

FENStatS Strategic Plan

FENStatS Mission

FENStatS is a federation of European National Statistical Societies. Currently, it comprises 27 Statistical Societies. Its main mission is to promote mutual communication, cooperation, and statistical research in Europe, and to develop relations between statistics and society, and between statistics and European institutions, particularly with a view to supporting the diffusion of statistical education in Europe.

FENStatS Strategic Goals

SG.1) Working together to forge a strong “statistical voice” from European National Statistical Societies.

This goal focuses on 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.

SG.2) Enhancing statistical training and the professional profile of statistical careers.

This goal involves the already created European Accredited Statistician (AEUStat) label and a junior version to make our profession recognized by society. Currently, significant efforts are underway to spread this initiative.

SG.3) Ensuring the use of data responsibly and for the public good by actively combating misinformation and manipulation.

The development of this goal relates to the statistical literacy group and the adoption of the ethical code. A great responsibility should be demanded from statistics practitioners (from the statistics profession or other scientific disciplines or professional areas). FENStatS has taken a step in this direction and has presented its initiative for professional statistical ethics in Europe during the General Assembly held in September 2024. This approach aligns with the International Statistical Institute’s (ISI) Declaration of Ethical Principles, which we promote for adoption by European-accredited statisticians. We strongly encourage National Societies that lack a formal ethical code to consider adopting this framework.

FENStatS Specific Actions for 2026

SA.1) To strengthen the collaboration between members by organising FENStatS conferences.

FENStatS will organise the first FENStatS conference jointly with the Italian Statistical Society (SIS). FENStatS will explore a possibility of future FENStatS conferences with other European Statistical Societies. FENStatS may allocate funds to these actions as needed.

SA.2) To consolidate the European Accredited Statistician label and its junior version.

FENStatS will explore funding in Europe to create a new platform for applications that facilitates the process and promotes the AEUStat label at different forums. FENStatS will also cofund this platform if needed.

SA.3) To further improve the allocation of ERC funds for statistical research.

FENStatS will organise a new ERC webinar in 2026 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.

SA.4) To advocate for the critical role of statisticians in policy advice.

FENStatS plans to establish a new committee to monitor and report any potential attacks on European statistics and statistical independence.

SA.5) To promote statistical literacy projects in Europe.

FENStatS will promote applications for Erasmus+ projects, helping connect statistical literacy groups across Europe.

SA.6) To provide travel grants to attend international conferences for young statisticians (e.g., PhD students) coming from small National Societies of Eastern or Southern European countries.

FENStatS will dedicate 2000 euros of its funds to continue this initiative in 2026.

SA.7) To continue cooperation with ISI and other international statistical societies.

FENStatS will allocate funds for these actions as needed.

SA.8) To further increase the number of National Societies in the accreditation system.

The FENStatS President and the Coordinator of the Accreditation System will approach Member Societies to attract their interest and encourage them to promote accreditation amongst their members.

Framework Conditions

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