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Create the cache environment

## Description

Create the cache environment

## Usage

.restatapi\_env

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## **Format**

An object of class environment of length 4.

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```
clean_restatapi_cache Clean restatapi cache
```

## **Description**

Remove all objects from the <code>.restatapi\_env</code> except the configuration file, API version number, download method and the country codes. In addition, it deletes all the <code>.rds</code> files from the default and selected cache directory. See <code>get\_eurostat\_data</code> for more on cache.

## Usage

```
clean_restatapi_cache(cache_dir = NULL, verbose = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

cache\_dir a path to cache directory. If NULL (default) it will clean default temporary cache

directory (file.path(tempdir(), "restatapi")). The default cache directory is used when the provided cache\_dir does not exist. Directory can also be set

with options(restatapi\_cache\_dir=...).

verbose a logical value with default FALSE, so detailed messages (for debugging) will

not be printed. Can be set also with options(restatapi\_verbose=TRUE)

## **Examples**

```
clean_restatapi_cache(verbose=TRUE)
```

#### **Description**

Create filter table from the filters and date\_filter strings parameters of the get\_eurostat\_data to be used in the filter\_raw\_data function for filtering by query or on the local computer.

## Usage

```
create_filter_table(
  filters,
  date_filter = FALSE,
  dsd = NULL,
  exact_match = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

filters a string, a character or numeric vector or a named list containing words to filter

by the different concepts, geographical location or time values. The words can be any word, Eurostat variable code, or value which are in the Data Structure Definition (DSD) and can be retrieved by the search\_eurostat\_dsd function. If a named list is used, then the name of the list elements should be the concepts from the DSD and the provided values will be used to filter the dataset for the given concept. The default is NULL, in this case no filter table is created. To filter by time see date\_filter below. In case for filtering for time values, the date shall be defined as character string, and it should follow the format yyyy[-mm][-

dd], where the month and the day part is optional.

date\_filter a logical value. If TRUE the filter table is genrated only for the time dimension.

The default is FALSE, in this case a (dsd) should be provided which will be

searched for the values given in the filters.

dsd a table containing a DSD of an Eurostat dataset which can be retreived by the

get\_eurostat\_dsd function.

exact\_match a logical value with the default value TRUE, if the strings provided in filters

shall be matched exactly as it is or as a pattern in the DSD.

verbose a logical value with default FALSE, so detailed messages (for debugging) will

not printed. Can be set also with options(restatapi\_verbose=TRUE)

... further arguments to the for search\_eurostat\_dsd function, e.g.: ignore.case

or name. The ignore.case has the default value FALSE, then the strings provided in filters are matched as is, otherwise the case of the letters is ignored. If the name=FALSE then the pattern(s) provided in the filters argument is only searched in the code column of the DSD, and the names of the codes will not be

searched.

### Details

It is a sub-function to use in the get\_eurostat\_data to generate url for the given filters and date\_filter in that function. The output can be used also for filtering data on the local computer with the get\_eurostat\_raw and filter\_raw\_data function, if the direct response from REST API did not provide data because of too large data set.

## Value

a data.table containing in each row a distinct filtering condition to be applied to a raw Eurostat datatable or generate specific query.

If date\_filter=TRUE, the output data table contains two columns with the following names:

sd Starting date to be included in the filtered dataset, where date is formatted yyyy[-mm][-dd]

ed End date of the period to be included in the filtered dataset, where the date is formatted yyyy[-mm][-dd]

In case date\_filter=FALSE, the output tables have the following four columns:

pattern Containing those parts of the filters string where the string part (pattern) was found in the dsd

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concept The name of the concepts corresponding to the result in the code/name column where the pattern was found in the code

The list of codes where the pattern was found, or the code of a name (description of the code) where the pattern ap

The name (description of the code) which can be used as label for the code where the pattern was found, or the name

#### See Also

```
get_eurostat_raw, search_eurostat_dsd, get_eurostat_data, filter_raw_data
```

## **Examples**

```
if (!(grepl("amzn|-aws|-azure ",Sys.info()['release']))) options(timeout=2)
dsd<-get_eurostat_dsd("avia_par_me")</pre>
create_filter_table(c("KYIV","hu","Quarterly"),dsd=dsd,exact_match=FALSE,ignore.case=TRUE)
create\_filter\_table(c("KYIV","LHBP","Monthly"), dsd=dsd, exact\_match=FALSE, name=FALSE)
create_filter_table(c("2017-03",
                       "2001-03:2005",
                       "<2000-07-01",
                       2012:2014,
                       "2018<",
                       20912,
                       "<3452<",
                       ":2018-04>",
                       "2<034v",
                       "2008:2013"),
                     date_filter=TRUE,
                     verbose=TRUE)
options(timeout=60)
```

extract\_data

Extract data values from SDMX XML

#### **Description**

Extracts the data values from the SDMX XML data file

#### Usage

```
extract_data(
  xml_lf,
  keep_flags = FALSE,
  stringsAsFactors = FALSE,
  bulk = TRUE,
  check_toc = FALSE
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

xml\_lf an input XML leaf with data series from an SDMX XML file to extract the value

and its dimensions from it

keep\_flags a logical value if to extract the observation status (flag) information from the

XML file. The default value is FALSE

stringsAsFactors

a logical value. If TRUE the columns are converted to factors. The default is

FALSE, in this case the strings are returned as characters.

bulk a logical value with default value TRUE if the input SDMX XML file is from

the bulk download facility containing all the observations. If the input file has

pre-filtered values then the value FALSE should be used.

check\_toc if the data file was downloaded using the URL from the TOC or not. The default

is FALSE means not the TOC link is used.

#### **Details**

It is a sub-function to use in the get\_eurostat\_data and the get\_eurostat\_raw functions.

#### Value

a data frame containing the values of an SDMX node: the dimensions, value and the optional flag(s)

#### **Examples**

extract\_dsd

Extract the Data Structure Definition content from SDMX XML

#### **Description**

Extracts values from the XML Data Structure Definition (DSD) file

### Usage

```
extract_dsd(concept = NULL, dsd_xml = NULL, lang = "en")
```

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#### **Arguments**

concept
a character vector with a concept id

dsd\_xml
an XML file with DSD content

lang
a character string either en, de or fr to define the language version for the name column of the DSD. It is used only in the new API. The default is en - English.

