

Newsletter on International Consulting

Extension of Twinning in Israel



The EU-funded Twinning project between the Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics (ICBS) and Statistics Denmark has now been running for 16 month. The project was originally planned to last 18 month but due to the great complexity of the project and the high number of components it has been decided to extend it with 3 months by using project savings. Project completion is now planned for the end of December 2014.

Despite the great number and complexity of the project's mandatory results, implementation is according to plan. Both the EU Delegation of Israel and Eurostat expressed their satisfaction with the achievements of the project.

In September, the component on coordination and strategic planning is organising a seminar that aims at gathering the main users and data suppliers of statistics in Israel. Next to researchers, ministries and journalists, suppliers like the Bank of Israel and the Ministry of Finance will be invited to discuss a number of issues on the Israeli statistics system during the 4-day event.



World Bank Twinning in Kazakhstan

Statistics Denmark has since November 2011 been involved in a Destatis-led World Bank Twinning with the Agency of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Statistics (ARKS).

Danish experts have been in Kazakhstan on various missions, providing consulting on mostly agricultural statistics. Part of their work focussed for example on the development of an agricultural statistical register and the sampling of a survey on crop yielding capacity.

More missions are under preparation in the areas of trade statistics, culture statistics and the population and housing register.



Completion of EU Twinning project in FYROM

The Destatis-led EU Twinning with the State Statistical Office of the Republic of Macedonia is close to its completion. The 24-months EU financed Twinning project started its implementation in September 2012. A closing event with high-level participation took place in the beginning of July 2014.



Statistics Denmark was involved in the project as junior partner and provided expertise in the components on organic agriculture, health accounts, culture statistics, a centralised back-up and disaster recovery system as well as the online services for data collection. A total of 22 activities have been completed during the 24 months by the Danish experts and junior project leader Charlotte Juul Hansen.



Implementation of the new EU Twinning project in Ukraine progressing well

Together with the State Statistical Service of Ukraine (SSSU), Statistics Denmark is implementing a new EU-funded Twinning project since November 2013. The project is a continuation of the fruitful cooperation during the previous project, and this time supported by the French National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies (INSEE) as junior partner. Irina Bernstein, who was RTA in the first project, has retaken office in Kiev.

Project implementation is progressing well, despite temporary challenges due to the political turmoil Ukraine has been facing since February 2014.

25 missions have been carried out since project start. Additionally 7 study visits to Lithuania, France and Denmark have been carried out. For the next quarter roughly 20 activities are scheduled and the project is progressing according to the plan.

The SSSU is presently working on publishing the statistical indicators excluding the temporarily annexed territories of the Crimea and plans to contact the international organisations to assure that the statistical data from these territories will be excluded from the publications.

Statistics Denmark's International Consulting wishes you a nice summer holiday!!!