

Newsletter on International Consulting



New Twinning Project in Bosnia-Herzegovina

In October 2014 Statistics Denmark has started the implementation of a new Twinning project in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Statistics Denmark is once more working together with the Agency for Statistics of Bosnia-Herzegovina, the Institute for Statistics of Federation of Bosnia-Herzegovina, the Institute for Statistics of Republika Srpska as well as the Central Bank of Bosnia-Herzegovina to further improve the statistics and statistical system of Bosnia Herzegovina.

This is the second Twinning project that Statistics Denmark is implementing in Bosnia Herzegovina. The last project finished in December 2013. The current project is going to last for 24 months and the long-term adviser Mr Leth Sørensen has taken office in Sarajevo in September this year.

A total of 49 activities are planned for the next two years in the project's four components:

1. National Accounts
2. Business Statistics
3. Financial Accounts
4. ESSPROS

Statistics Finland is junior partner, while the Statistical Offices of Germany, Netherlands, Lithuania and Latvia are providing some expertise.



Gender Statistics in Jordan

Two experts from Statistics Denmark have held a 3-day workshop on gender statistics in Amman as part of the project 'An increased understanding and acceptance of the importance of Gender indicators in Jordan'.

There were 35 participants, both women and men, from all of Jordan's 12 provinces. Topics that were discussed were for example the social structure, employment, earnings and education with a specific focus on gender. The participants were very engaged and debated lively possible changes to Jordanian law as well as indicators on gender equality.

The project is a co-operation between KVINFO, the Higher Population Council and the Department of Statistics of Jordan and the workshop was financed by the Danish Foreign Ministry. This is the third workshop on gender in statistics that the two Danish experts have held in Jordan.



Twinning project in Kosovo half way through implementation period

In December 2013 the Kosovo Agency of Statistics (KAS) and Statistics Denmark became partners in the implementation of KAS's first Twinning project. The project has the aim to improve Kosovo's Statistical System in the areas of National Accounts, Quality of Statistics, Business Statistics and Dissemination. Next to Statistics Denmark, experts from Statistics Finland, Istat and Statistics Lithuania are involved in the implementation.

The 24-month long project has now reached the middle of its implementation period. Until now a total of 37 activities have been completed and the first results have been achieved – for example the development of a quality commitment document.

Next to the project activities in Kosovo, KAS staff has since project start participated in a conference on Quality in Statistics as well as international meetings concerning dissemination and an ESTP Training in National Accounts.



Status of Twinning project in Jordan after 13 months of implementation

Together with the Department of Statistics of Jordan (DoS), Statistics Denmark and ISTAT are implementing the Twinning project "Strengthening the Capabilities of the Department of Statistics in Jordan". The 18-month project started in November 2013 and will be completed in April 2015.

A big achievement so far is the ongoing development of a complete set of Supply and Use Tables for Jordan for the first time. The existence of Supply and Use Tables will result in an increase in the data quality of the Jordanian National Accounts as well as a much more precise picture of the economic situation in Jordan.

The achievement was possible only due to the very high level of dedication and hard work of DoS and Danish experts.

Until now 33 missions and 4 study visits have been implemented with very high satisfaction of all DoS and MS experts involved. In total 51 activities have been planned in the project, which leaves 14 to be implemented during the remaining months.



Statistics Denmark's International Consulting wishes you a good holiday season and successful start into the New Year!!!