

PRESS INFORMATION NOTICE

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Designation of the Environment and Resources Authority as an Other National Authority by the National Statistics Office

The Environment and Resources Authority (ERA) and the National Statistics Office (NSO) today have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), officially designating ERA as an Other National Authority (ONA).



This designation falls under Regulation (EC) 223/2009 on European Statistics and will call on ERA to be the official source for various waste-related statistics.

Similar to National Statistical Offices, as part of the European Statistical System (ESS), ONAs must adhere to the European Statistics Code of Practice. This designation empowers ERA to produce, ensure the quality of, and directly transmit Malta's waste-related statistics to Eurostat. ERA's designation as an ONA reflects its ability to meet

the stringent criteria set forth by the ESS. Moreover, this independence underscores ERA's responsibility and accountability for the quality and reliability of the waste-related statistics it produces.

In its role as an ONA, ERA collects and reports the following waste-related statistics directly to Eurostat in compliance with relevant EU legislation:

- Waste Shipments
- Waste Batteries and Accumulators
- Municipal Waste
- Construction and Demolition Waste
- Food Waste
- Waste Oils
- End-of-Life Vehicles
- Packaging Waste
- Lightweight Plastic Carrier Bags
- Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)
- Plastic Own Resources



This designation marks an important step forward in ERA's contribution to high quality national and European environmental data, ensuring timely and accurate reporting to support policy and decision-making and in the establishment of a robust National Statistical System.

As coordinator of the National Statistical System, the NSO will continue monitoring the quality and timeliness of the official statistics produced by ERA with the aim to sustain and continue improving the quality of official statistics.