#### **Details**

It is a sub-function to use in the get\_eurostat\_dsd function.

#### Value

a matrix with 3 columns if the provided concept has a code list in the DSD file. The first column is the provided concept. The second column is the possible codes under the given concept. The last column is the name/description for the code in the second column, which can be used as labels.

#### **Examples**

```
id<-"med_rd6"
cfg<-get("cfg",envir=restatapi::.restatapi_env)</pre>
rav<-get("rav",envir=restatapi::.restatapi_env)</pre>
dsd_url <- paste0(eval(</pre>
   parse(text=paste0("cfg$QUERY_BASE_URL$'",rav,"'$ESTAT$metadata$'2.1'$datastructure"))
  ),"/",eval(
     parse(text=paste0("cfg$QUERY_PRIOR_ID$'",rav,"'$ESTAT$metadata"))
  ),id,"?",eval(
     parse(text=paste0("cfg$QUERY_PARAMETERS$'",rav,"'$metadata[2]"))
  ), "=", eval(
     parse(text=paste0("cfg$DATAFLOW_REFERENCES$'",rav,"'$datastructure[1]"))
if (!(grepl("amzn|-aws|-azure ",Sys.info()['release']))) options(timeout=2)
tryCatch({
 dsd_xml<-xml2::read_xml(dsd_url)},</pre>
 error=function(e){
 message("Unable to download the xml file.\n",e)},
 warning=function(w){
 message("Unable to download the xml file.\n",w)})
if (exists("dsd_xml")) extract_dsd("FREQ",dsd_xml)
options(timeout=60)
```

extract\_toc

Extract the text of the table of contents from SDMX XML

### **Description**

Extracts the values of a node from the Eurostat XML Table of contents (TOC) file

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#### Usage

```
extract_toc(ns)
```

#### **Arguments**

ns

an XML node set from the XML TOC file

#### **Details**

It is a sub-function to use in the get\_eurostat\_toc function.

#### Value

a character vector with all the values of the node set.

## **Examples**

filter\_raw\_data

Filter raw data locally

## **Description**

Filter downloaded full raw dataset on local computer if the get\_eurostat\_data has not provided data due to too large datasets for the REST API.

## Usage

```
filter_raw_data(raw_data = NULL, filter_table = NULL, date_filter = FALSE)
```

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#### **Arguments**

raw_data	an input data.table dataset resulted from the call of the ${\tt get\_eurostat\_raw}$ function
filter_table	a data table with values for the concepts or time to be filtered out which can be generated by the <code>create_filter_table</code> function
date_filter	a logical value. If TRUE the filter table should be applied to the time columns of the raw_data. The default is FALSE, in this case the filters applied to the other columns of the raw_data.

#### **Details**

It is a sub-function to use in the <code>get\_eurostat\_data</code> to filter data on the local computer if the direct response from REST API did not provide data because of too large data set (more than 30 thousands observations). The filter\_table contains always at least two columns. In case if <code>date\_filter=TRUE</code> then the two columns should have the following names and the provided conditions are applied to the time column of the the <code>raw\_data</code> data.table.

sd Starting date to be included, where date is formatted as yyyy[-mm][-dd] (the month and day are optional)

ed End date of the period to be included in the dataset formatted as yyyy[-mm][-dd] (the month and day are optional)

In case if date\_filter=FALSE then the columns should have the following names:

```
concept Containing concept names, which is a column name in the raw_data data.table

code A possible code under the given concept, which is a value in the column of the raw_data data.table defined by the
```

#### Value

```
a filtered data.table containing only the rows of raw_data which fulfills the conditions in the filter_table
```

#### See Also

```
get_eurostat_raw, search_eurostat_dsd, get_eurostat_data, create_filter_table
```

```
id<-"tus_00age"
if (!(grepl("amzn|-aws|-azure ",Sys.info()['release']))) options(timeout=2)
rd<-get_eurostat_raw(id)
dsd<-get_eurostat_dsd(id)
ft<-create_filter_table(c("TIME_SP","Hungary",'T'),FALSE,dsd)
filter_raw_data(rd,ft)
options(timeout=60)</pre>
```

## Description

Downloads and extracts the data values from the SDMX XML data file

#### Usage

```
get_compressed_sdmx(url = NULL, verbose = FALSE, format = "gz")
```

## **Arguments**

url a URL from the bulk download facility to download the zipped SDMX XML

file

verbose a logical value with default FALSE, so detailed messages (for debugging) will

not printed. Can be set also with options(restatapi\_verbose=TRUE).

format the format of the compression, either "zip" or "gz" the default value

## **Details**

It is a sub-function to use in the get\_eurostat\_raw and the get\_eurostat\_data functions.

## Value

an xml class object with SDMX tags extracted and read from the downloaded file.

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get\_eurostat\_bulk

Get Eurostat data in a standardized format

#### **Description**

Download data sets from Eurostat database and put in a standardized format.

#### Usage

```
get_eurostat_bulk(
   id,
   cache = TRUE,
   update_cache = FALSE,
   cache_dir = NULL,
   compress_file = TRUE,
   stringsAsFactors = TRUE,
   select_freq = NULL,
   keep_flags = FALSE,
   cflags = FALSE,
   check_toc = FALSE,
   verbose = FALSE,
   ...
)
```

## **Arguments**

id a code name for the dataset of interest. See search\_eurostat\_toc for details

how to get an id.

cache a logical value whether to do caching. Default is TRUE.

update\_cache a logical value with a default value FALSE, whether to update cache. Can be set

also with options(restatapi\_update=TRUE).

cache\_dir a path to a cache directory. The NULL (default) uses the memory as cache. If

the folder cache\_dir directory does not exist it saves in the 'restatapi' directory under the temporary directory from tempdir(). Directory can also be set with

option(restatapi\_cache\_dir=...).

compress\_file a logical value whether to compress the RDS-file in caching. Default is TRUE.

stringsAsFactors

a logical value with the default TRUE. In this case the columns are converted to

factors. If FALSE, the strings are returned as characters.

select\_freq a character symbol for a time frequency when a dataset has multiple time fre-

quencies. Possible values are: A = annual, S = semi-annual, H = half-year, Q = quarterly, M = monthly, W = weekly, D = daily. The default is NULL as most datasets have only one time frequency. In case if there are multiple frequencies and  $\text{select\_freq=NULL}$ , then only the most common frequency kept. If all the

frequencies needed the get\_eurostat\_raw function can be used.

