
Team Europe Explorer

Business Rules

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1 Introduction

The Team Europe Explorer visualises publicly available data as reported individually by the Team Europe approach actors (EU Member States, EU Institutions and the EBRD):

- Official Development Assistance (ODA) Dashboard: data from the OECD’s Creditor Reporting System (published in the OECD Data Explorer);
- Total Official Support for Sustainable Development (TOSSD) Dashboard: data from the International Forum on TOSSD (IFT, published in its TOSSD data visualisation tool).

In order to provide a harmonised view for analysis from these data sources, it is necessary in certain cases to apply justified assumptions and changes to the original datasets.

This document summarises the key business rules applied in the Team Europe Explorer.

2 Business Rules for Use of ODA Data from OECD

In the ODA Dashboard, there are three different views on ODA data:

1. Consolidated Team Europe view: display consolidated data for the EU Institutions and EU Member States without overlap, i.e. removing from Member States' amounts their core contributions provided to EU Institutions, that would constitute double-counting with the amounts displayed for EU Institutions.
2. EU Institutions’ reported data: only display data for the European Commission and the European Investment Bank, showing their full amounts (which overlap with Member States' amounts).
3. EU Member States’ reported data: only display data for the EU Member States, showing their full amounts (which overlap with EU Institutions' amounts).

2.1 Calculation of Team Europe’s total ODA

The tool uses the OECD Creditor Reporting System (CRS) files from the OECD Data Explorer to capture the full scope of ODA funding, including both bilateral and multilateral flows.

2.1.1 Team Europe aggregation

In the ODA Dashboard, for the “Consolidated Team Europe view”, the following formula is applied to obtain the total ODA disbursements for a given Member State donor: $\text{Bilateral ODA Disbursements} + \text{ODA Disbursements for Core Contributions to Multilateral Institutions} - \text{EU Member States' Disbursements for Core Contributions to EU Institutions}$. The latter element is excluded in order to avoid double-counting between the EU Institutions and EU Member States when adding up their respective ODA to obtain the total for Team Europe. As a result, the ODA funds which EU Member States contribute to the EU Institutions are only accounted for once, i.e. within the projects conducted by the EU Institutions. In addition, it is possible to obtain Member States’ comprehensive ODA via the “EU Member States’ reported data” button in the left-side menu. The “EU Institutions’ reported data” button displays their full ODA amounts, equal to the amounts included for them in the “Consolidated Team Europe view”.

In the ODA Infographics, the individual bilateral ODA from each of the 27 Member States and from EU Institutions respectively is shown comprehensively. The calculation of Team Europe’s total ODA,

where their bilateral ODA and their multilateral core (incl. voluntary) contributions (in the form of imputed multilateral ODA to the respective recipient) are added up, removes the overlap between EU Institutions and the 27 Member States resulting from the fact that Member States are also providing such core contributions to EU Institutions.

2.1.2 Role of private sector instruments (PSI)

Based on OECD's provisional reporting rules starting from 2018 data, eligible PSI used to be counted in ODA on a flow basis (type of flow code 10), with the grant equivalent measure including them as net disbursements as a proxy. Based on OECD's revised reporting rules becoming effective as of 2023 data (with a possible transition period of one to two years during which the provisional rules could continue to be used), eligible PSI are no longer counted as ODA on a flow basis but only in terms of their donor effort on a grant equivalent basis (type of flow code 60). The Team Europe Explorer takes PSI into account accordingly. More information is available on the OECD website [here](#) and [here](#).

2.1.3 Role of debt relief

For ODA in net disbursements (ODA Dashboard) and in gross disbursements (ODA Dashboard and ODA Infographics), transactions reported under one type of debt relief, i.e. the type of finance code 610 for "Debt forgiveness: ODA claims (P)" referring to the principal, is excluded in order to prevent double-counting between the granted debt relief and the corresponding original loan that was already counted as ODA previously.

2.2 Imputed multilateral flows file

The Imputed multilateral flows file is provided yearly by the OECD to the European Commission. It shows the data on EU Institutions' and Member States' imputed multilateral ODA of a given year at a more granular level than the files published by OECD online (see above), detailing the multilateral inflows and outflows on which the multilateral imputations are based. This file is used for the ODA Infographics.

2.3 Measures and currency conversion

The Team Europe Explorer provides financial information exclusively in EUR. USD amounts are converted into EUR using the [official rates provided by OECD-DAC](#) specifically for development finance data.

3 Business Rules for Use of TOSSD Data from IFT

In the TOSSD Dashboard, there are currently four different views on TOSSD data:

1. Consolidated Team Europe view: display consolidated data for the EU Institutions, EU Member States and EBRD without overlap, i.e. removing from Member States' and EBRD's amounts any contributions that would constitute double-counting with the amounts displayed for other Team Europe approach actors (for example, removing Member States' contributions provided to and through EU Institutions).
2. EU Institutions' reported data: only display data for the European Commission and the European Investment Bank, showing their full amounts (which overlap with other Team Europe approach actors' amounts).

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3. EU Member States' reported data: only display data for the EU Member States, showing their full amounts (which overlap with other Team Europe approach actors' amounts).
 4. EBRD's reported data: only display data for the EBRD, showing its full amounts (which overlap with other Team Europe approach actors' amounts).

3.1 Provider Perspective data

TOSSD measures the full array of resources to promote sustainable development in developing and vulnerable countries. Hence, the focus of TOSSD lies first and foremost on a recipient perspective.

The data shown from a provider or recipient perspective have different points of measurement. The provider perspective includes all TOSSD flows as reported by provider countries concerned (bilateral flows directly to TOSSD recipient countries, earmarked and core contributions to multilateral organisations, domestic expenditures) besides the comprehensive data on outflows from the reporting multilateral institutions (e.g. UN agencies and multilateral development banks), therefore entailing some overlap between the reporting from bilateral and multilateral providers. The recipient perspective removes the bilateral providers' earmarked and core contributions to those multilateral organisations who report on TOSSD themselves in order to avoid such double-counting, thereby presenting an incomplete view of bilateral providers' TOSSD.

In order to capture the full scope of Team Europe's funding from the IFT's online database, the reports are extracted and uploaded in the TOSSD Dashboard from the Provider Perspective database when available (not all TOSSD provider countries have authorised the publication of this view). If not available, the respective providers' data is retrieved by filtering their provider codes from the Recipient Perspective database.

3.2 Calculation of Team Europe's total TOSSD

In the TOSSD Dashboard, for the "Consolidated Team Europe view", the data for the EU Institutions, EU Member States and EBRD is presented without overlap, i.e. removing from Member States' and EBRD's amounts any contributions that would constitute double-counting with the amounts displayed for other Team Europe approach actors. In particular, this means removing Member States' core contributions provided to EU Institutions and their bilateral earmarked contributions provided through EU Institutions, removing the relevant part of Member States' core contributions to the EBRD and removing the part of EBRD's outflows that does not stem from its own resources. In addition, it is possible to obtain Member States' comprehensive TOSSD via the "EU Member States' reported data" button and to obtain the EBRD's comprehensive TOSSD via the "EBRD's reported data" button in the left-side menu. The "EU Institutions' reported data" button displays their full TOSSD amounts, equal to the amounts included for them in the "Consolidated Team Europe view".

3.3 Measures and currency conversion

The Team Europe Explorer provides financial information exclusively in EUR. USD amounts are converted into EUR using the [official rates provided by OECD-DAC](#) specifically for development finance data, which are also used for TOSSD reporting where relevant.