

The Programme of the Statistical Activities of the Republic of Croatia 2021 – 2027

Abstract

The Programme of Statistical Activities of the Republic of Croatia 2021 – 2027 (hereinafter: the Programme) is a medium-term act of strategic planning for the development of official statistics of the Republic of Croatia, which covers the seven-year period from 2021 to 2027. It defines in more detail the development objectives and manners of achieving particular objectives defined in the Strategy for the Development of Official Statistics 2021 – 2030, while for each year of the duration of the Programme the short-term Annual Implementation Plan of Statistical Activities of the Republic of Croatia is adopted.

The Programme determines statistical activities for a multiannual period in accordance with the Official Statistics Act (Official Gazette, No. 25/20), national needs and obligations arising from the membership of the Republic of Croatia in the European Union.

A specific feature of the Programme is its harmonisation with the European Statistical System, which is the reason why it is adopted for a period equivalent to the duration of the European Statistical Programme. The European Statistical Programme also provides a framework for planning activities of the national statistical system aimed at enabling comparability of statistical data of the Republic of Croatia with EU Member States data.

The adoption of the Programme is also important for the purpose of defining other producers of official statistics, which constitute the national official statistics system, together with the legally authorised Croatian Bureau of Statistics and the Croatian National Bank. Therefore, the Programme for the next period determines the following authorised bodies as producers of official statistics: the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development and the Croatian Institute of Public Health. All these institutions make up the national official statistics system.

The Programme includes priority areas, activities that the Croatian statistical system should cover in the period to which it relates, an overview of the development goals of official statistics by statistical domains, main outputs to be produced and disseminated, responsible producers of official statistics as well as the main purpose and main users of statistical data. The Programme contains the following five chapters: Demographic and social statistics, Economic statistics, Sector statistics, Environmental statistics and Multi-domain statistics as well as methodology of data collection, processing, dissemination and analysis.

The development of the Programme of Statistical Activities started from the needs of users, but also the obligations arising from the membership of the Republic of Croatia in the European Union, which are listed in the document Statistical Requirements Compendium (2021 edition; [Statistical Requirements Compendium – 2021 edition - Products Manuals and Guidelines - Eurostat \(europa.eu\)](#)), therefore the elaboration of activities and development objectives of the Programme is structured according to statistical domains in line with the international classification of statistical activities.

As the Programme is developed in accordance with the user needs, it is possible to amend it to include subsequent user requirements and the obligation to submit statistical data of the European Commission defined by the new legislation. There is also the possibility of subsequent changes to the content of the Programme, depending on available funds. Amendments to the Programme are implemented in accordance with the provisions of the Official Statistics Act.