

Would it be possible to Access SDMX data provided by External data providers like the OECD, IMF, Eurostat, ECB and Statec

Generic example using SDMX queries:

ISTAT provides a SDMX package to use together with Statistical software packages to read SDMX data. <https://github.com/amattioc/SDMX>

SDMX Providers	• European Central Bank	• International Labour Organization
	• BIS	• World Integrated Trade Services
	• Eurostat	• INSEE
	• IMF	• ISTAT
	• World Bank	• Australian Bureau of Statistics
	• UN Data	• National Bank of Belgium
	• OECD	• INEGI

The latest release of packages can be found here:

<https://github.com/amattioc/SDMX/releases/latest>

Downloading the SDMX.jar package for use in SAS and to prepare the queries that select the time series using the gettimeseries.sas macro.

**NEW: The SDMX helper can be used from within any statistical tool or as a standalone application (just double click the SDMX.jar)**

You can select the Data Provider (e.g. ECB), then select the Data Flow (for Example Exchange Rates EXR) and the Dimensions of the Time Series like Currency=USD.

The screenshot shows the SDMX Helper Tool interface. The 'Query' section has 'Provider: ECB' and 'EXR/USD...'. The 'Dataflow selection' section shows a table of dataflows with 'EXR' selected. The 'Dimension selection' section shows '1 CURRENCY' selected. The 'Code list selection' section shows 'USD' selected. The bottom status bar shows the query URL: `https://sdw-wsrest.ecb.europa.eu/service/datastructure/ECB/ECB_EXR/1.0?references=children`

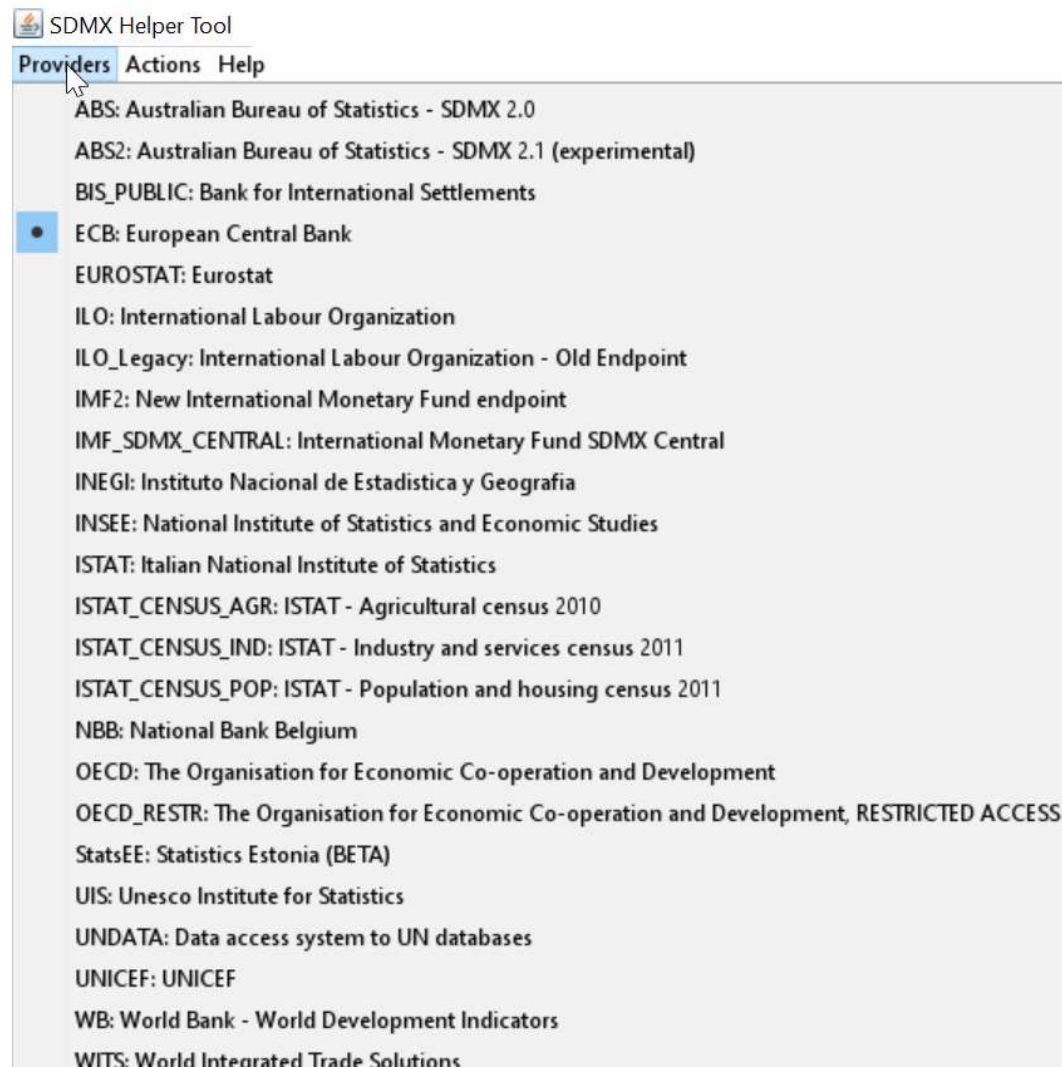
Dataflow	Version	Agency	Description
EXR	1.0	ECB	Exchange Rates
EXR_PUB	1.0	ECB.DISS	Exchange Rates - Published series
EXR_PUB	1.0	ECB.DISS	Exchange Rates - Published series
MOBILE_EXR	1.0	ECB.DISS	Exchange rates
EXR	1.0	ECB	Exchange Rates

