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# HICP Compliance Monitoring Follow-up Report - Romania

## Date of visit of the Compliance Monitoring

- December 2018

## Compliance Monitoring Report published <sup>(1)</sup>

- February 2020

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- January 2023

## 1. Eurostat's recommendations and progress made by the National Institute of Statistics (INSSE) of Romania

- INSSE should verify, taking into account the new Civil Code, that the products for maintenance and repair of dwellings included in the HICP sample are those that tenants normally buy (related to minor repairs, i.e. materials for small repairs to and interior decoration of dwellings) and not goods or services that are typically purchased by owners.

*This recommendation has been fully implemented.*

Since January 2023, in order to align with the new Civil Code, INSSE updated the list of items included in the subclass: '04.3.1.0- Materials for the maintenance and repair of dwelling'. The implementation of this new method will take some time to produce results that can be evaluated.

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<sup>(1)</sup> The report is available on Eurostat's website: [HICP Compliance Monitoring Report - Romania - February 2020 \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/tgm/table.do?tab=table&init=1&language=en&plugin=1).

- **INSSE should verify whether winter and summer sales periods are present on the market and if yes, they should be reflected in the respective prices.**

*This recommendation has been fully implemented.*

Since January 2023, INSSE updated the price collection guidelines for the sales and discounts according to the Government Ordinance no. 99/2000 and the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1148. The implementation of this new method will take some time to produce results that can be evaluated.

The guidelines for the 2023 price collection include information on the general conditions for price reductions, the type of discounts, the legal periods for winter and summer sales, and the product groups that can be subject to sales according to the national legislation.

## **2. Additional measures to improve the quality of the Romanian HICP**

INSSE has been making efforts to extend the coverage of segments on energy products in the compilation of the Romanian HICP. As of January 2022, INSSE started to receive monthly data from main gas and electricity providers with the aim to reflect the energy price movements in line with the market changes. The national legislation on compensation schemes was examined and its provisions have been included in the HICP, in line with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1148.

INSEE will update the published metadata in the section '18.5.4.3 Sales and discounts' of the 2023 inventory in order to reflect the current situation.

## **3. Conclusion**

Eurostat takes good note of the measures implemented by INSSE to improve the quality of the Romanian HICP.