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### This is the sixth newsletter on the implementation of the project on Statistics in BiH

During the sixth project quarter, seven missions were carried out in BiH. The activities focused on:

- Setting up Regional Accounts
- Assessment and current status of Short Term Statistics (STS) and how to use administrative data sources for STS production
- IT upgrade of the Statistical business register (SBR)
- Preparation of regular survey on Consumer Producer Prices Index (CPPI) for Civil Engineering
- Preparation of regular survey on Service Producer Prices Index (SPPI)
- Further analysis on regular survey on tourism statistics
- Data sources, production and balancing of quarterly International Investment Positions (IIPs)

The main purpose of the mission on *Regional Accounts* was to follow up on the experimental compilation on output, intermediate consumption and gross value added. Furthermore, the mission focused on available data sources and the proposed method regarding employment (persons and hours worked), Gross Fixed Capital Formation and Compensation of Employees by NACE activity.

During the mission on *administrative sources for the STS production*, a number of important topics were discussed. The BC participants made an overview of the current practices of the production of STS indicators in BiH. It was concluded, that the production process should be significantly improved in the following areas: data collection method, introduction of administrative data sources for STS production, coverage, implementation of KAUs and development of an appropriate IT solution.



The photo is from a mission on increasing the use of administrative data.

For the *IT upgrade of SBR*, several decisions regarding the coverage and other issues were taken at the mission in order to describe the outline of the system to create Enterprise Group's and to include them in the SBR. Based on these decisions, the MS expert and the participants at the meeting built a model of how EGs may be constructed and maintained in SBR. The BC is expected to have a first version of the implementation of Enterprise Groups developed for the next mission.

For *CPPI, SPPI and Tourism* data has now been collected and focus has been on analyzing the process and the data quality. Moreover, recommendations have been made for topics like missing data, revisions policy and the weighting system for the deflator's calculation.

The last mission on *IIP* has been held where the experts looked at the distinction between Money market funds and Investment funds, and finalized the methodological note on quarterly IIP. Work was also done on reviewing the collected data, strengthening of data sources, and treatment of missing data.

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### Main topics of the Twinning project

#### 1. Regional Accounts

Regional accounts will be introduced in BiH in line with EU regulation

#### 2. Statistical Business register (SBR)

SBR will be further improved in line with EU regulation incl. looking into enterprise groups

#### 3. Structural Business Statistics (SBS)

SBS will be further developed in line with EU regulation. The use of administrative data and reducing response burden will be in focus

#### 4. Price Indices (CPPI and SPPI)

Producer prices in construction and producer prices in services will be further developed in line with EU regulation

#### 5. Tourism

The project will support the production on statistics on tourism by BiH nationals e.g. the most visited countries.

#### 6. Balance of Payments and International Investment Position (IIP) Statistics

A Quality Report on Balance of Payment to the European Statistical System will be produced and the production of IIP statistics on a quarterly basis will be established.

The project is extended with three months and will finish in April 2020. In total, 79 activities will be implemented by the end of the project.



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