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Strengthening the Capacity of the Georgian Statistical System

Component 2: “Enhancing Methodological Soundness in the National Accounts in line with EU standards”

Sub-component 2.1: “Compilation methods of National Accounts and new products”

MISSION REPORT

Activity: 2.1.D (RS) “Work on methodological documentation”

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1. General comments

This mission report was prepared within the EU Twinning Project "Strengthening the Capacity of Georgian Statistical System". The mission was held within the sub-component 2.1: "Compilation methods of National Accounts and new products". Due to COVID-19 the mission was carried out as a Remote Session in the period from June 4th – June 10th 2021. The mission was mainly devoted to work on methodological documentation of national accounts for Georgia.

The purposes of the mission were:

- Introduction to Methodological documentation in Statistics Denmark
- Introduction to and implementation of SIMS – Single Integrated Metadata Structure
- Preliminary discussion and practical implantation of the Georgian National Account
- Tasks towards the second activity (expert mission)

Expected output of the activity

- Methodological documentation in Statistics Denmark has been introduced
- The frame SIMS – Single Integrated Metadata Structure – has been introduced and implemented
- A preliminary practical implantation of the Georgian National Account has been initiated
- Tasks and plan towards the second activity (expert mission) has been discussed and agreed
- Mission report written

The consultants would like to express their gratitude to the Geostat staff who participated in the mission, for the kind support and valuable information received during the mission.

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

An introduction to the metadata system of Statistics Denmark was given. This included introduction to methodological frameworks like the Quality policy of statistics Denmark, Code of practice (with emphasis on principle 4 and 15), ESS Handbook for quality and metadata reports, attached metadata to statistical products in Statistics Denmark, the implementation of SIMS (Single Integrated Metadata Structure) in Statistics Denmark, a guided tour of documentation in Statistics Denmark – including the procedures for quality assurance of the documentation and also a practical demo of Colectica (SD' metadata software).

GeoStat gave a presentation of the existing documentation of national accounts for Georgia and their needs for documentation of the national accounts (GDP, GNI, etc.) was discussed.

Specific documentation in the area of national accounts were presented. In particular documentation requirements related to the EU budgetary procedures related to GNI as the fourth own resource were introduced - the GNI inventory and process tables.

The purpose was to introduce the frameworks and templates and discuss which parts could be completed as a first step. It is not foreseen to produce a full GNI inventory and process tables in this subcomponent, as this is a huge task.

3. Conclusions and follow up

It was agreed that Geostat will consider:

- What parts of the GNI inventory to complete as a first step
- Which statistical year to describe as a first step
- How to use the process tables to structure the descriptions

It was also agreed that:

- Geostat will prepare and send to the experts first drafts of the first steps no later than 9th of August
- Statistics Denmark will comment on the first drafts no later than 16th of August
- Geostat will prepare the 2nd draft no later than 8th of September, which will be discussed on the next mission.

Annex 1. Terms of Reference

EU Twinning Project GE 16 ENI ST 06 18

4th June – 10th June 2021

Component 2: Enhancing methodological soundness in the National Accounts in line with the EU standards

Sub-component 2.1: Compilation methods of National Accounts and new products

Mandatory results and benchmarks for sub-component 2.1:

- Compilation methods of National Accounts improved and new products implemented

Indicators of Achievement (baseline and targets):

- Availability of Initial National Accounts calculations according to SNA08 as a statistical product
 - **Baseline:** 2019 – National Accounts are published. But not according to SNA08
 - **Target:** End of 2019 – initial release of yearly National Accounts according to SNA08
- Number of Staff sufficiently familiar with SNA08
 - **Baseline:** 2019 – 0
 - **Target:** November 2021 – At least 5 staff trained on SNA08

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Annex 2. Persons met

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