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This is the seventh newsletter on the implementation of the project on Statistics in BiH

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

- Improving quality by increasing the use of administrative data
- Enterprise groups and profiling
- Analysis of the measured burden on companies in SBS
- Statistical programming in R – Basis training
- Analysis of regular survey on CPPI for Civil Engineering

The purpose of the mission on **improving quality by increasing the use of administrative data (AD)** was especially to identify benefits and challenges with increased use of AD in producing statistics in general and in BiH in particular. This was done by sharing good experiences with the Danish and Finnish experts, by meeting public AD owners to increase awareness on the importance of using AD and by identifying the first inputs to an action plan on how to increase the use of AD for producing statistics in BiH.

Statistical programming in R – Basis training has given the participants an introduction to programming in R and how to use the extended set of possibilities provided by Rstudio like data structures, data management, programming, data exploration and basic statistics plus visualization.

Much work and progress has been made in regard to the **enterprise groups and profiling** and the enterprise group register, which is highly commendable. The model for the enterprise group register is clear and workable, but it does have some shortcomings which the MS experts gave their recommendations to in order to improve the further work.



The photo is from the mission on enterprise groups and profiling in SBR

The purpose of the mission on **analysis of the measured burden on companies in Statistical Business Statistics** was mainly to discuss how to measure the burden on companies and the preparing of a quality report for SBS. In general, it is the opinion of the experts that the work done on SBS with relation to the measured burden and quality report is very far ahead, and the expected outcomes of the component are very close to being fulfilled.

The statistical institutions of BiH have conducted a survey for **producer prices in construction** covering the years 2017 and 2018 for four types of constructions: Roads, Motorways, Tunnels and Bridges. Data has been analysed and BC experts have started the calculations using an IT application developed under another sub-component in this Twinning project. BC has started to work on both the methodology report and the quality report together with the MS experts.

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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.



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