

TWINNING CONTRACT

BA 15 IPA SR 01 17

Support to the reform of the statistics system in Bosnia and Herzegovina



STUDY VISIT REPORT

on

Regional Accounts

Activity 1.5

Study visit to France

09.10.2018-11.10.2018

Version: Final

Table of contents

1. General comments.....	2
2. Lessons Learned.....	3
3. Conclusions and recommendations.....	4
Annex 1. Programme.....	5
Annex 2. Persons met.....	6

List of Abbreviations

BHAS	Agency for Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina
BiH	Bosnia and Herzegovina
CBBH	Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina
EC	European Commission
EU	European Union
FBiH	Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
FIS	Institute for Statistics of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
MS	EU Member State
RSIS	Institute for Statistics of Republika Srpska
RTA	Resident Twinning Adviser
ToR	Terms of Reference
INSEE	The National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies
NUTS	Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GVA	Gross value added
RA	Regional Accounts
NA	National Accounts
FISIM	Financial Intermediation Service Indirectly Measured

1. General comments

This study visit report was prepared within the EU Twinning Project "Support to the reform of the statistics system in Bosnia and Herzegovina". and organised under component 1, activity 1.5.

The purpose of study visit to Paris to INSEE, was to get familiar and to learn about the system of Regional Accounts in France.

Representatives of the Institute for Statistic of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina did not participate in the study visit.

The staff of BHAS and RSIS would like to express their thanks to all officials and individuals met for the kind support and valuable information which they received during the stay in France and which highly facilitated the work.

This views and observations stated in this report are those of the consultant and do not necessarily correspond to the views of EU, BHAS, FIS, RSIS, CBBH, Statistics Denmark, INSEE, Statistics Finland and Croatian Bureau of Statistics.

2. Lessons Learned

During the study visit the work of INSEE and the organizational structure with main focus on Regional Accounts and National Accounts was presented to the Bosnian delegation.

The first day of the study visit, was dedicated to European territorial classifications and revision of French regions. French experts held the presentation about NUTS classification, the purposes of classifications, definition criteria and frequency of the revisions.

Next topic was about Regional action at INSEE related to organization of Regional Accounts, their departments and division, missions, objectives and coordination of regional action network.

One of the presentations was about Regional Gross Value Added and Gross Domestic Product. This presentation has covered definitions and methodologies used in RA, the regionalization of GVA (the sources and principle used) and regionalization of GDP (methods used as well as processing of the outermost regions).

During the second day of the study visit, French expert presented organisation of French National Accounts, related to compilation of non-financial and financial accounts (annual accounts by NA department with support of business statistic department and Ministry of Finance and quarterly accounts produced only by NA department.

The presentation was also dedicated to FISIM that is mainly produced by the National Central Bank. The structure of National Accounts Department (i.e. number of persons working there and work and divisions they have) was presented.

One of the presentations was about Employment and Compensation of employees in National Accounts, related to different data sources and methods (estimates of employment based on

Administrative data, estimates of compensation based on accounting data, adjustments for non-observed economy, income in kind, fraud and even for the tips).

The third day of the study visit we were informed about the employment estimates system in France and compilation of regional household's accounts. We have also learned about the methods used for the compilation of regional household's accounts (top-down, bottom-up, mixture of bottom up and top-down), how the dissemination works (on the website and to Eurostat), primary and secondary allocation account and the sources used (direct and indirect).

3. Conclusions and recommendations

Giving the fact that Regional accounts have never been produced in BiH any information gained during this study visit was more than valuable for our further work.

It was very interesting and important to see how business statistics are strongly linked to the National Accounts system and how much they participate in the compilation of National Accounts. It was also important to learn about the Satellite Accounts that actually are being produced in their Ministries.

The most important knowledge gained refers to data sources. Through the presentations of French experts we have clearly seen the importance of administrative data sources. BH delegation concluded that the focus should be on administrative data sources as well as improvement of existing administrative data sources.

Experience gained from this study visit will be used in further development of Regional Accounts in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Actions needed for moving forward

Action	Deadline	Responsible institution / person
To provide better access to administrative data sources	-	All three statistical institutions in BiH

Annex 1. Programme

Day 1 – Tuesday 9 October 2018 – Meeting room RC-A-109

- 09:45 - Appointment at INSEE's reception with Mr Serge Darriné
- 10:00 – 12:00 -Presentation by Mr Benoît Hurpeau, expert on regional accounts
- Implementation of the Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics in France
 - Organisation of Regional accounts at INSEE
- 12:00 – 14:00 -*Lunch break*
- 13:45 – 15:45 -Presentation by Mr Benoît Hurpeau, expert on regional accounts
- Data sources for compilation of Regional accounts in France (Gross Value Added)
 - Methods used for compilation of Regional accounts in France (Gross Value Added)

Day 2 – Wednesday 10 October 2018 – Meeting room RC-A-109

- 09:30 -Appointment at INSEE's reception with Mr Serge Darriné
- 09:45 – 11:45 -Presentation by Mr Ronan Mahieu, Head of the Department of National accounts
- Organisation of National accounts at INSEE
 - Treatment of FISIM in National accounts
 - Data sources and methods for estimates of Employment and Compensation of employees in National accounts
- 12:00 – 14:00 -*Lunch break*
- 13:45 – 15:45 -Presentation by Ms Marina Robin, expert on regional statistics
- Data sources and methods for compilation of Households accounts in France

Day 3 – Thursday 11 October 2018 – Meeting room RC-A-109

- 09:45 -Appointment at INSEE's reception with Mr Serge Darriné
- 10:00 – 11:30 -Presentation by Mr Benoît Hurpeau
- Data sources and methods for estimates of Employment and Compensation of employees in Regional accounts
- 11:30 – 12:00 -Evaluation of the study visit with Mr Serge Darriné
- Lunch and afternoon free*

Annex 2. Persons met

Agency for Statistics of Bosnia-Herzegovina

Ms Dijana Mlikota, Assistant Director for Macroeconomic Statistics

Ms Edina Kozić, Head of National Accounts Department

Ms Senija Fačić, Head of the Branch Office Brčko

Ms Brana Taraba, Senior Adviser for Regional Accounts

Institute for Statistics of Republika Srpska

Ms Jelena Djokić, Assistant Director

Ms Rada Radovanović, Head of National Accounts Department

Ms Žana Alagić, Senior Associate for the Non-Financial Sector

Ms Dragana Kunovac, Senior Associate for State and Financial Sector-Project Component

Coordinator for Regional Accounts from RSIS

Twinning Project

Mr Haris Imamović, Interpreter

The National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies- INSEE

Mr Serge Darriné, Program officer for European and Asian countries

Mr Benoît Hurpeau, Expert on regional accounts

Mr Ronan Mahieu, Head of the Department of National accounts

Ms Marina Robin, Expert on regional statistics