



News on the Results Achieved in the EU Twinning Project in Bosnia and Herzegovina Support to the State and Entity Statistical Institutions, phase V



In December 2013, the 27 months Twinning project in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) on harmonization of statistics with EU standards was completed.

The cooperation between the implementing partners and the three statistical institutions (see green box below) has been very positive and flexible with willingness to discuss arising problems and unexpected needs. The EU Member State experts and experts of BHAS, FIS and RSIS have been engaged and dedicated, and the focus on practical solutions as well as assigned tasks in between missions has led to a number of tangible results:

Statistical Business Register (SBR):

- A five year development plan was developed and approved by the three Directors
- Information on businesses in the SBR has been improved

Structural Business Statistics (SBS):

- The SBS survey and methodology were improved and SBS have been transmitted to Eurostat for the first time in August 2013

Short-Term Statistics (STS):

- Pilot surveys on respectively building permits for construction statistics and demand side tourism statistics were planned and completed
- The regular surveys on construction, retail trade and supply side tourism statistics have been improved
- Methodology documentation for retail

trade, construction and tourism statistics have been developed

Extended Household Budget Survey (HBS):

- BC staff has been trained to conduct data cleaning of high quality and to disseminate results of the extended HBS

Long-Term Strategy:

- Strategy 2020: Strategy for Development of Statistics of BiH was developed and signed by the three Directors

Metadata and Classification:

- A metadata strategy was developed and signed by the three Directors
- A database model with data flow diagram was prepared

Dissemination:

- A dissemination strategy was developed and signed by the three Directors
- PC-Axis has been implemented as a dissemination tool and will be used to disseminate the results of the population census conducted in October 2013

Continuous work is needed in the three institutions to implement the recommendations for future developments made in each component in order to further improve the quality and approximation of BiH statistics to EU standards.

Statistics Denmark would like to thank everyone involved in the project for their dedicated efforts in achieving the mandatory results and for making this project a success!

Photos from Sarajevo: The Closing Event was held on 16 December 2013.

High satisfaction with the project and its results were expressed at the closing event. During the event the three Directors signed the Strategy for Development of Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Strategy 2020) as well as the dissemination strategy and the metadata strategy which were developed during the project.

From the right: Lars Thygesen, Danish/MS Project Leader; Bente Dyrberg, RTA; Holger Schroeder, Head of Operation at the EU Delegation to BiH; Zdenko Milinovic, Director of BHAS; Radmila Cickovic, Director of RSIS; Hidajeta Bajramovic, Director of FIS.

The beneficiaries of the Twinning project were the Agency for Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BHAS), the Institute for Statistics of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (FIS) and the Institute for Statistics of Republika Srpska (RSIS).

The project was implemented from September 2011 to December 2013 by Statistics Denmark as Lead Partner, the Federal Statistical Bureau of Germany (Destatis) as Junior Partner as well as Statistics Finland, ISTAT and Statistics Lithuania.

For more information about the project:
www.dst.dk/bih