

REPORTING OF THE OFFICIAL STATISTICS

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SUMMARY The following article presents the content and the scope of the official statistics – administrative, professional and demographic reporting. Within their context, the legal framework which is the basis for development of the activities of the National Statistical Institute (NSI) of Bulgaria is presented; giving it professional autonomy and the requirements to the annual report of NSI concerning the fulfillment of its duties and handed to the Prime-Minister and the public. An emphasis is applied on the activities carried out for public information, the procedures and criteria applied in defining the priorities, content and the scope of the annual statistical programs. It is also underlined the key role of NSI in defining the priorities of statistics and recognition of NSI as important and reliable source of information and consulting for customers and respondents. The Bulgarian experience is also described, concerning the application of the European Code and other documents applied for the activity of the statistical body and the correspondence of the official statistics with the professional requirements and standards. The proactive identification and the broadening of the variety of statistical products, the application of the principles of transparency and equal access are achieving higher public prestige and confidence of the official statistics. It has also been stressed that the statistical data should be disseminated along with more and better context information including metadata and quality reports which should persuade the society that the statistical data really reflect adequately the needs of the public for information. As a conclusion, it is indicated that the different forms and mechanisms of reporting are true factor in improving the quality standards of statistics and also improvement of its public prestige.

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