

**FACILITY FOR  
EUROMED  
DIALOGUE AND  
EXCHANGE OF  
BEST PRACTICES**

**MEDSTAT IV**

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**AITRS/ESCWA Regional Workshop on Transport statistics  
and related SDGs indicators**

**Session on Statistical Standards, methodologies,  
statistical classifications and legal frameworks  
governing the provision of transport statistics**

**Role and Scope of MEDSTAT in advocating Statistical  
Standards, Methodologies, Classifications and Legal  
Frameworks Governing the Collection and Provision of  
Transport Statistics Among the Mediterranean  
Countries**

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# MEDSTAT Projects

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## MEDSTAT: « Facility for Euromed dialogue and exchange of best practices in statistics »

- **MEDSTAT I** (1996-2003): international trade in goods and services, **transport**, migration, tourism, the environment and national accounts
- **MEDSTAT II** (2006-2009): international trade, **transport** migration, tourism, the environment, national accounts, social statistics, agriculture and energy
- **MEDSTAT III** (2010-2013): agriculture, energy, migration, social statistics, **transport**, international trade and balance of payments statistics
- **MEDSTAT IV** (2016-2019): business statistics, international trade, energy, **transport**, migration, employment

# Transport statistics in the context of MEDSTAT

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- **MEDSTAT I** (1996-2003): Infrastructure and equipment statistics relating to railway, road, sea and air transport
- **MEDSTAT II** (2006-2009): Infrastructure, equipment, traffic and transport volumes statistics relating to railway, road, sea, air and intermodal transport
- **MEDSTAT III** (2010-2013): Infrastructure, equipment, traffic and transport volumes statistics relating to railway, road, sea, air and intermodal transport + economic, technical and environmental performance indicators
- **MEDSTAT IV** (2016-2019): MEDSTAT III + SDG indicators

## Partner Countries

- Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria (cooperation suspended), Tunisia

## Overall objective

- To promote evidence-based decision-making and to foster democratic development by improving the availability, visibility and accessibility of robust, reliable and timely statistical data in the ENP South countries.

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## Specific actions

- Contribution to the **production of better-quality data** in the six priority sectors
- Support to the six thematic **Working Groups** through relevant and timely expertise and activities
- **Harmonisation of statistical data in line with European and international standards**
- **Raising awareness on statistics** for a number of stakeholders, including a more user-friendly dissemination of statistics
- Implementation of the **Statistics Code of Practice (COP)** for the Neighbourhood South countries.

# STATE OF PLAY AT THE START OF MEDSTAT IV

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- Detailed statistics on transport **infrastructure, equipment and flows** for the different modes of transport
- Economic, technical and environmental **performance indicators**
- **Regional publication**
- **Two meetings of the Euro-Mediterranean Working Group on Transport statistics held**

# SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF MEDSTAT IV IN THE AREA OF TRANSPORT STATISTICS

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- Assist the **Euro-Mediterranean Working Group on Transport statistics**
- Enhance the **capacity** of the statistical systems and improve data **quality**: harmonisation, improvements in methods and processes, implementation of the Statistics Code of Practice for the European Neighbourhood South Countries
- Ensure **availability and visibility** of data to a wide range of users and promote **evidence-based decision making**



# IMPLEMENTATION PRINCIPLES

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- Develop and implement the **work programme** adopted by the Euro-Mediterranean Working Group on Transport statistics, focusing in particular on quality issues, production processes, harmonisation and dissemination
  - **Transport statistics:** All modes of transport, all statistical themes
- Ensure a sustainable **transfer and capitalisation of knowledge and know-how:** contribute to the development of managerial and technical capacities within the national statistical systems

# IMPLEMENTATION PRINCIPLES

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- Enhance **dissemination** and raise **awareness** about the use of statistics in decision-making: develop new publications and update existing ones (methods, data analysis); deepen the dialogue between users and producers
  - **Monitoring and evaluation** of transport policies and **impact assessment** of transport infrastructure investments
- Develop **synergies** between Energy statistics and Transport statistics and synergies with interventions from other donors and other regional actors: UNESCWA, ITF/OECD, UfM

# MEDSTAT IV: TOPICS COVERED

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- **Modes of transport:** Railway, road, sea, air and intermodal
- **Statistical themes:** infrastructure, equipment, traffic flows, transport volumes
- **Economic, technical and environmental performance indicators**
- **Transport-related SDG indicators**

# Road transport statistics: Statistical Standards, Methodologies, Classifications and Legal Frameworks

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**Statistics on the transport of goods by road**, including a wide range of variables. Statistics on the transport of passengers by road are collected within the EU on a voluntary basis.

