

## “Strengthening the capacity of the Georgian Statistical System”

Evaluation of the methodological issues of the Households  
Income and Expenditure Survey and the capacity to  
produce new indicators

### The Study Visit Report

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<b>Purpose of the visit:</b>	Evaluation of the methodological issues of the Households Income and Expenditure Survey and the capacity to produce new indicators
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## General overview

The report addresses the study visit in Prague, the Czech Republic, from 9 to 13 November of this year, within the framework of the Twinning project “Strengthening the capacity of the Georgian Statistical System.” The study visit aimed evaluation of the methodological issues of Households Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) and capacity of new indicator production.

The participants of the project would like to express their gratitude to the inviting party for their effort in providing interesting and fruitful information that will be the basis for the development and improvement of the Living Conditions Statistics and therefore will facilitate the production of internationally comparable statistics.

## Summary

Geostat staff participated in the study visit organized by the Czech Statistical Office, within the framework of the Twinning project “Strengthening the capacity of the Georgian Statistical System.”

The meetings were held by Mr. Martin Zelený, Ms Simona Meřinská, Mr. Jiří Vopravil, Ms. Tána Dvornáková, Mr. Jaromír Kalmus, Mr. Štěpán Tourek, Ms. Petra Kuncova, Ms. Alena Urbanová from the Czech Statistical Office.

The meetings were held for three days. On the first day, Geostat staff received information about households surveys conducted by the Czech Statistical Office, organizational scheme of fieldwork, training of interviewers, regional offices, future plans and etc.

During the second day, we discussed the sample implementation, data collection, monitoring of the fieldwork, data transmission, data processing, as well as new questionnaires on tablets, challenges for questionnaire design, and new procedures. In addition, income based indicators, household aggregates, material and social deprivation, methodology comparable with the EU-SILC were reviewed.

The third day was dedicated to the principles and the organization structure of the Czech Statistical Office, data dissemination policy and practice at the CZSO.

Participation in the study visit was very interesting and fruitful, gained knowledge and skills will help Geostat in the improvement and development of the Living Conditions Statistics.

## Conclusion

During the study visit, Staff of the National Statistics Office of Georgia gained substantial knowledge and experience from the inviting party. We were introduced to the evolution of practical and theoretical processes of statistics produced in the country as well as principles and organizational structure of the Czech Statistical Office. Besides, we discussed the possibilities of the improvement and development of the Households Income and Expenditure Survey. In addition, the significance of new questions was reviewed, as well as future plans, and in case of implementation of the new questions, the possibilities of production internationally comparable statistical data in terms of national characteristics of the country.

## Annex 1.

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