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"Development of Ukrainian statistical methodologies in line with EU Standards"

FINALISING ONE OF EU'S MOST SUCCESSFUL TWINNING PROJECTS OF 2012

Dear reader,

As we are finalising our Project, I would like to use the opportunity to invite you to our closing conference that will take place on the 23rd of May in the SSSU premises in Kyiv. Please, contact me if you or any of your colleagues are interested to hear about the results of our project. You are warmly welcome!

It is a great pleasure to tell you that our Project has been honoured by the European Commission as one of the Twinning Success Stories of 2012. The experts from the member states and from Ukraine as well as the RTA team, have worked hard during this project. This recognition is highly appreciated!

Looking back almost all our planned activities have been implemented. All mandatory results and benchmarks have been achieved; the implementation and testing have started in the framework of the most components.

In all, the project totalled at around 70 working missions in Kyiv and L'viv, study visits to the EU statistical offices and conferences, seminars with users and expert workshops with representatives from the regional statistical offices. 35 leading experts from 7 different national statistical offices (Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Spain, Lithuania, Great Britain and the Slovak Republic) were involved in the Project and gave the SSSU a thoroughly European perspective. Around 150 Ukrainian statisticians from the SSSU and the regional statistical offices as well as representatives of users and stakeholders participated in this project on the Ukrainian side.

This 6th quarter has been marked by three seminars. Mr. David Fenwick (UK) briefed representatives from the regional offices on Owner Occupied Housing Statistics. Ms. Nomeda Bratkovienė and Ms. Jurga Rukšėnaitė (LT) worked on back-casting calculations in Structural Business

Statistics. Ms. Maria Boye (DK) presented best EU practices on salaries and wages statistics at the seminar with users.

Thanks to these training seminars the representatives of the regional offices and users got familiar with the respective methods of implementation and received advice how to explain the new methodology to users and data providers.

This quarter gave an opportunity to present the project to the Focal Point Meeting at the National Agency of Ukraine on Civil Service in Kyiv "Opportunities to Attract Assistance in the Con-

text of European and Euroatlantic Integration Policy". I told the participants about my experience with Twinning Project implementation and gave useful tips to the beneficiaries of the future Twinning Projects in

Ukraine.

With around 650 "unique" visitors our webpage dst.dk/ukraine has proved to be a very operational and useful tool. All project presentations, mission reports and translated documents will remain there.

I would like to end this newsletter by thanking you, dear reader, for interest, questions and many comments!

Thanks a lot and best regards from me and my team.

Best regards,

Irina Bernstein
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What has been achieved?

- Business statistics Ukraine has now changed to a new economic activity classification system (NACE Rev.2). Codes and types of economic activities will coincide with the classification used within the EU. This will facilitate international comparisons between Ukraine and other countries. And perhaps more importantly allows Ukraine to introduce new international standards in National accounts.

- Users' confidence in statistics was strengthened due to a better dissemination system of data. Staff of SSSU has been trained in the use of different tools on how to present data using a dynamic database and to illustrate the data on maps.

- Improved methods for measuring the respondent burden have been introduced during the project. The data collection policy of the SSSU has been changed and now emphasizes that the burden on business reporting data to the SSSU must be monitored and reduced.

- The statistical capacity of the SSSU has been improved by the introduction of new methodologies and through improvement of existing methodologies.

14 completed activities in the 6th quarter:

HR
Tourism Statistics
HICP/OOH: Seminar with the regional offices
Salary/wages: Seminar with the users
Respondent Burden
Capital investment
National Accounts (1): Branch coding
National Accounts (2): Tabular Approach
National Accounts (3): FISIM
Foreign direct investment
HICP
Steering Committee Meeting for the 5th quarter
SBS (1): Sampling in Enterprise Statistics
SBS (2): Seminar with the regional offices

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