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THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION AND MANAGEMENT OF USER REQUESTS

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Abstract

In democratic societies, the freedom of information has been placed at the center of attention as a fundamental human right. For this reason, efforts to define and guarantee this freedom are numerous, involving the adoption of various laws and international acts. The aim of this article is to theoretically address the laws concerning the right to information, focusing on the management of user requests for statistical information. To meet these requests, INSTAT relies on Law No. 119/2014 "On the Right to Information" and the recommendations of the Commissioner for the Right to Information and the Protection of Personal Data.

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The Right to Information; Management of Requests; User Satisfaction Survey

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THE IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC ON THE STATISTICAL REGISTER OF ENTERPRISES

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Abstract

Around the world, businesses are facing a challenging situation due to COVID-19. Although businesses have reopened, the global pandemic continues to pose serious problems. The interruption of public life during the period of March-May 2020 paralyzed many businesses in the country. The coronavirus crisis in Albania has affected nearly all sectors of the economy. The Statistical Register of Enterprises contains all legal entities, businesses, and their local units, the economic activities of which contribute to Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

The purpose of this study is to conduct a comparative analysis and identify the characteristics of the changes that occurred during the quarantine period. The study will present results and analyses based on Administrative Sources compared to the Statistical Register of Enterprises from 2019. The results will provide information on: data regarding the interruption of economic activity, information on enterprises that reported changes in economic activity, data on the number of employed individuals, etc.

Keywords:

Pandemic; Statistical Register of Enterprises; Economic Activity; Employment

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE OF GOODS AND THE IMPACT OF FOREIGN ENTERPRISES

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Abstract

Trade in goods is an important indicator of a country's developments, but in recent years, the calculations of trade indicators have also played a significant role, considering the enterprises engaged in this trade and the characteristics of these enterprises. This type of information has been made public by the Institute of Statistics (INSTAT) through various annual publications. The aim of this article is to provide a more detailed and in-depth presentation of the development of trade in goods, as well as the impact of foreign-owned enterprises on this trade. Through this article, we will analyze whether these enterprises are significant in international trade of goods, their impact on this trade, and will present results based on the combination of international trade data with the Business Register for the year 2019. The results will provide information on the share of foreign enterprises in overall trade, exports or imports broken down by enterprise size, sectors in which they operate, or their ownership.

Keywords:

Trade in goods; Exports; Imports; Foreign enterprises

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DEVELOPMENT OF THE FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM FOR OFFICIAL STATISTICS

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Abstract

The purpose of this article is to inform the public about one of INSTAT's most important documents, based on one of the strategic objectives for the development of the National Statistical System, namely, "Increasing the role of users in statistical processes." The article aims to assist readers by providing more detailed information about the Official Statistics Program, including a historical overview of the program, the drafting process, its content and monitoring, the role of stakeholders involved in the National Statistical System, as well as the innovations that the upcoming statistical program will bring to better meet user needs and the requirements of Eurostat.

Keywords:

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TREATMENT OF SMALL TOOLS: THE INVENTORY OF SMALL ASSETS

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Abstract

This article aims to assess the impact of methodological changes between the European System of Accounts (ESA) 95/2010 elements of the Inventory of Small Assets and the National Accounting Standards in the Albanian economy. To analyze this impact, information from various statistical and administrative sources available at the Institute of Statistics has been examined. The information also considers national accounting, taking into account the required changes from the European System of Accounts (ESA). Items that logically relate to “small tools” in our national accounting fall under the category of the Inventory of Small Assets. Generally, small assets refer to “those small tools (hand tools) that do not have significant economic value, are used as auxiliary tools in various work or production processes, have a relatively short lifespan, and a small but not insignificant impact on the country’s economy.”

Dilemmas often arise in determining the Inventory of Small Assets, as in some cases it is classified as intermediate consumption, while in others it is classified as investment. This article facilitates the confrontation of information obtained from various statistical methodologies with the standards established by accounting, in order to reach an agreement on the proper classification and valuation in accordance with ESA 2010 rules. The analysis presented highlights the importance of studying the measurement of small asset inventory, the current state of information collection, and the impact it may have on the evaluation of Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Keywords:

Inventory of Small Assets; European System of Accounts (ESA); National Accounting System; National Accounting Standards; Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF).

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