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This is the fourth newsletter on the implementation of the project on Statistics in BiH

During the fourth project quarter, seven missions were carried out in BiH and there were three study visits.

The activities have been focusing on:

- Training on transmission of data to Eurostat using the program R
- Analysis of pilot surveys results on SPPI
- IT application development for producer prices (two missions)
- EU standards for quality reporting
- Analysis of pilot surveys results of the CPPI for Civil engineering
- Data sources, production and balancing of quarterly IIP
- Study visit to Croatia on Tourism
- Study visit to Denmark on improving quality by increasing the use of administrative data
- Study visit to France on Regional accounts

Study visits of Beneficiary Country experts to a Member State country is an important part of a Twinning project. It is an excellent way to learn more broadly about the production and dissemination process of a certain statistics, to meet more of their EU colleagues and to have a better impression on how work is organized.

In the fourth project quarter, there was one study visits about *improving quality by the use of administrative data* taking place in Statistics Denmark, one on the *demand side of tourism* in Croatian Bureau of Statistics and one in INSEE of France, learning about the French experiences on the compilation of *Regional Accounts*. All three study visits were very successful and the experience gained will be used in Bosnia and Herzegovina's further work on statistics. The use of administrative data for the production of official statistics in BiH should be defined as one of the highest priorities. It should be defined as a strategic goal for the future development of statistics in BiH.



The Study Visit on administrative data to Statistics Denmark, Copenhagen.2018

Since Eurostat is not updating and supporting the Excel sheet uploader for the transmission of data anymore an alternative had to be found. Therefore, the main aim of the mission *Training on transmission of data to Eurostat using the program R* has been on the use of the freeware R to prepare transmission of data to Eurostat. Basic R programming was taught to a group of non-IT experts in CBBH to be able to make changes to the programs in the future and to make transmissions of other data themselves.

The purposes of the mission *EU standards for quality reporting* were to introduce EU standards on quality of statistics, to introduce the EU standards for quality reporting and its template and to do specific work on first input to draft quality reports. Among other things, the MS experts concluded that BHAS, RSIS and FIS are highly committed to quality and have already done a lot of work on the topic.

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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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