Dimension	Description
0/FREQ	Frequency
1/CURRENCY	Currency
2/CURRENCY_DENOM	Currency denominator
3/EXR_TYPE	Exchange rate type
4/EXR_SUFFIX	Series variation - EXR context

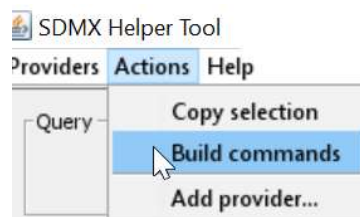
Code ID	Code Description
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USD	US dollar
<input type="checkbox"/> X2	All currencies except USD
<input type="checkbox"/> X4	All currencies except EUR, USD
<input type="checkbox"/> X5	All currencies except EUR, JPY, USD
<input type="checkbox"/> X6	All currencies except EUR, CHF, GBP, JPY, USD
<input type="checkbox"/> X7	All currencies except EUR, USD, JPY, GBP, CHF, domestic currency
<input type="checkbox"/> X8	All currencies except USD, EUR, GBP, JPY, CHF, CNY, AUD, CAD

Jun 09, 2022 9:57:50 PM it.bancaditalia.oss.sdmx.client.RestSdmxClient runQuery  
INFO: Contacting web service with query: `https://sdw-wsrest.ecb.europa.eu/service/datastructure/ECB/ECB_EXR/1.0?references=children`


This menu option allows you to change the Providers:



With the Actions menu, you can then convert the selected query to a command:



The command in SAS uses the %gettimeseries () macro call:

 Commands in statistical tools

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R COMMAND:

```
result = getTimeSeries('ECB', 'EXR/.USD...');
```

MATLAB COMMAND:

```
result = getTimeSeries('ECB', 'EXR/.USD...');
```

SAS COMMAND:

```
%gettimeseries(provider="ECB", tsKey="EXR/.USD...", metadata=1);
```

STATA COMMAND:

```
getTimeSeries ECB EXR/.USD... "" "" 0 0
```

URL:

```
https://sdw-wsrest.ecb.europa.eu/service/data/ECB%2CEXR%2C1.0/.USD...
```

The gettimeseries() macro can be found in the SDMX repository:

01\_clonesdmx\_repository.sas

02\_dynamically\_change\_classpath.sas

03\_gettimeseries.sas macro call

```
/*create the SDMX folder in the home directory of the user*/
```

```
%let homedir=%sysget(HOME);
```

```
%let path=&homedir;
```

```
options dlcreatedir;
```

```
libname data "&path/SDMX";
```

```
/*clone the SDMX git repository to a local folder*/
```

```
data _null_;
```

```
RC = GITFN_CLONE("https://github.com/amattioc/SDMX.git",
```

```
"&path/SDMX");
```

```
run;
```

```
/* example Getting Exchange Rates from ECB data provider*/
```

```
%gettimeseries(provider="ECB", tsKey="EXR.A.USD.EUR.SP00.A", metadata=1);
```

Retrieving SDMX Data using SAS ETS engines: (see code below for examples)

(1)Eurostat is available in JSON format using root url: [REST SDMX 2.1 - SDMX Web Services - Eurostat \(europa.eu\)](#)

Example query: [https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/SDMX/diss-web/rest/data/nama\\_10\\_gdp/.CLV10\\_MEUR.B1GQ.BE/?startperiod=2005&endPeriod=2011](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/SDMX/diss-web/rest/data/nama_10_gdp/.CLV10_MEUR.B1GQ.BE/?startperiod=2005&endPeriod=2011)

The data can be mapped and read into SAS using the JSON libname engine.

