

EUROSTAT QUALITY GRADING SYSTEM

Rating on 3 levels: High, Medium or Low (or "not applicable")

Quality concepts	Rating				Comments
	High	Medium	Low	Not applicable	
Comparability - over time	5 years or more without any breaks in time series, due to methodological reasons.	3<5 years without any breaks in time series, due to methodological reasons.	< 3 years without any breaks in time series, due to methodological reasons.	For instance for GDP in PPS	If less than 5 years of data available, then, to rate "High", all years/periods should be without any break in time series (1).
Comparability - between countries (for the most recent period)	Data for all countries are comparable.	Data for all major countries are comparable.	Data for at least one major country is NOT comparable.		The list of major countries depends of the statistical domain ⁽²⁾
Accuracy (for the last 5 years for major countries)	Corrections counter for < 1 % of the exact or true final value.	Corrections counter for 1 - 5% of the exact or true final value.	Corrections counter for >5% of the exact or true final value.		The list of major countries depends of the statistical domain ^{(2), (3)}
Data Source(s)	ESS or Specify other sources (EEA, OECD, ...)				

⁽¹⁾ In cases where a break that may be visualised by a flag in the data table represents an insignificant change/impact, then comparability can still be assessed "high" – subject to that is clearly explained in the metadata.

⁽²⁾ Major countries should represent at least 70% of the "weight of the indicator".

The weight of the countries or geographical areas may depend for instance of the population, the GDP or the importance of the economic sector (e.g. maritime statistics for NL, Financial sector for LU, etc.).Special cases have to be explained.

⁽³⁾ In cases when two or more sources are used to calculate an indicator, the weakest determines the grade.