

## FENStatS Strategic Plan

### FENStatS Mission

FENStatS is a federation of European National Statistical Societies. Currently, it is composed of 27 Statistical Societies plus one corporate member (the European Central Bank). Its main mission is to promote mutual communication, co-operation and statistical research in Europe and to develop relations of statistics to society, relations to European institutions, and particularly has the scope to support the diffusion of statistical education in Europe.

### Strategic Goals

#### **Working together to forge a strong “statistical voice” from national statistical societies in Europe**

We must prioritize strengthening the statistical profession in an era characterized by both new opportunities and emerging threats. Artificial intelligence, for instance, presents potential benefits but also risks for statisticians.

#### **Enhancing statistical training and the professional profile of statistical careers**

FENStatS has created the European Accredited Statistician label and a junior version to make our profession recognized by the Society. We are currently making significant efforts to spread this initiative.

#### **Ensuring that data is used responsibly and for the public good, actively combating misinformation and manipulation**

We plan to work on this with our statistical literacy group. In relation with this, the practitioner, from the statistics profession or from other scientific disciplines or professional areas, has a great responsibility. FENStatS has taken a step in this direction and has presented its initiative for professional statistical ethics in Europe. Our approach aligns with the International Statistical Institute's (ISI) Declaration of Ethical Principles, which we promote for adoption by European accredited statisticians. We encourage National Societies that lack a formal ethical code to consider adopting this framework.

### Specific actions for 2025:

1.- To strengthen the collaboration between members by organizing FENStatS specific sessions in national and international conferences with dedicated funds for the national societies

*National societies that organized dedicated FENStatS sessions in their national meetings with participants of more than two NS from different countries on specific topic could receive up to 2000 euros for travelling with a limit of 6000 euros for 2025. The EC will analyze these proposals.*

*FENStatS will promote regional collaboration by encouraging national societies to organize joint meetings.*

2.- To improve the visibility of junior accreditation on our web site

*A solution to this will be sought in the first quarter of 2025.*

3.- To increase the number of National Associations in the accreditation system

*FENStatS president and the Coordinator of the Accreditation System will approach Member Societies in order to attract their interest and willingness to promote the accreditation amongst their members.*

4.- To further improve the allocation of ERC funds or national funds for statistical research

*We will organize a new ERC webinar in 2025 in order to increase the number of grantees in Statistics. FENStatS will also support national statistical societies in their efforts to secure funding within their respective countries.*

5.- To advocate for the critical role of statisticians in policy advice

*FENStatS will strive to make statisticians indispensable members of public policy advisory bodies.*

6.- To deploy FENStatS's Ethical code

*We will explore ways of promoting ethics in cooperation with Member Societies and in cooperation with the ISI; a corresponding working group could be considered.*

7.- To increase the number of corporate members

*FENStatS Presidents and Vice-president will approach institutions and other possible candidates at European level.*

8.- To strengthen the relationship between statisticians at the academia and official statistics

*Conversations to organize together again the Conference of European Statistics and Stakeholders (CESS) conference.*

9.- To provide travel grants to attend international conferences to young statisticians (e.g. PhD students) coming from small national societies of European Eastern or Southern countries

*FENStatS will dedicate 1000 euros of its funds to start this initiative in 2025.*

10.- To foster the networking among stakeholders of statistical sciences in Europe

*Co-operations with publishing houses and the European Association for Data Science (EUADS) are being evaluated.*

11.- To increase cooperation with ISI and other international statistical societies

*FENStatS will organize a session at the upcoming ISI meeting in The Hague. Additionally, the next FENStatS General Assembly will also be held there. FENStatS will dedicate some funds for these actions when needed.*

## **Framework conditions**

FENStatS has no proper staff, and relies on the expertise, skills and enthusiasm of the Executive Committee and the National Societies (NS) to deliver its work. Involvement of NS to increase our impact is highly appreciated.