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keep\_flags a logical value whether the observation status (flags) - e.g. "confidential", "pro-

visional", etc. - should be kept in a separate column or if they can be removed. Default is FALSE. For flag values see: https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/api/dissemination/sdmx/2.1/codelist/ESTAT/OBS\_STATUS/?compressed=false&

format=TSV&lang=en.

cflags a logical value whether the missing observations with flag 'c' - "confidential"

should be kept or not. Default is FALSE, in this case these observations dropped from the dataset. If this parameter TRUE then all the flags and the suppressed observations with missing values are kept. In this case the parameter provided

in keep\_flags is set to TRUE.

check\_toc a logical value whether to check the provided id in the Table of Contents (TOC)

or not. The default value FALSE, in this case the base URL for the download link is retrieved from the configuration file. If the value is TRUE then the TOC is downloaded and the id is checked in it. If it found there then the download link

is retrieved form the TOC.

verbose a logical value with default FALSE, so detailed messages (for debugging) will

not printed. Can be set also with options(restatapi\_verbose=TRUE).

... other parameter(s) to pass on the load\_cfg function

#### **Details**

Data sets are downloaded from the Eurostat bulk download facility in TSV format as in this case smaller file has to be downloaded and processed. If there is more then one frequency then the dataset is filtered for a unique time frequency. If no frequency is selected and there are multiple frequencies in the dataset, then the most common value is used used for frequency.

Compared to the ouptut of the get\_eurostat\_raw function, the frequency (FREQ) and time format (TIME\_FORMAT) columns are not included in the bulk data and the column names for the time period, observation values and status have standardised names: "time", "values" and "flags" independently if the data was downloaded previously in SDMX or TSV format.

By default all datasets cached as they are often rather large. The datasets cached in memory (default) or can be stored in a temporary directory if cache\_dir or option(restatpi\_cache\_dir) is defined. The cache can be emptied with clean\_restatapi\_cache.

The id, is a value from the code column of the table of contents (get\_eurostat\_toc), and can be searched for it with the search\_eurostat\_toc function. The id value can be retrieved from the Eurostat database as well. The Eurostat database gives codes in the Data Navigation Tree after every dataset in parenthesis.

#### Value

a data.table with the following columns:

dimension names One column for each dimension in the data

time A column for the time dimension values A column for numerical values

flags A column for flags if the keep\_flags=TRUE or cflags=TRUE otherwise this column is not included in the

The data.table does not include all missing values. The missing values are dropped if both the value and the flag is missing on a particular time.

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#### See Also

```
get_eurostat_data, get_eurostat_raw
```

#### **Examples**

```
if (!(grepl("amzn|-aws|-azure ",Sys.info()['release']))) options(timeout=2)
head(get_eurostat_bulk("agr_r_milkpr",keep_flags=TRUE))
options(restatapi_update=TRUE)
head(get_eurostat_bulk("avia_par_ee",check_toc=TRUE))
head(get_eurostat_bulk("avia_par_ee",select_freq="A",verbose=TRUE))
options(restatapi_update=FALSE)
head(get_eurostat_bulk("agr_r_milkpr",cache_dir=tempdir(),compress_file=FALSE,verbose=TRUE))
clean_restatapi_cache(cache_dir=tempdir(),verbose=TRUE)
options(timeout=60)
```

get\_eurostat\_cache

Load an object from cache

## Description

Search and load the object (dataset/toc/DSD) from cache

#### Usage

```
get_eurostat_cache(oname, cache_dir = NULL, verbose = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

oname a character string with the name of the object (toc, dataset id, DSD id)

cache\_dir a path to a cache directory to search in. The default is NULL, in this case

the object is searched in the memory (in the .restatapi\_env). Otherwise if the cache\_dir directory does not exist it searches the 'restatapi' directory in the temporary directory from tempdir(). Directory can also be set with

options(restatapi\_cache\_dir=...).

verbose a logical value with default FALSE, so detailed messages (for debugging) will

not printed. Can be set also with options(restatapi\_verbose=TRUE).

#### **Details**

If the given name or the beginning of the name (for datasets) found in the cache then it returns the value of the object otherwise it returns NULL.

## Value

the requested object if exists in the '.restatapi\_env' or in the cache\_dir, otherwise it returns the NULL value.

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## **Examples**

```
dt<-data.frame(txt=c("a","b","c"),nr=c(1,2,3))
put_eurostat_cache(dt,"teszt")
get_eurostat_cache("teszt",verbose=TRUE)</pre>
```

get\_eurostat\_codelist Download the codelist of a concept

## **Description**

Download codelist of a concept from Eurostat if it is not cached previously.

## Usage

```
get_eurostat_codelist(
  id,
  lang = "en",
  cache = TRUE,
  update_cache = FALSE,
  cache_dir = NULL,
  compress_file = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

#### **Arguments**

id a character string with id of the concept. It is a value from the concept column

of the get\_eurostat\_dsd function.

lang a character string either en, de or fr to define the language version for the name

column of the codelist. It is used only in the new API. The default is en -

English.

cache a boolean whether to load/save the TOC from/in the cache or not. The default

value is TRUE, so that the TOC is checked first in the cache and if does not exist

then downloaded from Eurostat and cached.

update\_cache a boolean to update cache or not. The default value is FALSE, so the cache is not

updated. Can be set also with options(restatapi\_update=TRUE)

cache\_dir a path to a cache directory. The default is NULL, in this case the TOC is cached

in the memory (in the '.restatapi\_env'). Otherwise if the cache\_dir directory does not exist it creates the 'restatapi' directory in the temporary directory from tempdir() to save the RDS-file. Directory can also be set with

option(restatapi\_cache\_dir=...).

compress\_file a logical whether to compress the RDS-file in caching. Default is TRUE.

verbose A boolean with default FALSE, so detailed messages (for debugging) will not printed. Can be set also with options(restatapi\_verbose=TRUE)

... parameter to pass on the load\_cfg function

#### **Details**

The codelist is downloaded from Eurostat's website, through the REST API in XML (SDMX-ML) format.