See "<https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/json-and-unicode-web-services/getting-started/rest-request>" for details.

(2) IMF data (14,742 series) can be read using SASEFRED engine (ETS) see FRED website here: "<https://fred.stlouisfed.org/tags/series?t=imf>"

[The SASEFRED Interface Engine](#)

(3) ECB data (13 series) can be read using SASEFRED engine- see FRED website here: "<https://fred.stlouisfed.org/tags/series?t=ecb>"

(4) ECB data (212,000 series) can be read using SASEQUAN (another ETS/Econometrics engine). Previously known as QUANDL api, it is now the NASDAQ api , see the following documentation page:

"<https://data.nasdaq.com/data/ECB-european-central-bank/documentation>" for details.

You can get a list of the time series using the link shown on the doc page.

[SAS Help Center: Getting Started: SASEQUAN Interface Engine](#)

Retrieving OECD data SDMX data

[https://documentation.sas.com/doc/en/etsug/15.2/etsug\\_saseoecd\\_examples01.htm](https://documentation.sas.com/doc/en/etsug/15.2/etsug_saseoecd_examples01.htm)

Example 52.1 Retrieving OECD Gross Domestic Product Data for One Region  
(View the complete [code for this example](#).)

You can start building an OECD query for this example on the web page at the following URL:

[http://stats.oecd.org/index.aspx?datasetcode=SNA\\_TABLE1\\_SNA93](http://stats.oecd.org/index.aspx?datasetcode=SNA_TABLE1_SNA93)

Select **Customize** → **Selection**, which shows the dimension values that are the key values for **Country**, **Transaction**, and **Measure**. Select **Euro area (17 countries)** from the **Country** list. Select **Gross domestic product (output approach)** from the **Transaction** box, and **Current prices** from the **Measure** list. Specify the Observation period to limit the time range to the span 1995 to 2013. On the **Export** tab, select **Developer API**. Then click **Generate API queries**.

The **Data query** box shows the URL for the key values that you selected for **Country**, **Transaction**, and **Measure**:

[http://stats.oecd.org/sdmx-json/data/SNA\\_TABLE1\\_SNA93/EA17.B1\\_GA.C/all?startTime=1995&endTime=2013](http://stats.oecd.org/sdmx-json/data/SNA_TABLE1_SNA93/EA17.B1_GA.C/all?startTime=1995&endTime=2013)

In your SAS code, use SETID=SNA\_TABLE1\_SNA93 to indicate the OECD data set. Next, you can specify the INSET $n$ = options by using  $n=0,1,2$  for **Country**, **Transaction**, and **Measure**, respectively. The SAS code is shown after the next paragraph, followed by the output, which is shown in [Output 52.1.1](#).

The SET statement reads observations from the input data set *myLib.GSTART* and stores them in a SAS data set named *myGDP*. When you specify the INSET $n$ = option, you name the SAS input data set for each of the  $n$  keysets that define your selection of data. The SASEOCD engine takes the crossproduct of all the insets and creates a temporary data set named *CrossKey*. Each row in *CrossKey* defines a unique time series request. Not every row in *CrossKey* yields meaningful data. Only the rows that contain valid data are placed in a JSON file. When a request for data (using the values in each row) generates a valid JSON file, the file is named by concatenating the OUT= option name to the observation number ( $n$ ) in the *CrossKey* data set that corresponds to the row whose values generated the request. When all the data are retrieved, they are placed in a SAS data set that is named by the OUT= option and that is located in the folder specified by the *physical-name* in the LIBNAME *libref* SASEOCD statement.

```
/*
http://stats.oecd.org/sdmx-
json/data/SNA_TABLE1_SNA93/EA17.B1_GA.C/all?startTime=1995&endTime=2
013
*/
options validvarname=any dlcreatedir;
%let homedir=%sysget(HOME);
%let path=&homedir/viyawhatsnew;

libname oecddata base "&path/sdmx_query/oecddata";

data keylist0;
  length key0 $8;
  key0='EA17'; output; /* country is euro area; 17 countries */
run;

data keylist1;
  length key1 $8;
  key1='B1_GA'; output; /* transaction is GDP; output approach */
run;

data keylist2;
  length key2 $2;
  key2='C'; output; /* measure is current prices */
run;

title 'Request GDP for EA_17 in Current Prices';
LIBNAME myLib saseoecd "&path/sdmx_query/oecddata"
  setid=SNA_TABLE1_SNA93
  inset0=keylist0
  inset1=keylist1
```

```

inset2=keylist2
out=gstart
;

data myGDP;
    set myLib.gstart ;
run;
proc print data=myGDP; run;

