

Versus the first Italian Tourism Satellite Accounts: the production approach

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Italy is a Country with a very strong tourist vocation. In the European area it is one of the major destination and its rich tourist appeal is well known all over the world. For these reasons the construction of a TSA makes it mandatory.

In order to assess its share within the whole Italian economic system a Tourism Satellite Account (TSA) has been implementing by Italian National Institute of Statistics. Any national TSA implementation process follows the guide lines drawn up by the international recognised framework, this latter submitted to the concepts, definitions, classifications, tables set and macro-aggregates of national accounts systems (SNA93, SEC95). Accordingly, the analytical potential and the break down level achieved by a TSA strictly dependents on national account schemes and on their enhancement eventually occurred. Recently innovative methodological instruments in Italian national account system has occurred, affecting TSA compilation. Among these the adoption of an inter-sectorial framework tables, the Supply and Use Tables (SUT), completely integrated with the Italian national accounts; more, the international revision of economic activities (ISIC Rev.4 and NACE Rev.2) called for a corresponding adjustment of Italian classification. As a result the Italian national accounts now provides a much more detailed articulation about industries and products, 106 the former, 266 the latter. This brand new fanning significantly impacts on a successful TSA compiling and its ability to present the tourist sector.

This paper focus on illustration of the methodology aimed to the implementation of TSA in particular the production table.

The Italian approach to the compilation of tourist production table – so called T5 - follows a reconstruction process of data starting from the Supply table of Italian National Accounts and developing through an integrated and ordered set of worksheets whose final outputs merge into the Table 5 scheme.