Trade in Goods Statistics

Data Transmission and Dissemination

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Objective

"The ENP will contribute to develop further regional integration, building on the achievements of the Euro-Mediterranean partnership, **notably in the area of trade**." (*ENP, Strategy Paper, 2004)*

Questions to be answered

- What has been achieved? (MEDSTAT II)

- What do we want achieve? (MEDSTAT III)

- Why COMEXT should be used for trade in goods data?

COMEXT is the Eurostat reference database and dissemination tool for trade in goods data

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Main Facts about Trade in Goods Statistics under MEDSTAT II

- **A protocol for data exchange was defined at the beginning of MEDSTAT II**

- **8 MPC provided monthly trade in goods data (Year coverage : 2000-2007)**

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Main Facts about Trade in Goods Statistics under MEDSTAT II - continued

- **The objective of a sustainable monthly transmission was partially achieved**
  - Data transmitted not in line with Eurostat requirements (Doc. COOP 400)

- **Eurostat supplied EU Data by sending monthly DVD copies to MPC**

- **Trade Data transmission stopped with MEDSTAT II**

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Is the Glass Half Empty or Half Full Now?

- MPCs demonstrated their ability to produce detailed trade statistics

- The environment for a more transparent and user friendly data dissemination is defined – COMEXT

- The steps to achieve sustainable monthly data transmission are not so big

With MEDSTAT III the glass can be filled

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Main Objectives for Trade in Goods Statistics under MEDSTAT III

- **Re-launch the data transmission**
  - Respecting some technical pre requisite
  - Ensure good relationship and co-operation with the data producer

- **Ensure a better dissemination and use of such data**
  - Use of COMEXT
  - Give public access to the data

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Main Objectives for Trade in Goods Statistics under MEDSTAT III - continued

By end of June 2011	■ Fulfil prerequisites ■ Transmission of 2008, 2009 and 2010 data
By End 2011	■ Start regular transmission of 2011 data ("regular" = when available, e.g. monthly)
2012	■ Transmission of all revisions

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Eurostat COMEXT Reference Database at a Glance

The **COMEXT database** is the storage and dissemination tool for external trade statistics in the EU

- **CONTENT**
  - imports, exports and trade balance
  - normal trade plus inward/outward processing procedures
  - 15 000 product lines, classified into 99 chapters
  - in value (Euro and EU national currencies) and in quantity (tonnes and/or supplementary units)
  - 250 partner countries and 50 partner economic zones

- **STRUCTURE**
  - Macro-domains (EU ; Co-operation Countries; International Organization)
  - Domains (Mediterranean; Balkans)
  - Nested Domain (By product classification ; Import By tarif preference..)

- **TOOLS**
  - Customized Extraction
  - Calculation Tools
  - Mirror Exercise

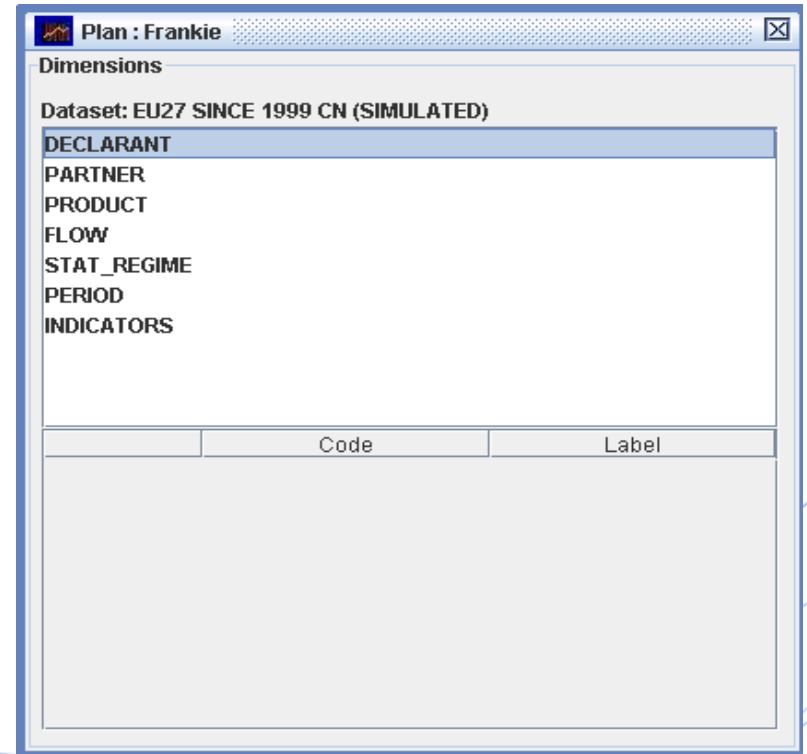eurostat

Eurostat COMEXT Reference Database - Access

■ Two type of access:

- <u>Restricted/COMEXT DB:</u> The full database, accessible to the staff of the European Commission, European Institutions, National and Regional authorities and selected external users.

- <u>Public/Easy COMEXT</u> is accessible via web to all users. It contains only a part of the information available in Comext DB.

  http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/newxtweb/

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Eurostat COMEXT Reference Database – An Example

1. COMEXT allows to customize and save our extraction plan

2. Definition of the extraction plan (View)

3. The value of Shirts Imported from MED Countries into 9 Member States

Plan : Frankie

Dimensions

Dataset: EU27 SINCE 1999 CN (SIMULATED)

DECLARANT
PARTNER
PRODUCT
FLOW
STAT_REGIME
PERIOD
INDICATORS

	Code	Label

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Eurostat COMEXT Reference Database – An Example

Eurostat COMEXT Reference Database - Content

Thanks for your attention !

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