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Tourism – June and Semester I 2011

Compared to the corresponding month of the previous year, both the arrivals and overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation increased by 17.6% and by 3.0%, respectively, in June 2011. Compared to June 2010, in June 2011 customs registered an increase in the arrivals of foreign visitors (+9.0%) and in the departures abroad of the Romanian visitors (+5.1%). In Semester I 2011, compared to Semester I 2010, both the arrivals and the overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation increased by 11.7% and by 4.2%, respectively.

June 2011 compared to June 2010

	Arrivals ^{*)}			Overnight Stays ^{*)}		
	June 2010 -thousands-	June 2011 -thousands-	June 2011 as to June 2010 -%-	June 2010 -thousands-	June 2011 -thousands-	June 2011 as to June 2010 -%-
Total	583.6	686.4	117.6	1795.5	1849.6	103.0
Romanian tourists	445.1	529.3	118.9	1509.3	1527.7	101.2
Foreign tourists	138.5	157.1	113.4	286.2	321.9	112.5

^{*)} Registered in the establishments of tourists' reception.

In June 2011, **the arrivals** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 686.4 thousand, 17.6% more compared to June 2010.

In June 2011, the arrivals of the Romanian tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 77.1% of the total arrivals, while the foreign tourists were 22.9% of the total arrivals, weights close to those of June 2010.

In June 2011, 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, 17.9% more compared to June 2010.

In June 2011, **the overnight stays** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 1849.6 thousand, 3.0% more compared to June 2010.

In June 2011, the Romanian tourists' overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 82.6% of the total overnight stays, while the foreign tourists' overnight stays were 17.4%.

In June 2011, **the net use index** of accommodation places was 27.3% on total tourists' accommodation, 1.5 % less compared to June 2010.

Hotels registered a net use index of accommodation places of 32.8%.

In June 2011, **the arrivals of foreign visitors to Romania**, according to customs, amounted to 746.9 thousand, 9.0% more compared to June 2010. Most of the foreign visitors came from European countries (93.2%). 55.0% 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 (39.1%), Bulgaria (15.3%), Germany (9.0%), Italy (7.5%) and Austria (4.1%).

In June 2011, **the departures of Romanian visitors abroad**, according to customs, amounted to 1000.2 thousand, 5.1% more compared to June 2010. The Romanian visitors abroad mostly used the means of road transport, 71.4% of the total departures.

Semester I 2011 compared to Semester I 2010

	Arrivals ⁾			Overnight Stays ⁾		
	Semester I 2010 -thousands-	Semester I 2011 - thousands -	Semester I 2011 as to Semester I 2010 -%-	Semester I 2010 -thousands-	Semester I 2011 - thousands -	Semester I 2011 as to Semester I 2010 -%-
Total	2533.0	2828.6	111.7	6252.8	6517.3	104.2
Romanian tourists	1937.4	2169.8	112.0	5035.4	5178.2	102.8
Foreign tourists	595.6	658.8	110.6	1217.4	1339.1	110.0

⁾ Registered in the establishments of tourists' reception

In Semester I 2011, **the arrivals** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 2828.6 thousand, 11.7% more compared to Semester I 2010.

In Semester I 2011, the arrivals of the Romanian tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 76.7% of the total arrivals, while the foreign tourists were 23.3% of the total arrivals, weights close to those of Semester I 2010.

In Semester I 2011, the arrivals at hotels had a weight of 77.7% of the total arrivals in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation, 13.0% more compared to Semester I 2010.

In Semester I 2011, **the overnight stays** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 6517.3 thousand, 4.2% more compared to Semester I 2010.

In Semester I 2011, the overnight stays of the Romanian tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception were 79.5% of the total overnight stays, while those of the foreign tourists were 20.5%.

In Semester I 2011, **the net use index** of accommodation places on total tourist accommodation structures was 22.2% on total establishments of tourists' reception, 0.1% more compared to Semester I 2010.

Hotels registered a net use index of accommodation places of 26.6%.

In Semester I 2011, **the arrivals of foreign visitors to Romania**, according to customs, amounted to 3314.9 thousand, 0.5% less compared to Semester I 2010. Most of the foreign visitors came from European countries (94.3%). 58.8% 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 (37.1%), Bulgaria (18.7%), Germany (8.6%), Italy (8.3%) and Austria and Poland (4.2% each).

In Semester I 2011, **the departures of Romanian visitors abroad**, according to customs, amounted to 5169.3 thousand, 0.6% less compared to Semester I 2010. The Romanian visitors abroad mostly used the means of road transport, 71.3% of the total departures.

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 August 12, 2011

The next issue of the press release will be on Monday, September 5, 2011