

## **Commitment on Confidence in Statistics**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of December 2021 the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria:

- having regard to the Statistics Act and Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on European statistics as amended by Regulation (EU) No 2015/759 of the European Parliament and of the Council,
- Considering, that European statistics are developed produced and disseminated by the principles set out in Article 338 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009, and further developed in the European Statistics Code of Practice,
- Considering, that the National Statistical System of the Republic of Bulgaria is part of the European Statistical System,
- Recognizing that independent, objective, and high-quality official statistics and statistical information are in the public interest, and that trust in them is a crucial factor in the development and implementation of new policies at the national and European level,
- Whereas official statistics are produced on the principles of professional independence, impartiality, objectivity, reliability, statistical confidentiality and cost-effectiveness,
- Whereas Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 provides for the adoption of a commitment, based on confidence in official statistics, including specific political commitments to improve and maintain, if necessary, the conditions for implementation of the European Statistics Code of Practice,
- Recognizing that the quality of official statistics and statistical information and public confidence in them will be strengthened by the current government's commitment to implement the European Statistics Code of Practice,

Has made the following commitments:

- to provide appropriate conditions for the development, production and dissemination of official statistics while continuously guaranteeing the professional independence of the National Statistical Institute and other statistical authorities,

- to support the improvement and maintenance of the conditions for effective implementation of the European Statistics Code of Practice,
- to guarantee the right and obligation of the President of the National Statistical Institute to exercise his or her professional and managerial duties related to the production of official statistics and statistical information,
- to provide sufficient resources to improve and maintain the quality of official statistics
- to ensure appropriate conditions for access of the National Statistical Institute to data from administrative and other data sources to develop and produce high-quality statistics in all areas while reducing the burden on respondents,
- to support the National Statistical Institute in its coordinating role within the National Statistical System and its active participation in the European Statistical System.

PRIME MINISTER

OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA:

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