



A quarterly newsletter published by the RTA Office of the EU-financed Twinning Project "Support to the reform of the statistics system in Bosnia and Herzegovina", 2018-2020

### This is the ninth and final newsletter of the Twinning project on statistics in BiH

Ten missions in BiH and one study visit to Insee in France were carried out from January to March 2020 before the arrival of Covid-19 lead to the cancellation of the last three missions and the closing event.

The activities focused on:

The challenges with introducing a **regular production of Regional Accounts**. As it seems, Regional Accounts will not be published for the time being.

The benefits and challenges with the **use of administrative data**; how to convince reluctant data providers to share data and legal challenges. A working group aimed at strengthening the use of administrative data should be established.

Further analysis and recommendations for the future on **using administrative data on VAT** for producing short-term statistics

Final adjustments to the **IT application for producer prices**.

Advanced **training in R**.

Updating the 5-year development plan for the **Statistical Business Register** as well as recommendations for the future

Follow-up on achievements and recommendations for the future on **SBS**.

Data quality of the **results of the survey on tourism** as well as methodology and quality report.

Follow-up on achievements and recommendations for the **future of Balance of Payments and IIPs**.

For the three activities, which were cancelled due to Covid-19, MS experts worked from their home to provide recommendations for the **future on SPPI, CPPI and tourism statistics**.



A Croatian expert has helped with analyzing administrative data on VAT for producing short-term statistics.

The project has now come to an end.

The European Union has supported the development of official statistics in Bosnia-Herzegovina (BiH) with 1,500,000 euro.

The project was implemented between January 2018 and April 2020. In total, 72 missions to BiH and 9 study visits to EU member states have been implemented with the assistance of 50 experts from the national statistical institutions of Denmark, Croatia, Finland and France. Likewise, a large number of staff from the beneficiary institutions in BiH has been actively involved in the project.

All relevant activity reports produced during the Twinning project can be found at the project website. The project also has a Facebook page, which has been updated regularly. Links to the website and Facebook can be found here:

**Website:** [www.dst.dk/bosnia2018-20](http://www.dst.dk/bosnia2018-20)

**Facebook:** [EUTwinningStatisticsBiH](https://www.facebook.com/EUTwinningStatisticsBiH)

Finally, **thank you to everyone** participating in the project and contributing to achieving the project results and for making the project a success!

### Main topics of the Twinning project

#### 1. Regional Accounts

Regional accounts will be introduced in BiH in line with EU regulation

#### 2. Statistical Business Register (SBR)

SBR will be further improved in line with EU regulation incl. looking into enterprise groups

#### 3. Structural Business Statistics (SBS)

SBS will be further developed in line with EU regulation. The use of administrative data and reducing response burden will be in focus

#### 4. Price Indices (CPPI and SPPI)

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

#### 5. Tourism

The project will support the production on statistics on tourism by BiH nationals e.g. the most visited countries.

#### 6. Balance of Payments and International Investment Position (IIP) Statistics

A Quality Report on Balance of Payment to the European Statistical System will be produced and the production of IIP statistics on a quarterly basis will be established.



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