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

In the second project quarter all component had at least one mission in BiH. On Structural Business Statistics there were two.

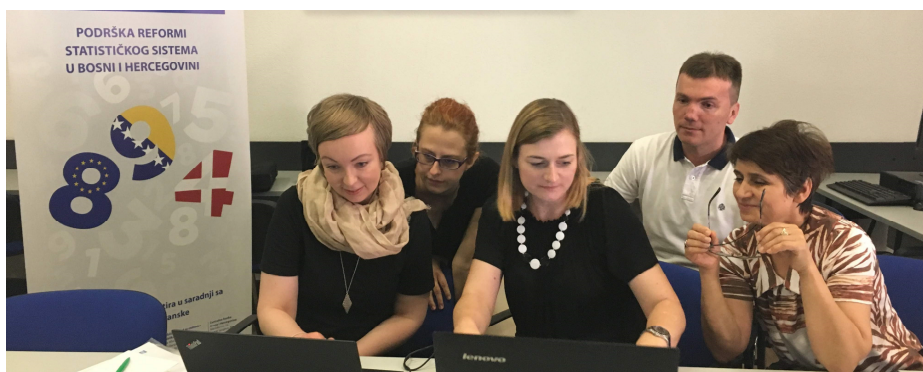
The main aim of the third mission on *Regional accounts* has been to examine and analyze available data sources, which could be used in the process of setting up and compiling regional accounts. The data in different industries, FISIM as well as taxes and subsidies were assessed.

The second mission on *Statistical Business Register* mainly focused on analyzing the sources for the creation of Enterprise Groups and on the manual creation of these. Part of the mission was devoted to profiling, which is a very large topic.

The main focus of the two missions on *Structural Business Statistics* was the use of administrative data. An important step for success in this component is to get administrative data from the Financial Intelligence Agency located in the entity of the Federation of BiH. Furthermore, work has been undertaken on analyzing SBS variables, investigating different methodological approaches and on developing an editing model.

The main aim of the mission on *Construction Producer Prices Index* was to assess the preparatory work for conducting a pilot survey on the prices on civil engineering of highways, main roads, bridges and tunnels. The mission looked into the practical aspects related to the pilot survey and the following work with conducting a regular survey.

The component on *Service Producer Prices Index* has been focusing on drafting a pilot



The photo is from a mission on Service Producer Price Index where we had a Finnish and a Croatian expert helping the Bosnian colleagues with developing a new questionnaire.

survey questionnaire for gathering prices in Architectural and engineering activities. The pilot questionnaire has been sent to large and medium sized enterprises and the results from this were presented and analyzed at the mission.

Furthermore, the first mission to be devoted to the development of a common IT application for price indexes has been held. The purposes of the mission were to make a specification of the application and to begin the development of the application itself.

During the first mission on *Tourism*, a draft activity plan and a draft questionnaire for a regular survey were developed. Furthermore, the practical aspects of conducting the survey were examined.

The second and last mission was held on *Balance of Payments*. A draft version of the Quality Report for Eurostat has been created on the basis of the available data, with the known limitations of not having monthly and geographical distributed data. Furthermore, the first mission dedicated to the assessment of the current situation of International Investment Position Statistics was held.

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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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