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**INBOUND TOURISM AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS (BOP): BOP developments  
("travel" and "passenger transportation" items)**

***1) Present situation of administrative records and expenditure surveys used for  
estimating the "travel" and "passenger transportation" items.***

There are two groups of administrative records used for developing of BoP:

1. Hotel surveys: data are collected and presented for every month
  - basis for estimation of inbound tourists expenditures
  - surveys differentiated by three regions: costal, central and mountains
  - revenue measuring by Central Bank of Montenegro: Revenue = (number of overnight stays x price per night) + (overnight stays x daily spending). Number of inbound tourists is increased by 30% for all months, except July and August – 25% (suggestion by IMF expert from 2002)
2. Household surveys: data on domestic and outbound travelling from categories:
  - Transportation: rail transportation, transportation within the city (any kind), tickets with reduction (subscriptions), intercity bus transportation, taxi transportation, airplane transportation, water transportation, combined transportation (and moving), package arrangements (transportation, accommodation, food, excursions), outbound travel expenditures
  - Hotels, cafes and restaurants: restaurants, cafes (with bars and kiosks), cantinas (pupils', students', industry workers', etc), accommodation services (hotels, motels, resting accommodation, hostels)

***2) Does your present information system allow for distinguishing visitors from  
travellers?***

We do not have particular information on distinguishing visitors from travellers.



**3) *Initiatives that you might be considering for improving the estimation of these BoP items.***

Actually, Central Bank of Montenegro provides information on BoP. As we need reliable way of measuring BoP, which could represent the real situation, all institutions (NTA, NSO and Central Bank) agreed on implementation of unique methodology – TSA by UNWTO.

**4) *Is there any discussion about the credibility of the “travel” item data?***

Presented data are based on cooperation between the national institutions, so we could say that there is one point of view regarding “travel” item data. Recently, we started to share experiences with countries in our surrounding / region, such as through the bilateral communications with Croatia, Slovenia and within Adriatic-Ionian initiative, so we could compare and make more adequate surveys and data measuring.