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on

Statistical Business Register

Activity 2.1.7.

Study visit to Finland

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List of Abbreviations

BHAS	Agency for Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina
BiH	Bosnia and Herzegovina
CBBH	Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina
EC	European Commission
EU	European Union
FBiH	Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
FIS	Institute for Statistics of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
MS	EU Member State
RSIS	Institute for Statistics of Republika Srpska
RTA	Resident Twinning Adviser

1. General comments

This mission report was prepared within the Twinning Project "Support to the State and Entity Statistical Institutions, phase VI".

The study visit has been planned and realized under the IPA Twinning Project, Component 2.1: Statistical Business Register, Activity 2.1.7.

The purpose of the Study visit was introduction of organization and statistical coordination of the Finnish Statistical Business Register.

Hosts of Statistics Finland were Mr. Ari Tyrkkö, Mrs. Ulla-Maarit Saarinen and Mrs. Mari Rantanen.

The study visit program was designed and implemented in line with current issues in SBR in BiH. Program included presentations and discussions based on practical issues on the background of Finnish SBR: sources, organization, cooperation, updates, etc. and the possibility of comparison with the SBR BiH. All themes planned in the program were realized.

The BiH staff would like to express their thanks to all officials and individuals met for the kind support and valuable information which they received during the stay in Finland and which highly facilitated the work.

This views and observations stated in this report are those of the BiH staff and do not necessarily correspond to the views of EU, BHAS, FIS, RSIS or Statistics Finland.

2. Lessons Learned

Study visit program included presentations on the organisations of the Finnish Statistical Business Register and Statistics Finland in general. Specifically the following topics are presented:

- Introduction to the Finnish Business Register
- Updating sources of the Finnish Business Register: 1) Administrative sources and 2) Direct data collection
- Institutional sector codes
- Finnish Business Register's methods for quality measurement
- Production system management and maintenance: Introduction to the integrated production system for business statistics; Management of computer runs; Maintenance tasks; Division of responsibilities
- Business demography: Production of a basic event
- Enterprise groups in the Finnish Business Register

3. Conclusions and recommendations

All topics were presented in detail along with a joint discussion between experts and stakeholders. It was explained that the Finnish business register is located organizationally in the unit that deals with the collection of data. Finnish legislation on statistics enables the delivery of micro-data users of statistical data including data from the Statistical Business Register (e.g. identification information at the micro level, while turnover data and employees are available only in classes). Finland has a total of 13 official producers of statistics.

The main administrative data source for updating the SBR is the Finnish Tax Administration. In addition, there are 8 administrative sources, which the Finnish statistical register use in their maintaining and updating. Regarding direct data collection, data from the SBS are used for updating the SBR. Direct data collection is necessary because local government units are legal / administrative units so that they create exclusively through surveys. Since 2011, the questionnaires are exclusively electronic. Almost all multi–establishment enterprises are surveyed each year, as well as enterprises with a local unit with over 20 employees.

Determination of sector code of certain legal units is fixed, usually by National Accounts (non-financial, financial and insurance corporations, general government and NPISHs). When sector code is not possible to be determined by automatic rules, the sector code must be processed manually. Sector code is determined once a month to active units and enterprises. Statistics Finland defines the sector code independently of the Central Bank and the Ministry of Finance, although there is a working group with representatives of the Central Bank who can give their opinion in the allocation of sector codes, especially for large enterprises.

A new IT project to be carried out by Statistics Finland which implies a new way of working and keeping statistics was presented. The system is a common storage of all surveys and integrated production system of business statistics. It combines a statistical business register, and 13 different business statistics. Simply speaking, the system makes it possible to store each data and use it as a single value for all statistics (e.g. one common indicator of turnover for all business statistics). Presentations on business demography production in Finland were given. We gave input on the work on business demography; we started to create the three enterprise populations: population of active enterprises, population of enterprise births and population of enterprise deaths.

Annex 1. Programme

Study Visit of BiH Statistical Authorities to Statistics Finland

Component 2.1 Statistical Business Register, Activity 2.1.7 of Twinning project Support to the State and Entity Statistical Institutions, phase VI, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Date	Tuesday 26th May - Thursday 28th May, 2015
Venue	Statistics Finland, meeting rooms Sattuma 2nd floor and 10th floor, address: Työpajankatu 13, Helsinki

Programme
Tuesday 26 May 2015

10.00–10.40	**Welcome and introduction to Statistics Finland, Practical matters** Ari Tyrkkö, Ulla-Maarit Saarinen
10.40–11.00	**Introduction to the programme** Mari Rantanen
11.15–12.30	**Introduction to the Finnish Business Register** Jukka Pakola
	Lunch
13.30–16.00	**Updating sources of the Finnish Business Register: 1) Administrative sources and 2) Direct data collection** Hanna Heljala, Veli-Matti Kinnunen

Wednesday 27 May

9.30–10.45	**Institutional sector codes** Veli-Matti Kinnunen
11.00–12.30	**Finnish Business Register's methods for quality measurement** Hanna Heljala
	Lunch
13.30–16.00	**Production system management and maintenance: Introduction to the integrated production system for business statistics; Management of computer runs; Maintenance tasks; Division of responsibilities** Antti Santaharju, Juhani Kauppo

Thursday 28 May

9.00–10.15	**Business demography: Production of a basic event** Jaakko Salmela
10.30–12.00	**Enterprise groups in the Finnish Business Register** Tommi Kaatrasalo
	Lunch

13.00–14.00   **Profiling enterprise groups: Large enterprise cooperation and international profiling**
Mari Rantanen

14.15–15.30   **Concluding remarks, planning of forthcoming activities**
Mari Rantanen

Annex 2. Persons met

Participants of Bosnia and Herzegovina

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