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### This is the fifth newsletter on the implementation of the project on Statistics in Bosnia and Herzegovina

During the fifth project quarter, eight missions were carried out in BiH and there were three study visits, all going to Denmark.

The activities have been focusing on:

- Data sources, production and balancing of the quarterly *International Investment Positions*
- At the mission for setting up *Regional Accounts* an experimental compilation at NUTS II level was done for some of the activities
- Sharing experiences from the first wave of data collection for the demand side of *tourism*, revise the questionnaire and the interview guide, and to discuss data editing and validation methods for the second wave of data collection
- Integrating enterprise group data in the *Statistical Business Register*
- Continued development of the *IT application for producer prices* and documentation of it for both users and IT staff
- Preparation of the regular survey on *Construction Producer Prices Index* for civil engineering
- Preparation of the regular survey on *Service Producer Price Index*
- Study visit to Denmark on *Structural Business Statistics, Balance of Payments and International Investment Position* (both Statistics Denmark and the Danish Central Bank), and *Statistical Business Register*.

Five benchmarks were achieved in the fifth project quarter. One benchmark was achieved for National Accounts on identifying data sources adjusted for regional accounts, and one for the statistical business register on creating the first test profiling related to enterprise groups. Also, two benchmarks related to the construction producer price index were reached. These concern the conduction



Missions on Consumer and Service Producer Price Index with MS experts from Denmark, Finland and France

of the pilot survey and the development of a plan for a regular production of the index. Furthermore, one benchmark for Tourism statistics on defining criteria for an IT application was achieved as well.

Every activity in this Twinning project is evaluated on several aspects, like competence of the experts, time effectiveness and interpretation, to make sure that everything is satisfying, and we can make adjustments as needed. The evaluations of the missions to BiH and the study visits were very positive and the average score was 4.85 points out of 5.00 possible points.

The cooperation among MS experts and experts of the three statistical institutions and the Central Bank continues to work well. Continued dedication is crucial for the future implementation of activities.

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### Main topics of the Twinning project

#### 1. Regional Accounts

Regional accounts will be introduced in BiH in line with EU regulation

#### 2. Statistical Business Register (SBR)

SBR will be further improved in line with EU regulation incl. looking into enterprise groups

#### 3. Structural Business Statistics (SBS)

SBS will be further developed in line with EU regulation. The use of administrative data and reducing response burden will be in focus

#### 4. Price Indices (CPPI and SPPI)

Producer prices in construction and producer prices in services will be further developed in line with EU regulation

#### 5. Tourism

The project will support the production on statistics on tourism by BiH nationals e.g. the most visited countries.

#### 6. Balance of Payments and International Investment Position (IIP) Statistics

A Quality Report on Balance of Payment to the European Statistical System will be produced and the production of IIP statistics on a quarterly basis will be established.



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