

Survey on Inbound Tourism

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Main Aims

- Harmonization of Tourism statistics in Bulgaria with the requirements of the EU and WTO
- Data on arrivals of non-residents to Bulgaria by purposes



Main Aims - cont'd

 Data on expenditure in Bulgaria of nonresidents by services (TSA)



Methodology of the Survey

- The Methodology is in compliance with the EU legislation in the field of tourism
- The Methodology is in compliance with the International Recommendation on Tourism Statistics of the WTO



Object and coverage

 Persons, crossed the borders at defined border check points during the reference period



Sample design

- Data on non-residents, crossed the border from Border police
- Pilot survey the results from the survey are used for sample size in future



Sample size

- 4 000 non-residents every month at several land borders and airports
- Border check points with Turkey, Serbia,
 Macedonia, Greece, Romania
- Airports Sofia, Varna & Bourgas



Periodicity of the survey

- Pilot survey in 2007
- Since June 2008 monthly
- Every month 1 week
- Future plan



Work organization

- Data collection at the border check points
- Interview
- Respondents are non-residents at different check points according to the data from Border police



Statistical tools

- Questionnaires
- Instruction for interviewers
- Weighting and adjustment of the results using statistical software SPSS



Using the data from the survey

- Information for the policy in the field of tourism
- Balance of Payments
- TSA

Thank you for your attention!