```

FMI or IMF Data:

[IMF SDMX Central](#)

Statec data:

[Luxembourg: Economic and financial data - Statistiques - Luxembourg \(public.lu\)](#)

Reading SDMX using REST API:

/\*Using OECD XML Rest Api: \*/

```

*filename oeccddata url
'https://stats.oecd.org/restsdmx/sdmx.ashx/GetData/QNA/AUS+AUT.GDP+B1_GE.CUR+VOBARSA.Q/
all?startTime=2009-Q2&endTime=2011-Q4&format=compact_v2';

%let path = &path/sdmx_query;

```

```
filename map "&path.map.txt";
```

```
filename resp "&path.resp.txt";
```

```
proc http
```

```
URL="https://stats.oecd.org/restsdmx/sdmx.ashx/GetData/QNA/AUS+AUT.GDP+B1_GE.CUR+VOBAR
SA.Q/all?startTime=2009-Q2&endTime=2011-Q4&format=compact_v2"
```

```
    METHOD="GET"
```

```
    OUT=resp;
```

```
run;quit;
```

```
libname resp XMLv2 automap=REPLACE xmlmap=map;
```

```
proc datasets;
```

```
copy out=WORK in=resp;
```

```
run;quit;
```

```
proc sql;
```

```
%if %sysfunc(exist(WORK.QUERY_FOR_OBS1)) %then %do;
```

```
    drop table WORK.QUERY_FOR_OBS1;
```

```
%end;
```

```
%if %sysfunc(exist(WORK.QUERY_FOR_OBS1,VIEW)) %then %do;
```

```
    drop view WORK.QUERY_FOR_OBS1;
```

```
%end;
```

```
quit;
```

```
;
```

```
PROC SQL;
```

```
    CREATE TABLE WORK.QUERY_FOR_OBS1 AS
```

```
        SELECT
```

```
            (t2.DataSet_ORDINAL),
```

```
            (t2.Series_ORDINAL),
```

```
            (t2.Series_LOCATION),
```

```
            (t2.Series_SUBJECT),
```

```
            (t2.Series_MEASURE),
```

```
            (t2.Series_FREQUENCY),
```

```
            (t2.Series_TIME_FORMAT),
```

```
            (t2.Series_UNIT),
```

```
            (t2.Series_POWERCODE),
```

```
            (t2.Series_REFERENCEPERIOD),
```

```
            (t1.Series_ORDINAL) AS Series_ORDINAL1,
```

```
            (t1.Obs_ORDINAL),
```

```
            (t1.Obs_TIME),
```

```
            (t1.Obs_OBS_VALUE),
```

```
            (t5.CompactData_ORDINAL),
```

```
            (t5.Header_ORDINAL),
```

```

        (t5.ID),
        (t5.Test),
        (t5.Truncated),
        (t5.'Prepared'n) FORMAT=IS8601DT19. INFORMAT=IS8601DT19.,
        (t6.Header_ORDINAL) AS Header_ORDINAL1,
        (t6.Sender_ORDINAL),
        (t6.Sender_id),
        (t7.DataSet_ORDINAL) AS DataSet_ORDINAL1,
        (t7.Annotations_ORDINAL),
        (t8.Annotations_ORDINAL) AS Annotations_ORDINAL1,
        (t8.Annotation_ORDINAL),
        (t8.AnnotationTitle),
        (t8.AnnotationURL)
FROM
    WORK.OBS t1
        INNER JOIN WORK.SERIES t2 ON (t1.Series_ORDINAL =
t2.Series_ORDINAL)
        INNER JOIN WORK.DATASET t3 ON (t2.DataSet_ORDINAL =
t3.DataSet_ORDINAL)
        INNER JOIN WORK.COMPACTDATA t4 ON (t3.CompactData_ORDINAL
= t4.CompactData_ORDINAL)
        INNER JOIN WORK.'HEADER'n t5 ON (t3.CompactData_ORDINAL =
t5.CompactData_ORDINAL)
        INNER JOIN WORK.SENDER t6 ON (t5.Header_ORDINAL =
t6.Header_ORDINAL)
        INNER JOIN WORK.ANNOTATIONS t7 ON (t3.DataSet_ORDINAL =
t7.DataSet_ORDINAL)
        INNER JOIN WORK.ANNOTATION t8 ON (t7.Annotations_ORDINAL =
t8.Annotations_ORDINAL)
    ;
QUIT;
RUN;

/*Using STATEC XML Rest Api: */

