

NEWSLETTER

EU Twinning Project on Statistics (phase II) In Armenia

4th project quarter

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This is the fourth Newsletter from the EU Twinning Project, *Strengthening of the National Statistical System of Armenia – Phase II*.

In the 4th project quarter the following activities have been implemented:

Dissemination – Study visit to Denmark:

"It was a great opportunity to study and share experience on modern tools for quality management" Anahit Safyan, Member of State Council on Statistics of RA.

The participants of the study visit explored quality assurance, dissemination, user cooperation, tailor made statistics, marketing and branding, metadata and time registration. The study visit gave the Armenian delegation a wealth of valuable ideas and inspiration for future development of NSSRA.

Innovation Statistics – Study visit to Finland:

"The study visit was a unique asset to the pilot innovation survey among legal entities and private entrepreneurs in Armenia" Nelli Baghdasaryan, Head, Social Sphere and Nature Protection Division, NSSRA.

The study visit to Finland was a distinct platform for the NSSRA to enrich knowledge and skillset in production of science, technology and innovation statistics (STI); sampling, data collection, editing and estimation issues; dissemination of STI statistics. It featured a public sector innovation pilot survey, carried out by Statistics Finland etc. and presentations of the first remarks on data collection for the pilot innovation survey in Armenia. The presentations were followed by active discussions and a comparative analysis between the Armenian and Finnish approaches.

Labour Market Statistics:

The mission focused on the structure of earnings. EU experts presented the EU Regulation on the Structure of Earnings Survey (SES). Based on the knowledge gained, the NSSRA defined a preliminary list of variables to be used in a small-scale pilot survey on earnings. During the mission a fruitful meeting was held with the RA State Revenue Committee on data sharing and possibilities of getting access to administrative salary data. In addition, a meeting with several central stakeholders was organized with the aim to discuss user needs related to structure of earnings statistics.

Water Accounts:

Physical water accounts and monetary water accounts were in focus in this mission. As for the physical part, theoretical and practical aspects of



Working situations during 4th quarter of the project.

compiling accounts concerning water supply, use and emissions were developed. As for the monetary part, the EU experts presented monetary accounts taking into account the international framework. In particular, monetary supply and use tables of water related products, input-output tables and hybrid account for supply and use were discussed. The ways of using administrative registers and improvement of quality were in focus throughout the whole mission. The mission started from a good platform due to extensive preparation prior to the mission.

As the project progresses, relevant documentation and presentations are uploaded at the project website in English and Armenian. The project also has a Facebook page which is updated regularly - links to the website and Facebook can be found below.

In the fifth project quarter, 6 project related activities will take place in Armenia. There will also be a study visit to Statistics Denmark on Labour Market Statistics, and a study visit to Istat of Italy on Water Accounts.

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Main topics of the Twinning Project

1. Dissemination and Quality of Statistics
Dissemination system improved; dissemination strategy developed; user satisfaction survey questionnaire updated, tested and published; recommendations made on quality management assurance

2. Demographic Statistics
Vital statistics and migration statistics improved; strategy for electronic data collection mechanisms developed (transition from paper sources to administrative registers)

3. Labour Market Statistics
Labour cost index calculated and published; structural statistics on wages calculated and published

4. Poverty Statistics
Social exclusion will be introduced and calculated (in cooperation with UNICEF)

5. Innovation Statistics
Innovation statistics introduced; methodology on innovation statistics developed; plan for regular production and publication developed

6. Water Accounts
Methodology for water accounts developed in cooperation with central stakeholders; water accounts compiled



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