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The Census 2020 Newsletter reflects the main activities that INSTAT has undertaken and will undertake until the end of this project. This newsletter will be published with quarterly frequency. After the publication of the first edition in November 2018, the second edition of the newsletter will show the activities that have been carried out so far and what is expected to happen in 2019.

POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS 2020

The National Institute of Statistics of Albania (INSTAT) has planned to conduct the next Population and Housing Census in 2020. The 2020 Albanian PHC will follow the method of universal direct enumeration based on field operations with compilation of questionnaires by enumerators, using new methods for the collection of data.

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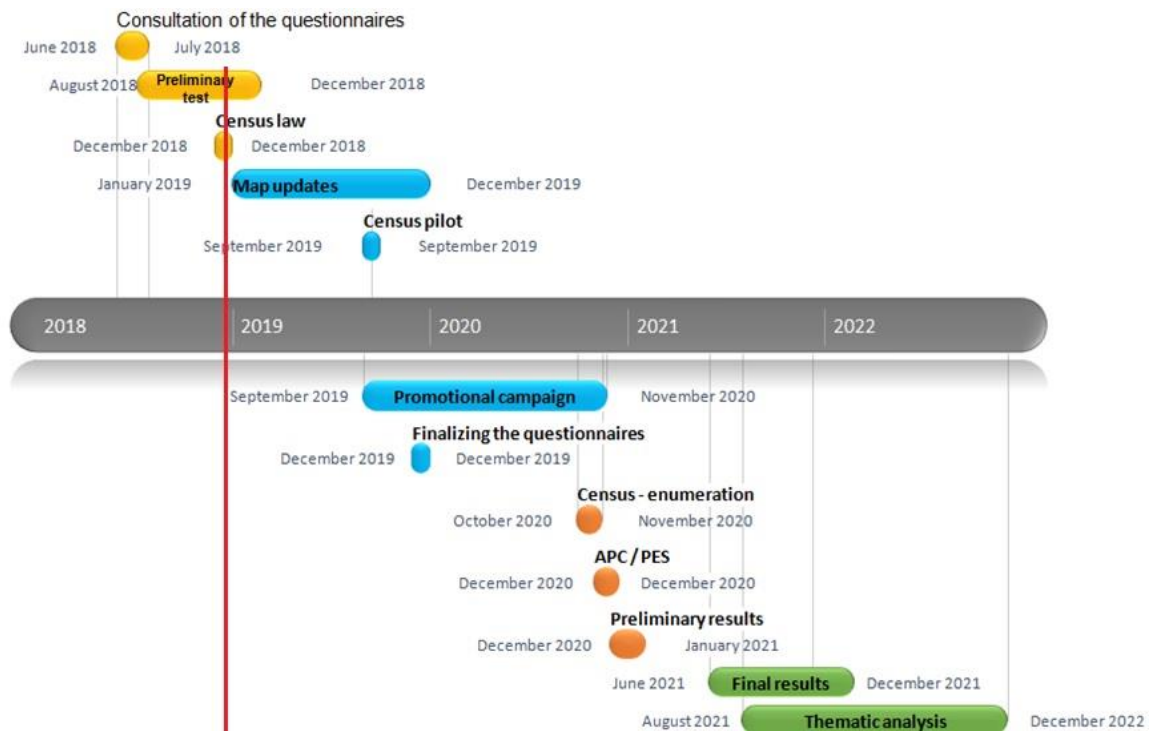
Final Draft of the Census 2020 Questionnaire

After finishing the five consultative round-tables during 2018, which purposes were to discuss the content of the Census 2020 questionnaire, all comments and suggestions from different groups of interest were taken into consideration.

These suggestions and comments were analyzed whether they were in line with the recommendations of Eurostat and the United Nations, and were subsequently reflected in the content of the questionnaire.

On December 28, 2018 the final draft of the Census 2020 questionnaire will be published on the website of INSTAT.

Performance of the activity plan



INSTAT has arrived at this stage

The DCM of the Draft Law on “Population and Housing Census” is approved

On December 5, 2018 the DCM approved the proposal of the Draft Law on “Population and Housing Census”.

The draft law has been deposited by the Council of Ministers on December 07, 2018 in the Parliament of the Republic of Albania and is under procedure for its approval.

This law regulates the organization and realization of the Census of Population and Housing in the territory of the Republic of Albania, in accordance with Article 3 of the Law No.17 / 2018, “On official statistics”.

Three round-table workshops with groups of interest:



On November 12, 2018 INSTAT organized a meeting with representatives of religious communities in the country to discuss about the draft questionnaire for the Population and Housing Census 2020.

