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QUALITY DECLARATION OF MONTENEGRO STATISTICAL SYSTEM

For the purposes of ensuring the quality of official statistics results, Statistical Office has adopted **the Quality Declaration** that is aligned with the Quality Policy and principles of official statistics of Montenegro. The purpose of official statistics is continuous development, production, and dissemination of statistical data in line with the European Statistics Code of Practice. The principles of European Statistics Code of Practice are incorporated in the Law of Official Statistics and Official Statistical System (Official Gazette of Montenegro No 18/12 and 47/19), and together with the quality management principles represent a common quality framework. They are fully adapted to the statistical needs because they systematically improve the quality of statistical processes, final results as well as providing services to the users.

Mission of Montenegro statistical system

The mission of Montenegro statistical system is to provide:

1. Appropriate, relevant, reliable, and timely official statistical data, to help planning and decision making within the Government of Montenegro and community;
2. Production and dissemination of official statistics is aligned with scientific principles, professional ethics, and international standards.

Vision of Montenegro statistical system

The vision of Montenegro statistical system is the production of coherent, relevant, and objective official statistical data based on international concepts, methodologies, and strict regime of data protection. Aimed at providing the quality of results, official statistics is developed, produced, and disseminated based on harmonised methods and standards. In this regard, the following principles are implemented and documented through the reports on quality of statistical domains:

1. **'Relevance'** according to which the official statistics data should fulfil the defined conditions of informing in line with the official statistics tasks;
2. **'Accuracy and reliability'** according to which activities and methods that relate to collection, processing, and dissemination of official statistics data must be aligned with the valid professional standards, scientific methods and principles of professional ethics, to accurately and reliably present the reality;
3. **'Timeliness'** that relates to the period between the accessibility of information and event or phenomena they describe;
4. **'Accuracy'** according to which official statistics has an obligation to regularly check the adequacy of official statistics data and to timely recognise new needs of users for a certain type of data;
5. **'Accessibility and clarity'** that relates to conditions and modalities according to which the users can receive, use, and interpret the data;
6. **'Coherence and comparability'** according to which the official statistics data should be aligned with each other in terms of contents, terminology, and periodicity, as well as with internationally recognised concepts, nomenclatures, classifications, definitions, and methods, aimed at reaching their comparability.