#### Value

If the codelist does not exist it returns NULL otherwise the result is a table with the 2 columns:

code All the possible codes under the concept name The name/description of the code

#### References

For more information see the detailed documentation of the API.

#### See Also

```
get_eurostat_dsd.
```

## **Examples**

```
if (!(grepl("amzn|-aws|-azure ",Sys.info()['release']))) options(timeout=2)
get_eurostat_codelist("freq",lang="de",cache=FALSE,verbose=TRUE)
options(timeout=60)
```

get\_eurostat\_data

Download, extract and filter Eurostat data

#### **Description**

Download full or partial data set from Eurostat database.

## Usage

```
get_eurostat_data(
  id,
  filters = NULL,
  lang = "en",
  exact_match = TRUE,
  date_filter = NULL,
  label = FALSE,
  select_freq = NULL,
  cache = TRUE,
```

```
update_cache = FALSE,
  cache_dir = NULL,
  compress_file = TRUE,
  stringsAsFactors = TRUE,
  keep_flags = FALSE,
  cflags = FALSE,
  check_toc = FALSE,
  local_filter = TRUE,
  force_local_filter = FALSE,
  mode = "xml",
  verbose = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

## **Arguments**

id

A code name for the dataset of interest. See search\_eurostat\_toc for details how to get an id.

filters

a string, a character vector or named list containing words to filter by the different concepts or geographical location. If filter applied only part of the dataset is downloaded through the API. The words can be any word, Eurostat variable code, and value which are in the DSD search\_eurostat\_dsd. If a named list is used, then the name of the list elements should be the concepts from the DSD and the provided values will be used to filter the dataset for the given concept. The default is NULL, in this case the whole dataset is returned via the bulk download. To filter by time see date\_filter below. If after filtering still the dataset has more observations than the limit per query via the API, then the raw download is used to retrieve the whole dataset and apply the filter on the local computer. This option can be disabled with the local\_filter=FALSE parameter.

lang

a character string either en, de or fr to define the language version for the DSD to search in for the filters. The default is en - English.

exact\_match

a boolean with the default value TRUE, if the strings provided in filters shall be matched exactly as it is or as a pattern.

date\_filter

a vector which can be numeric or character containing dates to filter the dataset. If date is defined as character string it should follow the format yyyy[-mm][-dd], where the month and the day part is optional. If date filter applied only part of the dataset is downloaded through the API. The default is NULL, in this case the whole dataset is returned via the bulk download. If after filtering still the dataset has more observations than the limit per query via the API, then the raw download is used to retrieve the data and apply the filter on the local computer. This option can be disabled with the local\_filter=FALSE parameter.

label

a boolean with the default FALSE. If it is TRUE then the code values are replaced by the name from the Data Structure Definition (DSD) <code>get\_eurostat\_dsd</code>. For example instead of "D1110A", "Raw cows' milk from farmtype" is used or "HU32" is replaced by "Észak-Alföld".

select\_freq a character symbol for a time frequency when a dataset has multiple time fre-

quencies. Possible values are: A = annual, S = semi-annual, H = half-year, Q = quarterly, M = monthly, W = weekly, D = daily. The default is NULL as most datasets have just one time frequency and in case there are multiple frequencies, then only the most common frequency kept. If all the frequencies needed the

get\_eurostat\_raw can be used.

cache a logical whether to do caching. Default is TRUE. Affects only queries without

filtering. If filters or date\_filter is used then there is no caching.

update\_cache a logical with a default value FALSE, whether to update the data in the cache.

Can be set also with options(restatapi\_update=TRUE)

cache\_dir a path to a cache directory. The NULL (default) uses the memory as cache. If

the folder cache\_dir directory does not exist it saves in the 'restatapi' directory under the temporary directory from tempdir(). Directory can also be set with

option(restatapi\_cache\_dir=...).

compress\_file a logical whether to compress the RDS-file in caching. Default is TRUE.

stringsAsFactors

if TRUE (the default) the non-numeric columns are converted to factors. If the

value FALSE they are returned as characters.

keep\_flags a logical whether the observation status (flags) - e.g. "confidential", "provi-

sional", etc. - should be kept in a separate column or if they can be removed. Default is FALSE. For flag values see: https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/api/dissemination/sdmx/2.1/codelist/ESTAT/OBS\_STATUS/?compressed=false&

format=TSV&lang=en.

cflags a logical whether the missing observations with flag 'c' - "confidential" should

be kept or not. Default is FALSE, in this case these observations dropped from the dataset. If this parameter TRUE then the flags are kept and the parameter

provided in keep\_flags is not taken into account.

check\_toc a boolean whether to check the provided id in the Table of Contents (TOC) or

not. The default value FALSE, in this case the base URL for the download link is retrieved from the configuration file. If the value is TRUE then the TOC is downloaded and the id is checked in it. If it found then the download link is

retrieved form the TOC.

local\_filter a boolean whether do the filtering on the local computer or not in case after

filtering still the dataset has more observations than the limit per query via the API would allow to download. The default is TRUE, in this case if the response footer contains information that the result cannot be downloaded because it is too large, then the whole raw dataset is downloaded and filtered on the local

computer.

force\_local\_filter

a boolean with the default value FALSE. In case, if there are existing filter conditions, then it will do the filtering on the local computer and not requesting through the REST API. It can be useful, if the values are not numeric as these are provided as NaN (Not a Number) through the REST API, but it is fully listed

in the raw dataset.

mode defines the format of the dataset response from the API. It can be csv for SDMX-

CSV or xml for the SDMX-ML version.

verbose

A boolean with default FALSE, so detailed messages (for debugging) will not printed. Can be set also with options(restatapi\_verbose=TRUE)

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further arguments to the for search\_eurostat\_dsd function, e.g.: ignore.case or name. The ignore.case has the default value FALSE, then the strings provided in filters are matched as is, otherwise the case of the letters is ignored. If the name=FALSE then the pattern(s) provided in the filters argument is only searched in the code column of the DSD, and the names of the codes will not be searched.

#### **Details**

Data sets are downloaded from the Eurostat Web Services SDMX API if there is a filter otherwise the the Eurostat bulk download facility is used. If only the table id is given, the whole table is downloaded from the bulk download facility. If also filters or date\_filter is defined then the SDMX REST API is used. In case after filtering the dataset has more rows than the limitation of the SDMX REST API (1 million values at one time) then the bulk download is used to retrieve the whole dataset.

By default all datasets cached as they are often rather large. The datasets cached in memory (default) or can be stored in a temporary directory if cache\_dir or option(restatpi\_cache\_dir) is defined. The cache can be emptied with clean\_restatapi\_cache.

The id, is a value from the code column of the table of contents (get\_eurostat\_toc), and can be searched for with the search\_eurostat\_toc function. The id value can be retrieved from the Eurostat database as well. The Eurostat database gives codes in the Data Navigation Tree after every dataset in parenthesis.

Filtering can be done by the codes as described in the API documentation providing in the correct order and connecting with "." and "+". If we do not know the codes we can filter based on words or by the mix of the two putting in a vector like c("AT\$", "Belgium", "persons", "Total"). Be careful that the filter is case sensitive, if you do not know the code or label exactly you can use the option ignore.case=TRUE and exact\_match=FALSE, but in this case the results may include unwanted elements as well. In the filters parameter regular expressions can be used as well. We do not have to worry about the correct order of the filter, it will be put in the correct place based on the DSD.

The date\_filter shall be a string in the format yyyy[-mm][-dd]. The month and the day part is optional, but if we use the years and we have monthly frequency then all the data for the given year is retrieved. The string can be extended by adding the "<" or ">" to the beginning or to the end of the string. In this case the date filter is treated as range, and the date is used as a starting or end date. The data will include the observation of the start/end date. A single date range can be defined as well by concatenating two dates with the ":", e.g. "2016-08:2017-03-15". As seen in the example the dates can have different length: one defined only at year/month level, the other by day level. If a date range is defined with ":", it is not possible to use the "<" or ">" characters in the date filter. If there are multiple dates which is not a continuous range, it can be put in vector in any order like c("2016-08", 2013:2015, "2017-07-01"). In this case, as well, it is not possible to use the "<" or ">" characters.

#### Value

a data.table with the following columns:

freq A column for the frequency of the data in case there are multiple frequencies, for single frequency this col

dimension names One column for each dimension in the data

time A column for the time dimension values A column for numerical values

 ${\tt flags} \qquad \qquad {\tt A \ column \ for \ flags \ if \ the \ keep\_flags=TRUE \ or \ cflags=TRUE \ otherwise \ this \ column \ is \ not \ included \ in \ the}$ 

The data.table does not include all missing values. The missing values are dropped if the value and flag are missing on a particular time.

In case the provided filters can be found in the DSD, then it is used to query the API or applied locally. If the applied filters with combination of date\_filter and select\_freq has no observation in the data set then the function returns the data.table with 0 row.

In case none of the provided filters, date\_filter or select\_freq can be parsed or found in the DSD then the whole dataset downloaded through the bulk download with a warning message.

In case the id is not exist then the function returns the value NULL.

#### See Also

search\_eurostat\_toc, search\_eurostat\_dsd, get\_eurostat\_bulk

