

The EU Inter-country Supply, Use and Input-Output Tables (FIGARO Project): recent progress

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The Eurostat-JRC project "Full International and Global Accounts for Research in Input-Output Analysis" (FIGARO) aims to produce experimental EU-Inter Country Supply, Use and Input-Output Tables for the year 2010 in line with the ESA 2010 methodology. From the experience gained in the project, a statistical production process will be designed so that Eurostat can start publishing these types of tables on a regular basis.

The project also has an institutional perspective by setting up consistent tables, recognised by international agencies such as the OECD, UNSD and the National Statistical Offices of the EU Member States, all of which participate in the discussions on the consistency between national trade data and international trade databases.

Besides the construction of the EU Inter-country Supply, Use and Input-Output Tables, the project also covers links to employment, capital and environmental accounts (in particular, air emission accounts, material flow accounts and energy accounts); and to the work of the OECD Expert Group on Extended supply and Use Tables.

This presentation is about the state of the art of the project, with a particular focus on the decisions made regarding the methodological issues raised by the construction process of the Inter-country Supply, Use and Input-Output Tables: e.g. econometric estimations of cif/fob margins; econometric estimations of missing bilateral services trade; alignment of trade statistics and national accounts data: e.g. goods sent abroad for processing, merchanting activitiesâ€¦