

## PROGRESS REPORT

The Italian National Institute of Statistics (Istat) together with Eurostat, the National Statistical Institutes (NSIs) and the Other National Authorities (ONA) is part of the European Statistical System (ESS), which develops, produces and disseminates European statistics as established by the European statistical law<sup>1</sup>. In accordance with this law<sup>2</sup>, this progress report provides information on the implementation of the European Statistics Code of Practice in Italy, and on the efforts undertaken towards the establishment of a Commitment on Confidence.

### 1. Compliance with the European Statistics Code of Practice

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In Italy the third round of peer review was conducted in 2023, and the peer review team, in its final report, considered that Istat is highly compliant with the ES Code.

### 2. Efforts undertaken towards the establishment of a Commitment

Comstat has defined the Guidelines for the National Statistical Program for the three-year period 2026-2028, addressed to Istat and other entities of the National Statistical System participating in the preparation of the National Statistical Program. These guidelines reiterate that the selection of projects to be included in the NSP must in any case take into account the application of the principles established in the European and national statistical Code of Practice, in particular the principles of impartiality, sound methodology, non-excessive burden on respondents, accessibility, and clarity.

The approval procedure establishes that the National Statistical Program is adopted by the Council of Ministers upon a proposal from the President of the Council and enacted by a decree of the President of the Republic.

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) No. 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European Statistics, amended by Regulation (EU) 2015/759 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2015.

<sup>2</sup> Article 11 (4) of the revised (EC) Regulation No 223/2009 on European statistics

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<sup>4</sup> Art 14 of Legislative decree no. 322/1989