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Revision of Labour Force Survey timeseries following enhancements to the grossing-up methodology

As noted in the methodological notes of news release NR 160/2026, which presented Labour Force Survey (LFS) estimates for the second quarter of 2026, the NSO has been reviewing the grossing-up methodology. The updated methodology introduces an additional dimension into process by distinguishing whether respondents are nationals of EU or non-EU countries. These population subgroups often display different labour market and socio-demographic characteristics and accounting for such differences ensures that LFS estimates reflect the true composition of the population.

The estimates published in NR 160/2026 for Q2/2026 made use of this new methodology. As indicated in the release, a subsequent revision was undertaken for LFS estimates covering the period Q1 2021 to Q1 2026. NSO will publish the revised estimates on 10 December 2026, making the data available through the 'Selected Indicators' page on its website. The series will also include estimates for the first to the third quarter of 2026, giving users a complete and methodologically consistent time series from 2021 to the third quarter of 2026.

Upon publication, the revised estimates will supersede all published LFS results for the corresponding reference periods. When accessing LFS results for Malta through the Eurostat's online database, users should bear in mind that the time required to transmit, process and incorporate this data into Eurostat's database may result in a temporary misalignment between the estimates published by the NSO and those at Eurostat. Should such discrepancy arise, users are advised to refer to the estimates published on the NSO website.