

Romania

Linking and liaising with Balance of Payments compilation

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Compilation of BoP- Travel component

- In 2007, a cooperation started between the NIS, the Central Bank of Romania and the Ministry of Tourism for measuring expenditures relating to inbound and outbound trips.
- Estimation of Bop/Travel entries within the current system (2009):
Credit side:
 - For monthly compilation of BoP, ITRS data are used:
 - Cross border payments above EUR 12500,
 - Credit and debit card information, reported by the banks,
 - Cash amounts sold/purchased from non-residents, reported by the exchange offices
 - For quarterly BOP: use of the outcome of a new *Survey on tourism expenditures of non-residents staying at collective establishments (ACNER survey)*;

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- The questionnaire was designed in cooperation by the three institutions, the implementation is done by the NIS;
- Data are quarterly sent by the NIS to the NBR for Travel compilation: estimation of expenditures of non-resident tourists, broken down by:
purpose of the trip/type of expenditure/country;
- During 2009, the results of ACNER survey were compared with ITRS data (on a quarterly basis): they were used as a complementary data sources:
 - Differences in total values, but not in the country breakdown;
- Reports containing comparisons between the two sets of data (survey based data and ITRS) are produced by the NBR and sent to the NIS as feed back;
- The results will be directly used for the compilation of Travel (Credits) after a longer period of comparisons between the two data sets

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Future plans for 2010:

- to continue to use the outcome of the ACNER survey;
- this will become **primary data source**, due to the increase of the reporting threshold for cross – border payments (up to EUR 50000);
- a new data source will complement the existing data: *Survey on tourism expenditures of non-residents staying at private establishments (Tour PA survey)*:
 - Designed in cooperation by: The NIS, The NBR and The Ministry of Tourism and its Research Institute;
 - Pilot survey in 2009, implemented by the NIS on a regular basis starting with 2010.
 - Data will be shared between the three institutions and used according methodology and needs in every statistics: BOP, TSA, accommodation

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- Estimation of Bop/Travel entries within the current system (2009):

Debit side:

- For monthly compilation of BoP, ITRS data are used:
 - Cross border payments above EUR 12500,
 - Credit and debit card information, reported by the banks,
 - An estimation of cash amounts spent by resident travelers abroad, based on reports of the exchange offices.
- For quarterly BOP: use of the outcome of a household survey on domestic and outbound tourism conducted on a quarterly basis by the NIS (*Survey on tourism demand of residents - "ACTR"*):
 - Used as a complementary data source;
 - Shortcomings: difficult to separately identify expenditures incurred during international trips of residents (outcomes of the survey include international transportation)

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Future plans for 2010:

- To redesign the questionnaire, to meet the all the needs in the tourism statistics, BOP and TSA area (a draft of the new questionnaire is circulating between experts);
- The household survey will have a separate module to collect data on same-day visitors (flows and expenditures) – tested in 2009;
- To rely more for the compilation of Travel (debits) on the outcomes of the household survey on domestic and outbound tourism (on a quarterly basis);
- To share detailed data with the three institution, in order to compile the relevant statistics:
 - Bop:
 - passenger transportation separately identified from other tourism expenses, expenses broken down by country and by type etc
 - data source for TSA compilation

Institutional Cooperation

- A cooperation protocol has been drafted to be signed at the level of NIS, NBR and the Ministry of Tourism aiming to:
 - Set up Working groups:
 - Evaluate the statistical need in the area of tourism statistics at the national level;
 - Propose solutions to harmonize the national statistics with international standards;
 - Analyze data obtained by the NIS and the Central Bank, explain the differences.
 - See how TSA will be implemented
 - Share data on a regular basis, in a standardized way (electronically, etc).

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Thank you for your attention!
Questions are welcome

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