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## European Union Twinning Project on Statistics

The National Statistics Office of Georgia – Geostat has partnered with Statistics Denmark to implement a 24 month Twinning project on statistics. The project will be implemented with assistance from the Czech Statistical Office, the Hungarian Central Statistical Office, Statistics Finland and Statistics Lithuania.

The overall purpose is for Geostat to align Georgian official statistics with standards, guidelines and best practices from the European Union and from other International organizations. The Twinning project is designed to support the goals of Georgia's association agreement with the European Union. The association agreement Chapter 4 is dedicated to statistical cooperation listing virtually all key areas of statistical production with the view of gradual approximation to the EU statistical standards. Articles 286-289 stipulate, "Further strengthening the capacity of the national statistical system" and "progressive alignment of the statistical system of Georgia with the European Statistical System" in all key areas of statistical production.

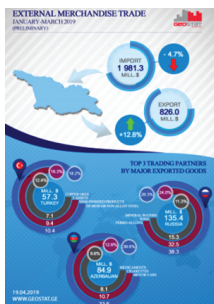
The Twinning Project has four major components:

- External Sector Statistics
- National Accounts
- Business Statistics
- Social Statistic

Each component is broken down into a number of individual sub components that will allow the project management team and the European Delegation to Georgia to monitor progress.

### Component 1: External Sector Statistics

The overall objective of the Twinning project is to facilitate Georgia's approximation to the Union *acquis* in the field of statistics, in line with the provisions envisaged under Association Agreement/ Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (AA/DCFTA). In the context of



DCFTA it is extremely important and indispensable to have good quality external trade statistics. The project component will contribute to improvement of the quality and reliability of data on international merchandise trade statistics (IMTS) calculating export and import unit value indices to see the real growth in IMTS, identifying reasons of asymmetries in bilateral trade data between partner countries and minimize discrepancies. Existence of statistics on international trade in services will ensure better quality of Gross Domestic Product and Balance of Payment.

## Component 2: National Accounts

National Account is the backbone of any National Statistics Institute. To say anything about the Georgian economy as a whole it is crucial that the National Accounts is reliable and comparable to other countries. The component is the most comprehensive of the components and has a wide range of goals to

achieve: Develop and improve GDP compilation methods. Develop Supply-Use and Input-Output tables in full compliance with the EU requirements. Compile and publish annual sectoral accounts and improve the evaluation methods for the non-observed economy as well as ensuring dissemination of seasonally adjusted quarterly time series.



## Component 3 Business Statistics

The Statistical Business Register (SBR) is considered the backbone in business statistics. The overall aim of the structure of business statistics is to produce high quality data. Therefore a highly developed SBR is crucial in

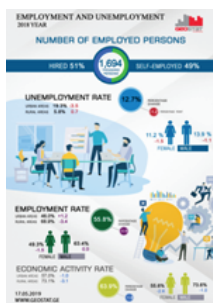


supporting an efficient system of business statistics. To comply with the ambitious project plan the business register will be improved, and the existing business demography indicators will be further developed. Short Term Statistics will be improved to comply with the coming European regulation as formulated in FRIBS and

the potential for using more administrative data sources will be explored.

## Component 4 Social Statistics

Together with the International Labour Organization, Geostat and the Twinning project will update the questionnaire and the sample of the Labour Force Survey giving more precise data on employment and unemployment in Georgia. We need to get a better picture of the incomes of households and the poverty in the country by improving the Household Income and Expenditure Survey. And last but not least the project will advance the knowledge of the increasingly important tourist sector by developing new statistics in the field.



## The implementing partners

### Statistics Denmark

Statistics Denmark is the central authority on statistics in Denmark. The institution plays a vital role in providing the prerequisites for democracy and economy. Statistics Denmark is responsible for ensuring that the overall statistical picture is complete and coherent regardless of the source.

Statistics provide the information needed for policy-makers to make evidence-based decisions; for citizens to form opinions and hold government accountable; for businesses to make sound decisions and for researchers to analyze society. Assisting other national statistical institutes in producing statistics of high quality is important to Statistics Denmark.

Statistics Denmark has a long history of complying with European and other international standards, and has implemented EU Twinning projects since 2003. Statistics Denmark has provided support to many countries in their alignment of official statistics to European and other international standards. Statistics Denmark believes in mutual cooperation between equal partners and works closely with the partner institutions.

### National Statistics Office of Georgia (Geostat)

National Statistics Office of Georgia (Geostat) is the legal entity of public law carrying out its activities independently. It is the institution established to produce statistics and disseminate the statistical information according to Georgian legislation. National Statistics Office of Georgia is established by the Law of Georgia, dd 11 December 2009, on Official Statistics. In view of the principles Geostat shall closely cooperate with the international and local organizations to achieve effective production of official statistics. Besides, the activities of Geostat are based on the basic principles of the official statistics: **Professional Independence; Objectivity; Reliability; Confidentiality and Efficiency.**

The goal of international cooperation in the field of statistics is to introduce international practice and methodology and share relevant experience based on the agreements and treaties concluded with the international organizations engaged in this field, while cooperation with local organizations means the cooperation and coordination of Geostat with the bodies producing statistics in order to effectively produce its own statistics.

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