

**Information provided by Bulgaria about the following topic discussed in the  
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**OUTBOUND TOURISM**

**1. *Could you evaluate the present information available regarding flows of visitors?***

Information on outbound tourism (flows of visitors) we receive from Border survey. There are the contract between NSI and Ministry of Interior on data exchange.

Data on trips of Bulgarian residents have been obtained after processing the information from the border checkpoints in the Data Processing center of the Ministry of Interior. The survey is exhaustive. The border police register in the special Computer System all Bulgarians passing the border and leaving the country.

**2. *About the measurement of tourism expenditure and the BoP debit side data for travel items?***

Data on tourism expenditure we receive from Household survey on tourist trips, purposes of visit and tourism related expenditure. We ensure the data on Part C of the Directive 97/57 EC.

**3. *Is there a clear interest in the analysis of outbound tourism?***

Yes, National bank use the data for BoP.  
The expenditures are used for TSA

**4. *Are there new initiatives envisages to improve the measurement of this form of tourism?***

Concerning Household survey we plan to enlarge the sample from 3 000 households quarterly to 8 000 households quarterly  
To improve the respond rate.