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## List of Abbreviations

BC	Beneficiary Country (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
BHAS	Agency for Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina
BiH	Bosnia and Herzegovina
CBBH	Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina
EU	European Union
EUD	European Union Delegation to Bosnia and Herzegovina
FIS	Institute for Statistics of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
LA	Language Assistant
MS	EU Member State
RSIS	Institute for Statistics of Republika Srpska
RTA	Resident Twinning Advisor
RTAA	Resident Twinning Advisor Assistant
SURS	Statistical office of the Republic of Slovenia
ToR	Terms of Reference



# 1. General comments

This study visit report was prepared within the EU Twinning Project "EU for Further Development of Statistics System in BiH" and organised under Component 1 - Business Statistics, Subcomponent 1.1 Statistical Business Register, Activity 1.1S Study Visit to Slovenia and Subcomponent 1.2 Structural Business Statistics, Activity 1.2S Study Visit to Slovenia.

The purpose of the study visit was to gain insight into the work of the Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia regarding:

- Enterprise Groups (EG) – Updating & Data Exchange
- Challenges in Profiling & Statistical Unit Conversion
- Employment Data in Statistical Business Register (SBR)
- Statistical Treatment of Kind of Activity Units – KAU (sources, updating methods, and periodicity)

The staff of BHAS, FIS and RSIS would like to express their thanks to all officials and individuals met for the kind support and valuable information which they received during the stay in Slovenia.

The views and observations stated in this report are those of the participants and do not necessarily correspond to the views of EU, BHAS, FIS, RSIS, CBBH, Statistics Denmark, Statistics Finland, Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia or The Italian National Institute of Statistics.

## 2. Lessons Learned

The study visit program was carefully designed and made to address the main concerns related to the Profiling of the EG, employment data in SBR, implementation of the EG and treatment of KAU in the Statistical Business Register. The program included a series of presentations and in-depth discussions that focused on relevant practical issues.

We are pleased to report that every scheduled topic was successfully covered, providing valuable insights and knowledge to all participants.

The study visit program included presentations regarding the profiling of EG in Slovenian Statistical Business Register. The following topics were particularly discussed:

1. Enterprise Groups (EG) – Updating & Data Exchange
2. Challenges in Profiling & Statistical Unit Conversion
3. Employment Data in SBR
4. Categories of employment data in SBR
5. Dependency of SBS on SBR for unit "enterprise"
6. Statistical Treatment of KAU

The first day of the study visit focused on the National Statistical Enterprise Groups Register and its development over time. The Slovenian experts from the Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia provided an overview of the Registry Service Provider (RSP) evolution, its integration within the National Statistical Business Register (NSBR), and significant methodological and structural changes that have occurred since its establishment.

The experts explained that the RSP has functioned as an administrative source since 2004, and from 2008 it became an integral part of the NSBR, organized as a satellite register. Over the years, several important adjustments have been implemented to align the register with new regulatory and operational requirements.

The session also included a discussion on data integration, data sources and methodological harmonization with EU requirements. Participants from Bosnia and Herzegovina were given an opportunity to ask questions and exchange experiences regarding the management of national business registers and their links with administrative data sources.

The first day of the study visit was also dedicated to understanding the concept, methodology, and purpose of profiling enterprise groups. Profiling was presented as a structured method for analyzing the legal, operational, and accounting organization of enterprise groups at both national and global levels.

The second day of the study visit was dedicated to understanding employment data and the implementation of Kind of Activity Units within Slovenia's Statistical Business Register.

The Slovenian experts presented the structure of employment data in the SBR, which covers number of employed persons and both employed and self-employed persons. Six key variables are maintained: two base numbers, two numbers that include detached workers but exclude long-term absentees, one including both detached workers and long-term absentees, and one for self-employed persons. A calculated variable represents the total number of employed and self-employed persons, including detached workers and long-term absentees. This approach ensures comprehensive and harmonized employment data across the register.

The session also covered the concept of the Kind of Activity Unit in the Slovenian SBR. The experts explained that the Local Kind of Activity Unit (LKAU) serves as the base unit for KAU. Information on these units is sourced from the Administrative Business Register (ABR), which provides data for statistical purposes. KAU implementation in Slovenia has already been completed - each KAU is treated as a separate statistical unit with its own unique identifier and all required variables.

Overall, the second day emphasized the methodological precision of employment data compilation and the structural completeness of KAU implementation as crucial components for maintaining an accurate and efficient SBR.

On the third day, the Slovenian experts presented topics related to Structural Business Statistics (SBS), including the implementation of the statistical unit "enterprise", the methodology in line with the new EBS Regulation, and the production of Inward Foreign Affiliate Trade Statistics (FATS).

### **3. Conclusions and recommendations**

The participation in the study visit meetings proved to be exceptionally valuable for our ongoing work related to the Statistical Business Register, profiling of enterprise groups, employment data, and the statistical treatment of Kind of Activity Units.

Throughout the sessions, BiH experts gained substantial theoretical and practical knowledge that enhanced their understanding of methodological approaches and operational practices in these areas. The Slovenian experts provided comprehensive insights into the profiling process, data management, and integration of statistical units within the SBR, all of which are crucial for improving the quality and consistency of business statistics.

