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### **State Audit Institution Confirmed Full Implementation of Recommendations Issued to Statistical Office within the Audit “Efficiency of the Development of Official Statistics in Montenegro”**

Statistical Office of Montenegro – MONSTAT is pleased to note that the State Audit Institution, in the Report on the Implementation of Recommendations issued within the performance audit “Efficiency of the Development of Official Statistics in Montenegro”, confirmed that the Statistical Office successfully implemented all six SAI recommendations.

The competent Panel of the State Audit Institution concluded that there is no need for further monitoring of the implementation of the recommendations, thereby confirming the successful completion of the implementation process. This further confirms the commitment of the Statistical Office to the continuous improvement of the official statistics system, strengthening institutional capacities, and developing a culture of quality in line with the principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice.

The SAI recommendations were aimed at improving the system of planning, implementation, and reporting within the Strategy for the Development of Official Statistics, as well as strengthening the quality, coordination, and sustainability of Montenegro’s statistical system. In order to implement the recommendations, numerous activities were carried out, including:

- Conducting an employee satisfaction survey and improving the human resources development policy;
- Adopting a multi-annual training programme for acquiring statistical knowledge and skills;
- improving the strategic planning system through the analysis of available capacities and resources;
- Establishing the Expert Team of the Statistical System of Montenegro in order to strengthen coordination among producers of official statistics;
- Improving the reporting system and monitoring the implementation of strategic objectives;
- Signing Cooperation Agreements with other producers of official statistics for the application of the European Statistics Code of Practice and the ESS Quality Assurance Framework.

Improving the quality of official statistics represents an important part of Montenegro’s European Union accession process, especially within negotiating Chapter 18 – Statistics. Reliable, independent, timely, and internationally comparable statistics represent one of the key

foundations for evidence-based policymaking, effective monitoring of social and economic trends, and fulfilment of obligations within the European integration process.

Through the implementation of the SAI recommendations, additional improvements were made to:

- System for planning and managing the development of official statistics;
- Coordination among institutions involved in the statistical system;
- Compliance with European quality standards;
- Monitoring, evaluation, and reporting systems;
- Institutional and human resource capacities for the development of official statistics.

Statistical Office will continue, in the coming period, activities aimed at further improving the quality of statistical data, developing modern sources and methods of statistical production, strengthening cooperation within the statistical system, and achieving full alignment with European Union standards.

The final Report of the State Audit Institution is available on [the official SAI website](#).

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