



# How to improve UN-CTS process and data quality

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# Background

- *UN-CTS data collection in the European Union is conducted by Eurostat*
- *Extra questions for the EU data collection*





## Eurostat experience - Process

- *50% of countries sent back data on time*
- *70% within 2 weeks*
- *85% within 5 weeks*
- *Validation procedures and questions to countries:*
  - sub-totals*
  - large annual change*
  - large revisions*
  - reference metadata*





## **Eurostat experience - Coverage**

- *Almost 300 data items requested each year*
- *50% complete overall*
- *Above 70% for police data and prisoners*
- *Low coverage on victimization survey questions*
- *Some expected data are missing – to be followed up with the countries concerned*





## **Eurostat experience - Accuracy**

- *Data are from administrative sources – dependent on accurate recording and extraction*
- *Reference metadata are crucial throughout the UN-CTS – but often missing*
- *Specific difficulties:*
  - city definition and population*
  - unsentenced prisoners*
  - sub-totals*
  - stateless persons*





# Improvement initiatives

- *More detailed guidance for data providers*
- *Requesting more complete reference metadata*
- *Methodological guidance*
- *Training course*

