TAIEX Expert Mission on Labour Force Survey

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National Bureau of Statistics of the Republic of Moldova

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Aim of the Expert Mission:

The aim of this Expert Mission is to share knowledge and exchange best practices regarding the Labour force survey (LFS) and its compliance with the EU acquis in statistics. The goal is to gain recommendations of actions needed to improve the alignment and harmonisation of the national survey in the labour force domain with the EU requirements, and based on the learning outcomes, draft a plan of actions to implement these short-term and medium-term recommendations.

Experts:

- **Ms Ruxandra Moldoveanu**
  Expert, General Directorate of Demography and Social Statistics
  National Institute for Statistics, Romania

- **Ms Ana-Maria Ciuhu**
  Expert, General Directorate of Demography and Social Statistics
  National Institute for Statistics, Romania

Participants from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) of Moldova:

- Mr Oleg Cara, General Director, NBS
- Ms Aurelia Spătaru, Deputy general Director, NBS

Employment Statistics Division, NBS (LFS team):

- Ms Mariana Alergus-Soloviov, Head
- Ms Elena Vatcarau, main advisor
- Ms Maria Usurelu, main advisor
- Ms Ana Sirbu, main advisor
- Ms Angela Foalea, senior advisor
- Ms Galina Velicico, senior advisor

Other units:

- Mr Igor Mocanu, Head, Statistical Coordination, International Cooperation and European Integration Division, NBS,
- Mr Lilian Galer, Head, Statistical Methods Division, NBS
- Ms Larisa Bors, Head, Data Collection in Households Section, NBS
- Mr Vasile Bujor, Head, Designing of Computer Applications Division, NBS
- Ms Lilia Racu, Head, Dissemination and Communication Division
- Ms Ina Emelianova, Head, Living Standards Statistics Division
- Ms Jana Mazur, Head, Education, Science and Culture Statistics Section
- Ms Liubovi Stoianov, main advisor, Social Services Statistics Division

	Day 1: Monday 13 November 2023
	Chair: Ms Mariana Alergus-Soloviov, Head, Employment Statistics Division, NBS
Local time	
9:00 – 10:00	**Welcome and introduction** **Topic: Scope of the Assessment of the compliance level of the LFS to the provisions of the Regulation (EU) 2019/1700 and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2240 and other delegated acts and implementing regulations** • Mr Oleg Cara, General Director, NBS • Ms Aurelia Spătaru, Deputy general Director, NBS • Ms Mariana Alergus-Soloviov, Head, Employment Statistics Division, NBS • Mr Igor Mocanu, Head, Statistical Coordination, International Cooperation and European Integration Division, NBS • EU experts: Ms Ruxandra Moldoveanu & Ms Ana-Maria Ciuhu, National Institute for Statistics, Romania
10:00 – 11:00	**Topic: General presentation of the Labour Force Survey in the Republic of Moldova, the current situation, plans, challenges** **Speaker**: Ms Mariana Alerguș-Soloviov, NBS
11:00 – 11:15	*Break*
11:15 – 12:30	**Topic: Sampling** – Sampling frame – Detailed sample characteristics **Speaker**: Mr Lilian Galer, NBS **Discussion:** Ms Ruxandra Moldoveanu & Ms Ana-Maria Ciuhu; LFS team, Ms Larisa Bors, Ms Ina Emelianova/HBS team, NBS
12:30 – 14:00	*Lunch break*
	Please be reminded to sign the attendance list
14:00 – 15:15	**Topic: Sampling (continuation)** – Sampling frame – Detailed sample characteristics **Speakers**: Ms Ruxandra Moldoveanu & Ms Ana-Maria Ciuhu **Discussion:** Mr Lilian Galer, LFS team, Ms Larisa Bors, HBS team, NBS
15:15 – 15:30	*Break*
15:30 – 17:00	**Topic: Regulations (EU) 2019/1700 and 2019/2240** – Subject-matter and scope – Definitions – Statistical populations, observation units and rules for respondents **Speakers**: Ms Ruxandra Moldoveanu & Ms Ana-Maria Ciuhu **Discussion:** LFS team, Ms Larisa Borș, HBS team, NBS

17:00 – 17:15	AOB and wrap up of day 1

Day 2: Tuesday 14 November 2023

Chair: Ms Mariana Alergus-Soloviov, Head, Employment Statistics Division, NBS

Local time *9:00 – 9:30*	*Registration of participants*
9:30 – 10:30	**Topic: Regulations (EU) 2019/1700 and 2019/2240 (continuation)** – Data sources and methods / Data gathering periods and methods – Reference periods and reference dates. Periodicity – Domains and data sets / topics – Multiannual rolling planning – Methodology for data on employment and unemployment **Speakers**: Ms Ruxandra Moldoveanu & Ms Ana-Maria Ciuhu **Discussion:** LFS team, Ms Larisa Bors, NBS
10:30 – 10:45	*Break*
10:45 – 12:30	**Topic: Description and technical format of the variables** – 01.Technical Items **Speakers**: Ms Ruxandra Moldoveanu & Ms Ana-Maria Ciuhu **Discussion:** LFS team & HBS team, Ms Larisa Bors, Mr Lilian Galer, NBS
12:30 – 14:00	*Lunch break* *Please be reminded to sign the attendance list*
14:00 – 15:15	**Topic: Description and technical format of the variables (continuation)** – 02.Person and household characteristics **Speakers**: Ms Ruxandra Moldoveanu & Ms Ana-Maria Ciuhu **Discussion:** LFS team & HBS team, NBS
15:15 – 15:30	*Break*
15:30 – 17:00	**Topic: Description and technical format of the variables (continuation)** – 03.Labour market participation **Speakers**: Ms Ruxandra Moldoveanu & Ms Ana-Maria Ciuhu **Discussion:** LFS team, NBS
17:00 – 17:15	AOB and wrap up of day 2

