

Official statistics through the eyes of students and teachers – the European Statistics Competition

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ESC in a nutshell...

- European Statistics Competition
- Contest addressed to secondary students
- Launched at European level for the first time in 2017
- About statistics



Main purpose

Bring statistics closer to students

They are the future users



Synergies

- Eurostat and volunteering NSIs
- National phase → European phase
- Eurostat and INE-Spain as coordinators of the action



Synergies

- **Flexibility** was the key word:
- Countries could run their own process
- Countries could join the model proposed by INE-Spain



Brief description of the process

- Students divided in two categories depending on their age
- Teams from 1 to 3 pupils
- Each country adapted their tests to its national curricula



Brief description of the process

- National phase: 3 online tests + output
 - Basic statistical knowledge
 - Finding information from official sources
 - Finding information in an official publication
 - Preparing an output from a microdata set
- European phase: 2 min. video “Why are official statistics important in our society?”



Some results

- 11 countries participated
- Around 10 000 students and 1 200 teachers involved in the national phase
- Around 180 students involved in the European phase



Some results

- Students and teachers more aware of statistics (including our work)
- Partnerships NSI – other administrations
- Exchange of experiences among NSIs



The future

- Now launching the second edition
- Four new countries have joint





If you were wondering...

- Finland won the European phase in each category: [toivasnik](#) – [Pakila9D](#)
- Countries in the 2018 edition: Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, France, Finland, Greece, Italy Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain
- Countries in the 2019 edition: all of the above + Belgium, Estonia, Germany and Hungary



Thank you for your attention

