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

During the third project quarter, six missions were conducted in BiH, one study visit was held in Denmark and one in Finland.

The main aim of the missions on *Regional Accounts* until now has been to examine and analyse all available data sources that can be used in the process of setting up and compiling regional accounts.

The third mission on *Statistical Business Register* was mainly focusing on enterprise groups and profiling. All institutions had worked on specific examples that were presented at the mission, which was very fruitful. The progress is very positive and very reassuring for the future work on the register for enterprise groups.

During the second mission on *Tourism*, the main focus was to finalize the questionnaire and interview guide regarding the demand side of tourism statistics in order to get the methodological aspects in place before the data collection. Furthermore, sampling criteria were defined and a final plan for the regular survey with a timetable of activities was adopted.

In the scope of *Balance of Payments and International Investment Positions*, the first mission was held regarding training on transmission of data to Eurostat. The experience of using R in Statistics Denmark was presented with the main focus on preparing CBBH to transmit data to Eurostat by using R. Both CBBH and Member State experts see the potential use for R.

The second mission devoted to the development of a *common IT application for price indexes* was conducted. During this mission, most of the outstanding issues have been discussed, including the issue of which



The Study Visit on Construction Producer Prices Index to Statistics Denmark, Copenhagen.2018

data needs to be exchanged between the entities and BHAS. The IT application is still under development.

An integrated part of an EU Twinning project are study visit of Beneficiary Country experts to a Member State country. In the third project quarter, two study visits took place. The study visit on *Construction Producer Prices Index* took place at Statistics Denmark while Statistics Finland organized the study visit for *Service Producer Prices Index*.

Both study visits were very successful. During the study visits participants from BHAS and RSIS (FIS was not participating) were introduced to information on the statistical system, organisational structure, historical development and legal basis of Statistics Denmark and Statistics Finland. The experience gained from these study visits will be used in Bosnia and Herzegovina's further work on developing price statistics.

Furthermore, a mission was held on *Reducing response burden on companies*. During the mission, several topics have been discussed, relating to data collection, the administrative response burden and the perceived response burden. From the standpoint of the Member State experts the work already done on this topic in BiH is of a good quality.

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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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