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STRATEGIC GUIDELINES

In the matter of European Affairs and International Cooperation, the INS vision is to create an informational framework, permanent and efficient, regarding the international activity of INS Romania, to send the message of Romanian official statistics' compliance with the European norms and standards.

The mission is to bring the information about the European statistics closer to the needs and interests of statistical users and to monitor continuously the absorption of the aquis communautaire in the Romanian statistics.

BILATERAL COOPERATION

The cooperation agreements and the experience exchanges between the Romanian National Institute of Statistics and other institutions of the member states and non member states continued to be performed, taking into consideration the proper know-how transfer in the statistical field provided by such actions.

- In June 2008 INS signed a cooperation agreement with ISTAT Italy. The purpose of the agreement is the establishment of direct statistical cooperation between the two institutions in a series of relevant statistical sectors, including international migration, sampling surveys, censuses, methodological issues, information systems.



Prof. Vergil Voineagu, President of the Romanian National Institute of Statistics and the staff of the Division of European Affairs and International Cooperation, Daniela Ștefănescu, Director and Tatiana Bârsănescu, Deputy Director.



- In March 2008 INS signed a cooperation agreement with Central Organisation for Statistics and Information Technology Iraq (COSIT). The area to be covered by the cooperation protocol covers different statistical fields like: business survey, labor cost survey, labor vacancies survey, labour supply survey, budget survey.
- Since 1992 INS/Romania assisted National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) of Republic of Moldova throughout technical assistance. Demography, social statistics and statistical nomenclatures were the main themes of the technical assistance granted in 2008.

HIGH-LEVEL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- **During the period 26-29 of February 2008**

INS Romania participated in the thirty-nine session of the UN Statistical Commission which was held in USA, New York. The event is the highest decision making body for international statistical activities especially the setting of statistical standards, the development of concepts and methods and their implementation at the national and international level.

- **In the period 10 - 12 June 2008 INS**

Romania attended at the fifty sixth CES plenary session, held in Paris. The Conference of European Statisticians provides a good platform for coordination of statistical work – its members are Heads of the national and international statistical organizations representing the UNECE and OECD member countries, plus some countries from outside the region and all major international organisations active in statistics.

- **In 2008 Romania succeeded to accede** the OECD

Committee on Statistics (CSTAT) and attended as an ad - hoc observer to the fifth Meeting of the OECD Committee on Statistics which was also held in June 2008 in Paris.



- **The topic of the 94th DGINS conference held in Vilnius in September 2008** was “The reduction of the administrative burden through official statistics”, a key issue and a matter of concern for official statistics in the recent years. At this high-level meeting the representatives of the INS Romania presented a working paper on “Ways to change the negative perception of statistics”. The paper underlined the efforts of the INS/Romania to build a correct perception of statistics.
- INS representatives participated at all four **Statistical Programme Committees meetings** held in 2008 (February, May, September and November) and at the Partnership Group Task Force 3 meetings on “ESS Resource Management and Planning”.

INS, HOST OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- **The Fourth International Conference on Applied Statistics – ICAS 4¹**, was organized in Bucharest on 22-22 November 2008 by the National Institute of Statistics in collaboration with the Faculty of Cybernetics, Statistic and Economic Information of the Academy for Economic Studies and the Romanian Society of Statistics. The Conference topics covered a wide range of fields belonging to statistics, economics, economic and social forecast and analyses,



¹For further information see: <http://www.simpozioninternationalstatistica-ed-4.ro/> and <http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu>



fundamental and applicative research studies, use of econometric and stochastic methods and of statistical-mathematical models and the use of IT and operational management applications.

- During July 11-12 2008, an international scientific seminar, **“Priorities of statistics after one year since Romanian accession to the European Union”** was held in Târgu Neamț.



The event took place with the occasion of celebrating ‘Statisticians Day’ and got together more than 70 representatives of its INS and of the territorial directions, academics from specialized higher education institutions (Academy for Economic Studies) from Romania and the Republic of Moldavia.

ROMANIA IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS AT EU LEVEL

In 2008 Romania has actively participated in the Council Working Parties on Statistics (WPS) and monitored closely the European draft legal instruments in the field of statistics for the smooth functioning of the INS within the EU statistical bodies. Romania attended at 14 meetings of WPS of the Council. 44 meetings of coordination of European affaires have taken place in the scope of preparing the Romanian position in COREPER.



INS – DONOR OF ASSISTANCE

Alongside INS is functioning the “National Centre for Training in Statistics”, (NSTC) which represents a supplier of training and professional specialization programmes and of statistical expertise acknowledged at national and international level.

In 2008 several consultancy statistical projects for other countries were developed by NSTC on international funds like the project for Ukraine “Development of the State Statistics System for Monitoring the Social and Economic Transformation” in the field of Agricultural Statistics, Price Statistics and Business Statistics.

NSTC Romania provided technical assistance to countries as Albania, Turkmenistan, Kirghizstan and Uzbekistan in different domains like: Regional statistical System Infrastructure, Services Statistics. In the framework of projects funded by the European Commission, NSTC Romania hosted study visits on behalf of Turkey and Kosovo, the subject of interest being Labour Force Statistics, National Accounts and Business Statistics.

Within NSTC were also organized international courses on Foreign Trade Statistics and Short Term Indicators Statistics funded by Multicountry programme and the European Training Programme in Statistics 2008 (ESTP).



Mariana Pietreanu, Director of National Centre for Training in Statistics (to the left) and her team.



INS : HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

On 12 July 1859 it was signed by Alexandru Ioan Cuza, Prince of the United Principalities of Wallachia and Moldavia, a document that established Romanian official statistics, a high importance political decision that acknowledged the major role of statistics in state government. In order to emphasize the importance of this political act, Romanian Government issued a decision in June 2002 establishing a 'Statistician Day' to be yearly celebrated in July.

In 2009 Romanian Institute of Statistics will hold a series of events to mark the **celebration of 150 years of Romanian official statistics**, an occasion for celebration and joy to which we invite you to honor us with your presence.



Founders of Romanian official statistics.

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Romanian statistics in the european context.