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## Government of the Republic of Slovenia adopted the Commitment on Confidence in Statistics

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***Commitment on Confidence in Statistics is the commitment of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia to provide with its political and regulatory activity the conditions for the functioning of Slovenian national statistics in line with the European Statistics Code of Practice.***



At the meeting on 5 January 2017 the Government of the Republic of Slovenia adopted Commitment on Confidence in Statistics, thus fulfilling obligations set out in Regulation (EU) 2015/759 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 on European statistics. This, inter alia, provides that Member States shall take all measures necessary to maintain confidence in European statistics. Regulation highlights "Commitments on Confidence in Statistics" as an instrument by which the governments of the Member States commit themselves to improve or maintain the conditions for the implementation of the European Statistics Code of Practice. Reliable statistical data are namely one of the key elements enabling decision makers, public administration, the private sector and citizens to make informed decisions. The credibility of the statistics is also one of the necessary conditions for trust in the measures adopted and implemented by the governments of individual countries.

Commitment on Confidence in Statistics is thus the commitment of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia to provide with its political and regulatory actions the conditions for the functioning of Slovenian national statistics in line with the European Statistics Code of Practice.

In Slovenia the appropriate institutional environment for the implementation of activities of official statistics is already provided by implementing the principles of professional independence, adequacy of resources, mandate for data collection, statistical confidentiality, impartiality and objectivity as set out in the National Statistics Act. The Act provides a solid legal basis for professional independence of SURS and its head, a clear and broad mandate to collect data from all existing records, and the possibility of direct participation in the process of preparing the budget and negotiations to obtain proper financial and human resources. In addition, the law ensures complete implementation of statistical confidentiality. Professional independence is additionally set out in the Government of the Republic of Slovenia Act stipulating that SURS's Director-General is directly responsible to the Government and the Prime Minister, and the Civil Servants Act stipulating in detail the procedure of selecting the appropriate candidate for SURS's Director-General, since the selection must be based on professional criteria.

In view of the above, the aim of the Commitment is to preserve the achieved level of the institutional environment for effective and quality implementation of national and European statistics, and the striving for its improvement.

### Attachments

-  [Commitment on Confidence in Statistics](#), 110kB
-  [CoC\\_CitizensSummary.pdf](#), 179kB

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