

Newsletter on International Consulting

New Twinning project in Ukraine



In November 2011, an 18-month EU Twinning project started between the State Statistics Committee of Ukraine (SSCU) and Statistics Denmark as project lead in partnership with Statistics Finland, Statistics Sweden, INE of Spain, Statistics Lithuania, Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia and the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic. The project is the successor of the six month long Twinning Light Project that was carried out by Statistics Denmark in Cooperation with the Central Statistics Bureau of Latvia in 2010.

Irina Bernstein, RTA of the current project, took office in the SSCU in November and over the course of the project, more than 30 leading experts from various partner institutions will be involved in more than 65 missions.

The project focusses on the following topics:

- Harmonising the Ukrainian methodology with EU standards within tourism statistics, national accounts, business register, structural business statistics, production statistics, salaries and wage, capital and foreign direct investment and price indices
- Improvement of the dissemination database
- Launching the monitoring of administrative response burden
- Improvement of human resource management



Danish experts on Business Register and Reducing Respondent Burden on a mission with the RTA team

During the first six month of the project, 16 expert missions, the kick off meeting and the Steering Committee meeting for the 1st quarter have been completed successfully. An EU monitoring mission has found project achievements to be very positive. Additional 25 missions have been confirmed.

Halftime achievements of Twinning Project in Armenia



The National Statistical Service of the Republic of Armenia (NSSRA) has in January 2011 started an EU Twinning Project with Statistics Denmark as project lead and the Federal Statistical Bureau of Germany (Destatis) as junior partner. The project's main foci are the introduction of a comprehensive quality management framework and new compilation methodologies closely aligned to European Union standards and regulations.

To achieve this the project is divided into six components, covering the issues of quality management system, business statistics surveys, exhaustiveness of GDP estimates, agricultural census, harmonized consumer prices index and statistics on information and communication technology society.

During the more than 20 activities carried out by international experts so far, a number of achievements have been made:

- Definition of all official statistics of NSSRA as statistical products
- Reconstruction and redesign of reporting forms within business statistics
- Systematic overview of the exhaustiveness of the national accounts
- Development of methodology and questionnaire for the first Armenian agricultural census
- Development of a harmonized consumer price index methodology
- Development of methodology and questionnaire for surveys on ICT usage within private enterprises and public

In cooperation with the Twinning project the NSSRA is planning to launch an internet database this autumn that is based on the PC-AXIS software family. When finalised, the database will allow users to access both tables and the quality declarations that are currently being prepared.

Cooperation between Turkstat and Statistics Denmark



Statistics Denmark and Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat) have agreed on a number of cooperation activities as part of Upgrading the Statistical System of Turkey (USST). As part of this agreement, six study visits of Turkish experts and four training courses are planned to be conducted. Some of the focus areas of the cooperation are the organisation of in-service training programmes, environmental accounts, quarterly national accounts, business register systems. Statistics Denmark has so far provided consultancy service on outward foreign affiliates statistics (OFATS). A further two study visits are scheduled for both June and October 2012.

More information

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