

European Neighborhood Policy

The European Union Neighborhood Policy (ENP) sets ambitious objectives based on commitments to shared values and effective implementation of political, economic, social and institutional reforms. The ENP also responds to the Government of Jordan's reform agenda and an Action Plan agreed between the European Union and Jordan is the first step in this process. The Action Plan covers a timeframe of five years (2011-2015) and its implementation will significantly enhance Jordan legislation, norms and standards to those of the European Union.

The Action Plan opens new partnership perspectives including technical assistance and twinning projects to meet the agreed objectives.

Statistics Denmark

Statistics Denmark is the national statistics institute in Denmark. The institution plays a vital role in providing the prerequisites for a healthy democracy and economy. Statistics Denmark is responsible for ensuring that the overall statistical picture is complete and coherent regardless of the source.

Statistics Denmark has a long history of complying with European and other international standards, and has implemented EU Twinning projects since 2003.

Statistics Denmark has a long and developed tradition for using administrative registers for statistical purposes.

Statistics Denmark has provided support to many countries in their alignment of official statistics to European and other international standards.

ISTAT

The Italian National Institute of Statistics (ISTAT) is responsible for official statistics in Italy and the largest producer of economic and social data in the country. ISTAT's mission is to serve the community by producing and communicating high-quality statistical information, analyses and forecasts in complete independence and in accordance with the strictest ethical and professional principles and most up-to-date scientific standards. ISTAT is an innovative administration and a leading centre for research, consultancy and training in official statistics, committed to providing the national and international community with a wide range of services to support decision making processes and the knowledge of economic and social dimensions.

Department of Statistics in Jordan

The Department of Statistics (DoS) was established in 1949. DoS aims to produce and disseminate timely and high-quality statistical data that meet the users' various and changing needs with a view to contributing to the comprehensive development process in Jordan. DoS's vision is to maintain standards that favorably compare with those of the best international statistics organizations and to develop into becoming a reliable national institution for high-quality statistics.

Twinning Projects

Twinning projects under ENP framework are intended to help countries without accession prospects to bring their institutions in line with EU standards. Under the EU Financial Instrument for the ENP, experts from the administrations of EU Member States pass on their knowledge and experience to colleagues in the respective partner countries.

A long-term expert (Resident Twinning Adviser; RTA) serves as the "backbone" of the project and works – assisted by short-time experts – for the entire duration of the project (usually for one to two years) in the partner authority and advises the colleagues in the partner institutions with regard to the implementation of concrete project objectives.

One of its key features is the concept of mandatory results: both the beneficiary institution and the EU partners commit themselves to work towards commonly agreed results, which should be measurable and precise.

Twinning is administered by the Programme Administration Office (PAO) under the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MoPIC). PAO is the central point of communication between the European Union, the EU Member State National Contact Points (NCPs) and the Beneficiary Administrations.