

**RESOLUTION**  
**ON THE EVALUATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INSTITUTE OF STATISTICS**  
**FOR THE YEAR 2019**

**Assembly of Albania,**

Recognizing the mission of INSTAT for the production of impartial, transparent, and updated statistics, which assist users in their assessment of 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 the coordination and functioning of 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 domestically and internationally, 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 2019 in terms of:**

- The implementation of all activities foreseen according to the strategic document and the Census budget, especially the most important activity of the preparatory phase, the Census Pilot.
- The contribution with two ad-hoc statistical activities to measure the impact of earthquake damages on families and enterprises in the most affected areas.
- The increased presence in the media related to the dissemination of produced data and the comprehensibility of statistical products.
- The production of official statistics at the local level, for better knowledge and understanding of the data in each municipality and commune of the country.
- The growth of cooperation with the academic world through the exchange of practices, collaboration for the preparation of scientific articles, and provision of access to microdata for scientific purposes.
- The establishment of the inter-institutional working group for European integration and the commitment to supply the appropriate statistical information for all other chapters of the acquis.

The Assembly recommends that the Institute of Statistics for the year 2020 improve its work in the following directions:

- To ensure full transparency of the contribution made by the Statistical Council at INSTAT, fulfilling the obligations imposed by Law no. 17/2018 “On Official Statistics.” To publish the reports of recommendations issued by the Statistical Council and acts approved by the supervisory board, respecting the limitations of the legislation on the protection of confidential data. To publish the attendance of members at each meeting and how each member voted.
- To fill as soon as possible the vacant positions of senior-level civil servants, to guarantee the management of civil servants according to Law no. 152/2013 “On Civil Servants.”

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- To take concrete measures to reduce the risk to statistical activity that may be caused by natural disasters, to ensure the continuity of processes. The measures taken should be presented in INSTAT's annual plan.
- To strengthen information technology capacities, both in infrastructure and qualified staff, for modern data processing and production of quality statistics.
- To continue work to improve the Census questionnaire, as well as other accompanying materials, based on the findings of the 2019 Census Pilot, and to update the field areas following situations created by recent emergencies in the country.
- To draft the Strategy and Action Plan for the 2022 Agricultural Census.
- To harmonize the Development Strategy of the National Statistical System with the format of other national and sectoral strategies for the Integrated Planning Information Management System (IPSIS), including drafting a strategic plan for alignment with the acquis in the field of statistics, taking into account the priorities set by the EU in the process of opening negotiations with Albania.
- To finalize the establishment of the Official Statistics Producers Committee, which is an important mechanism for the quality of planning processes and monitoring of statistical activities.
- To work towards increasingly meeting the expectations and satisfaction of official statistics users, strictly respecting statistical principles and international standards, through enhancing statistical education and organizing formal and informal meetings with media representatives.

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CHAIRMAN  
**Gramoz Ruçi**