



Newsletter on International Consulting

Status after one year in Bosnia-Herzegovina



During the last year, Statistics Denmark has been lead partner in a Twinning project in Bosnia-Herzegovina (BiH) in partnership with Destatis, Statistics Finland, Istat and Statistics Lithuania. The Danish RTA Bente Dyrberg oversees and coordinates the project's implementation in Sarajevo and Banja Luka.

The purpose of the project is to strengthen the BiH statistical system and to strengthen the production of harmonised statistical data at the state level.

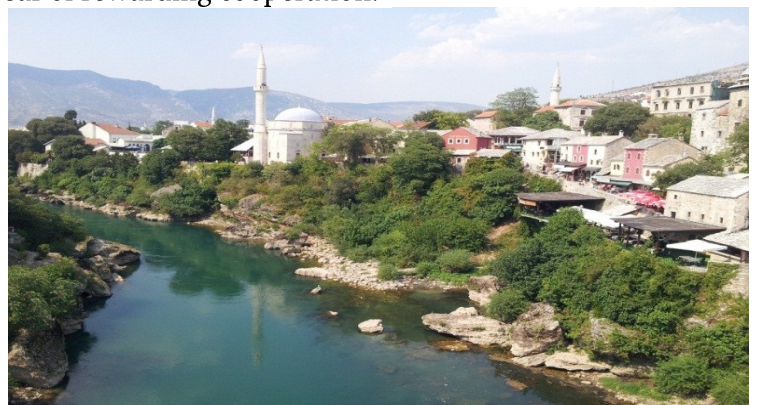
During the first year of the project, 36 activities have been implemented. The total number of activities until project completion is expected to be 68.

Some of the main achievements during the first year are:

- High-level event on strategic management
- A 5-year development plan for the business register
- Questionnaire for Structural Business Statistics survey sent out
- Plan for conducting a pilot survey on construction statistics
- Plan for improvement on the existing survey on retail trade statistics
- Plan for improvement on the existing survey on tourism statistics
- Data collection for Extended Household Budget Survey 2011 completed

Many more results are to be achieved in the remaining year of the project.

The cooperation between the three Bosnian-Herzegovinian statistical institutions and Statistics Denmark and its partners has so far been very successful and to the satisfaction of all experts involved. All parts are looking forward to another year of rewarding cooperation.





Environmental Statistics in Bhutan

In late September and early August 2012 two experts from Statistics Denmark were invited to the National Statistics Bureau in Bhutan to provide consulting on environmental statistics and the inclusion of environmental accounts into the Bhutanese national accounts. The two experts were in Bhutan for 2 weeks where they held a number of workshops with stakeholders from the National Statistics Bureau and other public institutions.

The cooperation proved highly fruitful and the possibility of additional activities in 2013 is being discussed. There was mutual learning during this cooperation. While the Danish experts brought know-how in environmental statistics, they learned about the Bhutanese Gross National Happiness (GNH) Index that influences all national policy making. Since the environment is an important factor in people's happiness, there is government focus on and high interest in the topic.



New Twinning project in Macedonia



Since summer 2012, Statistics Denmark has been involved in a Twinning project with the State Statistical Office of the Republic of Macedonia. The project "Support to the State Statistical Office for capacity building and improving compliance of statistics with EU standards" is carried out with the German statistics bureau Destatis as lead partner and Statistics Denmark as junior partner.

The project will be completed in August 2014. Statistics Denmark is involved in the following areas:

- Health Accounts
- Organic Farming
- Culture Statistics
- Backup and Disaster System
- Online data collection

So far Danish experts have been in Macedonia for the official Kick-off meeting and one activity concerning the backup and disaster system and online data collection. Statistics Denmark will be involved in around 25 activities.



**Statistics Denmark's International Consulting wishes you
Happy Holidays and a successful New Year!!!**