

Addressing of the Director General of the State Statistical Office, Mr. Apostol Simovski

In the distant 1945, on June 1, the Macedonian Federal Statistical Office was established. The statistics in the People's Republic of Macedonia is organized as an independent administrative and professional service of the Government of the People's Republic of Macedonia. Thus, for the first time in the history of the Macedonian statehood, a body appears with the task to statistically monitor and show the development of the People's Republic of Macedonia.

Since then, the State Statistical Office has come a long way - 76 years of constant challenges for promotion, upgrading, development ... Generations and generations of statisticians have paved the way for the modernization of Macedonian statistics, following and applying the new methodologies and standards offered by the European and the world statistical system.

From the modest beginnings in post-war Macedonia, without professional foreknowledge and without any technique, but with a great desire to respond to the challenge, overcome obstacles and build a system that will be the basis for further policy and strategy creation, today the State Statistical Office is a modern, professional and independent institution whose focus is the production of timely, reliable and verified statistics that meet the great needs of all our users.

Our role as coordinator of the national statistical system, in which other institutions conducting statistical surveys participate, and here we would primarily mention the National Bank and the Ministry of Finance, imposes a huge responsibility for joint and coordinated work on improving and modernizing statistical methods in collecting and processing data and following the principles arising from the Code of Practice of the European Statistical System, as well as the recommendations and standards of the United Nations Statistics Division.

The strategic determinations of the State Statistical Office for a larger volume of produced data, greater use of administrative data sources to ease the burden on data providers, shows our concern for users who are our highest priority - to meet their requirements in the shortest possible time and with the highest quality of statistical data we offer.

By achieving these high goals we position ourselves as equal participants in the European Statistical System and through constant participation in international projects organized by the statistical office of the European Union - Eurostat we produce internationally comparable data that on the one hand contribute to the rating of the country as a whole, but on the other, provide us with positive reviews for our work.

All this is an incentive to continue with even greater enthusiasm, to set and achieve even higher goals and not to stop in front of any challenge. As we have successfully dealt with the Covid 19 pandemic in the last year and a half and have not allowed it to hinder us at any moment, so we continue, respecting the commitment and enthusiasm of previous generations of statisticians and without stopping at the new challenges new times bring and the new user needs.

Happy Anniversary - 76 years and we go on!