```
load_cfg()
eu<-get("cc",envir=restatapi::.restatapi_env)</pre>
if (!(grepl("amzn|-aws|-azure ",Sys.info()['release']))) options(timeout=2)
head(get_eurostat_data("NAMA_10_GDP"))
head(get_eurostat_data("htec_cis3",update_cache=TRUE,check_toc=TRUE,verbose=TRUE))
head(get_eurostat_data("agr_r_milkpr",cache_dir="/tmp",cflags=TRUE))
options(restatapi_update=FALSE)
options(restatapi_cache_dir=file.path(tempdir(), "restatapi"))
head(get_eurostat_data("avia_gonc", select_freq="A", cache=FALSE))
head(get_eurostat_data("agr_r_milkpr",date_filter=2008,keep_flags=TRUE))
dt<-get_eurostat_data("avia_par_me",
                      filters="BE$",
                      exact_match=FALSE,
                      date_filter=c(2016, "2017-03", "2017-07-01"),
                      select_freq="Q",
                      label=TRUE,
                      name=FALSE)
dt<-get_eurostat_data("agr_r_milkpr",
                      filters=c("BE$","Ungarn"),
                      lang="de",
                      date_filter="2007-06<",
                      keep_flags=TRUE)
dt<-get_eurostat_data("nama_10_a10_e",</pre>
                    filters=c("Annual", "EU28", "Belgium", "AT", "Total", "EMP_DC", "person"),
                      date_filter=c("2008",2002,2013:2018))
dt<-get_eurostat_data("vit_t3",</pre>
```

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```
filters=c("EU28",eu$EA15,"HU$"),
                       date_filter=c("2015",2007))
dt<-get_eurostat_data("avia_par_me",</pre>
                       filters="Q...ME_LYPG_HU_LHBP+ME_LYTV_UA_UKKK",
                       date_filter=c("2016-08","2017-07-01"),
                       select_freq="M")
dt<-get_eurostat_data("htec_cis3",</pre>
                        filters="lu",
                        ignore.case=TRUE)
dt<-get_eurostat_data("bop_its6_det",</pre>
                        filters=list(bop_item="SC",
                                      currency="MIO_EUR",
                                      partner="EXT_EU28",
                                      geo=c("EU28","HU"),
                                      stk_flow="BAL",
                                      time="2015:2020"),
                        date_filter="2010:2012",
                        select_freq="A",
                        label=TRUE,
                        name=FALSE)
clean_restatapi_cache("/tmp",verbose=TRUE)
options(timeout=60)
```

get\_eurostat\_dsd

Download the Data Structure Definition of a dataset

#### **Description**

Download Data Structure Definition (DSD) of a Eurostat dataset if it is not cached previously.

## Usage

```
get_eurostat_dsd(
   id,
   lang = "en",
   cache = TRUE,
   update_cache = FALSE,
   cache_dir = NULL,
   compress_file = TRUE,
   verbose = FALSE,
   ...
)
```

## **Arguments**

id

a character string with the id of the dataset. It is a value from the codename column of the get\_eurostat\_toc function.

