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OFFICIAL STATISTICS IN JORDAN IN FOCUS

Improving statistical data by introducing good practices closely aligned to European standards and principles of high quality

> This is the fourth newsletter on the progress of the EU funded Twinning Project 'Strengthening the Capabilities of the Department of Statistics in Jordan'

During the previous three months fifteen activities were implemented. Three of those were study visits to Denmark, Italy and Latvia respectively.

The overall progress of the project is good and there is a high commitment from DoS as well as the MS experts.

Two activities were dedicated to improving the DoS website and the technology behind it. Developing a new website is not only about technical solutions. Developing a new website is very much a common effort where experts on IT and experts on communication and dissemination together with statisticians need to bring together all of their expertise and as a common effort build the new website.

A website reflects the mission and value of an organization and is thus the window to the public. In these days, where finding information on the Internet is the main source for users of statistics, it is crucial to have a good and user friendly website with all relevant information that users can easily access. The technical solutions decided for a new website should reflect all this.

During the two activities, the experts from ISTAT brought in all their expertise, experience and excitement



MS Experts Ms Cecilia Colasanti and Mr Massimiliano Amarone from ISTAT, together with DoS management and staff presenting ideas for the new DoS website as well as discussing some of the challenges regarding developing a new website.

and worked together with the DoS staff about developing ideas and bringing together complimentary expertise from the DoS directorates. All was done in order to secure that the right technical solutions would be taken and to ensure the best content possible on the website.

The process resulted in the design of a new website that was also approved by the DoS management.

The main lesson learned was that organizational and strategic aspects should go hand in hand with technical aspects when developing a new website.

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Project information is available at
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MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE TWINNING PROJECT

BY COMPONENTS

National Accounts

The National Accounts System in Jordan will be updated to SNA2008 and will cover the informal sector

Sampling Methodologies

The capacity of DoS staff to understand and apply modern sampling techniques is improved

Quality and Metadata

Statistics published by DoS are quality assured and documentation is improved

IT and Online Dissemination

New database structure defined and online dissemination improved

