

# NEWSLETTER N° 1

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"Strengthening the Capabilities of the Department of Statistics in Jordan"

## RELIABLE STATISTICS: A DRIVING FORCE FOR A COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT

Dear reader,

I am pleased to present the first newsletter on the progress in the implementation of the EU Twinning Project 'Strengthening the Capabilities of the Department of Statistics in Jordan'.

On 26 February 2014 the Kick-Off event of the project took place in the Crowne Plaza hotel.

The event was honoured by the presence of representative of the head of the EU Delegation to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan Joanna Wronecka, the Danish Deputy Head of Mission Anders Ostervang, the Italian Ambassador Patrizio Fondi, Director of Statistics Denmark Mr. Lars Thygesen, DoS' Acting Director General Jamal Alaween and other relevant stakeholders. All the speakers highlighted the importance of independent statistics of high quality for a country's development. The press conference was also well attended by the media and led to several articles in the press.



The Kick-Off event was held on 26 February. From the left: Tiziana Pelliciotti, MS Junior Project Leader; Thomas Olsen, RTA; Charlotte Juul Hansen, MS Project Leader; Patrizio Fondi, Italian Ambassador; Joanna Wronecka, EU ambassador; Jamal Alaween, DoS Acting Director General; Anders Ostervang, Danish Deputy Head of Mission; Lars Thygesen, Statistics Denmark Director.

The Kick-Off event also marks the launch of the project website [www.dst.dk/jordan](http://www.dst.dk/jordan)

The project website contains all mission reports, contact details as well as coming newsletters. All documents and presentations are available in English.



National Account experts from NI-CO

During the first four months of the project, seven activities have been completed. MS experts have discussed with BC experts on issues related to national accounts, sampling techniques, quality and metadata as well as IT and online dissemination.

In the first four months, the project has welcomed leading experts from Denmark, Latvia, UK and Germany. The atmosphere has been full of enthusiasm and it has been a fruitful cooperation where highly skilled professionals from different countries have met in Amman.

During the coming three months, seven activities are currently planned.

Thomas Olsen,  
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## Facts about the Project

### Topics

- National accounts
- Sampling techniques
- Quality and metadata
- IT and online dissemination

### Budget and duration

This project, funded by the European Union, with a total value of EUR 1,200 million, started in November 2013. The duration is 18 months.

### Partners

- Department of Statistics in Jordan (beneficiary)
- Statistics Denmark (MS lead)
- Istat of Italy (MS junior)
- Northern Ireland Cooperation Overseas (NI-CO)
- Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia

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## Completed missions:

- 1.1 Assessment of national accounts
- 1.2 National Account Compilation Approaches
- 2.1 Assessment of current use of sampling methodologies
- 2.2 Design of surveys
- 3.1 Assessment on quality, documentation and metadata
- 3.2 Quality Assurance – I
- 4.1 Assessment of current database structure



MS Project Leader Charlotte Juul Hansen and RTA Thomas Olsen present the project methodology at the Kick-Off event.



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