



# European statistics priorities for the next five years and beyond

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# Fundamentals

- User needs have always been the main driving force for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics
- European statistics are relevant statistics necessary for the performance of the activities of the European Union
- They are determined in the European statistical programme (ESP)
- The duration of of the ESP coincides with duration of the EU Multiannual Financial Programme (MFF)

# The preparation of next MFF and ESP have started

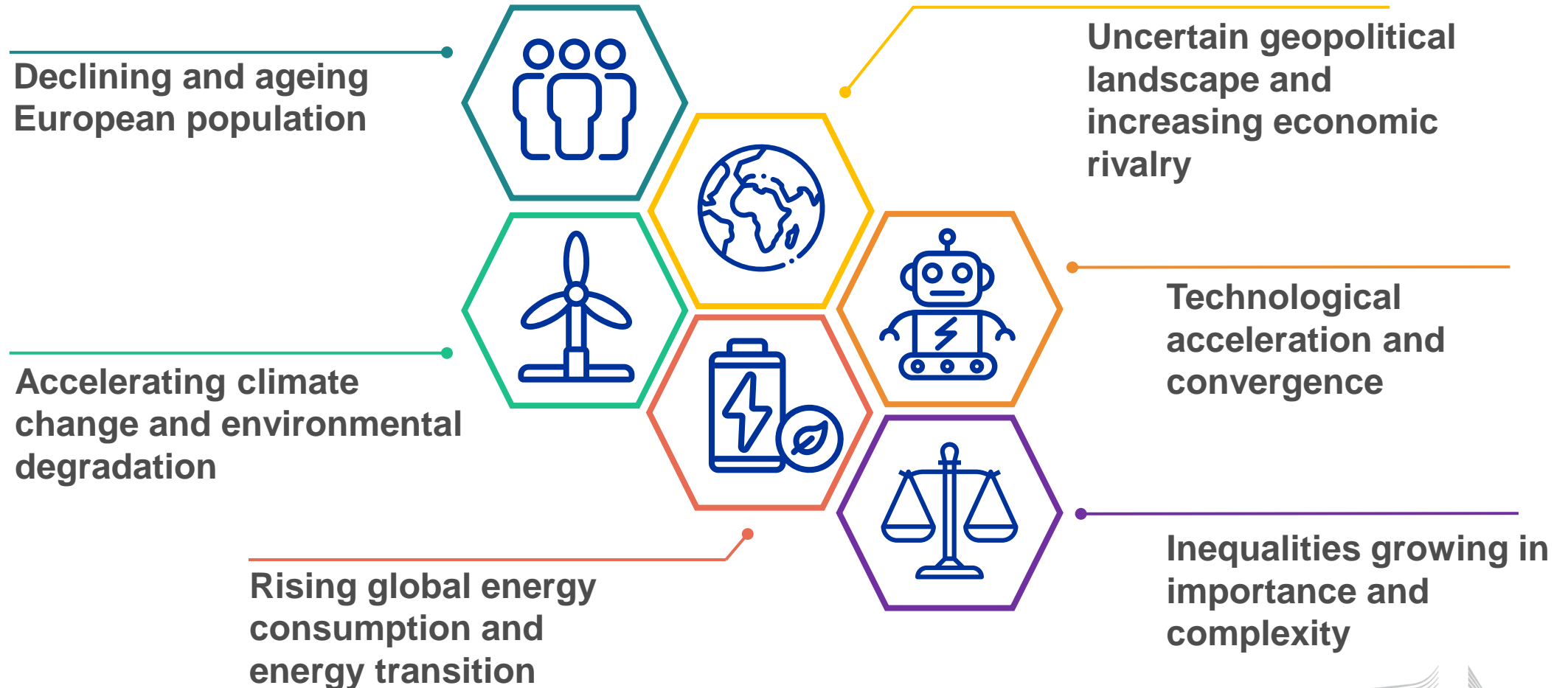
A fast-  
changing  
global  
environment

