

# NEWSLETTER

# CENSUS 2020

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The Census 2020 Newsletter will reflect the activities that INSTAT is undertaking and will undertake until the end of project. This newsletter will be distributed with quarterly frequency.

## POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS 2020

The Institute of Statistics of Albania (INSTAT) is planning to carry out the next Population and Housing Census in 2020. Population and Housing Censuses 2020 will follow the universal counting method based on on-site operations by compiling questionnaires from interviewers, using new methods of data collection.

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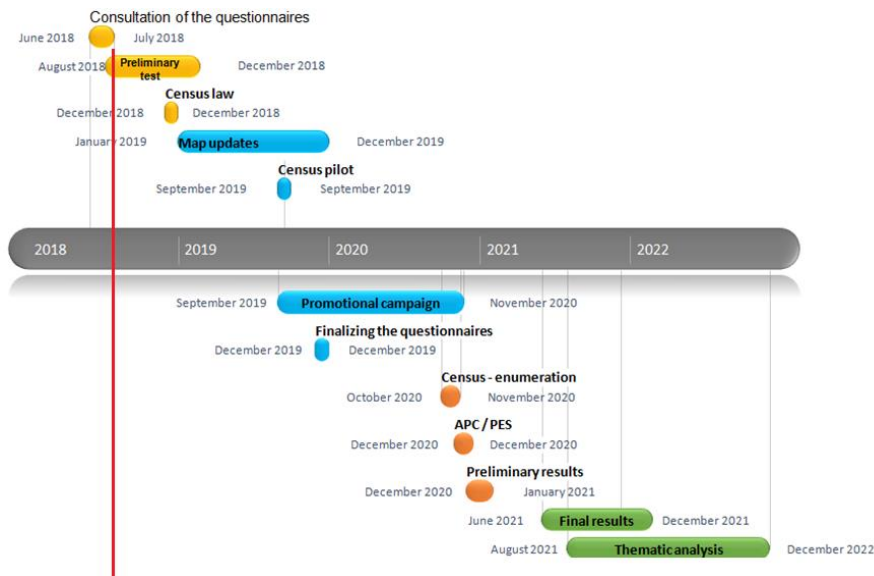
**Census of Population and Housing 2011 and the innovations of Census 2020** INSTAT successfully developed the latest Population and Housing Census in October 2011. In December 2011, INSTAT published the preliminary results, while in December 2012 published the Final Results, in the second quarter of 2013 published the results of the Prefectures and in May 2014 INSTAT published Analysis of census data;

The budget allocated to Census 2011 was 16.7 million Euro.

On October 1, 2011 the resident population of Albania was 2,821,977 inhabitants. There is a noticeable decrease in the number of the population of approximately 8.0 % compared to the 2001 Census, where the numbered population was 3,069,275 inhabitants.

For Census 2020, INSTAT will use the traditional door-to-door approach through questionnaire interviews, but unlike Census 2011, which ran with paper questionnaires, in 2020 tablets will be used.

## Performance of the activity plan



**INSTAT has arrived at this phase**

## Building the Census 2020 Strategy

### Structure

In line with the 2020 Census Strategy with the assistance of Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), and in order to successfully implement it, INSTAT has set up the Census Organizational Structure, as well as set up and define the working groups that will follow the implementation of the project. In order to implement the technical aspects of the project is put into operation IPA Unit which is responsible for programming, project implementation and monitoring.

## Drafting the Census 2020 Questionnaire



INSTAT, during the work on the preparation of the Population and Housing Census 2020, tested the draft questionnaire. The testing focused on methodological issues such as the application of basic definitions, the understanding of the content of the questionnaire, the identification of difficult questions to be understood by the interviewer and the interviewee, and the length of time for completing the questionnaire.

The number of questionnaires completed by INSTAT employees was organized as follows:

- 10 questionnaires for each of the Production Directorates;
- 5 questionnaires for each of the other Directorates;
- 10 questionnaires for each of the Regional Offices;

The Draft Questionnaire was built in accordance with the international recommendations and regulations of the European Union, the guidelines of the "Recommendations for the 2020 Censuses of Population and Housing of the Conference of European Statisticians" and the recommendations of Eurostat and the UN

The "Population and Housing Census 2020" questionnaire is divided into two main pillars: Mandatory questions, which have a common interest and are needed for statistical comparisons at the international level; and Non-binding Questions, which are optional and are required depending on the country's specific situation and requirements.

A number of consultative meetings with national and international stakeholders have been held for the Population and Housing Census 2020 questionnaire.

