

## **Announcement**

### Publication of the *Peer Review* report

The National Statistics Institute (INE) has published the Peer Review report carried out during 2022 on its website. In this report, independent experts have analysed the degree of compliance of Spain's statistical system with the European Statistics Code of Practice.

These reports are carried out in all Member States of the European Union and the European Free Trade Association, as well as in Eurostat. They are carried out by teams of four statistical experts, who analyse a questionnaire and additional documentation submitted by INE and other national statistical authorities that feed into the European Statistical System, and conduct interviews with staff from INE and other statistical authorities, users, business and trade union associations, and the scientific community. The other national statistical authorities included have been the Subdirectorate General for Analysis, Coordination and Statistics (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food), the Subdirectorate General for Foresight, Strategy and Energy Regulations (Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge), and the Subdirectorate General for Economic Studies and Statistics (Ministry of Transport, Mobility and Urban Agenda).

As a result of this exercise, in their reports, experts include recommendations in relation to compliance with all the indicators included in the Code of Practice and other recommendations related to improvements beyond this compliance.

### **High compliance with the European Statistics Code of Practice**

Among the positive aspects of INE, experts highlight the agreements reached to use administrative data in different operations -which reduce the statistical burden and increase its cost-effectiveness-, its steadfastness in reducing the cost of its projects, the ongoing training of its staff and its commitment to quality.

In addition, they highlight the innovative nature of INE in its statistical production, with agreements to incorporate privately owned data in its statistics, the initiatives of the "Data Lake" data repository, metadata, integrated analytical tools and the use of methods such as machine learning.

The report concludes that **"there is a high level of compliance with the European Statistics Code of Practice throughout the Spanish statistical system."**

The peer review team includes 21 recommendations of two types: four relevant to compliance with the Code of Practice and 17 related to improvements beyond compliance.

**INE and the other national statistical authorities included in this report will implement an action plan to respond to these recommendations** and thus further improve its level of compliance with the Code of Practice.

[Link to Peer Review report for Spain](#)

[Link to Peer Review reports carried out in the European Statistical System](#)