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lang a character string either en, de or fr to define the language version for the name column of the DSD. It is used only in the new API. The default is en - English. a boolean whether to load/save the DSD from/in the cache or not. The default cache value is TRUE, so that the DSD is checked first in the cache and if does not exist then downloaded from Eurostat and cached. update\_cache a boolean to update cache or not. The default value is FALSE, so the cache is not updated. Can be set also with options(restatapi\_update=TRUE) cache\_dir a path to a cache directory. The default is NULL, in this case the DSD is cached in the memory (in the '.restatapi\_env'). Otherwise if the cache\_dir directory does not exist it creates the 'restatapi' directory in the temporary directory from tempdir() to save the RDS-file. Directory can also be set with option(restatapi\_cache\_dir=...). a logical whether to compress the RDS-file in caching. Default is TRUE. compress\_file verbose A boolean with default FALSE, so detailed messages (for debugging) will not printed. Can be set also with options(restatapi\_verbose=TRUE)

... parameter to pass on the load\_cfg function

#### **Details**

The DSD is downloaded from Eurostat's website, through the REST API in XML (SDMX-ML) format.

## Value

If the DSD does not exist it returns NULL otherwise the result is a table with the 3 columns:

concept The name of the concepts in the order of the data structure

code The possible list of codes under the concept

name The name/description of the code

#### References

For more information see the detailed documentation of the API.

## See Also

```
get_eurostat_data, search_eurostat_toc.
```

```
if (!(grepl("amzn|-aws|-azure ",Sys.info()['release']))) options(timeout=2)
head(get_eurostat_dsd("med_rd6",lang="de",cache=FALSE,verbose=TRUE))
options(timeout=60)
```

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get\_eurostat\_raw

Get Eurostat data as it is

#### **Description**

Download data sets from Eurostat database.

#### Usage

```
get_eurostat_raw(
   id,
   mode = "txt",
   cache = TRUE,
   update_cache = FALSE,
   cache_dir = NULL,
   compress_file = TRUE,
   stringsAsFactors = FALSE,
   keep_flags = FALSE,
   check_toc = FALSE,
   melt = TRUE,
   verbose = FALSE,
   ...
)
```

## **Arguments**

id A code name for the dataset of interest. See search\_eurostat\_toc for details

how to get an id.

mode defines the format of the downloaded dataset. It can be txt (the default value)

for Tab Separated Values (TSV), or csv for SDMX-CSV, or xml for the SDMX-

ML version.

cache a logical whether to do caching. Default is TRUE.

update\_cache a logical with a default value FALSE, whether to update cache. Can be set also

with options(restatapi\_update=TRUE)

cache\_dir a path to a cache directory. The NULL (default) uses the memory as cache. If

the folder if the cache\_dir directory does not exist it saves in the 'restatapi' directory under the temporary directory from tempdir(). Directory can also be

set with option(restatapi\_cache\_dir=...).

compress\_file a logical whether to compress the RDS-file in caching. Default is TRUE.

stringsAsFactors

if TRUE the variables which are not numeric are converted to factors. The default

value FALSE, in this case they are returned as characters.

keep\_flags a logical whether the observation status (flags) - e.g. "confidential", "provi-

sional", etc. - should be kept in a separate column or if they can be removed.

Default is FALSE. For flag values see: https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/api/

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dissemination/sdmx/2.1/codelist/ESTAT/OBS\_STATUS/?compressed=false&

format=TSV&lang=en.

check\_toc a boolean whether to check the provided id in the Table of Contents (TOC) or

not. The default value FALSE, in this case the base URL for the download link is retrieved from the configuration file. If the value is TRUE then the TOC is downloaded and the id is checked in it. If it found then the download link is

retrieved form the TOC.

melt a boolean with default value TRUE and used only if the mode="txt". In case it

is FALSE, the downloaded tsv file is not melted, the time dimension remains in

columns and it does not process the flags.

verbose A boolean with default FALSE, so detailed messages (for debugging) will not

printed. Can be set also with options(restatapi\_verbose=TRUE)

... further argument for the load\_cfg function

#### **Details**

Data sets are downloaded from the Eurostat bulk download facility in CSV, TSV or SDMX format.

The id, should be a value from the code column of the table of contents (get\_eurostat\_toc), and can be searched for with the search\_eurostat\_toc function. The id value can be retrieved from the Eurostat database as well. The Eurostat database gives codes in the Data Navigation Tree after every dataset in parenthesis. By default all datasets downloaded in TSV format and cached as they are often rather large. The datasets cached in memory (default) or can be stored in a temporary directory if cache\_dir or option(restatpi\_cache\_dir) is defined. The cache can be emptied with clean\_restatapi\_cache. If the id is checked in TOC then the data will saved in the cache with the date from the "lastUpdate" column from the TOC, otherwise it is saved with the current date.

#### Value

a data.table with the following columns if the default melt=TRUE is used:

FREQ The frequency of the data (Annual, Semi-annual, Half-year, Quarterly, Monthly, Weekly, Daily)

dimension names One column for each dimension in the data

TIME\_FORMAT A column for the time format, if the source file SDMX-ML and the data was not loaded from a previou A column for the time dimension, where the name of the column depends on the source file (TSV/SDMX acolumn for numerical values, where the name of the column depends on the source file (TSV/SDMX flags/OBS\_STATUS A column for flags if the keep\_flags=TRUE otherwise this column is not included in the data table, and

The data does not include all missing values. The missing values are dropped if the value and flags are missing on a particular time.

In case melt=FALSE the results is a data.table where the first column contains the comma separated values of the various dimensions, and the columns contains the observations for each time dimension.

#### See Also

get\_eurostat\_data, get\_eurostat\_bulk

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#### **Examples**

get\_eurostat\_toc

Download the Table of Contents of Eurostat datasets

## **Description**

Download Table of Contents (TOC) of Eurostat datasets if it is not cached previously.