### The organization of two roundtables:



On June 14, 2018, with the support of UNICEF, INSTAT organized the first consultative meeting on Population and Housing Census 2020, where stakeholders discussed, a list of essential and non-essential issues to be included in the questionnaire. These issues are part of the recommendations of Eurostat and the United Nations on the round of Population and Housing Census 2020. Different actors expressed their specific interests regarding the issues presented as disability, migration, ethnic group etc.

On 26 th of September 2018, a second consultative roundtable on the draft questionnaire of Population and Housing Census 2020 was organized at the INSTAT premises. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the content of the draft questionnaire of Census 2020 with representatives of local government, to have from them suggestions and comments on its content. Also during this consultative roundtable was held a presentation on the role that the local government will have in organizing and maintaining the Census 2020 process. This meeting will also be the starting point for fruitful cooperation between INSTAT and the local government within this major statistical process.



## Drafting the Cens 2020 Law



The draft Law on the Population and Housing Census was prepared by INSTAT, taking into account the opinions and suggestions of the ministries and other public institutions. Currently the draft law has been sent to the government for a proposal to the Assembly.

INSTAT has published on the website [www.instat.gov.al](http://www.instat.gov.al) and on the Public Consultation Portal the Census Population and Housing Law 2020.

INSTAT web site: <http://www.instat.gov.al/al/rreth-nesh/censi-i-popullsis%C3%AB-dhe-banesave-2020-n%C3%AB-shqip%C3%ABri/>

Public Consultation Portal: <http://www.konsultimipublik.gov.al/Konsultime/Detaje/81>



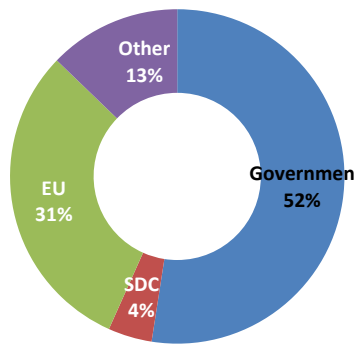
## Activity Plan

In the framework of the tendering procedures for the Census 2020 Grant, on 25 October 2018, in the international newspaper "The Economist", was announced the announcement of the Service Contract "Support for Population and Housing Enforcement 2020". On 27 November 2018 is the deadline for submitting documents to companies that are interested to apply for a Service Contract. Thereafter, the company's selection procedure will continue, which lasts 6-8 months.

<http://www.instat.gov.al/media/4819/support-for-the-implementation-of-population-and-housing-census-2020-albania.pdf>

## Cens 2020 Budget, Donor Financing

The next Population and Housing Census expected to be implemented in 2020 has a cost of 15.8 million €.



The State Budget has undertaken to finance the Census Population and Housing 2020 Project with 52% of the total amount.

The European Union has undertaken to support Census with 31% of the total amount.

Census 2020 will serve as a basis for transitioning from traditional methods to back-dated methods after 2021. The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) support will ensure that the elements necessary for the establishment of statistical registers are incorporated and are tested on the ground, including Cens Pilot. In the framework of the Census 2020, 2018 activities plan, with the support of SDC through the SALSTAT project, it is currently contributing to Census activities by testing the process of updating the geographic information (Census maps) through the use of new

methods in the collection of field data as well as identification of common elements with existing administrative records. SDC will support Census project with 4% of the total amount.

Other donors will support the project with 13% of the total. The Swedish Development and Cooperation Agency (SIDA) has provided its contribution to the purchase of servers that will serve for Population and Housing Census 2020. We are also in talks for the support it can provide during the implementation of this project. The French Embassy will support the preparation of risk analysis. UNFPA has planned to equip with tablet devices for GIS.

## The following activities

12 November 2018 Consultative table with Religious Communities	16 November 2018 Geoinformation Unit for Census 2020 - Planned distribution of the contract staff by zones across the country
19 November 2018 Consultative table for people with disabilities	01 December 2018 – 15 December 2018 Geoinformation Unit for Census 2020 - Preparation and dissemination of infrastructure and ground-based support materials
05 December 2018 Consultative table with Minorities	12 November 2018 Geoinformation Unit for Census 2020 - Specification of Criteria for Selection of Contract Staff
01 December 2018 – 15 December 2018 Geoinformation Unit for Census 2020 - Preparation of Guidelines and Work Manuals for Field Update	15 December – 31 December Geoinformation Unit for Census 2020 - Organization and implementation of training of enumerators
01 September – 31 December Geoinformation Unit for Census 2020 - Finalizing the Update Questionnaire	Approval of the draft law