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- ✓ Transformation of institutional framework of Montenegrin statistical system:
  - ✓ legal consistency;
  - ✓ methodological consistency;
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- ✓ Coordination and cooperation.

## STATISTICAL SYSTEM OF MONTENEGRO

### DATA PROVIDERS

- ✓ Economic entities
- ✓ Households & population
- ✓ Holders of administrative data sources

### USERS

- ✓ State and municipal authorities and agencies
- ✓ Politicians
- ✓ Business
- ✓ Academic society
- ✓ Mass media
- ✓ Students and pupils
- ✓ International organizations
- ✓ Embassies
- ✓ Non-governmental organizations

### STATISTICAL OFFICE OF MONTENEGRO

### COORDINATOR OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS SYSTEM

Statistical office of Montenegro

#### ONAs:

Ministry of Finance  
 Central bank of Montenegro  
 Public Health Institute of Montenegro and  
 Pension and Disability Insurance Fund of  
 Montenegro

### STATISTICAL COUNCIL

17 members

### PARTNERS

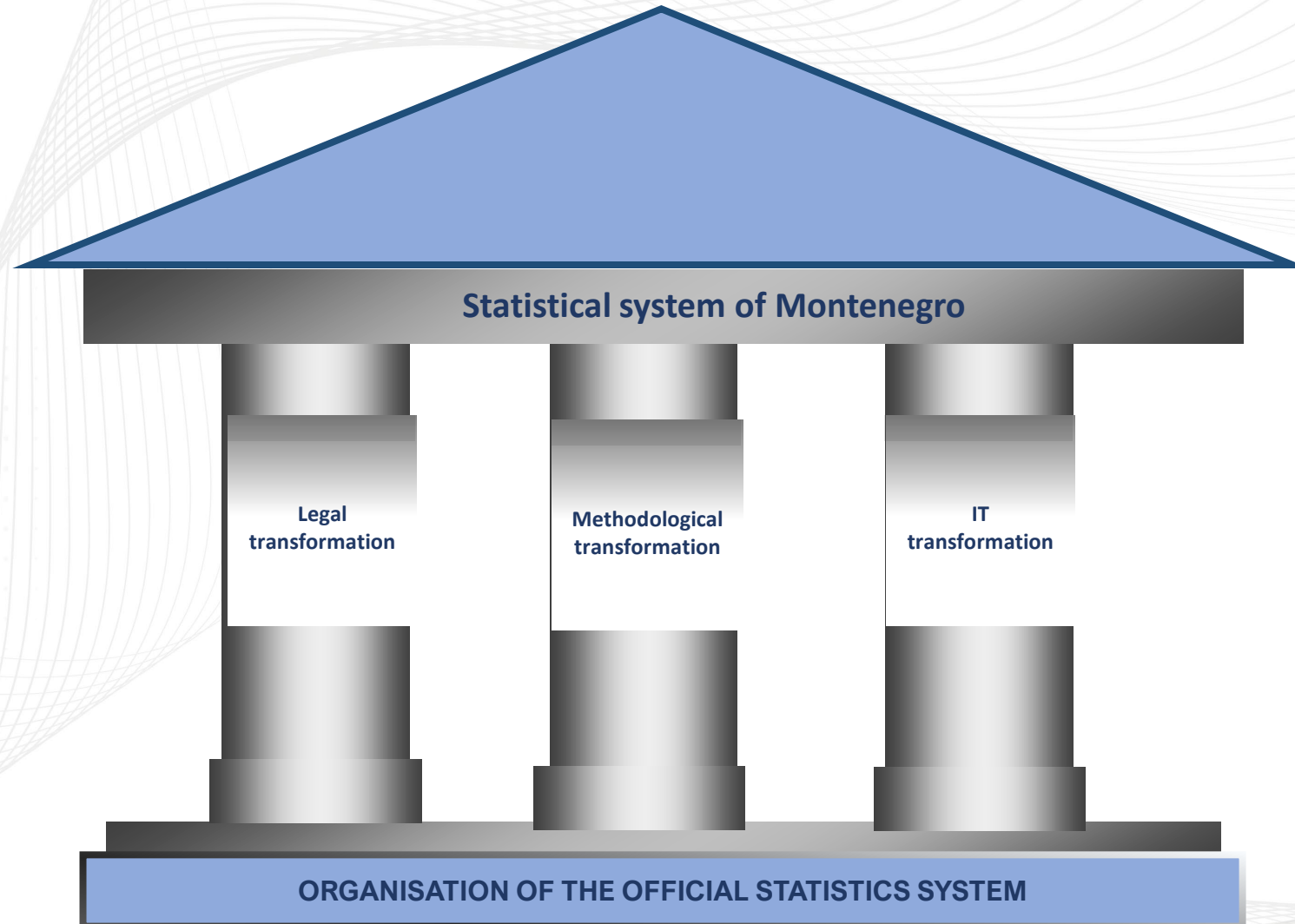
- ✓ EUROSTAT and other EU institutions
- ✓ NSIs of other countries
- ✓ Scientific institutions
- ✓ International organizations
- ✓ Public administrations institutions



