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The Official Launch of GLOBALSTAT

Statistical data guide the measurement of our societies, support policy making, and empower people through knowledge. Statistics are key independent sources of information and play an increasingly vital role in many domains of our political and societal life. Therefore, easy access to statistical data is decisive, especially in times in which information sources multiply at a speed that is hardly traceable by the individual.

[GlobalStat](#), the new Database on Developments in a Globalised World, is a public information tool for users around the world. All data and metadata are freely accessible for personal information purposes and research.

Accounting for the multi-dimensional nature of globalisation and sustainable development, GlobalStat adopts a 'beyond GDP' approach to the collection of data and focuses on different aspects of the performance of nations. As the gateway to developments in a globalised world its ultimate aim is to provide information about the way human beings live, the freedoms they enjoy and the limitations they face.

GlobalStat is easily accessible, intuitive to use, and free of charge. In just three clicks it offers data from 1960 onwards for 193 UN countries gathered from over 80 international sources. At the time of its official launch it contains over 500 indicators and is designed to grow over time. It is structured in 12 thematic areas (such as Economic Development & Trade; Environment; Food, Agriculture & Fisheries; Human Mobility) and 3 horizontal areas which offer insight into cross-cutting aspects of sustainable livelihood, human well-being and quality of life.

GlobalStat combines the expertise of the European University Institute's [Global Governance Programme](#) (GGP) and the [Francisco Manuel dos Santos Foundation](#) (FFMS). It is based on the broad range of GGP research on global governance and on the FFMS widely recognised experience with online statistical databases, namely [PORDATA](#), [POP](#) and [Conhecer a Crise](#).

GlobalStat will be launched on Thursday, 7 May 2015 within the framework of the 5th edition of [The State of the Union](#) at the European University Institute, San Domenico di Fiesole/Italy.

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