

General rules for the European phase of the European Statistics Competition (ESC) 2020

1. Registration

The European phase of the European Statistics Competition (ESC) 2020 is open to those teams having finished among the winners or being the finalists in the national phase of the ESC and having been proposed to participate in the European phase by their countries.

There will be two categories of participation: A and B. As a reference, category A comprises students in the last two courses in secondary education (approx. 16-18 years old) and category B includes all other students in secondary education (approx. 14-16 years old).

Each country will be able to propose up to **two** teams per category to participate in the European phase.

The registration in the European phase will be done by the national organization of each country.

2. Assignment

Participating teams will have to **make a video** in which they will have to explain a statistical concept. The topic of the video will be revealed to participating teams in due time. Please see “Calendar” section of this document.

Written explanations in the video will be in English. Spoken explanations will be preferably in English, although videos with the audio in the national language and English subtitles will also be valid. Regardless of the language of the audio, the use of subtitles in the video is highly recommended.

Videos will have a **maximum length of 2:00 minutes**.

Along with the videos, participants will have to prepare a pdf document in English, explaining the creation process of the video, including the users they would like to reach, the techniques used (and the reasons to use them), decision making process, the sources of statistical data (in case of using them), etc. This document will have a **maximum of 2000 words** and a **maximum extension of 4 pages**.

3. Evaluation Criteria

When evaluating the selected videos, the jury of the European phase of the ESC will take into account:

- The creativity of the video
- An understandable / convincing message according to the concept / question raised

- The effectiveness of the video to get its message across
- The concordance between the pdf document and the video

4. Awards

The jury will declare one winner and the second and the third place per category. The jury can decide not to award any prize to the presented videos.

Each member and the tutor of the two winning teams of the European phase (categories A and B) will receive the following prizes:

- A gift card (400€)
- A set of publications and promotional material from Eurostat
- A winner diploma

Winners will receive their prizes in an award ceremony during the [2020 European Conference on Quality in Official Statistics](#), on the 10th of June in Budapest. The expenses of the trip and the accommodation, for the tutors and the students of the winning teams, will be covered by the organizers of the ESC.

In case there are students under 18 in the winning team at the time of the trip to the ceremony, the tutor must act as an approved guardian of the minors of her / his team and will take full responsibility of the minor students during the trip and the stay in the place of the award ceremony.

In case of having two winning teams with the same tutor, the latter will only receive one prize.

Second and third teams along with the rest of the participating teams in the European phase will receive a diploma.

5. Calendar

Given the different circumstances of each participating country, there will be two calendars for the European phase. **Each national organisation will establish the calendar they stick to:**

Calendar 1:

- Announcement of European topic: 9th March 2020 (exclusively to countries which opt for this calendar)
- **Deadline** for teams to upload their videos: 17th April 2020

Calendar 2:

- Announcement of European topic: 27th March 2020
- **Deadline** for teams to upload their videos: 5th May 2020

Teams of countries which follow calendar 1 will not be allowed to upload their videos after the 17th of April.

Announcement of winning teams: 20th May 2020

Award ceremony: 10th June 2020 in the [European Conference on Quality in Official Statistics \(Q2020\)](#), to be held in Budapest (Hungary).

6. Publication of videos

The awarded videos or those that received mentions will be announced on www.esc-2020.eu, indicating the full names of their authors. By their participation in the European phase of the ESC the participants accept that their names are announced and allow the publication of their videos. They may at any time revoke their consent to the processing of their personal data derived from their participation in this contest, without prejudice to any other right that assists them, in accordance with the applicable law.

Videos must not infringe any third party copyright or trademark, or violate the rights of any person or entity. Teams need to be sure to only use content in their video that they are authorised to use, including, without limitation, music, images, film clips and other intellectual property.

In case there are minors appearing in the video, the team must send to the organization of the ESC, along with the video and the pdf files, authorizations to appear in the film signed by the legal guardian of each minor. Lack of authorizations will disqualify the video. Teams can ask the organization in their countries to provide them with an authorization form.

All the materials presented at the European phase of the ESC may be published by the European Statistical System (ESS).

7. Reservation of rights

The organization of the European phase of the ESC reserves the right to change the terms and conditions of the European phase of the ESC, especially the dates announced in the calendar, or even its possible cancellation, whenever there is a justified cause. These modifications would be made public at www.esc-2020.eu.

8. Acceptance of the rules of the European phase of the ESC

Participation in the European phase of the European Statistics Competition (ESC) assumes the acceptance of all these rules.