

EU Twinning Project on Statistics in Bosnia and Herzegovina

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EU Twinning project in BiH started at the end of September 2014

> This is the first newsletter on the progress in the implementation of the EU funded Twinning Project on Statistics in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Activities in the first project quarter

The Twinning project was officially launched at the Kick-Off meeting which took place in Sarajevo at the end of November 2014. Around 50 people participated from the beneficiary institutions, public authorities and stakeholders as well as the EU and other international organizations. The media covered the event and a number of news was released in the press.

Besides the Kick-Off event, four missions to (Bosnia and Herzegovina) BiH and one study visit to Denmark have been completed. These include:

- Assessment and status check of the Statistical Business register incl. updating the 5-years development plan
- Assessment and status check of Structural Business Statistics incl. discussion on how to integrate business service into SBS survey
- Assessment of producer prices in construction and discussion on how to introduce this indicator in BiH
- Assessment of producer prices in services and discussion on how to introduce this indicator in BiH
- Study visit to Statistics Denmark on producer prices in construction and in services

What is the idea of this project?

Accurate, reliable and timely production of official statistics is of great importance as statistics can provide crucial information for planning and monitoring the process of transition and reform in BiH. The European Union's long-term objective is to support the BiH Statistical System on its European path, and one of the moves forward is this Twinning project.

This project is funded by the European



Speakers at the Kick-Off event: From left to right: Ankica Kolobaric, Vice Governor, CBBiH; Radmila Cickovic, Director, RSIS; Hidajeta Bajramovic, Director, FIS; Slavka Popovic, Deputy Director, Agency for Statistics of BiH; Severin Strohal, Head of Operations Section for Justice and Home Affairs, Public Administration Reform, EU Delegation to BiH. Not in photo: Charlotte Juul Hansen, Project Leader of Statistics Denmark and RTA Søren Leth-Sørensen

The project will be implemented from September 2014 to September 2016 with a budget at 1 million euro.

The main beneficiary institutions are:

- Agency for Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BHAS)
- Institute for Statistics of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (FIS)
- Institute for Statistics of Republika Srpska (RSIS)
- Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina (CBBH)

Who are participating from EU Member States?

The project will be implemented by Statistics Denmark as lead partner and with Statistics Finland as junior partner. Apart from experts from Denmark and Finland, also experts from the national statistics institutions in Germany, Latvia and Lithuania will participate.

More than 34 experts from these EU Member States will implement 49 different activities in close collaboration with the staff of the beneficiary institutions during the two-year project.

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Main topics of the Twinning project

1. National Accounts

Institutional sectors will be introduced in the National Accounts and updates will be made in accordance with the new manual on European System of National and Regional Accounts 2010

2. Statistical Business register (SBR)

SBR will be further improved in line with EU regulation

3. Structural Business Statistics (SBS)

SBS will be further developed in line with EU regulation

4. Short-Term Statistics

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

5. European system of integrated social protection statistics (ESSPROS)

Pilot survey for ESSPROS will be conducted and methodology for creating ESSPROS will be implemented

6. Financial Accounts

Financial Accounts statistics will be produced in line with EU standards. CBBH is the main beneficiary in this component