A new EU  
policy cycle

A revised  
EU legal  
framework  
on statistics

An ESS  
common  
position

# Overall trends that would impact the demand for statistical information in the next decade



# A more detailed look at 2024-2029: EU strategic priorities



**Boosting competitiveness and sustainable prosperity**



**EU renewed economic governance framework and push for investment**



**Green transition and fairness aspects**



**Defence and Security**

# Statistical response to the EU priorities

- Revamping European **Business Statistics**
- Updating the **European System of Accounts**
- Developing timely and comparable European **statistics on defence**
- Solidify the progress on enhancing statistics related to **green and energy transition, climate change mitigation and adaptation, and food security**
- Enhance statistical insights in affordable and sustainable **housing**
- Providing advanced methodological guidance for the recording of **public and private investments**
- Response to the new demands on **demography and skills statistics**

# Priorities come together with a call for simplification and reducing administrative burden

The European Commission goal is to **reduce administrative burden caused by the EU legislation by 25%** for all enterprises and by **35% for SMEs**

Each Commissioner will hold two **implementation dialogues** per year to identify issues of poor implementation and to uncover opportunities for simplification and harmonisation

**Eurostat's goal is to limit statistical response burden** by a more active use of microdata linking as well as of administrative and new digital data sources

# Realising the potential of administrative and privately-held data for reducing statistical burden

The revised **Regulation 223/2009** on European statistics

- **enhances the access** of national statistical authorities and Eurostat **to administrative sources**,
- includes, for the first time, a requirement to make **privately held data available for the compilation of official statistics**,
- **fosters data sharing** among national statistical authorities and with the European System of Central Banks.



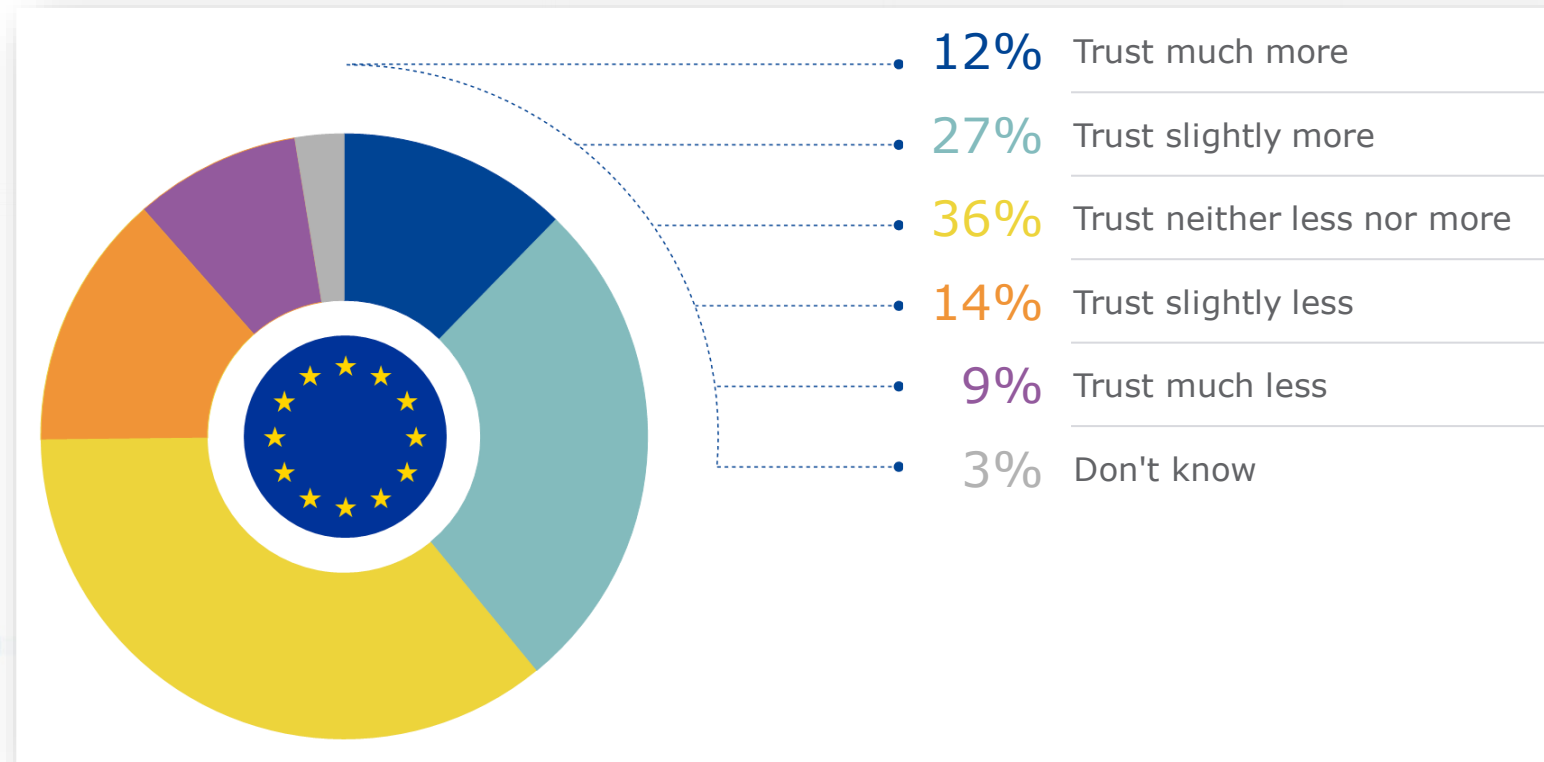
# ESS ambitions beyond thematic priorities

