

QUALITY DECLARATION OF STATISTICAL OFFICE

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 on Official Statistics and Official Statistics System (Official Gazette of Montenegro No 18/12 of 30 March 2014) 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 Statistical Office

The task of official statistics is to provide quantitative and representative information on economic, demographic, and social situation as well as on environment in Montenegro, to all users, according to the internationally defined methodology and the highest professional standards. The data for national needs and international dissemination are provided at minimum costs. Modern approach of management, professional development of staff, regular alignment with the international standards, user oriented approach, modernization of process, and improvement of working conditions are the most important activities that enable Statistical Office to fulfil the mission.

Vision of Statistical Office

Our vision is that Statistical Office is recognised as an institution that provides internationally comparable, reliable, and timely data in line with the users' needs at national and international level. It means the creation of unique and aligned methodological European system that, with the use of the most modern technology and at minimum costs of human and financial resources, produces the most quality data in the shortest possible period, in the best possibly accessible manner to all users at the same time.

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. **'Punctuality'** 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.