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> This is the fourth newsletter on the progress of the implementation of the EU funded Twinning Project on Statistics in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH)

The Twinning project is midway through its implementation and the first year has thus passed. So far the project is going well, though some obstacles in the component on national accounts need to be overcome.

In the fourth project quarter from June to September 2015, four activities have been completed. This concerns missions on:

- National Accounts which looked into finalizing the plan for ESA2010 implementation
- Producer Prices in Services which looked into the data of the pilot survey
- Financial Accounts which looked into the insurance sector and the initial drafting of financial accounts

Furthermore, a study visit on ESSPROS to Riga, Latvia was conducted with great success.

Seven project results have been fully achieved so far and two project results partly achieved out of a total of 29 expected project results.

In total, 23 activities have been completed during the first year out of a total of 49 planned activities for the entire project.

The topics of this Twinning project should be seen in a larger context as they are strategic priorities in the Strategy for Development of Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina 2020 (Strategy 2020) which was developed during the previous Twinning project under the IPA 2008 instrument. The Directors of the three statistical institutions in BiH signed Strategy 2020 in December 2013 at the closing event of the previous Twinning project.

The primary aim of Strategy 2020 is to provide a framework for the implementation of activities that will develop the statistical system in BiH into an efficient and modern system capable of



View from the RTA Office of the current Twinning project in BiH. Sarajevo, November 2015.

defining priorities in line with requirements from its users. The strategy is also used as a frame of reference for the cooperation between the three statistical institutions in BiH.

124 expected outcomes have been identified and are used to measure the achievement of the strategy.

Now almost two years into the implementation of the strategy, twelve outcomes have been achieved, ten are still under implementation and nine outcomes have not yet been achieved out of the 31 outcomes which were planned to be achieved during the first two years of implementation (2014 and 2015).

The current Twinning project – see the blue box – is supporting the achievement of a few of the many outcomes which Strategy 2020 seeks to achieve and much more work thus lies ahead.

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Main topics of the Twinning Project

1. National Accounts

Institutional sectors will be introduced in the National Accounts and updates will be made in accordance with the new manual on ESA2010

2. Statistical Business register (SBR)

SBR will be further improved in line with EU regulation

3. Structural Business Statistics (SBS)

SBS will be further developed in line with EU regulation

4. Short-Term Statistics

Producer prices in construction and producer prices in services will be developed in line with EU regulation

5. European system of integrated social protection statistics (ESSPROS)

Pilot survey for ESSPROS will be conducted and methodology for creating ESSPROS will be implemented

6. Financial Accounts

Financial Accounts statistics will be produced in line with EU standards.



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