- To understand **technology trends** and embraces them appropriately to **stay relevant** in a rapidly evolving digital landscape
- To assume **new tasks** and **provide services** that go beyond traditional statistical production
- To make European statistics **AI discoverable** and machine understandable in the AI age
- To step up efforts to **fight disinformation** and developing **statistical literacy**
- To strengthening its **international partnerships** and role in the global statistical community

# Users don't always value the role of data and statistics

(Eurobarometer survey, October 2023)

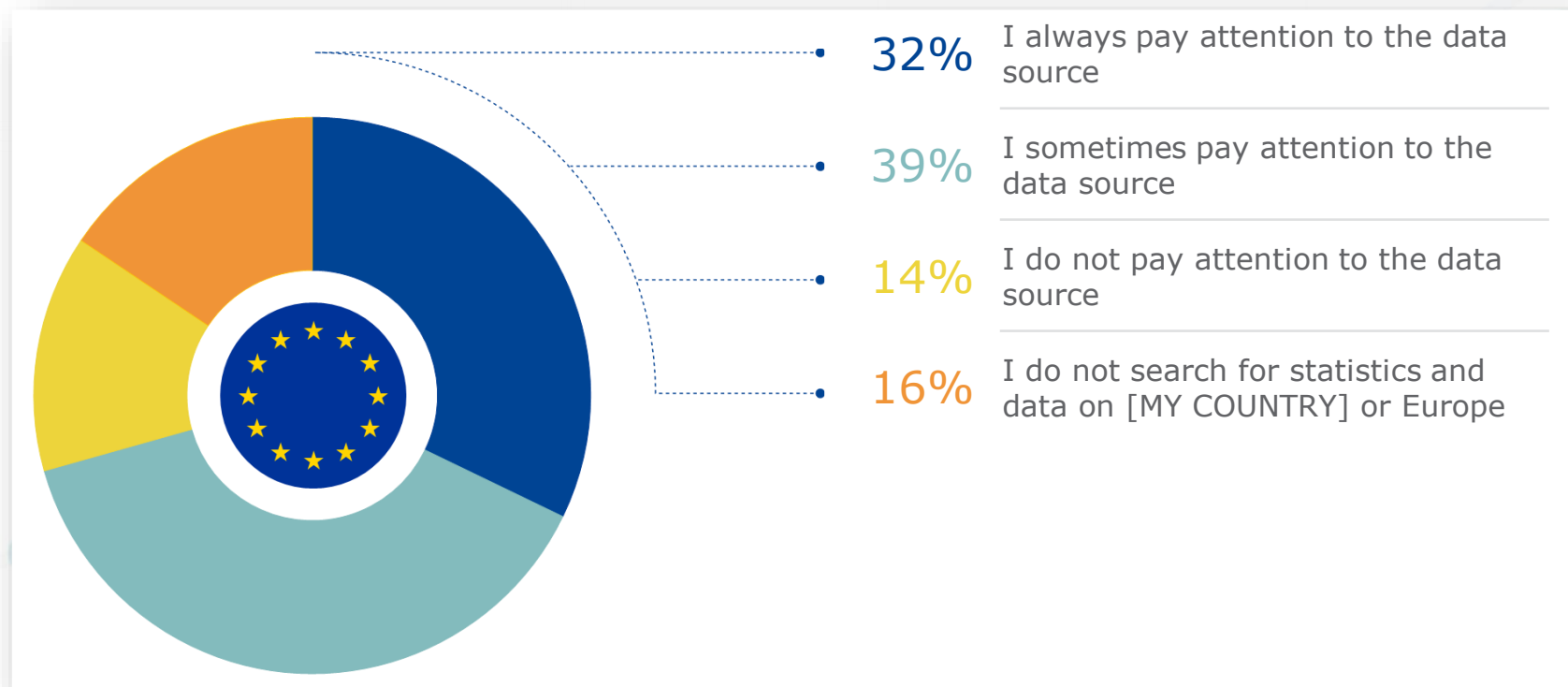
Do you trust information more or less if it is backed up by statistics and data? (% EU27)



