

# NEWSLETTER

## EU Twinning Project on Statistics in Bosnia and Herzegovina

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### Improving official statistics in BiH by implementing IPA 2012 Twinning Project

> This is the second newsletter on the progress of the implementation of the EU funded Twinning Project on Statistics in Bosnia and Herzegovina

#### Activities in the second project quarter

In the second project quarter, 9 activities are completed, all of them missions to BiH. In the first project quarter 5 activities (4 missions and 1 study visits) took place. This means that now 14 out of all 49 project activities are completed.

The first missions on National Accounts and European System of integrated social protection statistics (ESSPROS) for the three statistical institutions have taken place. Also, the first mission for Financial Accounts at the Central Bank of BiH has been completed. Now missions have taken place in all 6 project components.

The evaluation of the 9 missions to BiH during the second project quarter is very good with an average of 4.71 points out of 5.00 possible points.

Throughout the second project quarter, the focus has been on starting up activities in all components. The second mission with focus on introducing Producer Prices in Construction (CPPI) has taken place in this project quarter. At present BiH does not compile the CPPI. A plan for the compilation has been drafted during the first mission.

The three statistical institutions are preparing a pilot questionnaire for all reporting units. Once standard weights have been calculated for the different kinds of construction it will be sent out to collect data for the first CPPI of BiH.

The cooperation among MS experts and experts of the three statistical institutions



*The Second Steering Committee meeting was held in Banja Luka 29 April 2015. During the visit meetings were held with all component leaders from RSIS. The photo shows Vanja Vilipic, RSIS, Charlotte Juul Hansen, Project Leader of Statistics Denmark, Silja Emmel, Statistics Denmark and Søren Leth-Sørensen, RTA*

and the Central Bank continues to work well. Continued dedication is crucial for the future implementation of activities.

There were five benchmarks set to be achieved in the second project quarter. Three benchmarks were fully achieved and two partly achieved.

In the third project quarter, three missions to BiH and two study visits will take place. Both study visits will be to Statistics Finland. One will be on Statistical Business Register and the other on National Accounts. For the study visit on National Account experts from the statistical institutions and the Central Bank will participate.

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#### Main topics of the Twinning Project

##### 1. National Accounts

Institutional sectors will be introduced in the National Accounts and updates will be made in accordance with the new manual on ESA2010

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

SBR will be further improved in line with EU regulation

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

SBS will be further developed in line with EU regulation

##### 4. Short-Term Statistics

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

##### 5. European system of integrated social protection statistics (ESSPROS)

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

##### 6. Financial Accounts

Financial Accounts statistics will be produced in line with EU standards.  
CBBH is the main beneficiary in this component



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