

MINUTES OF THE CONSTITUTIVE SESSION OF THE STATISTICAL SYSTEM COUNCIL

Held on 13 June 2025, at 10:00 a.m., in the Conference Hall of the Statistical Office

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PRESENT:

1. Miroslav Pejović,
2. Branka Šušić Radovanović, MSc,
3. Prof. Dr Nevena Mijajlović,
4. Ernad Kolić, MSc,
5. John M. Barac,
6. Biljana Vučetić,
7. Prof. Dr Božidar Popović,
8. Jelena Đukić,
9. Željka Vulanović,
10. Miloš Mišković, and
11. Robert Rajković.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ABSENT:

1. Ana Ljumović,
2. Marko Todorović,
3. Dr Mirjana Nedović Vuković,
4. Marina Jovanović,
5. Mira Radunović, MSc, and
6. Boris Mugoša.

AGENDA:

1. Opening of the constitutive session and election of the President, Vice-President and Secretary of the Statistical System Council;
2. Adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the Statistical System Council;
3. Draft Rulebook on the Safekeeping of Statistical Data;
4. Draft Law on the Classification of Activities;
5. Establishment of the Working Group for the improvement of administrative data sources on tourism turnover and the enhancement of tourism revenues;
6. Other business.

After establishing a quorum for holding the session, the Director of the Statistical Office, Mr Miroslav Pejović, welcomed the new members of the Statistical System Council, Ms Jelena Đukić and Ms Željka Vulanović.

Within the first agenda item, the members of the Council unanimously elected Prof. Dr Nevena Mijajlović as President of the Council, Mr Miroslav Pejović as Vice-President, and Ms Sanja Pejović as Secretary of the Council.

The minutes of the previous session, as well as the proposed agenda, were unanimously adopted.

Regarding the second agenda item, the President of the Council put the Rules of Procedure of the Statistical System Council to the vote, which were unanimously adopted.

Regarding the third agenda item, the Director of the Statistical Office, Mr Miroslav Pejović, briefly explained the Draft Rulebook and emphasised that the Rulebook on the Safekeeping of Statistical Data regulates the manner, duration, technical conditions and organisation of the safekeeping of statistical data, with the aim of preventing their destruction, misappropriation and unauthorised use.

Following a brief discussion, the members of the Council issued a positive opinion on the Draft Rulebook on the Safekeeping of Statistical Data. The representative of the Ministry of Finance, Mr Miloš Mišković, abstained from voting.

With regard to the fourth agenda item, Mr Ernad Kolić, Acting Assistant Director of the Sector for Coordination of Statistical Data Sources, informed the members of the Council about the Draft Law on the Classification of Activities.

Following a brief discussion, a vote was taken and the Council unanimously issued a positive opinion on the Draft Law on the Classification of Activities.

The fifth agenda item concerned the re-establishment of the Working Group for the improvement of tourism statistics, tourism turnover and tourism revenues, following the constitution of the new composition of the Council. Within this agenda item, the Council adopted the following conclusions:

1. To prepare a Decision on the establishment of the Working Group for the improvement of administrative data sources on tourism turnover and the enhancement of tourism revenues within the Statistical System Council, with the following members: Ernad Kolić, MSc, Mira Radunović, MSc, Robert Rajković, Boris Mugoša, Miloš Mišković, and Željka Vulanović.
2. To submit an initiative, on behalf of the Statistical System Council, to the Ministry of Tourism, proposing that the Statistical Office be included as an equal member of the Operational Team within the Coordination Body for managing the process of digital transformation, whose task is to develop software for the registration of business entities, other legal entities, entrepreneurs and natural persons providing accommodation services to domestic and foreign guests. This initiative is submitted with the aim of improving the quality and availability of new information, i.e. variables in administrative data sources, in line with international definitions and standards of tourism statistics.

Under the item "Other business", in response to a question raised by the representative of the NGO sector, Mr John M. Barac, the Director of the Statistical Office, Mr Miroslav Pejović, referred to the status of Negotiating Chapter 18 – Statistics and stated that the alignment of the trilateral agreement between the Statistical Office, the Ministry of Finance and the Central Bank of Montenegro is currently underway, with its signing expected in the near future. Activities within Negotiating Chapter 18 – Statistics are proceeding in line with the planned schedule.

President of the Statistical System Council

Prof. Dr Nevena Mijajlović

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