

CHAIRMAN

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RESOLUTION
ON THE EVALUATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INSTITUTE OF STATISTICS
FOR THE YEAR 2023

Assembly of Albania,

Recognizing INSTAT as the main producer of official statistics in the Republic of Albania, whose mission is to produce impartial, transparent, and updated statistics, which assist users in assessing development and transformation processes in the economic and social fields of the country;

Appreciating that the population and housing census, conducted during the year 2023, holds particular importance in the planning of public policies, which help in the development of programs aimed at improving the lives of citizens;

Appreciating that the use of information technology is important to improve the processes of statistical production, and at the same time helps in the integration of different data sources and the improvement of their processing;

Appreciating that official statistics are disseminated respecting the statistical principles established by law, protecting statistical confidentiality, and ensuring equal access for all users;

Evaluates for the year 2023:

The work carried out by INSTAT in conducting the 2023 population and housing census, as the most important statistical activity, which was completed on November 15, 2023, following extensive preparatory work within the framework of quality management of processes and data quality.

The work carried out by INSTAT in implementing the communication strategy for promoting the population and housing census, especially the numerous awareness activities aimed at increasing the trust and participation of the population in this very important process.

The work carried out by INSTAT in applying modern data collection methods, in accordance with the standards required by Eurostat, methods which increase the quality, efficiency, and reliability of the statistics produced.

The work carried out by INSTAT in expanding the National Statistical System and the inclusion as a statistical agency of the ANRR (National Agency of Natural Resources), which, supported by INSTAT, will produce important statistics related to energy, oil, gas, etc.

The work carried out by INSTAT in drafting the draft law on the census of agricultural holdings, as well as preparing other supporting documents related to this important census, which will contribute to ensuring stable basic data over time, both demographic and socio-economic, at national, regional, and local levels.

The work carried out by INSTAT as a member of the negotiating group responsible for Chapter

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18 “Statistics,” within the framework of European integration.

The work carried out by INSTAT in transmitting data to the International Monetary Fund (Enhanced General Data Dissemination System (eGDDS)), as the minimal standard for data dissemination.

The Assembly of Albania recommends to INSTAT for the year 2024:

1. After processing the data with quality and professionalism from the 2023 population and housing census, to publish the final results of the census within the established deadlines, as well as other georeferenced and social publications, according to the announced calendar, which will serve as a strong basis for planning public policies and will assist in the development of programs aimed at improving the lives of citizens.
2. To undertake initiatives to use the census data to update the SDG/UNDP platform for all indicators and sub-indicators that are already part of the platform.
3. To take the necessary measures to enable the quality and timely realization of the agricultural holdings census in accordance with the EU acquis and international standards, as well as based on the vision and strategic objectives for its implementation.
4. Within the framework of increasing cybersecurity, to take the necessary measures for updating and improving the institution’s hardware and software systems, as well as to cooperate with AKCESK to further strengthen security against possible cyber-attacks and the protection of statistical data, as well as confidential information.
5. Within the framework of transparency and better meeting user needs, to take the necessary measures to activate the INSTAT website as soon as possible within 24 hours.
6. To improve the transparency and reliability of our national data, to increase the level of data transmission to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) by following the Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS). Compliance with the SDDS standards will further increase the transparency and reliability of the data, which are essential for informed decision-making to promote economic growth.
7. In implementation of the strategic objective to strengthen the National Statistical System, to play a proactive role by communicating with the country’s public institutions for the establishment of dedicated structures for official statistics, considering them as very important for administrative data sources, for planning public policies in the development and socio-economic transformation of the country.
8. To increase the production and transmission of data on time and with high quality for dissemination (publication) by Eurostat, as well as to make available to the public data related to government financial statistics, as also emphasized in the EC progress report.
9. Despite the improvements made, to increase efforts to reduce the number of employees leaving the institution, by improving the recruitment process, employee remuneration, and their training, creating a competitive and transparent environment for their promotion, enabling the creation of a staff that has the necessary experience and professionalism to face the challenges the institution encounters.
10. To draft and implement a dedicated communication strategy for the agricultural holdings census, aiming to raise awareness and highlight the importance of the census for the relevant audience.
11. Considering official statistics as a public good in terms of national priorities for development and integration, to increase efforts for the implementation of innovative and modern methods

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in the production and dissemination of official statistics, to intensify the use of information technology in order to improve statistical production processes, the integration of different data sources, and the improvement of their processing, increasing the use of data that are an integral part of government interoperability platforms.

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