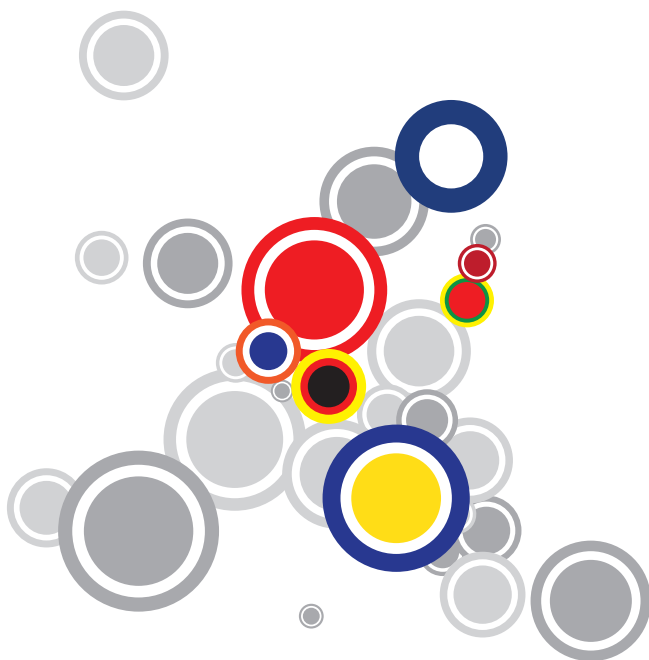




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## EU Twinning project in BiH “Support to the State and Entity Statistical Institutions, phase VI”



The project is implemented by Statistics Denmark as lead partner  
and Statistics Finland as junior partner as well as with expertise from  
Germany, the Netherlands, Lithuania and Latvia.

## 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 Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). The European Union's long-term objective is to support the BiH Statistical System on its European path, and one of the positive moves forward is this Twinning project.

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

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## Principles of a Twinning Project

The Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) is the means by which the EU supports reforms in the 'enlargement countries' with financial and technical assistance to strengthen their administrative and judicial capacity to implement EU legislation as future Member States of the European Union.

Twinning is an instrument for such institution building. It is based on partnership and genuine cooperation between equal partners. The partners are most often public institutions in both EU and enlargement countries. In this project the partners are official producers of statistics.

A long-term expert (the Resident Twinning Advisor; RTA) serves as the "backbone" of the project and works together with a number of short-time experts for the entire duration of the project (usually for one to two years) in the enlargement country.

A number of mandatory results are defined to be achieved during the project period and lay the basis for the project's many activities. Both the beneficiary institutions and the EU partners commit themselves to work towards these commonly agreed results.



## Who will be the beneficiaries?

The 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)
- Other institutions as suppliers of data and users of statistical information

## 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 Germany, the Netherlands, Latvia and Lithuania will participate.



More than 34 experts from these EU Member States will implement 59 different activities in close collaboration with the staff of the beneficiary institutions during the two-year project.

## What are the topics of the project?

The three statistical institutions (BHAS, FIS and RSIS) are the main beneficiaries in the following topics:

- **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

- **Statistical Business register (SBR)**

SBR will be further improved in line with EU regulation

- **Structural Business Statistics (SBS)**

SBS will be further developed in line with EU regulation

- **Short-Term Statistics**

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

- **European system of integrated social protection statistics (ESSPROS)**

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

CBBH is the main beneficiary in the topic:

- **Financial Accounts**

Financial Accounts statistics will be produced in line with EU standards

External stakeholders will also be involved in the process meaning that the project will have a general impact for the harmonization of the statistical production in BiH.

## **Financing**

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