

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

1. The data source is the Household Labour Force Survey (AMIGO) carried out on quarterly basis. according to the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council no. 577/1998 on the organization of a labour force sample survey in the European Community.
2. **The economically active population** comprises all persons providing the available labour force for the production of goods and services during the reference period, including employed and unemployed persons.
3. **Employment** comprises all persons aged 15 years and over who carried out an economic activity producing goods or services of **at least one hour**¹ during the reference period (one week), in order to get income as salary, payment in kind or other benefits.

Beginning with 2011, self-employed and contributing family workers from agriculture are considered as **employed persons** only if they are the owners of the agricultural production (not necessarily of the lands) achieved and they meet one of the following conditions:

- a) The agricultural production is intended, even partially, to sale or to barter agreements;
- b) The agricultural production is exclusively intended for self-consumption if it accounts for a significant part² of the total consumption of the household.

Besides the persons who have a job and have worked during the reference week, irrespective of their professional status, the persons belonging to the following categories are also considered employed persons:

- the persons who, during the reference week, have carried out a certain work, paid or bringing in income and who, **although attending school, being retired or benefiting of pensions, were registered with the National Agency for Employment (ANOFM) and received unemployment allowances or not;**
 - the remunerated apprentices and trainees, with fulltime or part-time working programme;
 - members of military staff.
4. **Usual working programme** of employed persons has been defined as **full-time** or **part-time** according to their statement. Generally, for the employees it is considered the "full-time" programme the programme of full-time work, as it is stipulated by the collective labour contract (normal duration) and the "part-time" program that whose duration stipulated by the individual labour contract is significantly lower than the normal duration.
 5. **Underemployed persons** are employed persons who are working part-time and who wish and are available to work more hours than at present.
 6. **The unemployed, according to the international definition (ILO*)**, are the persons aged 15-74 years who simultaneously meet the following 3 conditions: (i) they do not have a job; (ii) they are available to start working during the next two weeks; (iii) they were actively seeking for a job, at any time during the last four weeks.
 7. **Economically inactive population** comprises, according to this survey, all the persons who have not worked even one hour and who were not unemployed in the reference period, being in one of the following situations:
 - pupils or students;
 - pensioners (of all categories);
 - housekeepers (who carry out only housing activities in the household);
 - persons supported by other persons or by the state or self-supported from other income (rents, interests etc.).
 8. **Economically inactive persons who are seeking a job, but are not immediately available to start working** are persons aged 15-74 years, neither employed nor in unemployment (economically inactive persons), who looked for a job, during the 4 weeks previous to the interview, but are not available to start working in the next 2 weeks. This category includes:
 - a. persons who actively looked for a job in the 4 weeks previous to the interview but were not available to start working in the following two weeks;
 - b. persons who found a job and will start their activity in less than 3 months, but are not available to start working in the next 2 weeks;
 - c. persons who found a job and will start their activity after 3 months or more;
 - d. persons who looked for job, using exclusively passive methods, during the 4 weeks previous to the interview, even if they are available to start working.

¹ At least 15 hours for self-employed and contributing family workers from agriculture – previous to 2011

² At least 50% of the total consumption of the household

9. **Economically inactive persons who are not seeking a job, but are immediately available to start working** are persons aged 15-74 years, neither employed nor in unemployment (economically inactive persons), who wish to work, and are available to start working in the next 2 weeks, but did not look for a job during the 4 weeks previous to the interview.
10. **Potential additional labour force** represents the sum of the two categories: „economically inactive persons who are seeking a job, but are not available to start working” and „economically inactive persons who are not seeking a job, but are available to start working”.
11. **All indicators were calculated according to the resident population.**
12. Owing to the rounding of the final decimal part of the extension coefficients to 5 decimals, in the tables there are seldom small differences between some estimated totals and what results from the total. Data which have values below 6500 are not reliable due to the low number of observations; data which have values between 6500-11499 interval have a low degree of reliability; the variation coefficients are between 0.20 - 0.30.