## Legal basis, methodology and classifications

- Regulation (EU) No 70/2012** of 18 January 2012, on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of goods by road
- Road freight transport methodology - 2016 edition**
- Methodologies used in surveys of road freight transport in member states 2017 edition**
- NST 2007, NUTS and NACE Rev.2**

# Rail transport statistics: Statistical Standards, Methodologies, Classifications and Legal Frameworks

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**Covers passenger transport as well as freight transport by rail**

## Legal basis, methodology and classifications

- Regulation (EU) 2018/643** of the European Parliament and the Council on rail transport statistics
- Reference Manual on Rail Transport Statistics**
- Glossary for transport statistics** (4th edition)

# Sea transport statistics: Statistical Standards, Methodologies, Classifications and Legal Frameworks

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Covers the carriage of goods and passengers in sea-going vessels in terms of type of cargo and passengers, the routes over which they are transported, and types, sizes and nationality of ships used to carry out that transport

## Legal basis, methodology and classifications

- Council Directive 95/64/EC** on statistical returns in respect of carriage of goods and passengers by sea
- Reference Manual on Maritime Transport Statistics – Version 4**, December 2017
- Glossary for transport statistics** (4th edition)
- LOCODE**

# Air transport statistics: Statistical Standards, Methodologies, Classifications and Legal Frameworks

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**Include statistics on passengers, freight and mail transport. Information on air transport infrastructure, transport equipment and accidents are collected on voluntary basis**

## Legal basis, methodology and classifications

- Regulation (EC) No 437/2003** of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 February 2003 on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of passengers, freight and mail by air
- Reference Manual on Air Transport Statistics**
- Glossary for transport statistics (4th edition)**

## MEDSTAT IV: work programme on transport statistics

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- Third Meeting of the **Euro-Mediterranean Working Group** on Transport statistics (Rome, 13 July 2016);
- Regional **workshop on the use of Big Data** in the production of transport statistics (Rome, 14 July 2016);
- Regional **workshop on the development of a manual on road freight transport statistics** adapted to the characteristics of the transport and statistical systems of the ENP-S Countries (Brussels, 13-15 December 2016);
- **Joint regional Transport and Energy workshop on the development and production of new transport and energy performance indicators** (Brussels, 28-30 March 2017);
- **Study Visit on the Production of Road Passenger Transport statistics** at the French Ministry of Environmental and Inclusive Transition - Service de la Donnée et des Etudes statistiques (Paris – 24-25 October 2017)



## MEDSTAT IV: work programme on transport statistics

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- Fourth Meeting of the **Euro-Mediterranean Working Group on Transport statistics and Regional Workshop on the use of transport statistics in the production of impact assessments** (Larnaca – 5-7 December 2017);
- **Joint regional Transport and Energy workshop on the analysis of new energy and transport performance indicators** (Nice, 13 – 15 March 2018);
- **Regional workshop on the Production of geo-referenced maritime transport statistics** (Palermo, 8-10 May 2018);
- **Regional workshop on data quality management and the development of analytical capacities** in transport statistics (Brussels – 27-28 November 2018);
- Fifth **Meeting of the Euro-Mediterranean Working Group on Transport Statistics** (Munich, 12 March 2019);
- **Regional workshop on the Production of geo-referenced air transport statistics** (Munich, 13-14 March 2019).

# MEDSTAT IV: work programme on transport statistics

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- **Technical assistance missions** in Lebanon, Libya and Jordan
- **Two regional publications:**
  - **Regional manual on the production of road freight transport statistics**
  - **Energy, Transport and Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean Countries**

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