#### Usage

```
get_eurostat_toc(
  mode = "xml",
  cache = TRUE,
  update_cache = FALSE,
  cache_dir = NULL,
  compress_file = TRUE,
  lang = "en",
  verbose = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

#### **Arguments**

mode a character string either xml or txt defining the download mode. Depending

on the mode the 'xml' version or the 'text' version of the TOC is downloaded. The deafult value is xml as it provides more information (e.g. number of values, short description and download links in different formats (SDMX, TSV))

cache a boolean whether to load/save the TOC from/in the cache or not. The default

value is TRUE, so that the TOC is checked first in the cache and if does not exist

then downloaded from Eurostat and cached.

update\_cache a boolean to update cache or not. The default value is FALSE, so the cache is not

updated. Can be set also with options(restatapi\_update=TRUE)

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cache\_dir a path to a cache directory. The default is NULL, in this case the TOC is cached

in the memory (in the '.restatapi\_env'). Otherwise if the cache\_dir directory does not exist it creates the 'restatapi' directory in the temporary directory from tempdir() to save the RDS- file. Directory can also be set with

option(restatapi\_cache\_dir=...).

compress\_file a logical whether to compress the RDS-file in caching. Default is TRUE.

lang a character string either en, de or fr to define the language version for the table

of contents. The default is en - English.

verbose A boolean with default FALSE, so detailed messages (for debugging) will not

printed. Can be set also with options(restatapi\_verbose=TRUE)

... parameter to pass on the load\_cfg function

#### **Details**

The TOC is downloaded from Eurostat websites through the REST API for the xml (default) version or from the bulk download facilities for txt version. From the downloaded TOC the values in the 'code' column can be used as id in the get\_eurostat\_dsd, get\_eurostat\_raw, get\_eurostat\_bulk, and get\_eurostat\_data functions.

#### Value

A data table with the following columns:

title The name of dataset/table in the language provided by the lang parameter code The codename of dataset/table which can be used as id in other functions

type The type of information: 'dataset' or 'table'

lastUpdate The date when the data was last time updated for tables and datasets lastModified The date when the structure of the dataset/table was last time modified

dataStart The start date of the data in the dataset/table dataEnd The end date of the data in the dataset/table

values The number of values in the dataset/table, and it is filled only if the download mode is "xml"

unit The unit name for tables in the language provided by the lang parameter, for dataset it is empty and this shortDescription metadata.html The short description of the values for tables in the language provided by the lang parameter, for dataset to the short description of the values for tables in the language provided by the lang parameter, for dataset to the short description of the values for tables in the language provided by the lang parameter, for dataset to the link to the metadata in html format, and this column exists only if the download mode is "xml" the link to the metadata in SDMX format, and this column exists only if the download mode is "xml" the link to the whole dataset/table in tab separated values format in the bulk download facility and this

## References

For more technical information see the detailed documentation of the API.

#### See Also

search\_eurostat\_toc, get\_eurostat\_dsd, get\_eurostat\_raw, get\_eurostat\_bulk, get\_eurostat\_data.

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## **Examples**

```
if (!(grepl("amzn|-aws|-azure ",Sys.info()['release']))) options(timeout=2)
toc_xml<-get_eurostat_toc(cache=FALSE,verbose=TRUE)
head(toc_xml)
toc_txt<-get_eurostat_toc(mode="txt", lang="de")
head(toc_txt)
options(timeout=60)</pre>
```

load\_cfg

Load configuration data from JSON

## Description

Load the configuration information to the '.restatapi\_env' from the JSON configuration file.

## Usage

```
load_cfg(
  api_version = "default",
  cfg_file = "github",
  load_toc = FALSE,
  parallel = TRUE,
  max_cores = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

api_version	It can be either "old", "new", "test" or "current". The default value is "current" which defined by the DEFAULT_API_VERSION value of the config file.
cfg_file	The location of the config file. It can be either "github" (the default value) or "local".
load_toc	The default value FALSE, which means that the XML version of the Table of contents (TOC) will not be downloaded and cached automatically in the '.restatapi_env' when the package is loaded.
parallel	A boolean with the default value TRUE. If there are multiple cores/logical processors then part of the data extraction is made in parallel reducing significantly the time needed for large datasets. If the value is FALSE the option restatapi_cores set to 1.
max_cores	A boolean with the default value FALSE. If the parameter 'parallel' is TRUE then this parameter is taken into account otherwise it is ignored. If the value is TRUE, then the maximum minus one cores/logical processors are used for parallel computing. If the parameter FALSE, then the default value of getOption("mc.cores") is used, if it is defined. If mc.cores is NULL then depending on the memory size

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and number of available cores/threads the restatapi\_cores are set to 2 or 4 cores/logical processors. Otherwise the parallel processing turned off by setting the option restatapi\_cores to 1. The number of cores used for parallel computing can be changed any time with options(restatapi\_cores=...)

verbose

A boolean if the verbose message about the configuration to be showed or not. The default is FALSE. Can be set also with options(restatapi\_verbose=TRUE)

#### **Details**

Loads configuration data from a JSON file. The function first tries to load the configuration file from GitHub. If it is not possible it loads from the file delivered with the package. By this way different version of the API can be tested. Since in many cases there is http/https redirection in the download which can cause problems with the 'wininet' download method, the 'libcurl' method is used when it is available. This configuration code sets up the parallel processing to handle large XML files efficiently. By default if there is more then 4 cores/logical processors and at least 32 GB of RAM then 4 cores are used for parallel computing. If there is more then 2 cores then 2 cores are used. This default configuration can be overwritten with options(restatapi\_cores=...) or with the max\_cores=TRUE parameter. In the second case part of the computation distributed over the maximum number minus one cores. By using the max\_cores=TRUE option there is a higher probability that the program will run out off memory for larger datasets. In addition, the list of country codes are loaded to the variable cc (country codes), based on the Eurostat standard code list

#### Value

it returns 4 objects in the '.restatapi\_env'

- cfg a list with all the configuration data
- rav a character string with a number defining the API\_VERSION from the configuration file to be used later. It is determined based on the api\_version parameter.
- cc a list containing the 2 character country codes of the member states for different EU composition like EU15, EU28 or EA (Euro Area).
- dmethod the download method to be used to access Eurostat database. If the 'libcurl' method exists under Windows then it will be the default method for file download, otherwise it will be set 'auto'. The download method can be changed any time with options(restatapi\_dmethod=...)

```
load_cfg(parallel=FALSE)
options(restatapi_dmethod="auto")
load_cfg(api_version="test",verbose=TRUE,max_cores=FALSE)
load_cfg()
eu<-get("cc",envir=.restatapi_env)
eu$EU28
eu$EA15</pre>
```

