
Le Department of Statistics and Foresight Analysis : description of our missions

SSP (missions) EN :

The Department of Statistics and Foresight Analysis (Service de la statistique et de la prospective, SSP) and the regional units (Services régionaux de l'information statistique et économique, SRISE) make up the ministerial statistical office of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food. Due to the nature of their missions and the fact that they are part of the [French Official Statistical System](#), the SSP and the SRISEs have duties that distinguish them from other government departments. In particular, they must comply with the principles set out in the European Statistics Code of Practice. They also have the specific rights necessary for the performance of their tasks, in particular to access the data used to compile statistics.

Under of the professional independence of statistical authorities, the procedures for the recruitment and appointment of the heads of the Ministerial Statistical Offices are transparent and based on professional criteria only. The 'Autorité de la statistique publique' issued a [decision](#) published on September 22, 2021, describing these recruitment procedures.

The SSP is in charge of implementing statistics on agriculture, food industries, forestry, fishery and land cover. It manages relationships with other national statistical agencies and with European (Eurostat) and international (FAO in particular) offices. It produces economic analyses, contributes to the preparation of agricultural accounts, at national and regional level, and to the construction of many price and production indices, in association with the national statistical institute (Insee). It produces the Farm Accountancy Data Network (FADN), which allows detailed monitoring of accounts of a sample of farms used to analyze the economical results of farms by specializations.

Its statistical production activity results in dissemination of numerous data, analyses and studies, available free of charge on the Agreste website.

The SSP provides support for conception and evaluation of public policies. It leads economic and social monitoring and coordinates prospective studies. It leads or coordinates the economic analyses and assessments related to public policies that the Ministry implements.