

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

1. The data source is constituted by the monthly statistical research on "Frequency of tourist reception structures with accommodation functions" (TURISM 1 A) for arrivals and overnight stays in the tourist reception structures with accommodation functions, according to Regulation (EU) no. 692 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 2011 on European statistics on tourism and repealing Council Directive 95/57 / EC.

The data regarding the arrivals of the foreign visitors in Romania and the departures of the Romanian visitors abroad, recorded at the border points, are obtained monthly from administrative sources - the General Inspectorate of Border Police, within the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

2. Definitions

The arrival of a tourist in a tourist reception structure with tourist accommodation functions is registered when a person is registered in the registry of the respective structure, to be lodged for one or more nights. In each structure of tourist reception with tourist accommodation functions, a single arrival per tourist is considered, irrespective of the number of overnight stays resulting from his uninterrupted stay.

Overnight is the 24-hour interval, starting with the hotel time, for which a person is registered in the tourist accommodation records and benefits from hosting in the account of the tariff related to the occupied space, even if the actual stay time is less than the mentioned period. The nights related to the extra beds (paid by tourists) are included here.

The index of net use of tourist accommodation places expresses the relation between the tourist accommodation capacity in operation and its actual use by tourists, in a given period. It results from the calculation by reporting the total number of overnight stays, at the tourist accommodation capacity in operation, during the respective period.

From a statistical point of view, "**international visitor**" means any person who travels to a country other than the one in which he habitually resides, for a period not exceeding 12 months, the main purpose of the visit being other than the exercise of a paid activities in the visited country.

"Arrivals" is the unit of measure for foreign visitors registered upon entering the country; "Departures" is the unit of measure for Romanian visitors traveling abroad registered on leaving the country.

The number of arrivals or departures of the visitors is different from the number of persons entering the country, respectively leaving the country. The same person from abroad can make several trips in the country, during the respective period, being registered each time as a new arrival. The same applies to the departures of Romanian visitors abroad.

The following categories of travelers are **excluded** from the arrivals and departures of international visitors:

- immigrants and emigrants;
- diplomats, consular representatives and members of the armed forces when moving to / from the place where they must carry out their mission, in another country;
- refugees and nomads.

The country of origin of the international visitor is established according to the citizenship registered in the visitor's passport.

3. The statistical research regarding "Frequency of the tourist reception structures with accommodation functions" is addressed to all the tourist reception structures, apartments and rooms for rent with a minimum accommodation capacity of 10 bed places that function in the reference month and which have a functioning authorization from the Ministry of Economy, Entrepreneurship and Tourism-Department for Tourism.

4. **The data are provisional and may be reviewed periodically** based on the adjustments made retroactively by the economic operators.