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# CENSUS IN ALBANIA: METHODOLOGY and DONOR ASSISTANCE

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# A EUROPEAN CENSUS!

- Methodology in line with UNECE/EUROSTAT recommendations
- Date: 2011 as EU member countries
- Use of new technologies: scanners, GIS, sms for reporting/monitoring
- Attitude of Albanians like in Europe: participation and issues
- Evaluation in line with European standards
- Consolidation and progress since 2001 of European standards

# A NEW TERMINOLOGY, 2011 CENSUS

**REGJISTRIMI**  
has been replaced  
by  
**CENSUSI**

# A LONG EXPERIENCE

- **8 Census since independence on 1912:**
  - September 1923
  - 30 September 1945
  - 3 September 1950
  - 2 October 1960
  - 1 April 1969
  - 7-16 January 1979
  - 2-8 April 1989
  - 31 March 2001
- **From 1989, Housing Census is carried out at the same time as population census**

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## Basics characteristics, 2011

1. **Census day: 1 October**
2. **Census moment: Midnight 30/9-1/10**
3. **Period of field operation: 1-21 October**
4. **15.000 people involved in the field operation**
5. **€ 14 M out of more than 2/3 financed by donors**
6. **Data capture by scanning**
7. **All result, including analysis 30 months after the field operation**

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## Mapping

- Digital cartography covering for the first time all territory
- Use of GIS technology organised in a census geo-referenced database
- Use of mapping for preparatory work
- Use of GIS for monitoring progress of enumeration
- Use of digital maps and GIS for data dissemination

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## Field operation

- **Cartography of Enumeration Areas (11 935)**
- **Door to door enumeration**
- **Interviews of the reference person of the Household by qualified enumerators (11 935)**
- **Control of field data collection by controllers (2 250) and Supervisor (130)**
- **Census Questionnaire divided in 3 parts:**
  - Building and Dwelling
  - Households questionnaire
  - Individual form
- **Post Enumeration Survey after the data collection**

# UNECE-EUROSTAT RECOMMENDATIONS

## WHY?

- Data comparability with European countries
- Same concepts
- No double counting
- Free choice of the method of enumeration
- Standard outputs for European countries
  
- What next? Migration or commuting?



# UNECE-Eurostat recommendations

## Demographic characteristics of persons

### Core Topics

- Sex
- Age
- Legal marital status
- Country/place of birth
- country of citizenship

### Non Core topics

- De facto marital status
- Place of birth of the parents
- Citizenship acquisition
- Ethnic group
- Language
- Religion
- Total number of children born alive
- Date of 1st marriage and current marriage

# INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT TO ALBANIAN POPULATION CENSUSES

1989	2001	2011
UNFPA	EU	EU
	Italy	Switzerland
	Greece	UNDP
	Switzerland	
	Council of Europe	

# KIND OF INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT

1989	2001	2011
Technical Assistance	Technical Assistance	Technical Assistance
	IT Equipment	IT Equipment
	Direct cost	Direct cost

# CONCLUSIONS

- **Albania is well progressing towards European Standards regarding census**
- **Albanians have participated to the census enumeration with some little exceptions, like in other European countries**
- **Following the technical assistance received, it is believed that INSTAT will be able in the next census round to conduct autonomously the census and required only very specific and limited technical assistance**
- **EU will continue to support statistics and census in Albania, building up on the the current capacity**
- **What next? Which approach for the next census? A timely reflection is needed!**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION