

**Agenda of the seminar
„Calculating the Consumer Price Index and Production Price Index:
methods and practices”**

**Chişinău, 23-24 September 2008
National Bureau of Statistics, 8th floor, Conference hall**

Day one: 23 September 2008

8:30 – 9:00	Registration of participants	
9:00	<i>Opening of the Seminar</i>	
9:00 – 9:20	The activity of the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) regarding the improvement of Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Production Price Index (PPI) calculation.	Vladimir GOLOVATIUC, General Director of the NBS
9:20 – 9:35	The importance of CPI data in policy developing and adjusting.	The Government Office
9:35 – 9:50	Usage of CPI data in developing and adjusting monetary policy. Basic inflation index.	Victor CIBOTARU, Prime-vice governor of the National Bank of Moldova
9:50 – 16:30	Session I: <i>The national and international experience in the calculation of the CPI</i>	
9:50 – 10:30	The calculation of CPI: The improvements made by NBS with the support of Statistics Norway and perspectives for future.	Ana CUCEREAVÎI, Head of Price Statistics Section, NBS Lasse SANDBERG, Head of Price Statistics Division, Statistics Norway
10:30 – 11:00	The international experience related to the calculation and dissemination of CPI	
10:30 – 10:50	Improvement and harmonisation of CPI calculation methodology in Romania.	Cristiana MALI, Deputy Head of Price Statistics Division, National Institute of Statistics, Romania
10:50 – 11:00	Discussions	
11:00 – 11:20	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:20 – 12:10	The international experience related to the calculation and dissemination of CPI (continuation)	
11:20 – 11:40	Creating of harmonised CPI in Latvia.	Oskars ALKSNIS, Head of CPI Section, Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia

11:40 – 12:00	CPI in the system of price indices in Russian statistics. Quality of primary data on consumer prices. User relations.	Irina GOREACHEVA, Head of Price Statistics and Finance Division, Federal State Statistics Service of Russia Tamara VLASOVA, Consultant in Consumer Price Statistics Section, Price Statistics and Finance Division, Federal State Statistics Service of Russia
12:00 – 12:10	Discussions	
<i>12:10 – 13:40</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:40 – 14:50	The CPI calculations: The view from international organizations	
13:40 – 14:00	Calculation of elementary price indices in the CPI.	Carsten HANSEN, Head of Economic Statistics Division, UNECE
14:00 – 14:20	Harmonized Indices of Consumer Prices.	Colin STEWART, Statistical Officer, Price statistics Unit D 4, EUROSTAT
14.20 – 14.40	International Comparison Program – principles and recent results.	Lawrence BOUTON, Economist, World Bank
14:40 – 14:50	Discussions	
14:50 – 16:00	CPI data: Users' outlook	
14:50 – 15:10	Usage of CPI data in the development, assessment and monitoring of economic and social policy fulfillment.	Tudor COPACI, Vice minister, Ministry of Economy and Trade
15:10 – 15:30	Theoretical approaches regarding basic inflation.	Alexandru FALA, researcher, Institute of Economy, Finance and Statistics of Academy of Science of Moldova
15:30 – 15:40	Discussions	
15:40 – 16:10	Conclusions on Session I	
Second day: 24 September 2008		
<i>Session II: The harmonisation of CPI and PPI</i>		
9:00 – 9:40	The calculation and dissemination of the PPI in the Republic of Moldova: Obtained results and view for future improvements.	Valentina COMARNIȚCHI, Head of Division of Industry, Energy and Constructions Statistics, NBS Lasse SANDBERG, Head of Price Statistics Division, Statistics Norway
9:40 – 9:50	Discussions	
9:50 – 10:40	The international experience related to the calculation and dissemination of PPI	
9:50 – 10:10	PPI in Lithuania.	Aldona SPURGEVICIENE, Deputy Head of Price Division, Statistics Lithuania

10:10 – 10:30	PPI in Romania.	Adina SECAREANU, Head of Service, Industrial and Construction Price Statistics, National Statistical Institute of Romania
10:30 – 10:40	Discussions	
<i>10:40 – 11:00</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:00 – 11:50	International standards concerning the calculation of PPI	
11:00 – 11:20	PPI in the EU.	Colin STEWART, Statistical Officer, Price statistics Unit D 4
11:20 – 11:40	Challenges in the calculation of PPI in an open market economy.	Carsten HANSEN, Head of Economic Statistics Division, UNECE
11:40 – 11:50	Discussions	
11:50 – 12:20	Conclusions on the Session II	
12:20 – 12:30	<i>Closing of the Seminar</i>	