## Montenegro's accession to the EU – Chapter 18: Statistics

- In December 2010, Montenegro became a **candidate for membership in the European Union (EU)**, and negotiations with the EU officially began on June 29, 2012. Then was started a new approach in the negotiations with Montenegro as a candidate country;
- **Chapter 18. Statistics** was officially opened on December 16, 2014 at the Intergovernmental Conference in Brussels;
- Negotiations within Chapter 18. Statistics, which relate to statistics, include the harmonization of Montenegrin legal regulations with the acquis of the EU in the field of statistics.

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# TRANSFORMATION OF THE STATISTICAL SYSTEM OF MONTENEGRO

Transformation of institutional framework of Montenegrin statistical system was based on three pillars in order to guarantee the quality of official statistics result:

- (1) Legal consistency** - adoption of the Law on Official Statistics of Montenegro (2012) and herewith alignment of other regulations;
- (2) Methodological consistency** - adoption of international methodology (preparation for EU negotiation Chapter 18 - Statistics);
- (3) IT consistency** - support the concept of official statistics system.

## LEGAL BASES



**EU:**

Regulation (EC) no 223/2009 on European statistics



**MNE:**

Law on official statistics and official statistical system Official Gazette of Montenegro No. 018/12 and 047/19

- **2005.**

The reform of Montenegro statistical framework has started with the adoption of Law on Official Statistics of Montenegro in 2005, by which the statistical system of Montenegro was for the first time defined as an independent system with the aim to do all phases of statistical survey (collection, processing and dissemination) at the national level, and in line with international standards;

- **2011.**

With purpose of strengthening the coordination role of Statistical Office of Montenegro, the Law on Official Statistics and Official Statistical System was amended in 2012. Statistical Office of Montenegro becomes the main coordinator of the statistical system of Montenegro.

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- **2019.**

With purpose of strengthening the using administrative data for statistical purposes the Law on Official Statistics and Official Statistical System was amended in 2019;

- **2024. (in progress)**

In order to define competences in the production of government finance statistics (GFS) the Law on Official Statistics and Official Statistical System will be amended in 2024.



## METHODOLOGICAL TRANSFORMATION

- **METHODOLOGICAL CONSISTENCY** - adoption of international methodology adoption of international methodology in order to achieve coherence and comparability.
- Montenegro statistical system transformation in line with the EU standards;
- Methodological transformation - primarily through the development of the system of national accounts and the independent implementation of the census as the largest statistical activity (2023. and 2011.).

# IT TRANSFORMATION

- **IT CONSISTENCY** - means the establishment of information system that supports the concept of official statistics system.
  - ✓ **improving data collection** ( CAPI method);
  - ✓ **development of IT applications** with own capacities of MONSTAT;
  - ✓ **electronic questionnaire** independently developed in the IT department enabled other producers of official statistics to fill/update metadata in a simplified way.

## COORDINATION AND COOPERATION

- **OFFICIAL STATISTICS PRODUCERS (Article 7, Law on Official Statistics and Official Statistical System);**
- **CRITERIA FOR IDENTIFICATION ONA'S;**
  - ✓ **Public authority;**
  - ✓ **Activities of production of statistics is laid down in the respective basic act;**
  - ✓ **Organizational unit, with staff member(s), is clearly defined for the production of official statistical data.**
- **COORDINATION AREAS**
  - ✓ Statistical programming and reporting
  - ✓ Quality monitoring
  - ✓ Methodology
  - ✓ Data transmission to Eurostat
  - ✓ Communication on statistical actions
  - ✓ Dissemination
  - ✓ Workshops, knowledge sharing

Coming from Regulation 223/2009

# LEGISLATION

(Law on official statistics)



Ministry  
Finance



The Parliament of Montenegro

## Coordination

ONAs;  
Council of Statistical  
system;  
interested parties;  
public discussion;

## Coordination and cooperation between

MONSTAT  
MF  
Government of  
Montenegro

## Adoption by the Government

## The enactment of a law



## CHALLENGES

Key challenges of further modernization of statistical system of Montenegro:

- ✓ lack of administrative capacities;
- ✓ investments in the education and development of statisticians in accordance with the new ways of development of official statistics;
- ✓ different level of harmonization of certain negotiating areas...



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Thank you for your attention!