METADATA/QUALITY REPORTING

ESSPROS EARLY ESTIMATES

MEMBER STATE: MT

REFERENCE YEAR: 2022

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1. Accuracy and Reliability / Geographical coverage

1.1 Coverage of data sources*- (part 1)

Name of data source	Type of data source used [1]	Frequency of the data source in months[2]	Time lag in months[3]	Schemes/benefits covered *(please indicate which scheme numbers and/or which benefits or group of benefits are covered by this data source)*
Department of Social Security (DSS)	Administrative data	12 months	5 months	Schemes 1, 2, 14 *(injury leave)*, 16 and 21 *(COVID-19 Parent Benefit)*.
Treasury Data	Administrative data	12 months	5 months	Schemes 1 and 2 – *(administration only)* Schemes 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 17, 18 and 20
Management Accounts (*Housing Authority; Rehabilitation Hospital Karin Grech; APPOGG Agency; Sedqa Agency;* - listed in order of scheme number)	Administrative data	12 months	4-8 months	Schemes 8, 10, 11 and 12
Jobsplus	Administrative data	12 months	6 months	Scheme 9
Labour Cost Survey (LCS)	Survey	48 months	24 months	Scheme 14 *(sick leave)*
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) News Release, National Accounts Unit, National Statistics Office (NSO)	National Accounts	3 months	8 months *(latest data)*	Scheme 14 *(sick leave)*
NGOs survey	Administrative data	12 months	8 months	Scheme 13
Transport Malta	Administrative data	12 months	3 months	Scheme 15

Gozo Channel Ltd. Management Accounts	Administrative data (*No. of subsidised tickets sold*)	12 months	6 months	Scheme 19
Malta Enterprise	Administrative data	12 months	6 months	Scheme 21 *(wage supplement)*.

* Please be exhaustive by mentioning all schemes.

1. Please specify: "Administrative data", "Register based data", "National Accounts", "Survey", "Census", "Other". For category "Other", please specify the type.

2. Please specify: "3 months", "6 months", or "12 months" or etc.

3. The time lag is the period between reference year (31st of December of reference year) and the moment in which data sources are available.

<u>*1.1 Coverage of data sources (part 2)*</u> – *please note that part 1 and part 2 is in fact one table and have only been separated to facilitate the completion of the table*

Name of data source *(Please indicate the same data sources as in table 1.1 part 1)*	**Overall accuracy[4]**	**Geographical coverage (i.e. which parts of the country are covered by this data source)[5]**

DSS	Nil	Full coverage
Treasury Data	Nil	Full coverage
Management Accounts (*Housing Authority; Rehabilitation Hospital Karin Grech; APPOGG Agency; Sedqa Agency;* - listed in order of scheme number)	Nil	Full coverage
Jobsplus	Nil	Full coverage
LCS	As the survey is collected once every 4 years (2008, 2012, 2016, etc.), the number of sick days taken by employees, and used to deduce the total sick leave, need to be estimated for the years in between using a combination of linear interpolation and forecasting techniques.	Full coverage
GDP News Release, National Accounts Unit, NSO	Nil	Full coverage
NGOs survey	Nil	Full coverage

Transport Malta	Nil	Full coverage
Gozo Channel Ltd. Management Accounts	Nil	Full coverage
Malta Enterprise	Nil	Full coverage

4. Please fill in this column only in cases of inaccuracies in the source for the purpose of deriving an early estimate: delays, data source containing estimations, incomplete coverage for some schemes and other possible problems or errors. Give a brief description of the main sources of inaccuracies.

5. Please indicate "Full coverage" if the data source covers the whole country. If the data source contains data for some regions only, please specify the region.

2. Changes in the calculation of early estimates *(In the first column, please indicate the scheme and/or the benefit(s) involved, then describe in the other columns each change in comparison with previous year estimates with a few words.)*

Scheme/Benefit (or group of benefits)	**Details on the change**			
	Changes in the data sources used[6]	Changes in the methods used for estimating data[7]	Changes due to conceptual adjustments[8]	Other
Nil				

6. E.g. changes in the set of the data sources (new data sources, disappearing of an old one); additional information supplied by certain data sources; other changes in data sources.

7. E.g. changes in the methods used, revised methods to put the information supplied by data sources in line with the ESSPROS methodology or other changes in methods.

8. E.g. changes in the ESSPROS methodology; in the social protection system; in classifications or definitions other than ESSPROS; etc.

3. Other information related to Quality

3.1 Links with national accounts

Please specify checks/corrections to the data from national accounts to take into account conceptual differences between ESSPROS and national accounts when calculating early estimates.

"Links" with national accounts are ensured as ESSPROS data is compiled in line with the compilation of national accounts data. Data for the public schemes, schemes provided by the General Government Sector institutional units, is consistent between the ESSPROS and General Government Sector accounts.

3.2 Other relevant information on quality of the early estimates
Please specify any issues that could potentially affect the quality of the early estimates.

Figures are in line with those to be reported in the Core System (CS) for all schemes except for 'Consumption of Fixed Capital' figures recorded under:

(i)   SCH004, items 1121204, 1131201 and 1131202, and
(ii) 1111211 for Scheme 7.

These figures will be available at the end of the year in line with COFOG. As an intermediate step, provisional estimates for 2022 have been based on previous years ratios.

4. Dissemination

Are these estimates published in your country?[9]	At what timeliness? (in months)[10]	State any specific publication (and possibly the link)	Are they part of regular publications? (yes or not)
Yes, but not in the ESSPROS format. Figures in line with the CS form	24 months	Social Protection 2022	Yes

part of the biennial Social Protection publication. The scope of the publication is to present users with a broad overview of Malta's social protection system, whilst adhering to the ESSPROS manual. A chapter is committed to each of the 8 ESSPROS functions, with ESSPROS data further broken down by scheme and detailed benefit.			

9. Please specify "yes everything", "yes, only the following part…", "yes, but not in the ESSPROS format" or no". In case of "yes, but not in the ESSPROS format", please explain.

10. Please specify how many months after the period of reference the data are published (the period of reference for this collection was 31st December of reference year).