



National Institute of Statistics - Romania

Brief description

I. GENERAL INFORMATION:

- **Mission of the National Institute of Statistics (NIS)**

The mission of NIS consists in the collection, processing, analysis and dissemination of official statistical data necessary to substantiate and assess the economic and social policies, government decisions and economic operators' decisions, the information of the public opinion, the drafting of scientific researches, the transmission of statistical data to international bodies and other categories of internal and external users.

- **Status of the NIS in public administration system of the country**

Romanian official statistics is produced by official statistics services and is organized and coordinated by the **National Institute of Statistics**, a specialized body of central government, with legal status, subordinate to the Government, financed from the state budget.

With a history that spans almost 150 years, the National Institute of Statistics is the main entity responsible for the production and dissemination of official statistics in Romania, guaranteeing professional independence and always aiming to meet the users' information needs.

- **Procedure of appointment of Director-General of the NIS**

According to the legislation in force, the president of the National Institute of Statistics is appointed and dismissed by the Prime Minister. In both cases, a decision is published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I.

- **Location of seat of the NIS, regional offices;**

The central office of the National Institute of Statistics is located in Bucharest, the capital of Romania.

8 statistical regional directorates, organized at the level of counties – centres of development regions and **34 statistical county directorates** organized at the level of the other counties are subordinated to NIS.

- **Organisational structure of the NIS;**

The National Institute of Statistics is organised and functions based on Government Ordinance No 9/1992, with subsequent modifications and additions and on the basis of Government Decision No 957/2005, with subsequent modifications and additions. The National Institute of Statistics is headed by a president who is a secretary of state. In the management of the INS, the president is helped by three vice-presidents and a secretary general.

The NIS is organised on statistical activities and fields, having the following structure:

- 6 directorates general with their directorates (Directorate General of National Accounts and Macroeconomic Syntheses, Directorate General of National Statistical System Organisation and Co-ordination, Directorate General of Agricultural and Environment Statistics, Directorate General of Business Statistics, Directorate General of Social and Demographic Statistics, Directorate General of IT and Statistical Infrastructure);
- 6 independent directorates (Directorate of European Affairs and International Co-operation, Directorate of Statistical Information Dissemination and Public Relations, Audit Directorate, Budget and Accounting Directorate, Directorate of Human Resources Policies and Management, Directorate of Acquisitions, Investment and General Administration Services);
- 3 independent departments (Control Department, Legal and Disputed Claims Department, Press Relations Department).

The following are subordinate to the National Institute of Statistics:

- a) 8 Regional Statistical Directorates – centres of development regions, established according to the provisions of Law No 315/2004 on regional development in Romania, with subsequent modifications and additions, and 34 County Statistical Directorates at the level of the other counties, public institutions with legal personality, financed from the state budget;
- b) The "Romanian Statistical Review" Publishing House and the National Centre for Training in Statistics, public institutions with legal personality fully financed from their own income.

The organisational structure of the NIS can be found at the following link: <http://www.insse.ro/cms/rw/pages/org.en.do>

- **Main legal act(s);**

The National Institute of Statistics is organised and functions based on Government Ordinance No 9/1992, with subsequent modifications and additions and on the basis of Government Decision No 957/2005, with subsequent modifications and additions.

- **Statistical programme(s).**

NIS Romania compiles an Annual Programme of Statistical Surveys (PSS) and, starting with 2007, a Multi Annual Programme.

The Multi Annual Programme develop the general capacity of the organisation and of the structure of NIS and comprise measures for strengthening the national statistical system, assuring on the same time, an extension for some domains non covered before.

The Annual Programme of Statistical Surveys is drawn up by the NIS after consulting the ministries and the institutions of central government, as well as other categories of users of statistical data. Thus, their information needs are taken into account.

The Programme of Statistical Surveys is endorsed by the Council for the Co-ordination of Statistical Activity and is annually approved by Government Decision.

The **Programme of Statistical Surveys for 2007** was approved by Government Decision No 838/2007.

Number of statistical surveys, according to the Programme of Statistical Surveys 2007

Statistical field	Statistical surveys
Total statistical surveys	154
Social statistics	33
Economic statistics	83
Agricultural, forestry and environment statistics	29
Prices statistics	7
Trade and services statistics	2

II. SYSTEM OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS IN THE COUNTRY

- **The role of the NIS in the system, other major players.**

Romanian official statistics is produced by official statistical services and is organised and co-ordinated by the National Institute of Statistics.

The official statistical services include the NIS, the regional and county statistical directorates as well as the statistical departments within the National Bank of Romania and within public institutions and authorities, methodologically co-ordinated by the National Institute of Statistics.

