

Newsletter on International Consulting



New Twinning Project in Jordan

In November 2013 an 18-month Twinning project started with the Department of Statistics in Jordan (DoS). Staff from Statistics Denmark, Istat, the Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia and NI-CO will work on the project, which is led by Statistics Denmark and has Istat as Junior Partner.

The Resident Twinning Adviser, Thomas Olsen, took office in Amman in the beginning of November 2013 and will be responsible for coordinating the project's 47 activities, drawing on more than 30 experts.

The project focusses on the following topics:

- National Accounts: Supply and Use tables, Input Output tables, informal sector, current accounts and satellite accounts
- Sampling Techniques: Sampling methodologies, survey design, weighting, imputation, non-response and sampling errors
- Quality and Metadata: Quality assurance, quality declarations, metadata strategy and quality audit
- Data Warehouse: Database structure, online dissemination, website technology



Completion of EU Twinning project in Bosnia-Herzegovina

Statistics Denmark is successfully completing a 27-months EU Twinning project in Bosnia Herzegovina in December 2013. A closing event and press conference with high-level participation from the three statistical institutions in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Statistics Denmark and the EU Delegation to Bosnia-Herzegovina was held on 16 December 2013.

The overall objective of the EU Twinning project has been met and the project partners describe it as very successful. Among the biggest achievements were the development and signature of a long-term strategy for the development of statistics in Bosnia-Herzegovina as well as strategies on dissemination and metadata.

Moreover, final results of structural business statistics are published and transferred to Eurostat and three new short-term statistics on retail trade, construction and tourism will be published in spring 2014.



Continued cooperation with SSSU through new Twinning project in Ukraine

Statistics Denmark is continuing its fruitful cooperation with the State Statistical Service of Ukraine (SSSU) in a new Twinning project, this time supported by INSEE France (Junior Partner), Statistics Lithuania, the Central Statistical Office of Latvia, the Central Statistical Office of Poland, Statistics Finland, Statistics Sweden, the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic, INE of Spain and ISTAT Italy. Irina Bernstein, who was RTA in the previous project, has retaken office in Kyiv and the project officially started 19 November 2013.

The project stretches over 24 month, during which around 80 activities will be implemented by over 60 MS experts and 150 BC participants.

The project focusses on a large number of topics:

- National Accounts
- Price Indices
- Structural Business Statistics
- Business Trends Statistics
- Agriculture Statistics
- Foreign Trade Statistics
- Statistical Business Register
- Sample Surveys
- Capital and Foreign Direct Investment
- Household Living Conditions Survey
- Communication with Media and Public
- Ukrainian Statistic Bodies' Image
- New Web Page
- Staff Training



New Twinning project in Kosovo

On 9 December 2013 Statistics Denmark started an EU Twinning project with the Kosovo Agency of Statistics (KAS). The RTA Per Knudsen has taken office in Pristina and will coordinate the implementation of the project's 67 activities.

During the 24-month project, experts from Statistics Denmark, Statistics Finland, Statistics Lithuania, NI-CO, Istat and the Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia will work with KAS on the following topics:

1. Quality System for Statistics (Annual Work Plan, Five-year Strategy)
2. National Accounts (Annual Accounts by Production and Expenditure, Quarterly National Accounts, Action Plan)
3. Business Statistics (Business Register, Structural Business Statistics, Short-term Statistics, NACE Rev. 2)
4. IT Technology (Supply Contract, Internet Dissemination, GIS, work with press and media)

The Twinning project is the first of its kind for KAS and all project partners are looking forward to a good cooperation during the coming two years.



**Statistics Denmark's International Consulting wishes you
Happy Holidays and a successful New Year!!!**