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Portuguese Presidency of the European Union

2<sup>nd</sup> Semester of 2007

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### Statistics Portugal holds the Presidency in the domain of Statistics

The Portuguese Presidency in the domain of Statistics will build on the progress made by the German Presidency, with which it shares the objectives and priorities of the three Presidencies of German, Portugal and Slovenia.

The decisions on statistical legislation are taken by the European Parliament and the Council of the EU. Statistics Portugal, as the national statistical authority, will convene and chair 8 meetings of the Council Working Group on Statistics.

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#### Statistical Priorities

Statistics Portugal will strive for the provision of high quality statistics in the EU, in respect of the European Statistics Code of Practice, aiming at:

- meeting the needs of users with high quality and relevance data;
- seeking non-excessive burden both on respondents and on national statistical offices;
- improving cost-effectiveness;
- simplifying while strengthening the European Statistical System.

Statistics Portugal grants the utmost priority to the following legal acts:

- Population and Housing Censuses;
- Energy Statistics;
- Farm Structure Surveys;
- Modernisation of European Enterprise and Trade Statistics;
- European Statistical System legal act.

At [www.ine.pt](http://www.ine.pt) you will find a specific area dedicated to the Portuguese Presidency on Statistics, thought to facilitate the work of the European Statistical System partners.

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Portugal welcomes in August 2007 one of the most important statistics world-wide congress: the 56th Session of the *Internacional Statistical Institute (ISI 2007)*.

For further information: [www.isi2007.com.pt](http://www.isi2007.com.pt)