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New EU Twinning Project to continue harmonisation of Armenian statistics with EU standards

On 15 September 2015 Armenia will officially start an EU Twinning project which will aim at upgrading Armenian statistics. The project “Strengthening of the National Statistical System of Armenia – Phase II” will be officially opened by Mr. Stepan Mnatsakanyan, President of the National Statistical Service of the Republic of Armenia.

The **objective** of the project, which is financed by the European Union with a budget of € 1,000,000, is to support the National Statistical Service of the Republic of Armenia through institutional twinning with upgrading specific elements of the Armenian system of official statistics. This objective will be reached through the introduction of a comprehensive dissemination strategy, and compilation methodologies closely aligned to European Union standards. A focal point throughout the project will be the use of existing administrative registers for the production of statistical information.

In this way the project will help Armenia to produce statistics according to EU methodologies so the statistics will be directly comparable to the statistics of European countries, as well as worldwide. The improved statistics will, furthermore, provide valuable information for the Armenian public in general, and Armenian policy makers in particular.

The project will run until August 2017, and the **following results** are expected as outcomes:

- Developed dissemination strategy, enhanced user involvement and general improvement of the Dissemination System
- Improved collection mechanisms for vital statistics and reorganised system of migration statistics
- Calculated and published labour cost, labour costs index, as well as structural statistics on earnings
- Introduced, calculated and published social exclusion statistics
- Introduced and published methodology on innovation statistics
- Compiled water accounts

Date and time: 15 September 2015 at 13.00

Venue: Congress Hotel, Ballroom Hall, 1 Italy Street, Yerevan

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The beneficiary of the project is the National
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(NSSRA).

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