



A quarterly newsletter published by the RTA Office of the EU-financed Twinning Project "Support to the reform of the statistics system in Bosnia and Herzegovina", 2018-2020

### The third EU Twinning Project on statistics in BiH started in the beginning of 2018

#### Activities in the first project quarter

The Twinning project was officially launched at the Kick-Off event, which took place in Sarajevo on 16 February 2018. Around 80 people participated from the beneficiary institutions, public authorities and stakeholders as well as the EU and other international organizations. The media covered the event and a number of news were released in the press.

Besides the Kick-Off event, eight missions in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) have been completed. The missions focused on:

- Assessment of the current status of Regional Accounts and discussions of data sources
- Assessment and status check of the Statistical Business Register incl. updating the 5-years development plan
- Assessment and status check of Structural Business Statistics incl. discussion on how to use more administrative data
- Assessment of producer prices in construction and services and discussion on how to introduce additional indicators in BiH
- Development of a Quality Report for the Balance of Payments

#### 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 BiH. The European Union's long-term objective is to support the BiH Statistical System on its European path. One of the moves forward is this Twinning project.

The project will be implemented from January 2018 to January 2020 with a budget at 1.5 million euro.

The main beneficiary institutions are:



The photo is from the Kick-Off event. From the left at the speakers table you see: Radmila Čičković, Director, RSIS; Ernadina Bajrović, vicegovernor, CBBH; Lars-Gunnar Wigemark, Ambassador of EU Delegation in BiH; Velimir Jukić, Director, BHAS; Emir Kremić, Director, FIS. In the first row in the audience from the right you see: RTA Katja Møller Hjelvang and Project Leader Charlotte Juul Hansen from Statistics Denmark and the Danish Consul in BiH Mirza Durmisevic, also speakers at the event.

- Agency for Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BHAS)
- Institute for Statistics of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (FIS)
- Institute for Statistics of Republika Srpska (RSIS)
- Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina (CBBH)

#### Who are providing expertise from EU Member States?

The project will be implemented by Statistics Denmark as lead partner. Apart from experts from Denmark, also experts from the national statistical institutions in Croatia, France and Finland will participate.

About 38 experts from these EU Member States will implement 62 different activities in close collaboration with the staff of the beneficiary institutions during the two-year project.

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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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