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"Development of Ukrainian statistical methodologies in line with EU Standards"

CONTINUING MAKING GOOD PROGRESS

Dear reader,

With this newsletter I am delighted to inform you that now our project implementation totals almost 80 per cent of the originally planned activities in this Twinning Project.

Eight activities were conducted in this 5th quarter.

Experts from the statistical offices in Lithuania, Sweden and Denmark worked together with their Ukrainian colleagues on 5 missions in Kyiv.



Furthermore, we organized a combined study visit on Harmonised Index for Consumer Prices (HICP) and Housing prices to our colleagues at Statistics Slovak Republic.

Additionally, the project made it possible for the Tourism Satellite Account personnel at SSSU to take part in the UNWTO Capacity building seminar in Baku, Azerbaijan organized by World Tourism Organization. The participation has improved the achievement of the mandatory results on the component. As a result of the seminar some short-term objectives for Ukraine and medium-term strategic tasks were identified aiming at improving tourist statistics in the region in general.

With this quarter we have achieved benchmarks for the 4 following components:

- 1.3 Business Register,
- 1.4 Structural Business Statistics,
- 1.5 Production Statistics,
- 5 Respondent Burden.

The expectation is that we will succeed in achieving the planned results in other components as well before the project completion. The dates for all remaining activities are fixed. Additional activities

were also suggested, and I am happy to inform you that we already in this quarter could invite our two Swedish colleagues to support SSSU on the preparation of the sample survey on capital investment which will significantly contribute to the reducing of the respondent burden of the enterprises.

The 4th Steering Committee meeting took place on December 11, 2012. On the agenda was the state of play of the project implementation as well as discussion of future prospects.

On 5th December, the Ukrainian statisticians celebrated the Day of State Statistics, which this year marked 10 years since the first national census in 2001. The Twinning team used the opportunity to congratulate the colleagues and to wish them all the best.



In line with this I would like to use the opportunity to present the International Year of Statistics, which is a worldwide celebration and recognition of the contributions of statistical science. Please read more on www.statistics2013.org.

The highlight of this quarter for me personally was undoubtedly the opportunity to present our project for the two journals; the Information Bulletin published by Twinning Programme Administrative Office's (PAO) and EU delegation's to Ukraine Eurobulletin. Both these interviews are uploaded to our webpage www.dst.dk/ukraine, together with the new presentations and mission reports.

Best regards and see you in our final newsletter!

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Eight completed activities:

Tourism Statistics: The participation at Capacity building seminar in Baku, Azerbaijan supported drafting of the methodology on compilation of tourism satellite account.

Respondent Burden: Danish expert evaluated the methodology of the respondent burden measurement developed by SSSU as very useful. A direct result of this component was the SSSU's data collection policy developed in the cooperation with the MS experts and approved by SSSU on 4 December 2012.

Foreign Direct Investment: The objective of this mission was to continue familiarization with the existing data collection system. The mission was able to design a new survey for gathering a group structure from Ukrainian companies.

Structural Business Statistics: The recalculations of the different indicators like turnover, number of employed persons, and conversion coefficients from Nace1.1 to Nace 2 (and vice versa) were considered by the Lithuanian experts as prepared correctly.

HICP/Prices Housing Market: At the study visit to the Statistics Slovak Republic SSSU has studied the main stages of HICP calculations and improved knowledge on observations over price changes on the primary and the secondary housing markets.

Capital Investment: At this additional mission the Swedish experts drafted sampling of active enterprises for capital investment surveys and evaluated this methodology using real sets of data. Furthermore, they assessed the achieved results as well as gave recommendations for further improvements.

Business register: Danish and Lithuanian experts evaluated together with their Ukrainian colleagues the methodology for compilation of the population of active enterprises for statistical observations according to NACE Rev.2.

Steering Committee Meeting 4th quarter: Representatives of the SSSU, Statistics Denmark, EU Delegation to Ukraine and Twinning Programme Administrative Office (PAO) met on 11 December 2012 to discuss the current state of the project implementation.

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