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**Tourism – May and the period 1.I-31.V.2010**

**Compared to the corresponding month of the previous year, the arrivals and the overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation decreased by 0.1% and increased by 1.3%, respectively in May 2010.**

**Compared to May 2009, in May 2010, customs registered a decrease in both the arrivals of foreign tourists (-4.1% and the departures of Romanian tourists abroad (-12.2%).**

**Compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, both the arrivals and the overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation decreased by 2.6% and by 3.4%, respectively, during 1.I-31.V.2010.**

May 2010 compared to May 2009

	Arrivals <sup>1)</sup>			Overnight Stays <sup>1)</sup>		
	May 2009 <sup>1)</sup> -thousands-	May 2010 -thousands -	Mai 2010 as to May 2009 -%-	Mai 2009 <sup>1)</sup> -thousands -	Mai 2010 -thousands-	Mai 2010 as to May 2009 -%-
<b>Total</b>	<b>544.2</b>	<b>544.0</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>1431.2</b>	<b>1449.6</b>	<b>101.3</b>
Romanian tourists	415.2	405.0	97.5	1168.4	1167.1	99.9
Foreign tourists	129.0	139.0	107.8	262.8	282.5	107.5

<sup>1)</sup> Registered in the establishments of tourists' reception; 1) revised data as to the previously issued ones; see the methodological notes

In May 2010, **the arrivals** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 544.0 thousand, 0.1% less compared to May 2009.

In May 2010, the arrivals of the Romanian tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 74.4% of the total arrivals, while the foreign tourists were 25.6% of the total arrivals, weights close to those of May 2009.

In May 2010, the arrivals at hotels had a weight of 77.3% of the total arrivals in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation. Compared to May 2009, the arrivals at hotels were 0.8% more in May 2010.

In May 2010, **the overnight stays** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 1449.6 thousand, 1.3% more compared to May 2009.

The Romanian tourists' overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 80.5% of the total overnight stays, while the foreign tourists' overnight stays were 19.5% in May 2010.

In May 2010, **the net use index** of accommodation places was 26.9% on total tourists' accommodation, 1.8% less compared to May 2009.

Ship accommodation places (84.5%) and hotels (32.3%) registered higher net use indices of accommodation places in May 2010.

In May 2010, **the arrivals of foreign visitors to Romania**, according to customs, amounted to 633.1 thousand, 4.1% less compared to May 2009. Most of the foreign visitors came from European countries (93.8%). 63.4% of

the total arrivals of the foreign visitors to Romania were from European Union Member States, out of which the most arrivals were from: Hungary (42.4%), Bulgaria (16.3%), Germany (9.5%), Italy (7.1%) and Austria (4.1%). Compared to the corresponding month of the previous year, air transport was the lowest (-13.1%) in May 2010.

In May 2010, **the departures of Romanian visitors abroad**, according to customs, amounted to 885.5 thousand, 12.2% less compared to May 2009. The Romanian visitors abroad mostly used the means of road transport, 73.9 % of the total departures.

Compared to May 2009, in May 2010, the most important decrease was in the ship transport (-10.3%).

*Period 1.I.-31.V.2010 compared to period 1.I-31.V.2009*

	Arrivals <sup>1)</sup>			Overnight Stays <sup>1)</sup>		
	Period 1.I-31.V.2009 <sup>1)</sup> -thousands-	Period 1.I-31.V.2010 - thousands -	Period 1.I-31.V.2010 as to period 1.I-31.V.2009 -%-	Period 1.I-31.V.2009 <sup>1)</sup> - thousands -	Period 1.I-31.V.2010 - thousands -	Period 1.I-31.V.2010 as to period 1.I-31.V.2009 -%-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2001.0</b>	<b>1949.4</b>	<b>97.4</b>	<b>4614.2</b>	<b>4457.3</b>	<b>96.6</b>
Romanian tourists	1551.6	1492.4	96.2	3671.4	3526.1	96.0
Foreign tourists	449.4	457.0	101.7	942.8	931.2	98.8

<sup>1)</sup> Registered in the establishments of tourists' reception; 1) revised data as to the previously issued ones; see the methodological notes

During 1.I-31.V.2010, **the arrivals** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 1949.4 thousand, 2.6% less compared to the period 1.I-31.V.2009.

During 1.I-31.V.2010, the arrivals of the Romanian tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 76.6% of the total arrivals, while the foreign tourists were 23.4% of the total arrivals, weights close to those during 1.I-31.V.2009.

