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European Statistical Day

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Today, European statistical community celebrates the official statistics as a source of independent, objective, and reliable data necessary for strengthening organizations, business, and citizens in their decision making.

On this occasion, Statistical Office is joining to the celebration of this day, and is congratulating the European Statistics Day, to statisticians and all users of statistical data.

The aim of this date is to point out the importance of official statistics, and its role in modern society, indicating that the use of statistical data is for benefit of every society.

Statistical Office as the coordinator of official statistics of Montenegro, by open communication, via statistical data contributes to achievement of sustainable development goals, because our mission is a production of statistics which will serve citizens, state and scientific and research institutions, media and other users. Respecting professional standards and ethics, we are always ready to cooperate putting efforts to justify the trust of our users.

With the production of official data, we follow modern trends in the expansion of using new sources and methods for data collection, with the accent on commitment to educate statisticians as 'data scientists'.

It is not sufficient only to produce data and nicely represent them, i.e., to visualize them, the purpose is the promotion of statistical literacy for general public. Statistical literacy is essential ability to understand and critically evaluate the data aimed at better focusing the complexity of society, because of which the statistical community in Europe work together on development of new ways and methods how to learn from data.

Because of that, by adopting new technologies with use of reliable statistical methods and improved data sources, together with the cooperation with the users, through users' initiatives and commitment, we will continue our further work on the improvement of statistical system.