

Newsletter on International Consulting



New Twinning Project in Israel

In May 2013 an 18-months Twinning project started between the Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics (ICBS) and Statistics Denmark. Staff from Statistics Denmark and Statistics Netherlands will work on the project.

The Resident Twinning Adviser, Thomas Bie, took office in Jerusalem in late April 2013 and will be responsible for coordinating the project's planned 38 activities, drawing on more than 30 experts.

The project focusses on the following topics:

- National Accounts: Financial Accounts, Government Finances, Balance of Payments, Welfare Accounts and Environmental Accounts
- Education Statistics: Statistics on school drop-out, higher education, adult education, employees in Research and Development as well as indicators for culture and sports
- Coordination of the NSS and strategic planning: Long-term strategic plan, procedures for long- and short-term planning and coordination of the National Statistical System
- Data collection and interviewer management: Methods for quality control and monitoring of interviews, cognitive aspects of interviewing and questionnaire design
- ICBS Website: Dissemination strategy, monitoring of user satisfaction, new design of website and rules for its regular updating



A kick-off event to formally start the project was held in May 2013 and since project start, five missions and one study visit have been completed. The project is scheduled to end in October 2014.



Completion of EU Twinning project in Armenia

Statistics Denmark has successfully completed an EU Twinning project in Armenia. A closing ceremony with high-level participation from Statistics Denmark, Eurostat and the Armenian government was held at project completion in February 2013.

The project was highly successful and all mandatory results were reached. The success was primarily due to a high degree of commitment from the staff of the National Statistical Service of Armenia and MS experts who were involved in the project.

The Twinning project in Armenia has been announced to be among the four “Twinning success stories” in 2011 by the European Commission. It was chosen among more than 100 projects.



Inogate International Conference on Energy Statistics

On 23–24 April, Statistics Denmark hosted the International Conference on the Importance of Energy Statistics in Copenhagen, Denmark. The conference was part of the EU funded Inogate energy project that Statistics Denmark has been a partner in since 2011.

The conference gathered statisticians, politicians and national planners. Most of the participants who attended the conference came from countries in the Caucasus and Central Asia – the focus countries of the Inogate project.



The speakers came from a variety of fields – local and national politics, statistics institutions, academia, International Energy Agency and Eurostat. All illustrated the importance of energy statistics from different perspectives.

The conference also included an excursion to the District Heating Plant “Vestforbrænding”, where participants could see how energy statistics are applied very practically.



Completion of EU Twinning project in Ukraine

Statistics Denmark has successfully completed a 21-months EU Twinning project in July 2013. A closing event and press conference with high-level participation from Statistics Denmark, the EU Delegation to Ukraine and Eurostat was held in May 2013.

All project partners agreed that the project was a success and the State Statistical Service Ukraine had taken a strong ownership of the project. The overall objective of the EU Twinning project has been met and Ukraine's economic statistics and organisation of work have been further aligned with EU best practice.

Like the project in Armenia was in 2011, the Twinning project in Ukraine has been selected among more than 100 projects to be one of the four best Twinning projects in 2012.