

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATISTICAL SYSTEM COUNCIL

Held on 25 February 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in the Conference Hall of the Statistical Office of Montenegro

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PRESENT:

Miroslav Pejović
Branka Šušić Radovanović, MSc
Ernad Kolić, MSc
Prof. Nevena Mijajlović, PhD
Miloš Mišković
Ana Ljumović
Mira Radunović, MSc
Marko Todorović
Boris Mugoša
Željka Vulanović
Biljana Vučetić
Marina Jovanović

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ABSENT:

Prof. Božidar Popović, PhD,
Jelena Đukić
Mirjana Nedović Vuković, PhD,
Robert Rajković
John M. Barac

Also attending the meeting: Bojana Radojević MSc

AGENDA

1. Report on the implementation of the 2025 Annual Plan of Official Statistics;
2. Report on the implementation of the Action Plan for the Official Statistics Development Strategy 2024–2028 (for 2025);
3. Report on the activities carried out for the 2025 Population, Households and Dwellings Census and on the expenditure of funds allocated from the Budget of Montenegro;
4. Peer Review – significance of the process and overview of activities, including the Statement of the Statistical System Council on Commitment to Quality and the Implementation of the Principles of Official Statistics;
5. Any other business.

Following the establishment of a quorum, the Chair of the Statistical System Council noted that no comments had been received on the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes and the proposed agenda were unanimously adopted.

Under the first agenda item, Ernad Kolić, MSc Acting Assistant Director of the Sector for Coordination of Statistical Data Sources and International Cooperation, informed the Council members that the Statistical Office of Montenegro, in cooperation with the other producers of official statistics, had prepared the Report on the implementation of the 2025 Annual Plan of Official Statistics.

In accordance with the 2025 Annual Plan of Official Statistics, a total of 206 statistical surveys had been planned. Of these, 197 surveys were implemented, representing 96% of the planned activities.

Following the presentation and a brief discussion, the Council members unanimously expressed a positive opinion on the Report on the implementation of the 2025 Annual Plan of Official Statistics.

Under the second agenda item, Ernad Kolić, MSc Acting Assistant Director of the Sector for Coordination of Statistical Data Sources and International Cooperation, informed the Council members that the Statistical Office of Montenegro, in cooperation with the other producers of official statistics, had prepared the Report on the implementation of the Action Plan for the Official Statistics Development Strategy 2024–2028 (for 2025).

He pointed out that during the two-year implementation period of the Action Plan, 32 out of the total 38 planned activities (84.2%) had been completed, of which 24 activities were implemented in 2025.

He also noted that the draft Report on the implementation of the Action Plan for the Official Statistics Development Strategy 2024–2028 (for 2025) had previously been submitted to the General Secretariat of the Government for its opinion, and that a positive opinion had been received.

Following a brief discussion on the proposed document, the Council members unanimously expressed a positive opinion.

Under the third agenda item, the Director of the Statistical Office of Montenegro, Miroslav Pejović, presented information on the draft Report on the activities carried out for the 2025 Population, Households and Dwellings Census and on the expenditure of funds allocated from the Budget of Montenegro.

He pointed out that the activities implemented during 2025 included the publication of the final Census results through 11 thematic releases, additional processing of Census data at users' request, coding of occupation and activity variables, as well as the implementation of thematic statistical logical consistency checks.

Following a brief discussion on the proposed document, the Council members unanimously expressed a positive opinion.

Under the fourth agenda item, the information was presented by Mr Bojana Radojević, Head of the Division for National Coordination of Statistical Data Sources.

She informed the Council members that the Statistical Office of Montenegro, together with the other producers of official statistics, was preparing for the forthcoming Peer Review mission of the national statistical system conducted by Eurostat.

She pointed out that the adoption of the Statement on Commitment to Quality and the Implementation of the Principles of Official Statistics confirms the Council's commitment to the development, continuous improvement and preservation of the quality of official statistics.

Following the presentation, the Council members unanimously expressed a positive opinion on the draft Statement of the Statistical System Council on Commitment to Quality and the Implementation of the Principles of Official Statistics.

Under Any Other Business, Ernad Kolić, MSc, Acting Assistant Director, informed the Council members that, in the previous period, a meeting of the Working Group for the Improvement of Administrative Data Sources on Tourist Traffic and Tourism Revenue had been held.

The Council members agreed that a thematic meeting of the Council should be organised, at which the members of the Working Group would present their conclusions. It was also agreed to invite representatives of the Ministry of Tourism to present the activities undertaken so far regarding the development of the information system, its current status and the planned next steps. It was further proposed that a representative of the Ministry of Public Administration should also attend the meeting.

Chair of the Statistical System Council

Prof. Nevena Mijajlović, PhD

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