

RESOLUTION
ON THE EVALUATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INSTITUTE OF STATISTICS
FOR THE YEAR 2021

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 2021 in terms of:

- The preparation for conducting the Population and Housing Census, the establishment of supporting structures, preparatory work according to its development strategy, and the publication of information for the public in order to increase the level of public awareness for providing information and trust in the statistics produced.
- The formalization of the National Statistical System and the harmonization of the legal framework in the field of statistical production with those of the EU through strengthening cooperation with statistical agencies in statistical production processes, approximation with the acquis of the two legal acts proposed by INSTAT, as well as the implementation of 74% of the Peer Review 2018 recommendations by Eurostat.
- The improvement of statistical quality in accordance with European standards by transmitting to Eurostat 3,770,059 data points, as well as meeting the ever-increasing demands of users with a satisfaction level ranked at 3.87 out of 5 points.
- The development of infrastructure and professional capacities of statistical production structures, aiming at further modernization of statistical production processes, specifically in the data collection process, with 3 CATI/CAWI applications and 9 CAPI applications built/updated.
- The development of a series of trainings on various statistical topics organized by INSTAT or by foreign statistical institutions/organizations with the participation of staff from statistical agencies.
- The increase of the role of users in the processes of statistical activities, as direct stakeholders in the performance of the National Statistical System through the full inclusion in the consultative process of drafting the new Official Statistics Program 2022–2026 of all interest groups, giving voice in this process to the users' needs for data on various statistical topics.
- The intensification of inter-institutional cooperation through the revision of the cooperation memorandum between INSTAT and the Financial Supervisory Authority, as well as the signing of a new cooperation agreement with the Ministry of Justice,

alongside constant cooperation with the Bank of Albania and the Ministry of Finance and Economy.

- The further development of the statistics dissemination processes through the use of modern methods/applications in the statistical production process; during 2021, the production deadlines for 8 statistical activities were improved.
- The strengthening of the connection with users and statistical awareness by continuing meetings with the media and various interest groups with a focus on discussions on different statistical topics.

The Assembly recommends that the Institute of Statistics for the year 2022 improve its work in these directions:

- Improve the role of the institution as coordinator of national statistics and undertake concrete measures to expand the National Statistical System with other public institutions producing official statistics.
- Intensify work by reflecting on possible improvements resulting from the findings of the Pilot Census, consolidating all applications, manuals, training materials, and other supporting materials, which will enable the realization of the Population and Housing Census within 2022.
- Ensure support with the necessary human and financial resources for the public information campaign for conducting the Population and Housing Census, as the largest activity that INSTAT plans to carry out in the upcoming period, as well as continuing meetings with local authorities for an accurate identification of opportunities and elements that can be ensured or risk assessment for cases when local units cannot support the Census.
- Improve the quality of administrative register data related to agricultural statistics, as well as finalize the drafting process of the new draft law “On the Agricultural Census and Agricultural Holdings,” enabling the approximation of new standards according to the recommendations of the 2020 World Programme for Agricultural Censuses.
- Approximate statistical indicators for external migration and asylum with EU legislation, as well as sign within 2022 a new cooperation memorandum with the General Directorate of Civil Status, which will include the transmission of data for Albanian citizens residing abroad.
- Further improve compliance regarding the approximation with ESA 2010 standards of the source of gross national income (GNI), and begin drafting the GNI Inventory based on the existing description of sources and methods used for it.
- Intensify relations with the postal service for the data collection activity in accordance with the Peer Review recommendations of Eurostat.
- Strengthen cooperation with the academic world and the media in the production of official statistics by developing specific methodologies and trainings, as well as dedicate a space on the official INSTAT website for communication with the academic world, researchers, and the media.

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