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The tourists' overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception increased by 3.3% in February

- Compared to the corresponding month of the previous year, both the arrivals and the overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation increased by 3.9 %, respectively by 3.3% in February 2018.
- Compared to February 2017, in February 2018 customs registered an increase in both the arrivals of foreign visitors of 9.0 % and in the departures abroad of the Romanian visitors of 0.9 %.
- 1. Arrivals and overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation February

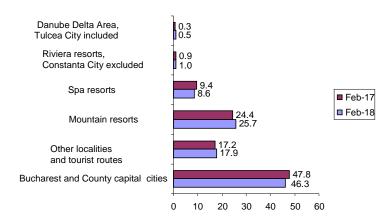
	Arrivals February 2018 February February compared			Overnight stays February 2018 February compared		
	2017 thousands	2018 thousands	to February 2017 -%-	2017 thousands	2018 thousands	to February 2017 -%
Total	679.1	705.9	103.9	1300.8	1343.7	103.3
Romanian tourists	543.5	561.1	103.2	1042.0	1065.0	102.2
Foreign tourists*) out of which:	135.6	144.8	106.8	258.8	278.7	107.7
- Europe	104.7	109.2	104.3	200.0	207.6	103.8
- The European Union	88.6	91.9	103.7	167.8	174.1	103.8
- Asia	18.3	21.0	114.8	35.9	43.2	120.3
- North America	7.9	7.4	93.7	14.2	13.2	92.9
- South America	1.0	1.1	110.0	1.9	2.3	121.1
- Africa	1.1	1.2	109.1	2.8	2.4	85.7

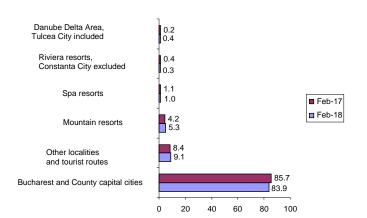
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1. The distribution of Romanian tourists' arrivals in the establishments of tourists' reception, by tourist areas, in February 2018 compared to February 2017

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2. The distribution of foreign tourists' arrivals in the

establishments of tourists' reception, by tourist areas,

Table data in xls format attached to the press release on the homepage

In February 2018, **the arrivals** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 705.9 thousands, 3.9% more compared to February 2017.

In February 2018, the arrivals of the Romanian tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 79.5% of the total arrivals, while the foreign tourists were 20.5%, weights similar to those of February 2017.

As to the arrivals of the foreign tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception, the highest weight had those coming from Europe (75.4% of the total of foreign tourists) and 84.2% of them came from European Union Member States.

In February 2018, **the overnight stays** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 1343.7 thousands, 3.3% more compared to February 2017.

In February 2018, the Romanian tourists' overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 79.3% of the total overnight stays, while the foreign tourists' overnight stays were 20.7%. As to the overnight stays of foreign citizens in the establishments of tourists' reception, the highest weight had those coming from Europe (74.5% of the total of foreign tourists) and 83.9% of them came from European Union Member States.

In February 2018, the average duration of stay was 1.9 days for both Romanian and foreign tourists.

In February 2018, **the net use index** of accommodation places was 23.9% on total tourists' accommodation structures, increasing by 0.9 percentage points compared to February 2017.

In February 2018, hotels (30.3%), tourist villas (18.4%), tourist boarding houses and hostels (18.0%).

In February 2018, hotels (30.3%), tourist villas (18.4%), tourist boarding houses and hostels (18.0% each), bungalows (16.0%) and tourist halts (15.5%) registered higher use indices of accommodation places.

In February 2018, **the arrivals of foreign visitors in Romania,** according to *customs*, amounted to 740.8 thousands, 9.0% more compared to February 2017. Most of the foreign visitors came from European countries (90.8%). 53.9% of the total arrivals of the foreign visitors to Romania were from European Union Member States, out of which the most arrivals were from Bulgaria (26.0%), Hungary (22.3%), Italy (10.8%), Germany (7.3%), France (5.2%) and the United Kingdom (5.0%).

In February 2018, **the departures of Romanian visitors abroad,** according to *customs*, amounted 1226.2 thousands, by 0.9% more compared to February 2017. The Romanian visitors abroad mostly used the means of road transport, 65.9 % of the total departures.

