

## Big Data for Official Statistics Competition launched - please register by 10 January 2016

The Big Data for Official Statistics Competition (BDCOMP) has just been launched, and you are most welcome to participate. All details are provided in the call for participation:

<http://www.cros-portal.eu/content/call-participation>

Participation is open to everybody (with a few very specific exceptions detailed in the call).

In this first instalment of BDCOMP, the competition is exclusively about nowcasting economic indicators at national or European level.

There are 7 tracks in the competition. They correspond to 4 main indicators: Unemployment, HICP, Tourism and Retail Trade and some of their variants.

Usage of Big Data is encouraged but not mandatory. For a detailed description of the competition tasks, please refer to the call.

The authors of the best-performing submissions for each track will be invited to present their work at the NTTS 2017 conference (the exact award criteria can be found in the call).

The deadline for registration is 10 January 2016. The duration of the competition is roughly a year (including about a month for evaluation). For a detailed schedule of submissions, please refer to the call.

The competition is organised by Eurostat and has a Scientific Committee composed of colleagues from various member and observer organisations of the European Statistical System (ESS).

<http://www.cros-portal.eu/content/scientific-committee-1>

On the behalf of the BDCOMP Scientific Committee,

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