

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

1. The data source is Household Labour Force Survey (AMIGO), carried out on quarterly basis, according to the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council no. 577/1998 on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the European Community.
2. **The economically active population** comprises all persons providing the available labour force for the production of goods and services during the reference period, including employment and unemployed persons.
3. **The activity rate** represents the weight of economically active population from the age group x in total population of the same age group x.
4. **The activity rate of working age population** represents the weight of economically active population aged 15-64 years in total population aged 15-64 years.
5. **Employment** comprises all persons aged 15 years and over who carried out an economic activity producing goods or services of **at least one hour**¹ during the reference period (one week), in order to get income as salary, payment in kind or other benefits.

Beginning with 2011, self-employed and contributing family workers from agriculture are considered as **employed persons** only if they are the owners of agricultural production (not necessarily of lands) achieved and they meet one of the following conditions:

- a) the agricultural production is intended, even partially, to sale or to barter agreements;
- b) the agricultural production is exclusively intended to self-consumption if it accounts for a significant part² of household's total consumption.

Besides the persons who have a job and have worked during the reference week, irrespective of their professional status, the persons belonging to the following categories are also considered as employed persons:

- the persons who, during the reference week, have carried out a certain work, paid or entailing income, **though they were attending school, they were pensioners or they were benefiting of pensions, they were registered with the National Agency for Employment (ANOFM), either receiving or not the unemployment allowances;**
- the remunerated apprentices and trainees, with fulltime or part-time working programme;
- members of military staff.

Employment can be classified in:

- **Employee** - is considered that person who carries out his activity based on a labour contract within an economic or social unit - irrespective of its ownership type - or for private persons, getting a remuneration as salary, in cash or in kind, as commission etc. The "labour contract" comprise also any other kind of labour agreement (in write or verbal form), another than the labour contract / status (job) agreement.
 - **Employer** - is that person who carries out his occupation (trade) in his own unit (enterprise, agency, workshop, shop, office, farm etc.), for whose activity he has employed one or several employees.
 - **Self-employed** - is that person who carries out his activity in his own unit or in individual business, hiring no employee, being helped or not by contributing family members.
 - **Contributing family worker** - is that person who carries out his activity within an economic family unit run by a family member or relative, not receiving remuneration as salary or pay in kind. Such a unit is considered peasant's (agricultural) household.
 - **Member of an agricultural holding or of a non agricultural co-operative** - is considered that person who has worked either as owner of agricultural land within an agricultural holding constituted according to the Law 36/1991, or as member of a craftsmen, consumer or credit co-operative.
6. **The employment rate** represents the weight of employment from the age group x in total population belonging to the same age group x.
 7. **The employment rate for working age population** represents the weight of employed persons aged 15-64 years in total population aged 15-64 years.
 8. **The unemployed, according to international definition (ILO)**, are persons aged 15-74 years simultaneously meeting the following 3 conditions: (i) they do not have a job; (ii) they are available to start working during the next two weeks; (iii) they were actively seeking for a job, at any time during the last four weeks.
 9. **The unemployment rate** represents the weight of unemployed persons in total economically active population.
 10. The results were estimated based on the number of resident population.

¹ At least 15 hours for self-employed and contributing family workers from agriculture – previously to 2011.

² At least 50% of household's total consumption.