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*by email*

**Subject: Population Census in Montenegro**

**Ref.: Your letter “01-053/23-3494/1” dated 3 October 2023**

Dear Mr Pejović,

Thank you for your letter and informing us of the situation regarding the population and housing census in Montenegro.

It is crucial that your office executes this important statistical exercise in a professional and independent manner.

As I informed you in my letter from 3 March 2023 (Ares(2023)1556507), there were no monitoring missions by Eurostat to any of the Western Balkans countries during this census round, and none are planned for future censuses, including in Montenegro.

Your country has asked for and obtained EU technical support for specific activities connected to the census, such as data entry, editing and dissemination.

After years of provision of technical support, including their participation in Eurostat's working group on the population and housing census as observers, it is considered that the countries in the region are adequately prepared to hold the population census.

Please allow me to wish you once again a successful implementation of the census.

Yours sincerely,

(eSigned)  
Mariana Kotzeva