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# **MISSION REPORT**

Activity 2.D: Development of Master plan for agriculture statistics in Bosnia and Herzegovina for the period 2020-2030 – IV

#### **Component 2, Agricultural Statistics**

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#### List of Abbreviations

Agency for Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina
European Commission
European Union
Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Institute for Statistics of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
EU Member State
Institute for Statistics of Republika Srpska
Resident Twinning Adviser
Terms of Reference



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# 1. General comments

This mission report was prepared within the EU Twinning Project "Further Support to the Reform of the Statistics System in Bosnia and Herzegovina". It was the fourth mission to be devoted to the Agriculture Statistics component of the Project.

The purposes of the mission were:

- To clarify issues related to the up-coming pilot agriculture census.
- To clarify the different documents and tables to send to Eurostat in the process of IFS.

The consultants would like to express their thanks to all officials and individuals from Bosnia and Herzegovina met for the kind support and valuable information, and which highly facilitated the work of the consultant.

This views and observations stated in this report are those of the consultant and do not necessarily correspond to the views of EU, BHAS, FIS, RSIS, CBBH, Statistics Denmark, Statistics Finland, Statistics Sweden and The Italian National Institute of Statistics.

### 2. Assessment and results

There have been some issues in the process of creating questionnaires for the upcoming pilot survey, especially concerning the module on machineries and equipment. The national knowledge in the area is quite low and the need for information is high. The question is whether to use the variables in the IFS regulation or to increase the number of variables to be able to fulfil more national needs. There is also a conflict between the response burden, quality of the survey and the need for information. We described the situation in Sweden and the process for making decisions in these questions.

We also described the different documents to deliver to Eurostat. It was made based on the documents delivered from Sweden in the 2020 census. This was made for those documents on NS/NE-variables, and ADM-variables that should be delivered before the census was conducted but also the microdata-table and the different documents related to the metadata report. We did describe the different documents and how they are structured.

## 3. Conclusions and recommendations

Concerning the variables on machinery and equipment in the census the recommendation is to have a larger amount of variables in the pilot survey. Then to have a thoroughly evaluation from the different aspects of quality, cost, response burden and national needs after the pilot survey.

The review of the different Eurostat-documents made an input and a basic understanding on what to deliver an in what way. We also promised to send a document on the Swedish way to explain the deviation from threshold in the regulation.



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### 4. What to do before the next mission for the BC counterpart

The next mission is planned to be held after the pilot survey. The focus on this mission is to evaluate the pilot survey from different aspects and make the final census better concerning frame, questionnaires and other topics related to the census and regulation. There is however also an opening for a mission before the pilot survey if it needed.

Action	Deadline	Responsible person
Pilot Survey	October 2022	BiH
Study Visit in Sweden	Summer 2023	Swedish Board of Agriculture
Project mission with Pilot	Winter 2022	BiH/ Swedish Board of
survey evaluations		Agriculture



### Annex 1. Terms of Reference for the current mission

#### **Terms of Reference**

### EU Twinning Project BA 17 IPA ST 01 20

### Component 2 - Agriculture Statistics 17 June 2022

Online mission via Zoom

#### Activity 2.D: Development of Master plan for agriculture statistics in Bosnia and Herzegovina for the period 2020-2030 – IV

#### 1. Mandatory result

The component on Agricultural Statistics has three main objectives:

- 2.1 Master Plan for Agriculture statistics for the period 2020-2030 developed and adopted (with clearly defined objectives, timetable of implementation for the implementation of the objectives and precisely defined responsibilities of all stakeholders.)
- 2.2. Cooperation among all stakeholders improved
- 2.3. Protocol(s) on cooperation and exchange of data among all stakeholders adopted

Indicator / Relevant Milestones / Internal deadlines:

- Master Plan for Agriculture statistics in BiH available on web
- Identification of stakeholders at national and entity level
- Responsibilities of each stakeholder clarified
- Overview of currently available data both administrative and from surveys
- Development of roadmap for implementation
- Development of initial budget for agricultural census
- Definition of SRPG ~Statistical Register of Agricultural Holdings
- Development of high-level cooperation agreements / Memorandums of Understanding
- Protocols describing specific exchange of data



#### 2. Purpose of the activity

- To clarify issues related to the up-coming pilot agriculture census.
- To clarify the different documents and tables to send to Eurostat in the process of IFS.

#### 3. Expected output of the activity

- Issues related to the up-coming pilot agriculture census clarified
- Documents and tables to be sent to Eurostat clarified
- Mission report

### Annex 2. Topics for the next mission

- 1. Evaluate results from pilot survey
- 2. Identify changes in frame, questionnaire etc. for census based on pilot survey



# Annex 3. Persons met

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