

## **Activity Report of National Statistical Council - 2020**

A central place in the process of coordinating the activity of official statistics services and harmonizing the company's statistical data requirements belongs to the National Statistical Council (NSC).

NSC was established based on the provisions of the Law on the organization and functioning of official statistics in Romania no. 226/2009, with subsequent amendments and completions. It ensures the objective, transparent and scientific character of the methodologies, indicators, nomenclatures and classifications used in the statistical activity. The tasks of the NSC are the following:

- debates and formulates recommendations regarding the development and improvement of the statistical information system, in order to increase the degree of satisfaction of the data users' requirements;
- debates, formulates recommendations and approves the draft strategy and the draft national statistical programs;
- debates and formulates recommendations in connection with the plans for the elaboration of methodologies, indicator systems, nomenclatures and classifications used in the National Statistical System;
- debates and formulates recommendations on all plans for the organization and development of statistical surveys of national importance, developed within the National Statistical System;
- debates and formulates recommendations on improving the tools and mechanisms for implementing the principles of NSS operation;
- debates, formulates recommendations and approves the draft normative acts regarding NSS;
- signals and debates the malfunctions within the NSS and formulates recommendations for their prevention and correction.

The objective of the NSC Activity Report for 2020 is to examine its activities.

In the context of the situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Council met in 2020 in a virtual meeting in which they discussed and approved: PSNA 2021, Annual Activity Report 2019 of the INS, Annual Activity Report of the NSC for the year 2019, as well as various other issues of importance for official statistics.

In its capacity as coordinator of NSS, NSC aims to intensify its activities in 2021 by prioritizing objectives and tasks, in order to satisfy as much as possible the needs of the statistical society.

For the future development and improvement of statistics, in close correlation with EU norms and standards, and for the improvement of statistical methods and procedures designed to lead to the efficient and complex use of statistical tools, the NSC has the task of becoming more involved in the NIS activities.

NSC, composed of the authorized representatives of the main categories of suppliers, producers and users of official statistical data and information, enjoyed a good collaboration with NIS, showing its receptivity to the relevant observations and recommendations made by Council members during discussion and approval NIS work plans.

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