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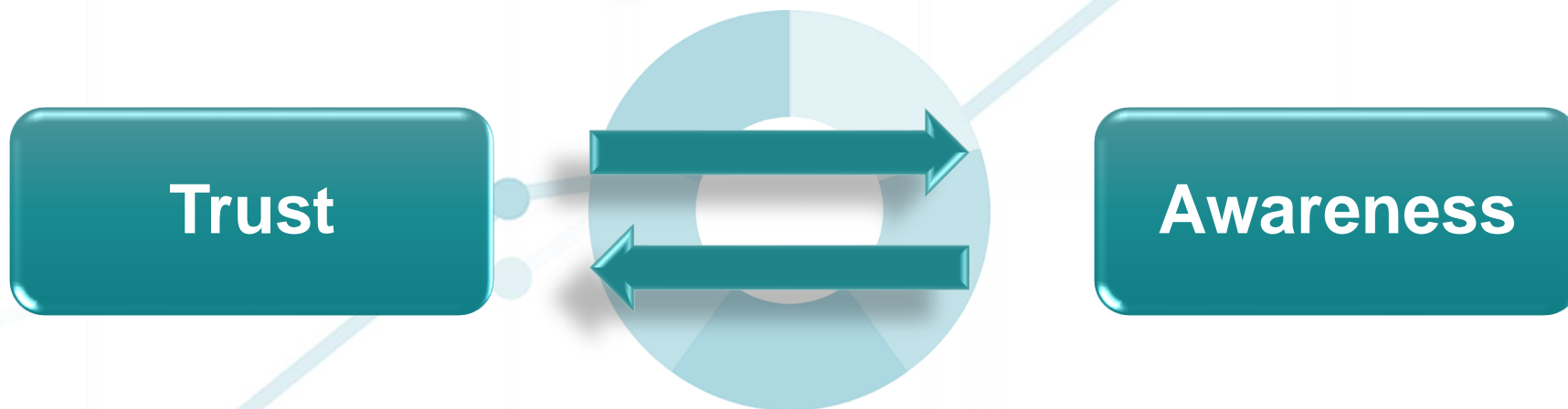
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Searching for statistics and data on your country or Europe, how much attention do you pay to the source? (% EU27)



# What is the challenge for official statistics in the changing information landscape?

- ✓ In an age of data breaches and rising privacy concerns **maintaining public trust in official statistics is paramount**
- ✓ **Relevance and awareness of official statistics** are becoming critical to attract users' attention



# New frontiers for ESAC and National User Councils

In addition to discussing the thematic priorities for European statistics, to be engaged and partner with the Eurostat and national statistical authorities in:

- implementing **prioritisation mechanisms and reforms**
- supporting the **dialogues with data holders** on data access and data re-use at EU and national levels
- **fighting disinformation** and developing statistical and data **literacy**
- **maintaining trust** in official statistics as a reference point for data and statistics in Europe
- **advocating for adequate resources** especially when complex measurement should be done and the pressure on policy timetable is high

Thank you