more publicity was obtained for the newer series of up-to-date figures on industrial output, indices of consumer prices for the Nine as a whole, unemployment, and other timely socio-economic figures.
- 3. There were improvements in the conventional publications. For example, the provisional results of the extensive and much used labour force survey carried out during 1977 in all nine Member States were available in printed form at the end of 1978. A new general monthly bulletin has been launched with a much faster provision of the most important short-term statistics. Concerning the External trade statistics, the 1977 figures were published in a microfiche form in June 1978. The publication of the 1978 figures, always in a microfiche form, is expected towards May 1979. Two volumes of statistics concerning the ACP external trade and economic indicators - were produced for the first time, as well as an analysis in detail of the trade between the EC and the ACP which is to serve as a reference volume for the renewal of the Lomé Convention. Plans have been made for introducing major changes in 1980 in the content and presentation of the entire programme of statistical publications.

Data banks

4. CRONOS has required ten years of intensive development work to bring it to its present level but it is now one of the biggest, if not the largest, socio-economic data banks in the world. At the beginning of the year it contained 600.000 series. The number is now close to 750.000, and much of the statistical material will be directly accessible to those outside the Commission when EURONET begins to function towards the end of 1979.

Enlargement, Coordination

5. In addition to the contacts which have been maintained for several years with the Greek statistical service there have been first meetings of a general character with the Heads of the statistical institutions of Portugal and Spain and work on enlargement has increased to the point where the Office now will cover statistics from the three candidate countries on as wide a range of subjects as possible. Contacts with the main international statistical organizations - OECD, ECE and UN New York have been intensified. As regards cooperation with the United Nations Statistical Office on fundamental work on longer term statistical development, the Office has made considerable progress in rallying Member Countries to support its efforts as regards the harmonization of EEC and world classifications, essential work of trade, production, employment and investment statistics are to be brought into a constant framework. The prospects of an enlarged Community and of the technical possibilities for automatic data transmission make these closer contacts both necessary and fruitful. Within the Commission there have been more day to day contacts with the Directorate-General Economic and financial affairs and other Directorates-General to try to establish closer collaboration in a number of fields. The setting up of the new Liaison Division had facilitated this task.

Sectors

5. Turning to particular sectors, the work on national accounts and on prices has culminated in the publication of the first regular series of economic aggregates in real comparative terms (standard purchasing power). The price surveys included in the work programme done in 1978 were carried out according to the decisions of the Directors-General of the National statistical institutes (May 1977, point 5 B-3 and November 1977, point 1-9) with the exception of Denmark who did not participate in the price survey for clothing and footwear. Prices are collected now and results will be used to extrapolate 1978 purchasing power parities for these two groups. A new edition of the SEC (European system of integrated economic accounts) has been completed and the French language version will soon be available. The English, Italian and German language versions are in preparation.

- 7. In addition to the speeding up of the handling and the dissemination of the results of the 1977 labour force survey, the Directorate of social statistics produced its first publication on Social indicators. For the annual agricultural price fixing exercise, current year estimates of real per capita gross and net value added at factor cost have again been supplied to the Directorate-General Agriculture together with forecasts of certain output and input price indices in the context of the "objective method". In 1978 also, work on the new EC-index of the means of agricultural production was brought to a satisfactory conclusion and the results will be published early in 1979. Member States were persuaded to accept for the 1980's a regular although lighter series of farm structure surveys in the place of the irregular and heavy surveys carried out during the 1970's.
- 8. As regards industrial statistics there was continued streamlining of work and publications on energy and steel, accompanied by the firstfruits on the work of sectorial analysis and increase output of the up-to-date monthly and quarterly information available from the short-term industrial surveys. The first raw material balance sheets were completed. The Office and the Directorate-General Economic and financial affairs began work, in conjunction with OECD, on Community leading indicators.
- 9. The Adoption of a new directive on transport statistics of goods by road has permitted to close the infraction procedure against five Member States due to the non-application of Directive n° 69/467/CEE. The monthly flow of foreign trade statistics improved towards the end of the year when difficulties with one Member State were resolved. The progress achieved in harmonizing the methodology for external trade statistics has been embodied in new Council and Commission rules. In addition, the contribution of the Office to international trade negotiations has been followed by important work in the case of the MTN (Multilateral Tariff Negotiation), surveillance of textile imports, and the generalized system of preferences in consultation with the Directorate-General Economic and financial affairs a new project, on import-export price indices, has been undertaken.

PETROLEUM

Community production of crude oil and condensates reached 63 million tonnes in 1978, an increase of 33 % over 1977 levels. Community imports of crude oil from third party countries declined for the third year in succession to register 478 million tonnes in 1978. Imports increased only in Italy (+ 6.9 %) and the United Kingdom (+ 0.4 %) but no Community country has yet imported as much crude oil as in the pre-crisis year of 1973. Refinery throughput for the Community slightly declined in 1978, but with refinery capacity decreasing by approximately 20 million tonnes, average capacity utilization for the nine improved from 62 % in 1977 to 63 % in 1978.

Inland deliveries of petroleum products increased by 2.8% for the Community in 1978 with demand particularly strong for motor spirit (+4.8%), kerosenes (+4.5%) and gas diesel oil (+4.2%). The transport sector has accounted for most of this increase in demand. Increased demand for residual fuel oil in electrical power stations (particularly in France, Italy and the Netherlands) is the main reason for total Community deliveries of this product increasing by 2.2% in 1978.

NATURAL GAS

Community production of natural gas decreased in 1978 by 5 % compared to 1977 output. Production increased in the FR Germany (+ 9.2 %) but decreased by 8.7 % in the Netherlands and by 4.4 % in the United Kingdom. Furthermore, the Netherlands exported 10.5 % less natural gas to other Community countries in 1978. This consequent decline in Community supply, however, was completely

⁽¹⁾ See "Statistical Telegrams" of 14.3.1979 and of 14.2.1979

offset by a massive 76 % increase in imports form third party countries such that total gas availabilities (Production plus imports minus exports) were 4.5 % higher for the Community in 1978. Approximately 75 % of this increase in the Community's imports of natural gas in 1978 is attributable to Norwegian gas imports with the remainder due to the FR Germany and Italy increasing their imports of natural gas from the USSR. In 1978 18.6 % of total Community consumption of natural gas was supplied by imports compared to only 8.4 % in 1976, reflecting, quite clearly, this important change in strucural supply.



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Yellow series: Education statistics 1970-1977

Approximately 200 pages Format A 4

Multilingual edition to be published in April 1979

The 1978 edition of "Education statistics" contains the principal data obtained by the Statistical Office of the European Communities from the appropriate national departments on:

- the pupils, students and teachers in the school and university systems in the Member States. The series given cover the school year 1970/71 to 1976/77 and therefore update the tables given in the 1976 edition. A number of summary tables have been added and, for the first time, enrolment percentages by year of age have been given;
- expenditure by General Government in the Member States on school and university education. The 1976 survey was repeated in 1977 and this made it possible to collect and analyse data on education expenditure in 1974 and 1975. EUROSTAT will, in future, carry out this survey annually and the results will be published in this publication.

Green series: Prices of fruit, vegetables and potatoes 1976-1977

ISBN 92-825-0832-3 Price: UKL 3.40
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This edition is bringing up to date the prices published together with their descriptions in the special issue "Agricultural prices - Fruit, vegetables and potatoes" S 8/1973.

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