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List of Abbreviations

BHAS	Agency for Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina
BiH	Bosnia and Herzegovina
EC	European Commission
EU	European Union
FIS	Institute for Statistics of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
MS	EU Member State
RSIS	Institute for Statistics of Republika Srpska
SL	Statistics of Lithuania
SBS	Structural Business Statistics
BR	Business Register
SQ	Statistical Questionnaire
FRIBS	Framework Regulation Integrating Business Statistics
EG	Enterprise Group

Executive Summary

The study visit for representatives of the BIH's statistical institutions to Statistics Lithuania was organized in order to introduce the BiH statisticians to current production of Structural Business Statistics and future development of these statistics in Statistics Lithuania.

The study visit program covered the topics of importance for the further development of the SBS in BiH.

The following topics were covered:

- Introduction to Statistics Lithuania
- The organizational structure of Statistics Lithuania with a special focus on business statistics
- Overview of the current practice in Statistics Lithuania implementing Regulation (EC) 295/2008 of EP and of the Council concerning Structural Business Statistics
- The Statistical Business Register (SBR) as backbone for business statistics and use of administrative data in SBR
- Statistical data collection and preliminary data production (Annex I-IV)
- Use of administrative data for SBS final data production
- SBS business service (Annex VIII), SBS financial activities (Annexes V-VII) and business demography (Annex IX) data production
- Results of the grant project „Steps Towards Implementing the Revised Definition of Statistical Units for Business Statistics – Delineation of Statistical Units and Testing Profiling“
- New developments related to the preparation process of SBS in accordance with the new EU Regulation (FRIBS).

1. General comments

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

The purposes of the mission were:

- Usage of knowledge and experience of MS in order to improve SBS production in BiH
- Possibilities for introducing new data production process – use administrative data for production SBS
- Discussion on concrete issues regarding the full implementation of EU SBS Regulation 295/2008 in statistical system of BiH and further improvement in the production of SBS.

The study visit participants 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 Statistics Lithuania and for good organisation, kind support and valuable information received during the study visit.

2. Lessons Learned

At the first day of the study visit, the participants were introduced to main indicators of Lithuania and information on the legal basis, organisational structure, historical development as well as mission and vision of Statistics Lithuania. Representatives of Statistics of Lithuania presented their statistical system.

Statistics Lithuania has a long tradition as a producer of official statistics. Its role is to produce official statistics and coordinate other producers of statistics (there are 21 other producers of statistics). This is done through the preparation of the work program, the formation of working groups for different areas of statistics, giving instructions and methodological support to other producers of statistics, dissemination of statistics and coordination of the implementation of the CoP in other producers of statistics. 42% of indicators produced on the basis of 60 different administrative data sources.

To increase accessibility of official statistics to users, a portal for all official statistics started its develop in 2013. It will include all producers of official statistics by 2017.

Statistics Lithuania has maintained the SBR since 1998 according to the Regulation of the Statistics Lithuania and regulation of EU. There are internal and external sources for updating and maintaining the register. Statistical surveys, special survey of BR, website and telephone interviews are used as internal sources for updating BR.

The following external data sources used:

- Administrative register (The register of legal entities plus financial statement data)
- State Tax Inspectorate
- Bank of Lithuania
- Social Insurance Fund Board.

The use of administrative data sources is regulated by special agreements with data suppliers. Daily, monthly or annual data exchange takes place depending on the needs of Statistics Lithuania.

The Enterprises Statistics Division produces SBS for Annex I-IV with the exception of multiannual statistics for Annex I-IV. After a change in EU Regulation related to Annexes V-VII, production of SBS data for those Annexes has moved to this division. SBS data for Annex VIII are produced at Statistics Division Transport and Services. Statistics Business Demography (Annex IX) is produced by Statistical Business Register division.

Preliminary data production is based on SBS survey. Cut off sampling method is used based on the list of active enterprises from the frozen list of SBR. The Survey covers active enterprises (only companies) producing goods or rendering services from the activity 02-63, 68-82,85-93,95-96 by NACE Rev2. Statistical observation units are enterprise and kind of activity unit. Statistical questionnaire (SQ) is revised each year depending on users' needs and comments or suggestions of respondents. SQ is available in electronic (on-line questionnaire or prepared by ABBYY e Formfiller software) and pdf format. The electronic SQ is pre-filled

with the available administrative and statistical data. Statistical data are collected by the electronic statistical data preparation and transfer system e.statistics, by post or fax or email.

