

# NEWSLETTER

## EU Twinning Project on Statistics in Bosnia and Herzegovina

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> This is the fifth newsletter on the progress of the implementation of the EU funded Twinning Project on Statistics in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH)

### Progress in fifth project quarter

In the fifth project quarter from October to December 2015, five activities have been completed. This concerns missions to BiH on:

- National Accounts on coding of institutional sectors and on following up on ESA2010 implementation
- ESSPROS on reviewing and analyzing the data collected on social statistics
- Statistical Business Statistics on reviewing the results of data on business services
- Producer Prices in Services on making preparations for regular surveys and looking into the data from the pilot survey
- Statistical Business Register on testing the production of data on Business Demography

So far, 28 activities in total have been completed by the end of the fifth project quarter out of a total of 49 planned activities for the entire project.

Regarding the results of the project, eight project results have been fully achieved and three partly achieved out of a total of 29 expected project results.

### What is the idea of this project?

Accurate, reliable and timely production of official statistics is of great importance as statistics can provide crucial information for planning and monitoring the process of transition and reform in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). The European Union's long-term objective is to support the BiH Statistical System on its European path, and one of the positive moves forward is this Twinning project.

The project is being implemented from September 2014 to October 2016.



BC participants and MS experts on Business Demography in Banja Luka, 14-18 December 2015

### Principles of a Twinning Project

The Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) is the means by which the EU supports reforms in the 'enlargement countries' with financial and technical assistance. The purpose is to strengthen the administrative and judicial capacity in order to implement EU legislation as future Member States of the European Union.

Twinning is an instrument for such institution building. It is based on partnership and genuine cooperation between equal partners. The partners are most often public institutions in both EU and enlargement countries. In this project the partners are official producers of statistics.

The current Twinning project in BiH has 6 different components – see the blue box.

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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.



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