According to the draft law on the organisation and functioning of official statistics in Romania, the **National Statistical System** includes: the National Institute of Statistics and its territorial directorates; the National Bank of Romania and its branches; the statistical offices of central and local public administration and of other public authorities and institutions. The National Statistical System is co-ordinated by the National Institute of Statistics, the main producer of official statistics in Romania. The NIS monitors and technically co-ordinates the producers of official statistics so as to ensure the unitary nature of the methodologies, classifications, methods and techniques used in the collection, processing and dissemination of the official statistical data produced, in accordance with the annual national statistical programme and meeting the requirements of the European Statistical System.

The co-ordination of official statistics by the NIS consists in:

- a) the elaboration by the NIS of the system of indicators, of methodologies, classifications and nomenclatures of general interest, promoted through a legislative document (law, Government Decision) or through an Order of the NIS President and applicable to all the statistical surveys conducted by official statistical services;
- b) the endorsement by the NIS of the methodologies of the statistical surveys organised by ministries, central institutions and other public services;
- c) the co-ordination ensured through the annual Programme of Statistical Surveys, approved by the Government;
- d) The work of the Council for the Co-ordination of Statistical Activity.

III. ADVISORY BODY/STATISTICAL COUNCIL (or its equivalent)

- **Composition, main tasks.**

The Council for the Co-ordination of Statistical Activity (CCSA), established based on the provisions of Government Ordinance no. 9/1992 on the organization of official statistics, as republished, as subsequently amended and

supplemented, ensures the objective, transparent and scientific nature of methodologies, indicators, nomenclatures and classifications used in the statistical activity.

CCSA is a consultative body having as its main scope of activity the analysis and endorsement of the National Statistical System Development Strategy, of the Activity Reports of NIS and of the Annual Statistical Survey Programmes

CCSA is the highest forum where the interests of official statistical data users are promoted and expressed at national level. By its structure, it involves authorized representatives of the main categories of suppliers, producers and users of statistical data and information within the statistical process of the operation of the National Statistical System.

The 35 members forming the current structure of the Council for the Co-ordination of Statistical Activity are appointed by Prime Minister.

The members of the Council for the Co-ordination of Statistical Activity are appointed by the Prime-Minister for a 2 year period, upon the proposal of the bodies and institutions forming CCSA.

The Council for the Co-ordination of Statistical Activity is composed of:

- 3 representatives of the Romanian Academy;
- 6 representatives of specialised higher education;
- 6 representatives of research institutes;
- 6 representatives of ministries and/or specialised bodies subordinated to the Government;
- 1 representative of the Romanian National Bank
- 3 representatives of trade unions
- 3 representatives of employers associations
- 3 representatives of the media
- 3 representatives of professional associations.

The President of the National Institute of Statistics is a member by right.

The **Methodological Endorsement Committee (MEC)** is the professional authority within the National Institute of Statistics whose responsibility is to endorse methodological projects on the organization and conducting of statistical surveys, statistical classifications and nomenclatures, statistical tools as well as other statistical works.

The Methodological Endorsement Committee is made of 11 members with professional authority elected mainly among the members of the Council for the Co-ordination of Statistical Activity or upon the proposal of the specialized departments within the National Institute of Statistics, subject to the consultative approval of the College of the National Institute of Statistics.

The mandate of the MEC members is one calendar year, which may be extended *ex officio*, but not longer than two consecutive calendar years.

The two advisory bodies are not authorised to intervene in the production and dissemination, but they can provide guidelines on the methodologies.

IV. PUBLICATIONS

The National Institute of Statistics produces statistical publications of wide interest for the users of statistical information, adapted to the requirements of economic units and in compliance with the evolution of the socio-economic phenomena of the current economy.

A vast amount of statistical information is disseminated through general statistical publications, such as yearbooks, pocket books and bulletins, but also through publications focused on a statistical field or on particular topics.

Number of publications, according to the Programme of Statistical Surveys 2007:

Statistical field	Statistical publications
Synthesis publications	11
Social statistics	19
Business, housing, construction and information society statistics	32
Agricultural, forestry and environment statistics	19
Transport statistics	8
Tourism statistics	7
Trade and services statistics	3

The statistical publications produced by the NIS are available on paper and electronic media.

The statistical publications can be consulted freely in the “Nicolae Georgescu-Roegen” Library and in the “Anton Golopenția” Dissemination Room, which are located in the headquarters of the Institute.

The publications may be purchased on the basis of a subscription or through the “Ion Ionescu de la Brad” Bookshop at the NIS headquarters.

The catalogue of NIS statistical publications is available in a paper form but also on the NIS web site, giving users the possibility to order the publications online.

(<http://statistici.insse.ro/catalog/>)

V. OTHER RELEVANT REMARKS (e.g. major policies)

For more information: <http://www.insse.ro/cms/rw/pages/index.en.do>