PRIORITIES According to the Strategy of Romanian statistics development and to the Statistical programme on medium term for the period 2007-2013, Romanian statistics has to face new challenges, assuming a series of priorities, among which:

- The adoption of a new statistical law, in accordance with the current status of our country as an European Union Member State, comprising the new mission, vision and role Romanian statistics has to play in the near future, in the context of its full framing into the European Statistical System;
- The institutionalisation of the national statistical system, the setting up of its structure and of the necessary mechanisms for its functioning, and thus for an increased effectiveness of the statistical process;
- The drawing up of a multi-annual statistical programme allowing for a coherent and systematic approach of statistical works, ensuring its continuity and capability of meeting the increasing society requirements of quality and timely statistical data;
- The improvement of statistical quality and of statistical quality management, based on the norms and criteria set out by the Statistical Office of the European Union;
- Starting the preparations for the two censuses, respectively for the 2010 round of Census World Programmes, namely the Population and Housing Census and of the General Agricultural Census;
- Drawing up the system of main indicators on sustainable development, of the criteria and norms for the statistical surveys on rural development, fields of major importance for the decision-making at national level, meant to ensure the consistency of long term programmes envisaging the effectiveness and the consolidation of Romanian economy structures;
- Strengthening the activities aiming at the implementation of the regional development statistical system in accordance with the administrative, territorial and statistical structures defined by the European Union;
- Refining and extending the statistical databases, modernising and diversifying data dissemination methods and strengthening the relationships with media;
- Continuous vocational training and taking over, to a larger extent, the graduates of specialised tertiary education;
  - Pro-active participation in international cooperation.

All these priorities account for imperatives of our national statistics defining the perspectives and fundamental directions related both to statistical data and information production and use.

The extent to which Romanian statistics fulfils its functions, strategic objectives, either annual or multi-annual, the integration into the European