2. Arrivals and overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation – during 1.01 – 28.02

		Arrivals		Overnight stays		
	Period 1.01-28.02 2017 thousands	Period 1.01-28.02 2018 thousands	Per. 1.01- 28.02.2018 compared to per. 1.01- 28.02.2017 -%-	Period 1.01-28.02 2017 thousands	Period 1.01-28.02 2018 thousands	Per. 1.01- 28.02.2018 compared to per. 1.01- 28.02.2017 -%-
Total	1338.0	1427.9	106.7	2543.1	2705.3	106.4
Romanian tourists	1066.9	1134.1	106.3	2017.1	2127.8	105.5
Foreign tourists*) out of which:	271.1	293.8	108.4	526.0	577.5	109.8
- Europe	207.7	219.1	105.5	405.7	429.6	105.9
- The European Union	168.9	179.9	106.5	318.3	342.2	107.5
- Asia	37.8	44.5	117.7	75.2	91.9	122.2
- North America	15.5	15.4	99.4	26.5	26.9	101.5
- South America	2.2	2.5	113.6	3.8	4.7	123.7
- Africa	2.3	2.4	104.3	5.0	4.6	92.0

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In the period 1.01-28.02.2018, **the arrivals** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted 1427.9 thousands, 6.7% more compared to the period 1.01-28.02.2017.

In the period 1.01-28.02.2018, the arrivals of the Romanian tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 79.4% of the total arrivals, while the foreign tourists were 20.6%, weights similar to those of the period 1.01-28.02.2017.

As to the arrivals of the foreign tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception, the highest weight had those coming from Europe (74.6% of the total of foreign tourists) and 82.1% of them came from European Union Member States.

In the period 1.01-28.02.2018, **the overnight stays** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 2705.3 thousands, 6.4% more compared to the period 1.01-28.02.2017.

In the period 1.01-28.02.2018, the Romanian tourists' overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 78.7% of the total overnight stays, while the foreign tourists' overnight stays were 21.3%. As to the overnight stays of foreign visitors in the establishments of tourists' reception, the highest weight had those coming from Europe (74.4% of the total of foreign tourists) and 79.7% of them came from European Union Member States.

In the period 1.01-28.02.2018, **the average duration of stay** was 1.9 for Romanian tourists and 2.0 days for foreign tourists.

In the period 1.01-28.02.2018, **the net use index** of accommodation places was 22.8% on total tourists' accommodation structures, 1.4 percentage points more compared to the period 1.01-28.02.2017.

In the period 1.01-28.02.2018, hotels (28.5%), tourist villas (18.5%), tourist boarding houses (17.7%), hostels (16.8%) and tourist halts (15.3%) registered higher use indices of accommodation places.

By county, the number of tourists' arrivals in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation *) recorded in the period 1.01 - 28.02.2018 higher values in Bucharest Municipality (265.2 thousands), Braşov (210.6 thousands), Prahova (88.5 thousands) and Cluj (71.8 thousands), while the number of tourists' overnight stays *) recorded higher values in Braşov (447.6

thousands), Bucharest Municipality (432.5 thousands), Prahova (187.6 thousands) and Mureş (133.5 thousands).

Most of the foreign visitors accommodated in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation *) came from Israel (33.1 thousands), Italy (32.1 thousands), Germany (30.7 thousands), France (18.9 thousands) and the United Kingdom (17.5 thousands).

In the period 1.01-28.02.2018, **the arrivals of foreign visitors to Romania**, according to *customs*, amounted to 1548.0 thousands, 15.6% more compared to the period 1.01-28.02.2017. Most of the foreign visitors came from European countries (90.9%). 52.4% of the total arrivals of the foreign visitors to Romania were from European Union Member States, out of which the most arrivals were from Bulgaria (27.7%), Hungary (22.2%), Italy (10.8%), Germany (7.0%), France (5.1%) and Poland (4.8%).

In the period 1.01-28.02.2018, **the departures of Romanian visitors abroad,** according to *customs*, amounted 2937.6 thousands, by 7.9% more compared to the period 1.01-28.02.2017. The Romanian visitors abroad mostly used the means of road transport, 68.3% of the total departures.

*) Additional information on data in the press release can be found in the .xls file attached to the press release on the homepage

Additional Information:

Methodological Note

The arrival of a tourist in an establishment of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation is registered when a person signs in the register of the respective establishment for one night or several nights' accommodation. In each establishment of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation, regardless of the number of overnight stays, the continuous stay of a tourist counts as one arrival.

The overnight stay means the 24-hours interval, starting with the admission hour of the respective establishment, for which a person signs in the register of the establishment and benefits of accommodation according to the price paid, even if the actual stay lasts less than the mentioned interval.

The net use index of accommodation places represents the relationship between the capacity of tourist accommodation in operation and its actual use by tourists within a determined period. We do the calculation by dividing the total number of overnight stays completed with the tourist accommodation capacity in operation, in the respective period.

For additional information, kindly see the statistical publication "Monthly Statistical Bulletin" (date of issue April 26, 2018) and the on line TEMPO database of INS (data for February 2018 will be available on April 3, 2018).

The next issue of the press release on tourism will be on Thursday, May 3, 2018.

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