



**THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STATISTICS
ROMANIA**

PROCEDURE FOR ESTABLISHING OTHER PRODUCERS OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS

Preamble

- (1) Having regard to Regulation (EC) No. 223/2009, as subsequently amended and supplemented, which sets out that all activities performed at national level for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics shall be co-ordinated by national institutes of statistics,
- (2) Taking into account that national institutes of statistics, having the role of co-ordinators of national statistical systems, shall act as a contact point for Eurostat on statistical matters,
- (3) Taking into account that Law No. 226/2009 on the organisation and functioning of official statistics in Romania, as subsequently amended and supplemented, sets out that, beside the National Institute of Statistics, its territorial directorates and other subordinate institutions, as well as the Bank of Romania, the National Statistical System shall include:
 - a) the statistical offices of central government;
 - b) the statistical offices of local government;
 - c) the statistical offices of other public authorities and institutions (other than those within the National Bank of Romania),

these being authorised as producers of official statistics considering that the activities they carry out fully comply with the provisions of Law No. 226/2009 and are included in national statistical programmes approved by decisions of the Government of Romania,

- (4) Having regard to the European Statistics Code of Practice and the evaluation exercise on statistical activities at the level of the National Statistical System (the 2015 Peer Review), which states that all official statistics produced in Romania must meet the principles of the Code of Practice and the quality criteria set out in sectoral statistical legislation at European and national level,
- (5) Taking into account that in 2014 the European Statistical System Committee approved the common criteria for the designation of producers of official statistics, which should be coherently applied by the Member States in the European Statistical System,
- (6) Taking into account that in the framework of European and national statistical legislation it's necessary to define clear criteria and an adequate procedure for the designation of other producers of European official statistics, on the one hand, and national official statistics that are not covered by European statistics, on the other hand,

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establishes the scope, the criteria for defining other producers of official statistics and the principles for the implementation of the criteria, in accordance with the ones set by the European Statistical System Committee of 15 May 2014

1. Scope

These criteria and implementing principles cover:

- a) European official statistics, defined according to Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No. 223/2009;
- b) official statistics defined by correlating h), j) and m) of Article 4, "Definitions of basic terms", of Law No. 226/2009 on the organisation and functioning of official statistics in Romania, as subsequently amended and supplemented.

2. Criteria for defining other producers of official statistics

The institutions or their clearly identifiable entities that simultaneously meet the following criteria may be considered as "other producers of official statistics" (OPOS):

1. they exercise public authority based on national legislation or an administrative act;
2. the responsibility to produce statistics, on areas or variables, is set out in the national legislation on their organisation and functioning (e.g. law, Government decision, regulation on their organisation and functioning, mandate etc.) among the other specific activities;
3. they are responsible, at national level, for producing specific statistics or identifiable parts of European and/or national official statistics, with a clear link to sectoral legislation, the European Statistical Programme, the Annual Statistical Work Programme or a list of European or national statistical products.

3. Implementation of criteria for determining other producers of official statistics

To be defined as other producer of official statistics in Romania, the following aspects should be taken into consideration:

- (1) the exercise of public authority by OPOS should be stipulated in the national legislation or in an operation and organization administrative document;
- (2) OPOS should have a clear responsibility as to the production of a specific part of European and/or national statistics, by domains or variables, established by law, by government decision, by administrative act or any formal agreement with the Government or the NIS;
- (3) the production of statistical data and information should be a routine activity of OPOS, preferably stipulated by legislation, articles of incorporation, statutes or other document similar to those mentioned above;
- (4) if the production of statistical data and information is the main activity of certain entities within an institution, this specific organizational entity, responsible with producing statistics, must be clearly stated in the organizational structure and *the statistical responsible/leader* identified;
- (5) OPOS must, at least, process data collected from relevant sources and provide publishable statistical results, harmonized with the requirements of the respective EU or national sector legislation, in the agreements of the European Statistical System or the National

Statistical System or in the European or national methodologies. These results should not require any further processing before being sent to Eurostat or the NIS (not to be confused with verification or validation);

- (6) all authorities that regularly transmit European statistics to Eurostat, in agreement with the NIS, should be considered *other producer of European official statistics* and included in the list of other authorities producing European statistics, if they meet the Eurostat criteria, in accordance with the Procedure for updating the OPOS list of Eurostat (http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/747709/753176/2015+03+19_Procedure+to+update+List+of+ONAs/c2ca252f-bceb-48b3-92d0-cad03edce0ad);
- (7) all authorities that regularly transmit European statistics to the NIS should be considered *other producer of national official statistics* and included in the list of other authorities producing national statistics, if they meet the criteria set by the NIS, in accordance with the provisions of Art. 5 of Regulation (EC) No. 759/2015;
- (8) the list of other producers of European or national official statistics should not contain institutions that do not produce official statistics, even if they contribute to the production of statistics in different ways, e.g. through data collection, access to raw data, or providing data processing services without being responsible for the entire production process or the quality of the results. These institutions can be conceptually considered as "*contributors to the European/national official statistics*", without being considered members of the European or National Statistical System;
- (9) the statistical surveys run by OPOS are included in the National Statistical Programs;
- (10) the institutional environment and the statistical processes and products of OPOS comply with the Code of Practice of European Statistics.

4. Final provisions

The identification of the other producers of official statistics will be based on the questionnaire regarding the identification of other national producers of official statistics.

The other producers of European and national official statistics, determined based on the criteria set in the present document, are part of the National Statistical System Committee (COMSTAT), in accordance with Art. 7, Par. (6) of Law No. 226/2009 on the organization and functioning of official statistics in Romania, with subsequent amendments.

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