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Tourism – June and Semester I 2010

In June 2010, as compared to the same month of previous year, arrivals and overnight stays in establishments of tourists' reception with accommodation functions, decreased by 4.3% respectively, by 4.5 %.

In comparison with June 2009, in June 2010 customs registered decreases both for arrivals of foreign visitors (-3.1%) and for departures abroad of Romanian visitors (-16.2%).

In the first semester of 2010, as compared to the same period, both arrivals and overnight stays in establishments of tourists' reception with accommodation functions decreased by 3.0% respectively, by 3.7 %.

June 2010 as against June 2009

	Arrivals ¹⁾			Overnight stays ¹⁾		
	June 2009 ¹⁾ -thou -	June 2010 - thou-	June 2010 as to June 2009 -%-	June 2009 ¹⁾ -thou -	June 2010 - thou -	June 2010 as to June 2009 -%-
Total	609,6	583,6	95,7	1879,6	1795,5	95,5
Romanian tourists	476,3	445,1	93,4	1603,9	1509,3	94,1
Foreign tourists	133,3	138,5	103,9	275,7	286,2	103,8

¹⁾ Registered in structures of tourists' reception ;1) revised data as to those previously issued ; see methodological notes

Arrivals registered in establishments of tourists' reception in June 2010 amounted to 583.6 thousands, decreasing by 4.3 % as against those in June 2009.

Arrivals of Romanian tourists in establishments of tourists' reception with accommodation functions represented in June 2010 76.3% of total arrivals, while foreign tourists represented 23.7% of total arrivals, weights close to those of June 2009.

Arrivals in hotels hold in June 2010 a weight of 77.1% of total arrivals in establishments of tourists' reception with accommodation functions. In comparison with June 2009, arrivals in hotels in June 2010 decreased by 1.7%.

Overnight stays registered in establishments of tourists' reception in June 2010 amounted to 1795.5 thousands, decreasing by 4.5% as against those in June 2009.

Overnight stays of Romanian tourists in establishments of tourists' reception with accommodation functions represented in June 2010 84.1% of total overnight stays, while overnight stays of foreign tourists represented 15.9 %.

Net use index of accommodation places in June 2010 was 28.8% per total establishments of tourists' accommodation decreasing by 2.1 percentage points as against June 2009.

Higher use indices of accommodation places in June 2010 were registered for ship accommodation places (57.5%) and for hotels (34.3%).

Arrivals of foreign visitors in Romania, according to customs amounted to 685.5 thousands in June 2010, decreasing by 3.1% as against June 2009. Majority of foreign visitors come from European countries (92.9%). From European Union countries there were registered 56.5% of total arrivals of foreign visitors in Romania. Among European Union states, most of arrivals from total arrivals of foreign visitors in Romania were registered from

Hungary (22.5%), Bulgaria (10.1%), Germany (4.9%), Italy (3.8%) and Austria (2.2%). Sea transport registered in June 2010, as against the same month of previous year, the highest fall (- 13.3%).

Departures of Romanian visitors abroad, according to the customs, amounted to 51.3 thousands in June 2010, decreasing by 16.2%, as compared to June 2009. Road transport means were mostly used by Romanian visitors for departures abroad, representing 72.4% of total departures.

In comparison with June 2009, the highest fall in June 2010 was registered by road transport (- 20.9%).

Semester I 2010 as to semester I 2009

	Arrivals ¹⁾			Overnight stays ¹⁾		
	Semester I 2009 ¹⁾ -thou -	Semester I 2010 - thou -	Semester I 2010 as to semester I 2009 -%-	Semester I 2009 ¹⁾ -thou -	Semester I 2010 - thou -	Semester I 2010 as to semester I 2009 -%-
Total	2610,6	2533,0	97,0	6493,7	6252,8	96,3
Romanian tourists	2027,9	1937,4	95,5	5275,3	5035,4	95,5
Foreign tourists	582,7	595,6	102,2	1218,4	1217,4	99,9

¹⁾ registered in structures of tourists' reception ; 1) revised data as against those previously issued; see methodological notes

Arrivals registered in establishments of tourists' reception in the first semester of 2010 amounted to 2533,0 thousands, decreasing by 3.0% as against those in semester I 2009.

Arrivals of Romanian tourists in establishments of tourists' reception with accommodation functions represented in semester I 2010 76.5% of total arrivals, while foreign tourists represented 23.5% of total arrivals, weights close to those of semester I 2009.

Arrivals in hotels hold in semester I 2010 a weight of 75.7% of total arrivals in establishments of tourists' reception with accommodation functions. In comparison with semester I 2009, arrivals in hotels in semester I 2010, decreased by 0,6%.

Overnight stays registered in establishments of tourists' reception in semester I 2010 amounted to 6252.8 thousands, decreasing by 3.7% as against those in semester I 2009.

Overnight stays of Romanian tourists in establishments of tourists' reception with accommodation functions represented in semester I 2010 80.5% of total overnight stays, while overnight stays of foreign tourists represented 19.5%.

Net use index of accommodation places in semester I 2010 was 22.1% per total establishments of tourists' accommodation, decreasing by 1.6% percentage points as against semester I 2009.

Higher net use indices of accommodation places in semester I 2010 were registered for ship accommodation places (72.3%) and for hotels (34.8%).

Arrivals of foreign visitors in Romania, according to the customs, were 3332,8 thousands in semester I 2010, decreasing by 3.4% as against semester I 2009. Majority of foreign visitors came from European countries (94.8%). From European Union states there were registered 62.0% of total arrivals of foreign visitors in Romania. Among European Union states, most of arrivals of total arrivals of foreign visitors in Romania were registered from Hungary (26.1%), Bulgaria (10.8%), Germany (5.2%), Italy (4.5%) and Austria (2.5%). Sea transport registered in semester I 2010, as compared to semester I 2009, the highest fall (-30.3%).

Departures of Romanian visitors abroad, according to the customs, amounted to 51.99.8 thousands in semester I 2010, decreasing by 8.5%, as compared to semester I 2009. Road transport means were mostly used by Romanian visitors for departures abroad, representing 75.0% of total departures. In comparison with semester I 2009, the highest fall in semester I 2010 was registered for sea transport (-33.8%).

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

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

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

2. Definitions

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

Overnight stay means the 24-hour interval, starting with the admission hour of respective establishment for which a person signs in the register of establishment and benefits of accommodation according to the price paid even if actual stay lasts less than the mentioned interval. Overnight stays related to 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 foreign visitors registered by the customs when entering the country. "Departures" is the measuring unit for Romanian visitors that travel abroad registered by the customs when leaving the country

Number of arrivals or departures of visitors is different from number of persons entering the country, respectively leaving the country. 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 Romanian visitors going abroad.

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

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

Origin country of international visitor is set up based on the citizenship from the visitor's passport.

3. Since 2010, statistical survey regarding "Occupancy of establishments of tourists' reception with accommodation functions" applies to all the establishments of tourists' reception having minimum 10 bed places accommodation capacity that operates in the reference month – about 3300 economic operators. For the sake of comparability, 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 economic operators.

For more information, see the statistical publication Monthly Statistical Bulletin, date of issue August 12, 2010

The next press release will be issued on Friday, September 3, 2010