Day 3: Wednesday 15 November 2023

Chair: Ms Mariana Alergus-Soloviov, Head, Employment Statistics Division, NBS	
Local time *9:00 – 9:30*	*Registration of participants*
9:30 – 10:30	**Topic: Description and technical format of the variables (continuation)** – 04. Educational attainment and background – 05. Job tenure, work biography and previous work experience **Speakers**: Ms Ruxandra Moldoveanu & Ms Ana-Maria Ciuhu **Discussion:** LFS team, Education Statistics team, NBS
10:30 – 10:45	*Break*
10:45 – 12:30	**Topic: Description and technical format of the variables (continuation)** – 06. Working conditions including working hours and working time arrangements **Speakers**: Ms Ruxandra Moldoveanu & Ms Ana-Maria Ciuhu **Discussion:** LFS team, NBS
12:30 – 14:00	*Lunch break* *Please be reminded to sign the attendance list*
14:00 – 15:15	**Topic: Description and technical format of the variables (continuation)** – 07. Participation in education and training **Speakers**: Ms Ruxandra Moldoveanu & Ms Ana-Maria Ciuhu **Discussion:** LFS team, Education Statistics team, NBS
15:15 – 15:30	*Break*
15:30 – 17:00	**Topic: Description and technical format of the variables (continuation)** – 08. Health: status and disability, access to, availability and use of health care and health determinants **Speakers**: Ms Ruxandra Moldoveanu & Ms Ana-Maria Ciuhu **Discussion:** LFS team, Health statistics team, NBS
17:00 – 17:15	AOB and wrap up of day 3

Day 4: Thursday 16 November 2023

Chair: Ms Mariana Alergus-Soloviov, Head, Employment Statistics Division, NBS

Local time *9:00 – 9:30*	*Registration of participants*
9:30 – 10:30	**Topic: Description and technical format of the variables (continuation)** – 09. Income, consumption and elements of wealth, including debts **Speakers**: Ms Ruxandra Moldoveanu & Ms Ana-Maria Ciuhu **Discussions:** LFS team, HBS team, NBS
10:30 – 10:45	*Break*
10:45 – 12:30	**Topic: Flowcharts on the order of questions on employment and unemployment in the questionnaire** **Speakers**: Ms Ruxandra Moldoveanu & Ms Ana-Maria Ciuhu **Discussion:** LFS team, NBS
12:30 – 14:00	*Lunch break*
14:00 – 15.15	**Topic: Data processing** – Common standards for editing, imputation, weighting and estimation **Speakers**: Ms Ruxandra Moldoveanu & Ms Ana-Maria Ciuhu **Discussion:** LFS team, Mr Lilian Galer, Mr Vasile Bujor, NBS
15:15 – 15:30	*Break*
15:30 – 17:00	**Topic: Data dissemination. Access for scientific purposes to confidential data** **Speakers**: Ms Ruxandra Moldoveanu & Ms Ana-Maria Ciuhu **Discussion:** LFS team, Ms Lilia Racu, NBS
17:00 – 17:15	AOB and wrap up of day 4

Day 5: Friday 17 November 2023	
Chair: Ms Mariana Alergus-Soloviov, Head, Employment Statistics Division, NBS	
Local time *9:00 – 9:30*	*Registration of participants*
9:30 – 10:30	**Topic: Quality** – Detailed arrangements and content of quality reports **Speakers**: Ms Ruxandra Moldoveanu & Ms Ana-Maria Ciuhu **Discussion:** LFS team, Mr Lilian Galer, Ms Larisa Bors, NBS
10:30 – 10:45	*Break*
10:45 – 12:30	**Topic: Quality (continuation)** **Speakers**: Ms Ruxandra Moldoveanu & Ms Ana-Maria Ciuhu **Discussion:** LFS team, Mr Lilian Galer, Ms Larisa Bors, NBS
12:30 – 14:00	*Lunch break* *Please be reminded to sign the attendance list*
14:00 – 15:15	**Topic: Debriefing on the next actions** – Presentation of main preliminary conclusions and recommendations of actions needed to improve the alignment and harmonisation of the national LFS with the EU requirements **Discussion**: Ms Ruxandra Moldoveanu & Ms Ana-Maria Ciuhu; Ms Aurelia Spătaru, LFS team, NBS
15:15 – 15:30	*Break*
15:30 – 17:00	**Defining the following assessment steps** **Closing of the meeting**
17:00 – 17:15	End of the Expert Mission

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