

## **METHODOLOGICAL EXPLANATIONS**

Statistical Office of Montenegro according to Law on Official Statistics and Official Statistical System ("Off. Gazette of Montenegro, no. 18/12") and according to the Annual Plan of Official Statistics for 2017 ("Off. Gazette of Montenegro, no. 6/17 ") conducts survey on arrivals and overnight stays of tourists in tourists collective accommodation establishments that aims to provide basic information about the scope of tourist traffic, on a monthly basis. Collective accommodation facilities include hotels, inns, motels, holiday villages, tourist resorts, hostels, camps and other collective accommodation facilities. Collective accommodation does not include private accommodation (accommodation in houses and rooms for rent, as well as in tourist apartments).

In the process of accession of Montenegro to the European Union, the area of statistics is represented as a separate chapter which aims to harmonize Montenegrin legislation with the EU acquis in the field of statistics. Tourism statistics is governed by EC Regulation 692/2011, so the obligation of the Statistical Office is to implement all the necessary instruments for the calculation of these statistics in accordance with European standards.

According to EU Regulation 692/2011 on European statistics on tourism, Member States with less than 1% of the total annual number of overnight stays in tourist accommodation establishments in the European Union, can process data on the number of arrivals and overnight stays in the hotels and other collective accommodation .

From 28 February 2017, according to EU Regulation 692/2011, Statistical Office of Montenegro shall on a monthly basis publish releases on tourists arrivals and overnight stays in collective accommodation establishments for tourists.

Also, taking into consideration the national interests for the data on tourist arrivals and overnight stays in private accommodation, Statistical Office will continue to collect data, and it will be published under the new methodology (development and coverage of new administrative sources) annually from 2018 ( data for 2017).