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regarding the main short term indicators in the first semester of 2005, during 1.I-31.VII.2005
and in July 2005

Gross Domestic Product estimated for the first semester of 2005 amounted to RON 110263.2 million current prices, increasing – in real terms – by 4.9% as against the first semester of 2004. The growth was mostly determined by the higher volume of activity and, consequently, of gross value added in services (+6.9%), construction (+3.9%) and industry (+3.6%).

Final actual consumption registered a growth of 11.2% in the first semester of 2005, as compared to the first semester of 2004 and gross fixed capital formation increased by 7.6 %.

During 1.I.-31.VII.2005, gross index of **industrial production** registered a growth of 1.3 % as against the same period of 2004; in manufacturing, gross index was 102.2%. In July 2005, as compared to July 2004, gross index of industrial production decreased by 7.7%.

Labour productivity in industry increased by 3.3% during 1.I.-31.VII.2005, as against 1.I.-31.VII.2004 period.

Total turnover¹⁾ of enterprises having industry as main activity registered during 1.I.-31.VII.2005, in real terms, an increase of 2.6% in comparison with the same period of 2004; in July 2005, as against July 2004, total turnover decreased by 3.5%.

During 1.I.-31.VII.2005, **main resources of primary energy**, amounted to 24185.6 thou tons equivalent oil²⁾, of which 14384.1 thou tons equivalent oil from domestic production.

Investments achieved in the economy in the first semester of 2005 increased in real terms by 6.8% as the first semester of 2004.

In the first semester of 2005, the value of **construction works** increased by 3.3% as against the same period of 2004.

By elements of structure, new construction works represented 58.0% of total construction, capital repair works 16.3% and maintenance and current repair works carried out in existent buildings and construction 25.7%.

¹⁾ Total turnover comes from main activity and from secondary activities of industrial enterprises.

In July, 2005, the value of construction works increased by 6.5% as against the same month of 2004 and by 4.1% during 1.I-31.VII.2005 in comparison with the same period of 2004.

In the first semester of 2005, 18851 **construction licences** for residential buildings were released, of which those for one dwelling residential buildings represented 98.2% as against total. Residential buildings for which construction licences were released, have stipulated in their projects 21757 dwellings, having a useful floor of 3230.1 thou sq. m.

In July 2005 4404 licences for residential buildings were released.

In the first semester of 2005, the number of **finished dwellings** was 9999. 1035 dwellings were carried out from budgetary subsidies. The number of dwellings finished from population funds was by 1082 higher as against the first semester of 2004, this category still holding the highest weight (88.7% of total finished dwellings).

On June 30, 2005, 87297 dwellings were in various execution stages of construction works, of which 40.3% were under an advanced finalizing stage.

During 1.I-31.VII.2005, turnover volume of enterprises having as main activity **retail trade** (except trade of motor vehicles and motorcycles) was by 17.5% over the level registered during 1.I-31.VII.2004, higher growths being obtained both in sales of food goods (+18.9%) and in sales of non-food goods (+16.6%).

In July 2005, in comparison with July 2004, turnover obtained from retail trade was higher by 13.4% (+10.3% for food goods and +15.8% for non-food goods).

Turnover volume of enterprises having as main activity **wholesale and retail trade, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, retail trade of fuel for motor vehicles** registered during 1.I-31.VII.2005 was higher by 28.0% as against the same period of 2004, being supported both by higher turnover volume of trade and maintenance of motor vehicles (+38.9%) and of retail trade of fuel for motor vehicles (+17.8%).

In comparison with July 2004, turnover obtained in July 2005 was higher by 26.2% because of higher turnover obtained both from trade and maintenance of motor vehicles and from retail trade of fuel for motor vehicles (+38.4%, respectively +15.4%).

During 1.I-31.VII.2005, the activity of **market services rendered to the population** pointed out a turnover by 15.3% higher than in the same period of 2004. In comparison with July 2004, in July 2005 a growth of 25.7% was registered.

In the second quarter of 2005, **average number of pensioners** was 6158 thousands, decreasing by 29 thousands as against the first quarter of 2005.

²⁾ Conventional fuel with calorific power of 10 000 kcal/kg.

Social insurance pensioners represented 99.6% of total pensioners; in comparison with the first quarter of 2005, number of state social insurance pensioners registered the same level and number of farmers pensioners decreased by 29 thousands.

Monthly average pension of state social insurance pensioners was RON 261 in the second quarter of 2005, increasing by 0.4% as against the first quarter of 2005.

Ratio between average pension of state social insurance for age limit, full contribution (without tax) and net average earning was 49.7% in the second quarter of 2005.

According to the data provided by the National Agency for Employment, **number of registered unemployed** at the end of July 2005 was 489.3 thousands. In comparison with July 2004, number of unemployed registered at the agencies for employment was lower by 73.3 thousands. Out of total registered unemployed, women represented 41.9 %.

Unemployment rate registered in July 2005 was 5.5 % in relation with total civil active population, being placed at the level of June 2005. In July 2004, registered unemployment rate was 6.3%. Female unemployment rate was 4.9% (5.5% in July 2004) and male unemployment rate was 6.0% (7.0% in July 2004).

Higher unemployment rates were registered in the following counties: Hunedoara (10.5%), Mehedinți (10.0%), Ialomița (9.1%), Brașov, Covasna, Vaslui (8.3% each), Călărași and Galați (8.0% each). The lowest unemployment rates were registered in the counties: Bihor (2.1%), Timiș (2.3%), Ilfov (3.0%), Arad and Satu Mare (3.1% each), as well as in Bucharest Municipality (2.7%).