Lessons learnt and looking ahead
...by Romania

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CONCLUSIONS
The workshops provided:

- An own (re)assessment of Romania’s system for tourism statistics
- A deeper understanding of tourism statistics and (partly) TSA implementation issues and requirements
- An opportunity to identify key challenges in implementing the new tourism statistics standards and TSAs in the region
- A possibility to share country experiences in addressing these challenges
- A technical team for working together
FUTURE PROJECTS

- **Continuous improvement of tourism statistics**
  - Demand-side surveys (ACNER, ACTR, including the Same-day trips module and Accommodation provided to visitors module)
  - Accommodation statistics (including private accommodation’s case)
  - Travel Agency survey
  - Ministry of Tourism has to make lobby to INS for the introduction of *vacation homes specific questions* within the 2011/2012 Population and Dwellings Census

- **Towards a TSA implementation**
  - A new compilation is possible starting with 2011/2012 due to the new data sources implemented in 2008/2009 (ACNER, TOUR_SDT, TOUR_PA)
  - However responsibilities have to be clearly assigned!!

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FUTURE PROJECTS

- **Officialize the inter-institutional cooperation**
  - Signing and applying the *protocol* of the three institutions in Romania:
    - Ministry of Tourism
    - National Institute of Statistics (INS)
    - National Bank of Romania
  - This protocol will provide a discussion forum, a platform to exchange opinions, information and documents on tourism statistics and not the least, a *legal basis for establishing/sharing the TSA responsibility*

- **International cooperation**
  - Also we expect a continuous cooperation with UNWTO and Eurostat on tourism statistics and TSA related issues
  - (Maybe) a monitoring from UNWTO is necessary...😊

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* - a draft has already been sent by INS to BNR and the Ministry of Tourism
Thank you for your attention!

Questions are welcome

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