

CHAIRMAN

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**RESOLUTION
ON THE EVALUATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INSTITUTE OF STATISTICS
FOR THE YEAR 2020**

Assembly of Albania,

Recognizing the mission of INSTAT for the production of impartial, transparent, and updated statistics, which assist users in assessing development and transformation processes in the economic and social fields within the country;

Taking into consideration that INSTAT is the main producer of official statistics in the country and responsible for coordinating and operating the National Statistical System; Appreciating that official statistics are disseminated respecting the statistical principles established by law, protecting statistical confidentiality, and ensuring equal access for all users; Encouraging the strengthening of cooperation between INSTAT and producers and users of official statistics both inside and outside the country to meet their needs with quality and updated information and to be comparable with other countries in the region and Europe,

Evaluates the activity of the Institute of Statistics during the year 2020 in terms of:

- Analyzing the results of the Census Pilot, reviewing the strategy, activity plan, and measuring the impact this process had on the cost of conducting the Census.
- Approving the continuity plan for 72 statistical activities, accompanied by the updating of the risk register within the framework of measures to manage the situation created by Covid-19.
- Strengthening IT capacities through the development of the integrated data system (SIMONA), which enables access to microdata in the interest of research-scientific processes, as well as INSTAT staff.
- Expanding the range of products within statistical education by publishing for the first time six statistical topics for the category of pupils and students, publishing for the first time the gender equality index for Albania, and strengthening cooperation with the academic world.
- Creating the Committee of Producers of Official Statistics to ensure quality in the planning processes and monitoring of statistical activities.
- Contributing to the standardization of methodologies, ensuring confidentiality, modernizing infrastructure for statistical processing, and the visualization of statistical products.

The Assembly recommends that the Institute of Statistics for the year 2021 improve its work in these directions:

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- Publish the reports of recommendations made by the Statistical Council and acts approved by the Supervisory Board, respecting the limitations of the legislation in the field for the protection of confidential data, as well as publish the attendance of members and the manner of voting.
- Take measures for the functioning of all organizational and support mechanisms, aiming to avoid a second postponement of the Population and Housing Census development, as well as drafting an effective communication strategy to raise public awareness about the importance of the Census.
- Report on the progress of the work plan for conducting the Population and Housing Census in the four-monthly reports on the progress of the Official Statistics Program presented to the Statistical Council, and these reports should be published on the official INSTAT website.
- Intensify the role of the Committee of Producers of Official Statistics, especially in the processes of preparing the draft Official Statistics Program, and publish its activities on the official INSTAT website.
- Present within the year the draft new Official Statistics Program 2022-2026 according to the structure provided by the legislation on official statistics, but also to ensure a National Statistical System with wider participation of public institutions.
- Finalize the drafting of the Strategy and Action Plan for the Agricultural Census by planning and detailing the most important elements of the project, preparing the regulatory framework, and evaluating the resources and actors to be involved.
- Take concrete measures towards the automation of work processes, develop and test Information Technology systems for the electronic questionnaire and the monitoring system of the field process, and ensure the training of users of these systems.
- Continuously approximate standards according to the Principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice with the aim of improving the processes of data collection, processing, publication, and increasing trust in official statistics.
- Enable the presence in the media of INSTAT representatives with the aim of informing the wider public about the methods of calculating statistical indicators in order to increase the comprehensibility and trustworthiness of the official statistics produced.

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