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

An integrated part of an EU Twinning project is study visits of BC experts to a MS country. This gives BC experts an opportunity to meet their colleagues in the MS country and to have an impression of how work is organized. In this Twinning project each component has a study visit to a MS country during the project.

The study visits follow a rather fixed scheme: Monday and Friday are days of traveling while Tuesday-Thursday are working days in the MS country which normally will be at the national statistical institution.

In May 2015 the study visit on Statistical Business Register (SBR) took place at Statistics Finland. Experts from all three statistical institutions in BiH participated.

The study visit program included presentations of the organization of Statistics Finland in general and of course especially of the Finnish Statistical Business Register.

The introduction to the Finnish Business Register included a description of updating sources of the Finnish Business Register which can be either administrative sources or direct data collection. The program also included a presentation on institutional sector codes used by National Account among others. In Finland the sector codes are updated once a month. Statistics Finland is independent in determining the sector code, while a working group with representatives of the Central Bank and the Ministry of Finance can give their opinion in the allocation of sector codes.

Also, methods for quality measurement of the Finnish Business Register were presented. Statistics Finland has implemented formal and informal methods to measure the quality of its Business Register.

Statistics Finland told about their production system management and maintenance. This refers to day-to-day work on running the Finnish Business Register. Of interest for the BC experts were also presentation related to business demography and how to establish enterprise groups in the Register as well as



The Study Visit for Statistical Business Register to Statistics Finland in Helsinki took place in the last week of May 2015. The photo shows some of the participants from BiH together with a colleague from Finland.

large enterprise cooperation and international profiling.

For the hosting institutions the study visit is quite a demanding task. So it rewarding that the BC experts were very satisfied with the visit. Component leader on SBR Dzenita Mustafic from BHAS has the following opinion:

"We have gained a lot of knowledge and useful experiences during this study visit"

In the fourth project quarter, three missions to BiH and one study visit will take place.

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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.
CBBH is the main beneficiary in this component



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