```



```

/*
https://statistiques.public.lu/dam-assets/fr/economie-totale-prix/sdds-plus-ecofin/real/NAG.xml
*/

proc datasets lib=work kill;

quit;

*filename oecddata url
'https://stats.oecd.org/restsdmx/sdmx.ashx/GetData/QNA/AUS+AUT.GDP+B1_GE.CUR+VOBARSA.Q/
all?startTime=2009-Q2&endTime=2011-Q4&format=compact_v2';

%let path = /greenmonthly-export/ssemonthly/homes/paul.van.mol@sas.com/mydata;

filename map "&path.map.txt";
filename resp "&path.resp.txt";

proc http

    URL="https://statistiques.public.lu/dam-assets/fr/economie-totale-prix/sdds-plus-
ecofin/real/NAG.xml"

    METHOD="GET"

    OUT=resp;

run;quit;

libname resp XMLv2 automap=REPLACE xmlmap=map;

proc datasets;

copy out=WORK in=resp;

run;quit;

proc sql;

%if %sysfunc(exist(WORK.QUERY_FOR_OBS1)) %then %do;

    drop table WORK.QUERY_FOR_OBS1;

%end;

%if %sysfunc(exist(WORK.QUERY_FOR_OBS1,VIEW)) %then %do;

    drop view WORK.QUERY_FOR_OBS1;

%end;

```

```
quit;
```

```
;
```

```
PROC SQL;
```

```
CREATE TABLE WORK.QUERY_FOR_OBS1 AS
```

```
SELECT
```

```
(t5.Header_ORDINAL),
```

```
(t5.Sender_ORDINAL),
```

```
(t5.Sender_id),
```

```
(t4.CompactData_ORDINAL),
```

```
(t4.Header_ORDINAL) AS Header_ORDINAL1,
```

```
(t4.ID),
```

```
(t4.Test),
```

```
(t4.'Prepared'n) FORMAT=IS8601DT19. INFORMAT=IS8601DT19.,
```

```
(t4.DataSetID),
```

```
(t4.DataSetAction),
```

```
(t4.Extracted) FORMAT=IS8601DT19. INFORMAT=IS8601DT19.,
```

```
(t3.CompactData_ORDINAL) AS CompactData_ORDINAL1,
```

```
(t3.DataSet_ORDINAL),
```

```
(t2.DataSet_ORDINAL) AS DataSet_ORDINAL1,
```

```
(t2.Series_ORDINAL),
```

```
(t2.Series_REF_AREA),
```

```
(t2.Series_INDICATOR),
```

```
(t2.Series_FREQ),
```

```
(t2.Series_DATA_DOMAIN),
```

```
(t2.Series_COUNTERPART_AREA),
```

```
(t2.Series_UNIT_MULT),
```

```
(t2.Series_TIME_FORMAT),
```

```
(t1.Series_ORDINAL) AS Series_ORDINAL1,
```

```
(t1.Obs_ORDINAL),
```

```
(t1.Obs_TIME_PERIOD),
```

```
(t1.Obs_OBS_VALUE),
```

```
        (t1.Obs_OBS_STATUS)
FROM
        WORK.OBS t1
        INNER JOIN WORK.SERIES t2 ON (t1.Series_ORDINAL =
t2.Series_ORDINAL)
        INNER JOIN WORK.DATASET t3 ON (t2.DataSet_ORDINAL =
t3.DataSet_ORDINAL)
        INNER JOIN WORK.'HEADER'n t4 ON (t3.CompactData_ORDINAL =
t4.CompactData_ORDINAL)
        INNER JOIN WORK.SENDER t5 ON (t4.Header_ORDINAL =
t5.Header_ORDINAL)
;
QUIT;
RUN;
```

Some documentation:

[SDMX – Statistical Data and Metadata eXchange | Welcome to the SDMX website](#)

