

## Number of building permits issued for residential buildings increases 10.2% in January

**The number of building permits issued for residential buildings increased by 10.2% in January 2021, compared to the same month of last year, according to data from the National Institute of Statistics (INS), published on Monday.**

According to the quoted source, in the first month of this year, 2,558 building permits were issued for residential buildings, with a total usable area of 657,687 sqm (+ 37.7%). Of the total documents issued, almost two thirds (65.6%) were for the rural area.

The INS data show that, in January, there was an increase in the number of building permits issued for residential buildings (+237), compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

In the territory, this rise is reflected in the following development regions: Bucharest-Ilfov (+119 permits), South-Muntenia (+85), West (+65), Center (+53) and South-East (+36).

On the other hand, decreases were recorded in the following development regions: North-East (-58 permits), North-West (-38) and South-West Oltenia (-25).

Regarding non-residential buildings, official statistics show that, in January of this year, 382 building permits were issued, down 5% compared to the same month of the previous year, with a total usable area of 284,611 sqm (+150.9%).

On this segment, in the territory, this rise is reflected in all development regions: West (+64,010 sqm), Bucharest-Ilfov (+21,890 sqm), North-West (+21,025 sqm), op-East (+17,078 sqm), South-Muntenia (+13,402 sqm), Center (+13,269 sqm), North-East (+11,752 sqm) and South-West Oltenia (+8,759 sqm).