

## **MINUTES OF THE SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE STATISTICAL SYSTEM**

Held on 3 December 2025, at 10:00, in the Conference Hall of the Statistical Office

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Miroslav Pejović,  
MSc Branka Šušić Radovanović,  
MSc Ernad Kolić,  
Prof. Dr Nevena Mijajlović,  
Miloš Mišković,  
Ana Ljumović,  
MSc Mira Radunović,  
Marko Todorović,  
Boris Mugoša,  
Željka Vulcanović,  
Biljana Vučetić,  
Marina Jovanović,  
Robert Rajković, and  
John M. Barac.

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Prof. Dr Božidar Popović,  
Jelena Đukić, and  
Dr Mirjana Nedović Vuković.

### **AGENDA:**

1. Annual Plan of Official Statistics for 2026, and
2. Action Plan for the Implementation of the Strategy for the Development of Official Statistics 2024–2028 for the period 2026–2027.

After establishing a quorum for holding the regular session of the Council of the Statistical System, the Chair of the Council, Prof. Dr Nevena Mijajlović, stated that there were no comments on the minutes from the previous session. The minutes were adopted by a majority vote, with the representative of the NGO sector, John M. Barac, abstaining.

The proposed agenda was adopted unanimously.

**Under Item 1 of the Agenda**, MSc Ernad Kolić, Head of the Department for National Coordination of Statistical Data Sources, informed the members of the Council that the Statistical Office, in cooperation with other producers of official statistics, and in accordance with Articles 23 and 24 of the Law on Official Statistics and the System of Official Statistics (“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 18/12, 47/19 and 23/25), had prepared the Annual Plan of Official Statistics for 2026.

He pointed out that a total of 210 statistical surveys are planned for implementation in 2026. The Annual Plan foresees that the Statistical Office will independently implement 179 surveys (85% of the total). Other producers of official statistics will implement 29 surveys (14%), while two surveys (1%) are planned as joint activities, within the cooperation of the Statistical Office, the Ministry of Finance, and the Central Bank of Montenegro.

The Annual Plan also includes 31 pilot statistical surveys, as well as two new statistical surveys.

Following the presentation and a brief discussion, the members of the Council unanimously issued a positive opinion on the Annual Plan of Official Statistics for 2026.

**Under Item 2 of the Agenda**, MSc Ernad Kolić informed the members of the Council that the Statistical Office had prepared a draft Action Plan for the period 2026–2027 for the implementation of the Strategy for the Development of Official Statistics 2024–2028, in accordance with the Regulation on the manner and procedure for drafting, harmonising and monitoring the implementation of strategic documents (“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 54/18) and the guidelines from the Methodology for policy development, drafting and monitoring the implementation of strategic documents.

He stated that the Action Plan represents the second two-year planning document within the Strategy and elaborates the strategic and five operational objectives through defined activities, performance indicators, and result indicators.

He emphasized that the draft Action Plan for the period 2026–2027 had been previously submitted to the General Secretariat of the Government for obtaining an opinion, and that a positive opinion had been received.

Following a brief discussion on the proposed document, the members of the Council of the Statistical System unanimously issued a positive opinion on the draft Action Plan for the period 2026–2027 for the implementation of the Strategy for the Development of Official Statistics 2024–2028.

Chair of the Council of the Statistical System  
Prof. Dr Nevena Mijajlović

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