

Session held on 17 September 2024

Following the establishment of a quorum, unanimous agreement was reached among the members of the Council, and the minutes of the previous session, as well as the proposed agenda with an amendment, were unanimously adopted.

Under the first agenda item, upon the proposal of the Director of the Statistical Office, Ms Sanja Pejović was appointed as the new Secretary of the Statistical System Council. The proposal was unanimously approved.

Under the second agenda item, "Inclusion of the Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation in the Official Statistics System," information was presented by Ms Snežana Remiković, Assistant Director of the Department of Social Statistics and Demography. Ms Remiković underlined that the re-inclusion of the Ministry in the official statistics system would ensure continuity in statistical monitoring, production and dissemination of official statistics results in the field of Research and Development.

Following a brief discussion, the Council proceeded to voting, and the proposal was unanimously adopted. Accordingly, the Statistical System Council issued a positive opinion on the inclusion of the Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation in the official statistics system for the period 2024–2028.

Under the third agenda item, the members were informed of the necessity to amend the Programme of Official Statistics 2024–2028 and the Annual Plan of Official Statistics for 2024, as a consequence of the inclusion of the Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation. The members of the Statistical System Council voted on the proposed amendments and unanimously issued positive opinions.

Under the fourth agenda item, Mr Ernad Kolić, in his capacity as Coordinator of the Working Group for the Improvement of Tourism Statistics, Tourist Turnover and Tourism Revenues, informed the members of the Council that the Working Group had convened several sessions during the previous period and had reached specific conclusions. In this regard, a presentation was prepared and the conclusions of the Working Group were presented to the Council.

Under the fifth agenda item, "Any Other Business," the Director of the Statistical Office, Mr Miroslav Pejović, informed the members of the Council of the following:

The Population, Households and Dwellings Census is in its final phase, and the Statistical Office will inform the public, through a media announcement, of the date of publication of the results, as well as the date on which citizens will be able to verify the data collected during the Census;

The Agricultural Census will commence on 1 October, and the related information campaign is currently ongoing;

The Draft Law on Amendments to the Law on Official Statistics and the Official Statistics System has been submitted to the European Commission for an opinion. Upon receipt of the Commission's feedback, the further legislative procedure will continue.

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