

METHODOLOGICAL NOTE

1. The data source consists of the monthly statistical survey concerning the "Occupancy 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 Regulation (EU) No. 692 of the European Parliament and Council, dated July 6, 2011, concerning the European statistics on tourism and the repeal of the Council Directive 95/57/EC of the Council.

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 Border Police within The Ministry of Domestic Affairs.

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 differ 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, 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. The statistical survey regarding the "Occupancy 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 and have an operating license given by the National Tourism Authority – about 5100 economic operators.

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