



**Statement regarding INE's activity  
in response to the health emergency caused by  
COVID-19**

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The grave situation caused by the rise of COVID-19 has had a direct effect on the statistical activity carried out by the National Statistics Institute (INE), both with regard to the preparation of various operations and, in particular, due to its impact on face-to-face information collection activities.

Under these exceptional circumstances, the INE would like to announce that the timing for the dissemination of its statistics, both short-term and structural, may be revised in order to adapt to the availability of means and basic information.

The INE website will thus offer updated information on the final dates for the dissemination of statistics, highlighting the operations that will be disseminated at a date later than that initially planned.

None of the foregoing presents an obstacle for the INE, which, aware of the importance of having and offering reliable statistics to the society in these moments of crisis, expresses its desire to continue its work in the production rigorous and quality-high statistics. To make this possible, we request the collaboration of our informants, both companies and households.

We end by thanking our informants, the media and, in general, society as a whole for the trust placed in our organization.