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‘Development of Ukrainian statistical methodologies in line with EU Standards’

NEW IMPROVEMENTS SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED

Dear reader,

I am happy to present the third newsletter on the progress of the implementation of the EU Twinning Project on Statistics in Ukraine.

With this quarter we have completed the first half of the project and have carried out almost 50 per cent of the activities planned.

The transition to the new NACE classification of economic activities is well-known and very topical for many people in Ukraine. I am delighted to tell you that our Twinning Project is successfully supporting the SSSU in:



- Re-coding as well as double coding economic activities in the statistical business register and
- Recalculating time series at the corresponding statistics due to the introduction of new classifications.

Another highlight of the third quarter is the first draft of the Code of ethics for the SSSU staff and introduction course for new employees.

The third quarter was also marked by many study visits to our partner institutions. In total, 9 delegations comprising 25 Ukrainian experts exchanged experience and learned EU best practices at the statistical offices in Denmark, Lithuania, Finland and Spain. Two other expert missions have been carried out in Kyiv.

I am very pleased about the positive feedback from our Ukrainian colleagues. As stated by Mr Pavlo Tytarenko, Head of Human Resources Department at the SSSU who participated in a study visit: “This was a great opportunity to meet our experienced colleagues again. We got a good understanding of their work context and will try to apply this know-how at home.”

Moreover, the Steering Committee meeting on 25 May 2012 also reflected the positive atmosphere and attitude among the stakeholders towards the successful implementation of the Project.



I would like to end this newsletter by inviting you to visit our webpage dst.dk/ukraine. We continuously update the webpage with new presentations and you will find mission reports from all activities carried out. You can also see our working calendar, where the dates for the next 26 missions are confirmed for the upcoming period.

Furthermore, I would like to welcome you on [facebook.com/twinning.statistics](https://www.facebook.com/twinning.statistics), where you will have a unique opportunity to see photos from activities carried out and become updated on project events.

See you again in October!

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Fifteen completed activities - overview:

Tourism statistics: At the study visit at INE of Spain the SSSU experts studied Spanish methodology and experience of compilation of satellite account for tourism.

National Accounts: At the study visit to Statistics Denmark, the SSSU staff learned the practice of compilation according to the EU standards.

Business register: At the study visit to Statistics Denmark, and afterwards in Kyiv, SSSU, Danish and Lithuanian experts discussed drafting procedures for re- and double coding economic activities in the statistical business register.

Structural Business Statistics: Lithuanian experts provided recommendations on a retrospective analysis method most fitted for the Ukrainian structural statistics with regard to available resources; first at the study visit to Statistics Lithuania and then on an expert mission in Kyiv.

Production: At the study visit to Statistics Lithuania the SSSU started drafting the list of products for industrial production statistics.

Dissemination database: SSSU expert participated in the 21st annual PC-Axis Reference Group Meeting 2012 held in Stockholm, Sweden where they met again with Danish expert from this component.

Housing Prices: An SSSU expert participated in the meeting of the Group of Experts on Consumer Price Indices held in Geneva, Switzerland, where the SSSU expert had an opportunity to further the dialogue with British expert of the component.

Salaries and wages: This study visit has enabled the SSSU staff familiarization with the labour remuneration statistics in Statistics Finland and provided substantial knowledge on SES, LCI and LFS surveys.

HR management: At the study visit to Statistics Denmark the SSSU started drafting the ethical code for staff members and a programme on basic training course for new employees.

Steering Committee Meeting 2nd quarter: Representatives of the SSSU, Statistics Denmark, EU Delegation to Ukraine and Twinning Programme Administrative Office (PAO) met on 25 May 2012 and discussed the current state of the project implementation.

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