During this meeting it was concluded that the question posed in the Census questionnaire, regarding religion, should have predetermined areas under the DCM. The participants proposed to add in the questionnaire another alternative for persons not included in the submitted groups of religion.

On November 19, 2018 INSTAT held a meeting with representatives of Persons with Disabilities Organization.

Many suggestions and requests were made in the meeting, such as reformulation of questions in the questionnaire, the simplification of terminology, a good training of enumerators for the disability terminology, the addition of other questions etc.

At the end of the meeting it was concluded that the suggestions of the representatives of persons with disabilities will be reflected in the content of the questionnaire, based on the recommendations of Eurostat and the United Nations.



INSTAT organized on December 04, 2018 a round-table workshop with representatives of National Minorities and Ethno-Cultural Groups. This meeting started with the approval from all the representatives for the fourth question in the questionnaire; "Do you think the question regarding Ethno-Cultural Groups should be part of Census 2020 questionnaire?".

Some of the topics that were discussed and proposed were the unification of Ethno-Cultural or National Minority terminology, the definition of ethnic groups recognized by law, and that some of the enumerators should be members of the national minorities.

At the end of the meeting it was concluded that the suggestions of the representatives will be reflected, based on the recommendations of Eurostat and the United Nations.

Financial Agreement to support the implementation of Census 2020 activities

Referring to the Financial Agreement between the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Albania and the Commission of the European Union, for the national IPA 2014 program, within the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II), with Decree Nr. 716, dated 05.12.2018, the amendment no. 3 of the financial agreement is approved. It allocates a fund of Euro 4.8 million for the project "Support for the implementation of Population and Housing Census 2020 activities".

A grant agreement is signed between the General Directorate of Financing and Contracting for EU Funds, the World Bank and other Donors (CFCU) and INSTAT

On 11.12.2018, a grant agreement was signed between the General Directorate of Financing and Contracting for EU Funds, the World Bank and other donors (CFCU) and the Institute of Statistics (INSTAT). The purpose of this agreement is the financing, in the form of a grant, with indirect management by the contracting authority, for the implementation of the project "Support for the implementation of Population and Housing Census 2020 activities in Albania".

In December, the evaluation procedure for the tender "Support for the implementation of Population and Housing Census 2020 in Albania" has started with the aim of selecting a company that will implement the service contract.

INSTAT, FSO and SDC sign the SALSTAT project implementation agreement

Referring to the “Strong Municipalities” programme, funded by the Swiss Development Cooperation Office, on December 19, 2018 an agreement was signed between INSTAT, FSO and SDC for the implementation phase of the project “Strong Albanian Local Statistics – SALSTAT”, between 01.09.2018 and 31.08.2022.

The purpose of this project is to support INSTAT in building and strengthening the statistical system in Albania by providing a sustainable statistical system of important data for the country's membership in the European Union and in building the main components of the basic registers for administrative and statistical purposes, especially at local and regional level.

Also, this project will support INSTAT in carrying out some activities of Census 2020 related to updating maps, providing expertise, building capacities and IT equipment purchasing.

The European Delegation supports INSTAT in assessing and monitoring the implementation of Population and Housing Census 2020 activities

Regarding the grant agreement, signed between the General Directorate of Financing and Contracts for EU Funds, the World Bank and other Donors (CFCU) and the Institute of Statistics (INSTAT), the European Delegation to Albania will provide assistance on evaluating and monitoring the implementation of Population and Housing Census 2020 activities with two experts who will support:

- Census Management Unit in the preparation of procurement procedures and financial reports
- Ensuring continuous monitoring of procedures and reporting

INSTAT is supported from UNFPA

UNFPA has committed itself to support INSTAT to carry out methodology activities for Census 2020, specifically technical assistance, to finalize the questionnaire, and prepare auxiliary materials.

Activities carried out and expected to be carried out in the future:

- **Activities under the “Map Updating in the field” by the Geoinformation Unit for Census 2020:**
 - ✓ The distribution of employments with contract, throughout the country (in 61 municipalities) is planned
 - ✓ The specification of criterias in selecting employments with contract has been completed and the finalization of the questionnaire is expected. For this activity, field surveyors and GIS controllers in the office will be recruited
 - ✓ In the process of finishing the guides and manuals of work
 - ✓ In early 2019, the training of enumerators and controllers will be carried out
- In January 2019, will start the procurement process for the Census Pilot tablets, with the State Budget funds, which will take place on October 2019
- During 2019, the evaluation, contracting and implementation of the service contract for technical assistance will be carried out
- During the first three months of 2019, recruitment of employees will be carried out for the implementation and monitoring of activities, as well as updating the Census area Maps 2019
- To promote awareness in participating in Census 2020, in early 2019 two round-tables will be held; one with parliamentary groups and other one with media representatives