



## The Council of Statistical System

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In the context of the peer assessment of the official statistical system of Montenegro within the European Statistical System, and in accordance with Article 13, paragraph 1, item 9 of the Law on Official Statistics and Official Statistical System (Official Gazette of Montenegro No 18/12, 47/19, and 23/25), the Council of Statistical System confirms its permanent commitment of the official statistical system of Montenegro to a culture of quality, transparency, and accountability, with continuous alignment with the legal framework in the field of official statistics and the practices of the European Statistical System, with the aim of strengthening user trust and contributing to Montenegro's European integration process.

On this occasion, the Council of Statistical System issues the following:

### **STATEMENT**

#### **on Commitment to Quality and the Application of the Principles of Official Statistics**

*The Council of Statistical System confirms its full commitment to the development, improvement, and maintenance of the quality of official statistics, as well as to the consistent application of the principles of official statistics established by national legislation and European standards.*

*The system of official statistics of Montenegro is committed to the production and dissemination of relevant, accurate, reliable, and timely statistical data, in accordance with the Law on Official Statistics and Official Statistical System, strategic documents for the development of official statistics, principles of official statistics, the European Statistics Code of Practice, and the Quality Assurance Framework of the European Statistical System (ESS).*

*Quality management is a fundamental value of the official statistical system and implies systematic and continuous improvement of all phases of the statistical process – from planning and data collection, through data processing and analysis, to dissemination and communication with users. Particular attention is paid to ensuring professional independence, impartiality, objectivity, and statistical confidentiality, as key principles for maintaining public trust in official statistics.*

*The system of official statistics of Montenegro is based on the application of standardized and transparent statistical methods, internationally recognized classifications and methodologies, regular self-assessments and quality reports, as well as the implementation of recommendations arising from the Peer Review process. Particular importance is attached to strengthening the coordinating role of the system, improving inter-institutional cooperation and ensuring a consistent application of the European Statistics Code of Practice in the work of all official statistics producers.*

*The Council of Statistical System supports the continuous development of human, technical and organizational capacities, modernization of statistical processes, and application of innovative solutions, including the use of administrative and new data sources, with the aim of increasing efficiency and quality of official statistical results.*

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