

THE ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN OF STATISTICAL ACTIVITIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA FOR 2023.

Croatian Bureau of Statistics (CBS) has, as the main producer, disseminator and coordinator of the official statistics system in the Republic of Croatia, together with other producers of official statistics, made the Draft proposal for the Annual Implementation Plan of Statistical Activities of the Republic of Croatia in 2023 (hereinafter: Annual Implementation Plan:).

The Annual Implementation Plan is made in accordance with the Official statistics act, (Official gazette, No 25/20.) (hereinafter: OSA), and it is adopted by the Croatian Parliament and published in Official gazette.

According to the OSA, the Annual Implementation Plan is prepared for each year to which the Program of Statistical Activities of the Republic of Croatia refers. Thus, the Annual Implementation Plan for 2023 refers to the third year of implementation of the Program of Statistical Activities of the Republic of Croatia 2021-2027 (hereinafter: Program).

National statistical system (NSS) consists of 6 institutions. Croatian bureau of statistics (CBS) as the central body and the Croatian National Bank are determined by the Official Statistics act, while the other bodies are other authorized bodies of official statistics determined by the Program of Statistical Activities of the Republic of Croatia 2021 - 2027: Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, Croatian Institute of Public Health, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Agriculture.

The Annual Implementation Plan determines the statistical activities and defines the producers responsible for official statistics, reporting units, periodicity, deadlines for data collection, indicative deadlines for the publication of results, geographical levels for which statistical data are published, the relevant legal basis and/or other standards and, as necessary, other features of the mentioned statistical activities.

As a member of the ESS and the international statistical community, Croatia contributes to the development of internationally comparable statistics, international standards and the exchange of good practice at the international level. The CBS, as the main representative of NSS before European and international statistical bodies, intensively participates in activities at the international level.

All statistical activities are carried out on the basis of the OSA. In accordance with the provisions of the aforementioned Act, the Croatian Statistical System carries out three types of statistical activities:

- I. statistical research based on direct data collection (label I),
- II. statistical research whose data is obtained from administrative sources or by the method of observation and monitoring (label II) and
- III. development activities, censuses and other more comprehensive statistical surveys (label III).

The Annual Implementation Plan for 2023 provides for the implementation of a total of 297 statistical activities, of which 163 are based on direct data collection, 91 statistical activities are based on administrative sources or the method of observation and monitoring, and 43 are development activities. Out of a total of 297 statistical activities in 2023, the Croatian Bureau

of Statistics will carry out 84%, or 248 statistical activities, while the remaining 49 (16%) statistical activities will be carried out by other producers of official statistics.

The production of official statistics is regulated by a strict legal framework (Treaty on the Functioning of the EU) and supplemented by a strong autonomous quality framework, the backbone of which is the Code of Practice of European Statistics and the Framework for Quality Assurance of the European Statistical System.

The producers of official statistics are professionally independent in their work, impartial towards all users, objective and reliable, and respect the principles of statistical confidentiality and cost efficiency. The development, production and dissemination of official statistical data are based on prescribed methodologies, the best international standards and transparently documented appropriate procedures, as well as on quality criteria: relevance, accuracy, timeliness and compliance with publication deadlines, compliance and comparability, availability and clarity of data.

The financial framework for the implementation of this Annual implementation plan is contained in the state budget, that is, the budgets of official statistics producers and other sources of funds, especially Eurostat grants and structural funds of the European Union.

In accordance with the Official Statistics Act, the CBS presented the Annual Implementation Plan 2023 to the Statistical Council of the Republic of Croatia, which unanimously accepted it at its session held on 29 September 2022.

The CBS submits Annual Implementation Plan 2023 to the Government of the Republic of Croatia for its acceptance and referral to the further procedure for adoption in the Croatian Parliament, as prescribed by the Official Statistics Act. The Plan was adopted on 17 March 2023 by the Croatian Parliament. It is published in the Official Gazette No. 35/23.