

**Statistics for the Eastern Partnership (STEP)****Duration:** 01.01.2019 - 31.10.2021**Countries:**

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine

**EU contribution:** € 4 700 000**Implementer:**

Eurostat, Expertise France

**Website(s):** [expertisefrance.fr/en/fiche-projet?id=731126](https://expertisefrance.fr/en/fiche-projet?id=731126)**Project description:**

The European Union seeks to support the six Eastern Partnership countries in their efforts to align their statistical systems with European standards and is therefore funding the STEP project, managed by Eurostat and implemented by Expertise France, in collaboration with the national statistical institutes of EU Member States : Insee (France), ISTAT (Italy), KSH (Hungary), Statistics Denmark, and Statistics Lithuania. It is expected that the Eastern Partnership countries will be able to better compare their trajectories and develop new links of cooperation. Regional cooperation generates a very positive emulation between the countries allowing to progress together towards more quality and comparability in the field of statistics. Also, a regional project provides propitious platform for the identification and promotion of good practices in the region.

**Expected results:**

- Production and dissemination of statistical data is improved in quality.
- Increased level of harmonisation of methodologies between Eastern Partnership countries and the EU.
- Capacities of the National Statistical Institutes are strengthened by the implementation of the principles of the European Code of Practice in Statistics.