The electronic statistical data can be submitted in two ways:

- Directly connected to the internet e.statistics
- Using ABBYY eFormFiller 2.5 software and the corresponding report template.

SBS final data production is based on SBS survey and using administrative data. In the future, they plan is to produce preliminary data based on administrative data.

Representative of Statistics Lithuania presented implementation of statistical unit - enterprise in the Statistical Business Register. This activity will be finished from reference year 2018.

Statistis Lithuania has participated in the Eurostat project on testing and piloting the profiling of large and complex multinational EG in Lithuania. Through this project, the methods of automatic consolidation of SBS compilation of statistics for a simple enterprise group have been tested. Data consolidation has been organized according to Guidelines for performing “steps towards the implementation of statistical units”.

3. Conclusions and recommendations

1. The study visit was an excellent opportunity for the participants to familiarize with the practice of the implementation of the EU SBS Regulation used by Lithuania (Member States). The knowledge gained during the visit will help in the further implementation of SBS in the statistical system of BiH.

2. The practice of Statistics Lithuania shows that they used a lot of administrative data from different sources for the production of official statistics. We have to find possibilities for introducing new data production process – use administrative data for production of SBS. It is planned to be implemented in the next IPA project – IPA 2015. It is necessary to think about new ways of collecting data - developing electronic questionnaire to increase the efficiency of statistics production and increase of response rate.

3. According to the information gained through the presentations, implementation of the statistical unit - enterprise in the Statistical Business Register and method consolidation data for production of SBS for enterprise groups, statistical institutions of BiH need support from international experts in order to implement this activity.

Annex 1. Programme

STUDY VISIT FOR STRUCTURAL BUSINESS STATISTICS (SBS) COMPONENT

Statistics Lithuania, Room No 435
29 Gedimino Ave., Vilnius
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Draft agenda

Time	Subject	Responsibility, type of action
1st day. BR and SBS statistics		
9:30	Introduction	LT
9:40	The organizational structure of Statistics Lithuania with a special focus on business statistics	LT
10:15	Coffee break	
10:30	Overview of the current practice in SL implementing Regulation (EC) 295/2008 of EP and of the Council concerning structural business statistics	LT, BiH presentations
12:00	Lunch	
13:15	Use of administrative data in the Statistical Business Register (SBR)	LT (BR), BiH presentations, discussions
14:00	The Statistical Business Register (SBR) as backbone for business statistics	LT presentation
14:45	Coffee break	
15:00	Business demography data production (Annex IX)	LT (BR), BiH presentations, discussions
15:45	Statistical data collection; SBS preliminary data production (Annex I-IV)	LT presentation
16:30	Conclusions of the first day	LT
18:30	Social dinner	
2nd day. SBS statistics		
9:30	Statistical data collection; SBS preliminary data production (cont.)	LT, BiH presentations, discussions
10:30	Coffee break	
10:45	Statistical data collection; SBS preliminary data	LT, BiH

	production (cont.)	presentations, discussions
12:00	Lunch	
13:15	Use of administrative data for SBS final data production.	LT, BiH presentations; discussions
14:30	Coffee break	
14:45	Use of administrative data for SBS final data production (cont.)	LT presentation; discussions
16:30	Conclusions of the second day	LT
3rd day. SBS statistics and forthcoming FRIBS		
9:30	SBS financial activities (NACE section K)	LT presentation; discussions
10:30	Coffee break	
10:45	SBS business services (Annex VIII)	LT presentation; discussions
12:00	Lunch	
13:15	Statistical unit enterprise. Results of grant project “Steps towards implementing the revised definition of statistical units for business statistics: Delineation of Statistical Units and Testing Profiling (Topic 2,3)	LT
14:45	Coffee break	
15:00	New developments related to the preparation process of SBS in accordance to the new EU Regulation (FRIBS).	LT presentation, discussions
16:15	Conclusions, summary of the study visit	LT

Annex 2. Persons met

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