Considering that profiling of enterprise groups has not yet been implemented in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the information and experiences shared during this study visit were of great importance. The presentations demonstrated the significance of introducing profiling in the SBR to obtain a clearer and more accurate picture of enterprise group structures and their economic impact.

The knowledge and experience acquired during this visit will serve as a solid foundation for the future development and implementation of enterprise group profiling in Bosnia and Herzegovina, contributing to the overall advancement and harmonization of business statistics in line with European standards.

## Annex 1. Programme

	<b>Tuesday, 30 September 2025</b>	<b>Venue: SURS</b>
09:30 - 10:45	Opening session General presentation, participant introductions	Snježana Lončarević Štuhec Maja Sever
10:45 - 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:00 - 12:15	Enterprise Groups (EG) – Updating & Data Exchange  Sources, periodicity, databases, and tracking history Direct and indirect links in enterprise groups Cooperation with Eurostat & EU statistical institutes for data exchange  Classification of legal units (controllers, uncontrolled, independent) Administrative & statistical sources for ownership Challenges in implementation & periodicity of updates  Integration of profiling and ownership structures	Miloš Sarić
12:15 - 13:15	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13:15 - 14:30	Challenges in Profiling & Statistical Unit Conversion  Profiling types (intensive, light, automatic) Criteria for group division & profiling methods Implementing profiling results in SBR  Converting non-statistical units (legal, tax) into statistical units Common profiling issues & solutions	Andreja Šivic

<b><u>Wednesday, 1 October 2025</u></b>		<b>Venue:</b>
09.30 - 10.45	Employment Data in SBR Statistical Register of Employment (SRDAP) as Main Source Sources, periodicity, and updating methods  Categories of employment data in SBR	Nuška Brnot (Mojca Zidar)  Urška Župan
10:45 - 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:00 - 12:00	Dependency of SBS on SBR for unit "enterprise"  Use of employment variables in SBS	Nataša Pušlar Car
12:00 - 13:00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13:00 -14:00	SBR Statistical Treatment of KAU Sources, updating methods, and periodicity  SBS Compiling Section K for SBS Variables Methodology for compiling Section K in SBS Challenges and best practices	Aleksandra Lešnjek  Nataša Železnik Gorjan Nataša Pušlar Car
<b><u>Thursday, 2 October 2025</u></b>		<b>Venue:</b>
09.30 - 10.45	SBS Implementation of the Statistical Unit "Enterprise" in SBS  Methodology in line with the new EBS regulation How SBR data supports SBS production	Nataša Pušlar Car
10:45 - 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:00 - 12:00	SBS Production of Inward Foreign Affiliate Trade Statistics (FATS)	Simona Krže
12:00 - 13:00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13:00 - 14:30	Final Q&A, Discussions & Closing Remarks (SBR & SBS)  Open discussion on challenges in SBR & SBS implementation	

## **Annex 2. Persons met**

### **Agency for Statistics of BiH (BHAS)**

#### **Statistical Business Register:**

- Ms. Tanja Miović, *Head of the Department for Statistical Business Register, coordinator for the sub-component SBR,*
- Ms. Senija Fačić, *Head of the Brčko Branch Office,*
- Ms. Branislava Cvijetić, *Adviser for Design and Programming,*
- Ms. Brana Taraba, *Adviser for Statistical Business Register and Economic Classifications*

#### **Structural Business Statistics:**

- Ms. Bojana Cicović, *Head of Department for Structural Business Statistics and Coordinator for SBS Subcomponent,*
- Mr. Haris Buljugić, *Junior Statistician in Structural Business Statistics Department,*
- Ms. Vesna Šehovac, *Adviser in Department for Applications and Management of Databases*

### **Institute for Statistics of Federation of BiH (FIS)**

#### **Statistical Business Register:**

- Mr. Elvir Mušinović, *Senior Advisor for Business Demography and Enterprise Groups*
- Ms. Emira Beširević, *Senior Advisor for Register and Classifications*
- Ms. Belmira Hadžiabdić, *Assistant Director, Registry Sector*
- Ms. Razija Bičakčić, *Senior advisor for Application development*

#### **Structural Business Statistics:**

- Ms. Alma Čolpa, *Senior Advisor for Structural Business Statistics*
- Ms. Đina Mujkić, *Head of the Section for Structural Business Statistics*
- Ms. Mirela Softić, *Senior Advisor for Software Engineering*

### **Institute for Statistics of Republika Srpska (RSIS)**

#### **Statistical Business Register:**

- Ms. Nataša Teinović, *Senior Statistician*
- Ms. Vedrana Dejanović, *Senior Statistician*
- Mr. Stevan Marjanović, *Senior Statistician*
- Mr. Mladen Marić, *Head of the Application and Database Department*

#### **Structural Business Statistics:**

- Ms. Danica Babić, *Senior Statistician*
- Ms. Slađana Nikić, *Head of the Department for Government Finances and Sector Accounts*
- Ms. Žana Alagić, *Senior Statistician*

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- Ms. Larisa Muslimović, *Resident Twinning Advisor Assistant*

### **SURS**

As in the agenda