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List of Abbreviations

BHAS	Agency for Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina
BiH	Bosnia and Herzegovina
CBBH	Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina
EC	European Commission
EU	European Union
FBiH	Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
FIS	Institute for Statistics of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
MS	EU Member State
RSIS	Institute for Statistics of Republika Srpska
RTA	Resident Twinning Adviser
ToR	Terms of Reference

1. General comments

This study visit report was prepared within the EU Twinning Project "Further Support to the Reform of the Statistics System in Bosnia and Herzegovina" and organised under Component 1, Subcomponent 1.1. Statistical Business Register, Activity 1.1S.

The purpose of the study visit was to:

- familiarize BC participants with the structure and organization of Enterprise Groups (EG) within the Finnish Statistical Business Register.

We had the privilege of meeting with representatives from the Finland Statistical Business Register, who kindly hosted the study visit.

The hosts on behalf of the Finnish Statistical Business Register were:

Mr. Timo Koskimäki, Director of International Affairs,

Ms. Marjo Paqvalin, Senior Statistician, Enterprise Resources,

Mr. Otso Rajala, Senior Statistician, Enterprise Resources,

Ms. Marika Pohjola, Planning Officer, Communications and Networks, International Cooperation, and

Mr. Mika Lassander, Senior Statistician, Data and information acquisition support.

The staff of BHAS, FIS and RSIS would like to express their thanks to all officials and individuals met for the kind support and valuable information which they received during the stay in Finland.

This views and observations stated in this report are those of the participants and do not necessarily correspond to the views of EU, BHAS, FIS, RSIS, CBBH, Statistics Denmark, Statistics Sweden, Statistics Finland or Istat.

2. Lessons Learned

The study visit program was carefully designed and made to address the main concerns related to the implementation of EG in the Statistical Business Register of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The program included a series of presentations and in-depth discussions that focused on relevant practical issues.

We are pleased to report that every scheduled topic was successfully covered, providing valuable insights and knowledge to all participants."

The study visit program included presentations regarding the implementation of EG in the Finland Statistical Business Register. The following topics were particularly discussed:

1. Enterprise Groups register in Finland
2. Enterprise groups register application
3. Euro Groups register, interplay with national register and Eurostat EGR

- 4. Statistical Unit Enterprise in Finland
- 5. The Finnish Real-Time Economy project

The first day of the study visit was dedicated to Enterprise Groups register in Finland as well as the Enterprise Groups register application.

The Finnish experts have provided a comprehensive explanation of the significance of Enterprise Groups and the EG Registry. An overview of Enterprise Group updating and data sources were also presented.

We were introduced to various concepts and terms related to enterprise groups, including the global group head (GGH), global decision centre (GDC), multinational enterprise groups (MNEs), truncated enterprise groups (TEGs), foreign-controlled enterprise groups, all-resident enterprise groups, and domestically controlled enterprise groups.

The second day of the study visit, was dedicated to Euro Groups register and Statistical Unit Enterprise in Finland.

On the third day, a very interesting presentation on “The Finnish Real-Time Economy project” was presented by Mr. Mika Lassander. The presentation provided valuable insights and information about this innovative project. The advantages of this project are:

- Services will have moved to the cloud and they will talk to each other.
- Companies will be able to move or share data efficiently and automatically.
- The economy will operate in real-time.
- Financial data will move automatically: key business information, including orders, delivery information, and invoices, will be transmitted automatically between companies.
- Companies will no longer need to dedicate time for their obligations towards the authorities-business data will also be transmitted automatically for purposes such as taxation or compilation of statistics.

3. Conclusions and recommendations

Participating in the study visits has proven to be extremely valuable for the BC statisticians dealing with the Statistical Business Registry and Enterprise Groups.

They gained an extensive knowledge from the theoretical insights shared on various topics. These meetings contributed to better understanding of methodological and practical issues concerning Enterprise Groups.

Considering the ongoing implementation of Enterprise Groups in SBR of Bosnia and Herzegovina, any information gained during this study visit was more than valuable for further work.

The presentations of Finish experts, emphasised the importance of the implementation of Enterprise Groups in the Statistical Business Registry.

Experience gained from this study visit will be used in the further development of Enterprise Groups in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Actions needed for moving forward

Action	Deadline	Responsible institution / person

Annex 1. Programme

Programme

Monday 05 June 2023	Meeting room Regressio (2nd floor)
9.00 - 10.00	Welcome and general presentation of Statistics Finland by Ms. Mari Ylä-Jarkko
10.00 - 11.30	Enterprise Groups register in Finland by Mr. Timo Laukkanen
11.30 - 12.30	Lunch break
12.30 - 14.00	Enterprise groups register application by Ms. Marjo Paqvalin
14.00 - 15.00	End of the 1st day - Concluding remarks
Tuesday 06 June	Meeting room Regressio (2nd floor)
9.00 - 11.30	Euro Groups register, interplay with national register and Eurostat EGR by Mr. Otso Rajala
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch break
13.00 - 15.00	Statistical Unit Enterprise in Finland by Mr. Timo Laukkanen, Ms. Marjo Paqvalin
15.00 - 15.30	End of the 2st day - Concluding remarks
Wednesday 07 June	Meeting room Alipeitto 2nd floor (next to restaurant Pihka)
9.00 - 11.00	The Finnish Real-Time Economy project
11.30 - 12.30	Lunch break
12.30 - 14.30	End of the 3rd day - Concluding remarks of the study visit

Annex 2. Persons met

Agency for Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina:

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Ms. Envera Huric

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