

THE COUNCIL OF STATISTICAL SYSTEM SESSIONS HELD IN 2022

THE FIRST SESSION

A regular session held on 28 February 2022.

After determining the quorum for holding a regular session of the Council of Statistical System (hereinafter referred to as the "Council") are anonymously adopted:

- *Minutes from the previous Council's session;*
- *Technical corrections and amendments to the Rules of Procedures of the Council;*
- *Proposal to the Report of Implementation of Annual Plan of Official Statistics for 2021.*

CONCLUSION:

Concerning the item 'Miscellaneous', there was requested to organize a meeting as soon as possible with the management of Revenue and Customs Administration to immediately solve the problem of difference in the data of employed persons with purpose of further improvement of official statistics' quality.

THE SECOND SESSION

Regular session was held on 17 May 2022.

1. After concluding to have the quorum for holding a regular session of the Council of Statistical System hereinafter referred to as the "Council", the minutes of the previous Council's session was adopted, as well as amendments to Articles 5 and 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council.

2. A representative of NGO informed the present members with the World Bank's project that envisages also to implement a number of activities directed to Statistical Office in domain of collection and processing of data on sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI disaggregated data). The NGO member pointed out the importance of this project and its planned activities for the improvement of Statistical Office's institutional capacities and LGBTI persons in Montenegro.

3. Member of the Council and coordinator of the Working Group for Financial Stability informed the Council's members that there is an initiative for establishment of

database/register of real estates in Montenegro that will improve the quality of statistics in this area, ensure fulfilment of requests under the accession negotiations and be useful tool for managing tax policy and policy of Central Bank.

THIRD SESSION

Online session was held on 30 June 2022.

1. After the quorum was determined for the online session of the Council of Statistical System (hereinafter referred to as the "Council"), there was adopted the minutes from the previous session of the Council as well as agenda.
2. After the introduction, the president of the Council informed the Council's members that ONAs must submit to the Statistical Office proposals for producing annual plan from their domains, until 10 June of the year that precedes the adoption year of annual plan, pursuant to Article 23 paragraph 2 of the Law on Official Statistics and Official Statistical System (Official Gazette of Montenegro No 18/12 and 47/19). On this occasion, a presentation of 2023 Annual Plan Preparations was held.

THE FOURTH SESSION

Online session was held on 27 July 2022.

After the quorum was determined for holding an online session of the Council of Statistical System (hereinafter referred to as the "Council"), there was adopted the minutes from the previous Council's session, and agenda.

After the introduction made by the president of the Council, a presentation on tourism statistics in the Montenegro official statistics system was given by the head of Department for Business Statistics, Foreign Affiliates, and Structural Business Statistics.

THE FIFTH SESSION

Regular session was held on 16 September 2022.

After the quorum for holding a regular session of the Council of Statistical System was observed, the minutes from the previous Council's session as well as agenda.

After the introduction given by the president of the Council, a representative of the Central Bank of Montenegro provided a presentation on statistics of revenue from trips – tourism in balance of payment of Montenegro.

THE SIXTH SESSION

A regular session was held on 31 October 2022.

After the defining the quorum for holding the regular session of the Council of Statistical System, the minutes from the previous session of the Council and agenda of the session were adopted.

Considering the second item of the agenda, there was the discussion on the progress report for Montenegro for 2022 for Chapter 18 – Statistics where it is stated that:

- Montenegro is moderately prepared in domain of statistics;
- A limited progress is achieved compared to the last year recommendations;
- Continuous work on harmonization of statistical methodology with the EU standards, as well on increase quantity of data transmission to Eurostat.

Additionally, the progress report indicates that in the next year Montenegro should do under the Chapter 18 the following:

1. To strengthen significantly human and financial capacities of Statistical Office to fulfil completely its obligations and to keep the expert staff;
2. To achieve a significant progress in the alignment with the European System of Accounts (ESA) 2010, also in providing statistical data on government finance and all available data on excessive deficit procedure - EDP;
3. To implement the Census of Population, Households, and Dwellings, in line with requests and recommendations of EU and to provide enough resources for this activity.

There was also discussed a need of linking different administrative sources in electronic manner, what has to be done also in future period.

THE SEVENTH SESSION

A regular session was held on 28 November 2022.

After defining the quorum for holding a regular session of the Council of Statistical System (hereinafter referred to as: “the Council”) there was anonymously adopted:

- The minutes from the previous session of the Council, and agenda of the session;
- Proposal to the Annual Plan of Official Statistics for 2023, and its further submission to the Government of Montenegro;
- Expert opinion of the Council of Statistical System regarding the recommendation from the Montenegro Progress Report of the European Commission for Chapter 18 Statistics,

that should be submitted to the Prime Minister, Mr. Dritan Abazovic, PhD, as one of the conclusions from the previous session of the Council.