

COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT THE CREDIBILITY OF NATIONAL OFFICIAL STATISTICS

Romanian Government:

Taking into account that this Commitment is intended to implement the provisions at the national level Regulation (EU) no. 759/2015 of European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) no. 223/2009 stipulating that Member States and the Commission are called upon to take the necessary measures to ensure confidence in European national statistics;

Considering that credible statistics are one of the main elements necessary for public administration, policy makers, business environment, scientific research, academia, public opinion in general, to make well-founded decisions;

Taking into account the fact that the trust in the official statistics of Romania is implicitly directly related to the professional independence of the National Institute of Statistics (NIS), in his capacity as coordinator of the National Statistical System and main producer of statistical information data;

Recalling the fact that important steps have already been taken in establishing, implementing and operating the National Statistical System, in accordance with the statistical standards of the European Statistical System;

Reaffirming the full confidence in the professionalism of the staff involved in the production of statistical information within all authorities of the National Statistical System and appreciating the progress made so far in improving the quality of official statistics;

Desiring to ensure, maintain and increase the level of confidence in national statistics, based on the full implementation of the principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice;

Considering that improvements are still needed in the institutional framework in which the National Statistical System operates in order to ensure full compliance with the European Statistical System and the European Statistics Code of Practice;

Noting that the level of overall quality of statistics depends intrinsic on the quality of primary, statistical and administrative data sources, which must be constantly improved;

Convinced that the development and consolidation of quality and credible national statistics, in accordance with the principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice, can be achieved and can function only under the conditions assumed by the government and by the other institutions of the state administration, the obligation to respect the principles of professional independence of national statistics;

Taking into account that Regulation (EU) no. 759/2016 of the European Parliament and of the Council, amending Regulation (EC) no. 223/2009, stipulates the adoption of Commitments of national governments as functional mechanisms for ensuring public confidence in European and national statistics.

Commits to:

To guarantee and defend with its authority, through political and regulatory actions, the professional independence of the National Institute of Statistics of other producers of official statistics;

To guarantee the right and obligation of the president of the National Institute of Statistics in exercising his professional and managerial tasks regarding the production of official national statistics;

Facilitate the application at national level of European Union standards on the quality of statistical data, as set out in the principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice, in accordance with their prerogatives, strictly delimited by the condition of eliminating any pressure or interference likely to violate the principle of professional independence of the National Institute of Statistics of other producers of official statistics;

To support the National Institute of Statistics in exercising its role of coordinator of the National Statistical System as an active representative of the Romanian statistics within the European Statistical System;

To support the National Institute of Statistics and other authorities producing official statistical data in accessing and using, whenever necessary and free of charge, the registers and other sources of administrative data belonging to the units of the national public system and to take over in their own statistical system, subject to confidentiality, the data and information necessary for statistical purposes;

Facilitate the involvement and consultation of the National Institute of Statistics in the issuing of assent to draft new administrative registers or to expand / modify existing administrative data sources so that they can be used for statistical purposes, reducing the burden on data providers and the corresponding reduction in the cost of statistical information;

To ensure the adequate and stable financial resources necessary to maintain the improvement of the quality of official statistics, to maintain the increased capacity of the National Statistical System for assimilation and implementation of the provisions and current perspective requirements of the European Statistics Code of Practice.

For the Romanian Government

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