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1. General comments

This mission report was prepared within the EU Twinning Project "Strengthening the Capacity of Georgian Statistical System". It was the initial mission devoted to assess the current situation within Component 3 of the project.

The purposes of the mission were:

- To assess the current situation and thereby;
 - Identify the most important action areas, prioritize activities and identify risk and problems and
 - assist the RTA and project leaders in compiling the initial work plan and schedule the activities.

The consultants would like to express their gratitude to all officials and individuals met for the kind support and valuable information which they received during the stay in Georgia and which highly facilitated the work of the consultant.

The views and observations stated in this report are those of the consultants and do not necessarily correspond to the views of the European Union, Geostat, Statistics Denmark, or other statistical institutions involved in the implementation of the project.

2. Assessment and results

Component 3 of the twinning project consist of two sub-components; 3.1 "short term business statistics indicators" and 3.2 "Statistical business register". Organisational restructuring within Geostat means that the Tourism statistics Division is now a part of business statistics. Due to the organisational arrangements within Geostat it is decided that sub-component 4.3 "Tourism Satellite Accounts (TSA)" is also handled within component 3.

Sub-component 3.1 is the most comprehensive of all sub-components as 8 activities and a study visit have initially been planned. After some fruitful presentation, discussions and questioning about the current situation it was agreed to take as point of departure of the activities the missing indicators in "packages". This means that the different statistical processes – datasources, dataquality, metadata description, sampling, grossing up, index calculation etc. – will be discussed and handled every time new indicators are discussed. The type of indicators to be discussed is Indicators of volume, Indicators of turnover and Indicators of hours worked. On each activity the different processes will be discussed in respect to one of these indicators.

Subcomponent 2.2 "Statistical Business Register" has also been discussed and improvements have been introduced in the project between Geostat and Statistics Sweden. Nevertheless some issues needs to be addressed and developed. After a very informative introduction to the challenges of the business register, with focus on data sources, updating procedures, statistical units, Ownership classification and type, activity codes and time stamps, it has been possible to get a quite good understanding of the challenges and the work to be done, and thereby to lay down a work plan with a reasonable level of detail for the 5 activities and 1 study visit that are planned.

The same counts for sub-component 4.3 "Tourism Satellite Account (TSA)". A competent examination of the subject led to a fairly detailed work plan for the 4 activities and 1 study visit. The exact TSA tables that the experts and Geostat will work on will though not be decided before the first mission in October 2019.

A presentation of the results, recommendations and conclusions was prepared for the Geostat project leader Mr. Gogita Todradze, Executive Director of GEOSTAT, at the end of the mission. Unfortunately Mr. Todradze had to change his schedule due to other important and suddenly emerged cases, and was therefore not able to attend the meeting.

3. Conclusions and recommendations

- Main conclusion is that everybody was happy with the draft work plan and agreed that the component has a very good starting point for the work to come.
- A lot of activities is planned for sub-component 3.1 and the time schedule is very tight. It is therefore essential that Geostat are focused and delivers as necessary between the activities.

Actions needed for moving forward as well as for preparing the next mission:

Action	Deadline	Responsible person
Draft TOR for mission 3.1.A	1 week before mission	Geostat, RTA and expert
Draft TOR for mission 3.2.A	1 week before mission	Geostat, RTA and expert
Draft TOR for mission 4.3.A	1 week before mission	Geostat, RTA and expert

Annex 1. Terms of Reference

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0. Mandatory results and benchmarks for the component

Mandatory results:

- 3.1 Short term business statistics indicators developed
- 3.2 Statistical business register improved
- 4.3 Tourism Satellite Accounts (TSA) developed

Indicators of Achievement:

- The purpose of this activity is to assist the Geostat and Twinning team to further develop the benchmark and indicators of achievement for component 3 and its sub components and subcomponent 4.3 concerning Tourism Satellite Accounts.

1. Purpose of the activity

- Assessment of the current situation and the standards used regarding the Business Statistics and statistics on Tourism in Georgia
- To assist the RTA, MS and BC project leaders in compiling the initial rolling work plan
- To provide support to the scheduling of activities in the component on Business Statistics and its sub components
- To identify the most important actions areas in component 3
- To prioritize activities and the sub components in component 3
- To establish a realistic time frame / sequencing of activities / sub components in component 3
- To identify risks and problems relevant to the implementation of component 3
- To identify and incorporate relevant stakeholders for the work to come

2. Expected output of the activity

- Overview of current situation regarding Business Statistics and statistics on Tourism in Georgia
- Overview of current challenges and opportunities in Business Statistics and statistics on Tourism in Georgia
- Timeframe / implementation schedule for component 3 and its sub components
- Suggestions for staffing of the activities
- Input provided to RTA & Twinning Team for compilation of rolling work plan



Annex 2. Persons met

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Mr. Gogita Todradze, Executive Director,
Ms. Mariam Kavelashvili, Deputy Head of Strategic Planning, Coordination and Communication Department
Mr. Giorgi Sanadze, Head of Business Statistics Department,
Ms. Tinatin Ksovreli, Head of Short-Term Statistics Division,
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