[SDMX Connectors for Statistical Software | SDMX – Statistical Data and Metadata eXchange](#)

[.Stat Suite documentation \(sis-cc.gitlab.io\)](#)

Example to use SASEQUAN engine :

<https://sdw-wsrest.ecb.europa.eu/service/data/EXR/M.USD.EUR.SP00.A>

```
/*Example to download ECB data using Nasdag API: */
title 'Germany , Current prices, National currency,
Index';
options validvarname=any;
%let path=c:\workshop\eurostat;

libname mylib "&path";

libname myQ3 sasequan "&path"
    OUTXML=fred3
    AUTOMAP=replace
    MAPREF=MyMap
    XMLMAP="&path\fred3.map"
    APIKEY='Ya9rzjEbW66K1mHphsvb'

IDLIST='ECB/ESA_A_DE_N_1000_COMPHW_0000_YD_D_V_N_I'
    FORMAT=xml
    START='2002-06-30'
    END='2021-12-31'
    /*FREQ='monthly'
    collapse='annual'*/
    ;

data mylib.thrall;
    set myQ3.fred3;
    label 'Pure Number'n = "Germany , Current prices,
National currency, Index";

run;
proc contents data=mylib.thrall; run;
proc print data=mylib.thrall label; run;
```

Example of Timeseries from IMF using SASEFRED ETS Engine

```
title 'Retrieve Balance of Payment Data for the  
Exports and Imports';  
libname _all_ clear;  
%let path=c:\workshop\eurostat;  
libname fred sasefred "&path"  
OUTXML=fredex01  
AUTOMAP=replace  
MAPREF=MyMap  
XMLMAP="&path\fredex01.map"  
APIKEY='399eb04a24a59583574beea2248db31'  
IDLIST='bopxgs,bopmgs'  
START='1997-01-01'  
END='2011-01-01'  
FREQ='a'  
OUTPUT=1  
AGG='avg'  
FORMAT=xml;  
data export_import;  
set fred.fredex01 ;  
run;  
proc contents data=export_import; run;  
proc print data=export_import; run;
```

Example: Global Price of Natural GAS, EU:

```
/*https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/PNGASEUUSDM*/  
title 'Retrieve Global Price of Natural GAS, EU in  
USD per Million Metric British';  
libname _all_ clear;  
%let path=c:\workshop\eurostat;  
libname fred sasefred "&path"  
OUTXML=fredex01  
AUTOMAP=replace  
MAPREF=MyMap  
XMLMAP="&path\fredex01.map"  
APIKEY='399eb04a24a59583574beea2248db31'  
IDLIST='PNGASEUUSDM'  
START='1997-01-01'  
END='2022-06-30'  
FREQ='m'  
OUTPUT=1  
AGG='avg'
```

```

FORMAT=xml;
data PNGASEUUSDM;
set fred.fredex01 ;
run;
proc contents data=PNGASEUUSDM; run;
proc print data=PNGASEUUSDM; run;
proc sgplot data=PNGASEUUSDM;
vline date /response=PNGASEUUSDM stat=mean ;
xaxis fitpolicy=rotatethin grid;
yaxis grid;
title "Global Price of Natural Gas, EU";
format date yymm5.;
label pngaseuusdm ="US Dollar per Mill. Metric
British Thermal Unit"
date ="Source: International Monetary Fund";
quit;

/*Example Eurostat SDMX data:
https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/sdmx-web-
services/rest-sdmx-2.1*/
*/
https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/SDMX/diss-
web/rest/data/nama_10_gdp/.CLV10_MEUR.B1GQ.BE/?startp
eriod=2005&endPeriod=2011
*/
%let path=c:\workshop\sdmx;
%let path = &path;

filename map "&path.map.txt";
filename resp "&path.resp.txt";
proc http
URL="https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/SDMX/diss-
web/rest/data/nama_10_gdp/.CLV10_MEUR.B1GQ.BE/?startp
eriod=2005&endPeriod=2011"
METHOD="GET"
OUT=resp;
run;quit;

libname resp XMLv2 automap=REPLACE xmlmap=map;

proc datasets;
copy out=WORK in=resp;
run;quit;

```

```
proc sql;  
create table sdmxrequest as  
select *  
from obs t1, obsdimension t2,  
      obsvalue t3  
where obs.obs_ordinal=obsdimension.obs_ordinal and  
      obs.obs_ordinal=obsvalue.obs_ordinal  
;  
quit;
```