

## **LUCAS 2015 survey**

### **(Land Use and land Cover Area Frame statistical Survey)**

The Statistical Service of the European Commission, EUROSTAT, is carrying out the LUCAS 2015 survey on the land cover and use situation and changes in the European Union. The survey takes place between March and October 2015.

EUROSTAT kindly asks all landowners, agricultural business entities and responsible authorities for cooperation, especially for access to the land and the permission for taking soil samples where necessary.

The surveyor has clear instructions to map and photograph the selected point with a minimum of disturbance and not to cause damages of any kind including any crop covering the survey point or transect.

In **Cyprus** the survey covers **1.442** points and is being carried out by **Geoset Ltd**. The points can fall on all land cover types (cropland, grassland, forest, built-up areas, transport network, etc.). The surveyors examine land cover and land use, irrigation management and structural elements in the landscape.

In addition, a 500 gr top-soil sample is taken in one out of 10 points. The sample is analysed in a laboratory and used for purposes related to assessing environmental factors, such as updating European soil maps, validating soil models, and measuring the quantity of organic carbon in the soil which is an important factor influencing the climate change.

We draw your attention to the fact that the collected information will be used only for the production of European scale statistics and will not retain any information of personal or land property character. The LUCAS Survey 2015 data will not be used for agricultural subsidies controls, and is not suitable for such a purpose.

Should you wish to receive a copy of the result of the soil analysis, please inform the surveyor accordingly and provide full contact details (name, address, phone number, e-mail address).

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