During 1.I-31.V.2010, the arrivals at hotels had a weight of 76.6% of the total arrivals in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation. Compared to the period 1.I-31.V.2009, the arrivals at hotels were 0.2% less compared to the period 1.I-31.V.2010.

During 1.I-31.V.2010, **the overnight stays** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 4457.3 thousand, 3.4% less than during 1.I-31.V.2009.

During 1.I-31.V.2010, the overnight stays of the Romanian tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception were 79.1% of the total overnight stays, while the foreign tourists were 20.9%.

During 1.I-3.V.2010, **the net use index** of accommodation places on total tourist accommodation structures was 20.2% on total establishments of tourists' reception, 0.7% less compared to the period 1.I-31.V.2009.

Ship accommodation (79.6%) places and inns (37.8%) registered higher use indices of accommodation places during 1.I-31.V.2010.

During 1.I-31.V.2010, **the arrivals of foreign visitors to Romania**, according to customs, amounted to 2647.2 thousand, 3.5% less compared to the period 1.I-31.V.2009. Most of the foreign visitors came from European countries (95.3%). 63.4 % of the total arrivals of the foreign visitors to Romania were from the European Union Member States, out of which the most arrivals were from: Hungary (42.6%), Bulgaria (17.3%), Germany (8.4%), Italy (7.5%) and Austria (4.1%). Compared to the period 1.I-31.V.2009, ship transport was lowest (-37.0%) during 1.I-31.V.2010.

During 1.I-31.V.2010, **the departures of Romanian visitors abroad**, according to customs, amounted to 4248.6 thousand, 8.1% less compared to the period 1.I-31.V.2009. The Romanian visitors abroad mostly used the means of road transport, 76.0% of the total departures.

Compared to the period 1.I-31.V.2009, the highest decrease was in the ship transport (-38.7%) during the period 1.I-31.V.2010.

## METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

1. **The data source** consists of the monthly statistical survey concerning the "Attendance of the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation" (TOURISM 1 A) for the arrivals and overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation, according to the European Council Directive no. 57/1995 regarding the data collection in tourism statistics.

The data regarding the arrivals of the foreign visitors to Romania and the departures of the Romanian visitors abroad, according to customs, are collected from administrative sources monthly – The General Inspectorate of the Frontier Police within The Ministry of Administration and Interior.

### 2. Definitions

**The arrival of a tourist** in an establishment of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation is registered when a person signs in the register of the respective establishment for one night or several nights' accommodation. In each establishment of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation, no matter the number of overnight stays, the continuous stay of a tourist counts as one arrival.

**The overnight stay** means the 24-hour interval, starting with the admission hour of the respective establishment, for which a person signs in the register of the establishment and benefits of accommodation according to the price paid, even if the actual stay lasts less than the mentioned interval. The overnight stays related to the additional beds (paid by tourists) are also taken into account.

Statistically speaking, "**international visitor**" means any person who travels to a country, other than that in which he usually resides, for a period that does not exceed 12 months, the main purpose of the visit being other than the paid employment in the visited country.

"Arrivals" is the measuring unit for the foreign visitors registered by the Customs when entering the country; "Departures" is the measuring unit for the Romanian visitors that travel abroad registered by the Customs when leaving the country.

The number of arrivals or departures of visitors differs from the number of persons entering the country and leaving the country, respectively. The same foreign person can travel several times to the country in the respective period of time, every time being registered as a new arrival. The same is valid for the Romanian visitors going abroad..

The following categories of travellers are **excluded** from the arrivals and departures of international visitors:

- immigrants and emigrants;
- diplomats, representatives of the consulates and of the army when they travel to / from the place of their mission towards another country;
- refugees and nomads.

The country of origin of the international visitor is determined based on the citizenship written in the visitor's passport..

3. Since 2010, the statistical survey regarding "The attendance of the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation" applies to all the establishments of tourists' reception having a minimum of 10 bed places that operate in the month of reference – about 3,300 economic operators. For the sake of comparability, the data on the months of 2009 have been reviewed according to the methodology used in 2010.

4. **Data are provisional and may be revised periodically** based on retroactive corrections made by the economic operators.

*For more information, see the Monthly Statistical Bulletin, date of issue July 12, 2010*

**The next issue of the press release** will be on Wednesday August 4, 2010