



Statistical Infrastructure

Theme 2: Legal Setting

Theme 25: Data security and statistical confidentiality

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I. Legal setting

1. General Background

- A comprehensive legal framework at European level
- A must in modern democratic societies
- A key to high quality statistics
- A founding principle of the European Statistical System



I. Legal setting

2. The *acquis*

- Article 285 of the European Community Treaty
- Council Regulation 322/97 on Community Statistics (the ‘Statistical Law’)
- Code of Practice on European Statistics
- Commission Decision on the role of Eurostat



I. Legal setting

3. Future *acquis*

- Task-Force on the revision of the statistical framework
- Reformed CEIES and ESS Advisory Group



I. Data security and statistical confidentiality

1. General Background

- Need to obtain primary data
- Protecting the right to privacy
- Building trust and confidence
- Ensure quality of responses, hence quality of statistics



I. Data security and statistical confidentiality

2. The *acquis*

- Council Regulation 1588/90 on the transmission of data subject to statistical confidentiality to the Statistical Office of the European Communities
- Commission Regulation 831/2002 on access to confidential data for scientific purposes
- Directive 95/46 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data



I. Data security and statistical confidentiality

3. Future *acquis*

- Revision of Council Regulation 322/97