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put\_eurostat\_cache
Put an object to cache

#### **Description**

Save the object (dataset/toc/DSD) to cache

#### Usage

```
put_eurostat_cache(
  obj,
  oname,
  update_cache = FALSE,
  cache_dir = NULL,
  compress_file = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

obj an object (toc, dataset, DSD)

oname a character string with the name of the object to reference later in the cache

update\_cache a logical with a default value FALSE, whether to update the cache. In this case the

existing value in the cache is overwritten. Can be set also with options(restatapi\_update=TRUE)

cache\_dir a path to a cache directory. The default is NULL, in this case the object is saved in the memory (in the '.restatapi\_env'). Otherwise if the cache\_dir directory does

not exist it saves in the 'restatapi' directory under the temporary directory from tempdir(). Directory can also be set with options(restatapi\_cache\_dir=...).

compress\_file a logical whether to compress the RDS-file in caching. Default is TRUE.

#### **Details**

Saves a given object in cache. This can be the memory .restatapi\_env or on the hards disk. If the given cache\_dir does not exist then the file is saved in the R temp directory (tempdir()). If the file or object with the oname exists in the cache, then the object is not cached.

#### Value

The function returns the place where the object was cached: either it creates an the object in the memory ('.restatapi\_env') or creates an RDS-file.

```
dt<-data.frame(txt=c("a","b","c"),nr=c(1,2,3))
put_eurostat_cache(dt,"teszt")
get("teszt",envir=restatapi::.restatapi_env)
put_eurostat_cache(dt,"teszt",cache_dir=tempdir())
readRDS(file.path(tempdir(),"teszt.rds"))</pre>
```

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```
clean_restatapi_cache(cache_dir=tempdir())
```

search\_eurostat\_dsd Search for pattern in the Data Structure Definition of a dataset

## **Description**

Search the Data Structure Definition (DSD) of a Eurostat dataset for a given pattern. It returns the rows where the pattern appears in the code and name column of the output of the get\_eurostat\_dsd function.

## Usage

```
search_eurostat_dsd(pattern, dsd = NULL, name = TRUE, exact_match = FALSE, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

pattern a character string or a vector of character string.

dsd a table containing Data Structure Definition (DSD) of a Eurostat dataset which

can be retreived by the get\_eurostat\_dsd function.

name a boolean with the default value TRUE, if the search shall look for the pattern in

the name of the code. If the value FALSE, then only the 'code' column of the

DSD will be searched.

exact\_match a boolean with the default value FALSE, if the strings provided in pattern shall

be matched exactly as it is or as a pattern.

.. additional arguments to the grep function like ignore.case=TRUE if the pattern

should be searched case sensitive or not. The default value for ignore.case is

FALSE.

### **Details**

The function returns the line(s) where the searched pattern appears in the code or in the name column.

#### Value

If the pattern found then the function returns a data.frame with the 4 columns:

pattern The pattern which was searched

concept The name of the concepts in the data structure

code The list of codes where the pattern was found, or the code of a name where the pattern appears

name The name/description of the code where the pattern found, or the name of the code where the pattern appears

Otherwise returns the value NULL.

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#### See Also

```
get_eurostat_dsd, create_filter_table, search_eurostat_toc
```

#### **Examples**

```
if (!(grepl("amzn|-aws|-azure ",Sys.info()['release']))) options(timeout=2)
dsd_example<-get_eurostat_dsd("nama_10_gdp",verbose=TRUE)
search_eurostat_dsd("EU",dsd_example)
search_eurostat_dsd("EU",dsd_example,ignore.case=TRUE)
search_eurostat_dsd("EU27_2019",dsd_example,name=FALSE)
search_eurostat_dsd("EU27_2019",dsd_example,exact_match=TRUE)
options(timeout=60)</pre>
```

search\_eurostat\_toc

Search for pattern in the titles, units and short description of the TOC

## **Description**

Lists names of dataset from Eurostat with the particular pattern in the title, units or short description.

## Usage

```
search_eurostat_toc(pattern, lang = "en", verbose = FALSE, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

pattern	Character string to search for in the table of contents of Eurostat tables/datasets
lang	a character string either en, de or fr to define the language version for the table of contents. The default is en - English.
verbose	A boolean with default FALSE, so detailed messages (for debugging) will not printed. Can be set also with options(restatapi_verbose=TRUE)
	other additional parameters to pass to the grepl function like ignore.case=TRUE if the pattern should be searched case sensitive or not. The default value for ignore.case is FALSE.

#### **Details**

Downloads the list of all tables and datasets available in the Eurostat database and returns all the details from the table of contents of the tables/datasets that contains particular pattern in the dataset title, unit or short description. E.g. all tables/datasets mentioning 'energy'.

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#### Value

A table with the following columns:

The name of dataset/table in the language provided by the lang parameter code

The codename of dataset/table which can be used by the get\_eurostat function

type The type of information: 'dataset' or 'table'

lastUpdate The date when the data was last time updated for tables and datasets lastModified The date when the structure of the dataset/table was last time modified

dataStart The start date of the data in the dataset/table dataEnd The end date of the data in the dataset/table values The number of values in the dataset/table

unit The unit name for tables in the language provided by the lang parameter, if the type 'dataset' this column shortDescription The short description of the values for tables in the language provided by the language prov

metadata.html The link to the metadata in html format metadata.sdmx The link to the metadata in SDMX format

downloadLink.tsv The link to the whole dataset/table in tab separated values format in the bulk download facility

The value in the code column can be used as an id in the get\_eurostat\_data, get\_eurostat\_bulk, get\_eurostat\_raw and get\_eurostat\_dsd functions. If there is no hit for the search query, it returns NULL.

#### See Also

```
search_eurostat_dsd, get_eurostat_data, get_eurostat_toc
```

```
if (!(grepl("amzn|-aws|-azure ",Sys.info()['release']))) options(timeout=2)
head(search_eurostat_toc("energy",verbose=TRUE))
nrow(search_eurostat_toc("energy"))
head(search_eurostat_toc("energie",lang="de",ignore.case=TRUE))
nrow(search_eurostat_toc("energie",lang="de",ignore.case=TRUE))
options(timeout=60)
```

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