

# STANDARD TWINNING PROJECT FICHE

## 1. Basic Information

- 1.1 **Publication reference number:** EuropeAid/ 138-930/DH/ACT/BA
- 1.2 Programme: IPA 2015 (direct management mode)
- 1.3 Twinning Number: BA 15 IPA ST 01 17
- 1.4 Title: Support to the reform of the statistics system in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 1.5 Sector: Statistics
- 1.6 Beneficiary country: Bosnia and Herzegovina

## 2. Objectives

### 2.1 Overall Objectives:

To increase the volume and enable the production of harmonised statistical data in/for BiH.

### 2.2 Project purpose:

To strengthen the statistical system by improving and developing institutional capacities in the areas of National Accounts, Business Statistics, Balance of Payments (BoP) and International Investment Position (IIP) statistics.

### 2.3 Contribution to National Development Plan/Cooperation agreement/Association Agreement/Action Plan

The **Indicative Strategy Paper (ISP) for BiH** recalls that governance and public administration reform are key priorities of the Enlargement Strategy. Strengthened democratic institutions, an inclusive democratic process, a strong role for the civil society and further progress with electoral, parliamentary and public administration reforms are keys for the accession process

The focus of IPA II assistance will be on the implementation of principles of good governance and improving the public sector management, in particular, to strengthen economic management, public financial management, public service delivery and administration reform, as well as combat against corruption. Furthermore, the Indicative Strategy Paper states that “A new, comprehensive PAR strategy is needed, covering also the functioning of EU integration structures within the various levels of government to strengthen the administrative capacity of the country in dealing with EU matters and responsibilities.”

Again, when it comes to the specific aspects of statistics, it highlights that “The statistical system does not produce sufficiently reliable data on the population, on economic, macro-economic and trade statistics and national accounts. Reliable data remain crucial to support the social and economic development of the country.” With this specific regard the following results are defined: “The statistical system will have the capacities to produce reliable macro-economic, business, social and demographic, financial and agricultural statistics; regional statistical classification (harmonized with the nomenclature of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) regulation) should become available, the external

*trade index, a harmonised index of consumer prices and business statistics, should improve”.*

In the **2016 Country Report** it is noted that:

In the coming year, Bosnia and Herzegovina should, in particular:

- further apply the European System of National and Regional Accounts (ESA) 2010, in particular regarding national accounts and government finance statistics;
- further improve cooperation, coordination and decision-making processes to develop the national statistical system in key statistical areas;
- finalise the classification of statistical regions according to NUTS and provide GDP *per capita* data harmonised at NUTS II level, in line with the SAA obligations.”

The “*Strategy for Development of Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina 2020*” is a document aiming to define long-term goals as well as the general principles, guidelines and criteria for action and for the development of the statistical system in BiH. The Strategy is, to a great degree, determined by the strategic goal of BiH – accession to the European Union.

### **3. Description**

#### **3.1 Background and justification**

The statistical system of BiH is governed by the State-level Law on Statistics which assigns coordinating authority to the Bosnia and Herzegovina Agency for Statistics (BHAS) with respect to the two Entity Statistical Institutes that are required to align their methodologies, standards and practices with those of BHAS. The Agency has the responsibility for providing statistics at the level of the state of Bosnia and Herzegovina and its core mission is to produce state-level statistical indicators, in line with international standards, and to progressively implement *acquis* in whole national statistical system. The aim is to increase and improve official statistics in BiH and make it available to policy makers and all users.

Currently there are three statistical institutions in BiH, one at State level (BHAS) and at Entity level: Federal Institute of Statistics (FIS) and Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics (RSIS). As of January 1, 2006 Statistical Bureau of Brcko District became a Branch Office of the BHAS. The Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina is also official producer of statistics of the monetary and financial sector, external sector statistics and government finance statistics.

Statistical institutions in BiH share the same or similar problems: insufficient human resources, budget restrictions, junior staff insufficiently trained for independent work. Faster harmonisation of BiH statistics with EU standards and the production of a larger number of indicators cannot be expected without external support.

On the basis of the Law on Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina an Agreement was signed in November 2005 between the BiH Ministry of Finance and Treasury, the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina Ministry of Finance, the Republika Srpska Ministry of Finance, the BHAS, FIS and RSIS on the implementation of harmonised methodologies and standards in preparing the statistical data of BiH. However, not all the provisions of the Law and the Agreement are fully implemented, mainly in the area of data exchange between the three statistical institutions. Moreover, the Law on Statistics of BiH is not strictly observed by other state or Entities` institutions, too. The information needed for the accurate and reliable

data especially for business registers, business statistics cannot still be obtained by the Agency for Statistics of BiH (individual data for statistical business register, investment, etc.).

In order to improve BiH statistics in general, it is necessary to obtain continuous training of the staff, further development and improvement of methodologies but also to identify all available administrative data sources and use them for the production of respective statistics. The harmonisation with European standards is a demanding, long and challenging process. Further harmonisation is needed in all statistical domains but the selected areas are considered the most relevant in all three statistical institutions. Further development of Business Statistics is considered especially important, as it is also a precondition for the improvement of the National Accounts.

Problems outlined below are the one which the project will address in its different components:

**Component 1: National Accounts** - Regional accounts play an important role in the formulation, implementation and evaluation of regional policies. Objective, reliable, consistent, relevant and harmonised regional statistical indicators provide a firm foundation for policies aimed at reducing economic and social disparities between the European regions. In the context of the European Cohesion policy, regional Gross Domestic Product is an indicator of the regional accounts by industry, used to allocate funds to eligible regions.

The regional accounts are a regional specification of the national accounts or more precisely a sub-system of national accounts. Although, regional accounts make use of the concepts used for national accounts, there are substantial conceptual and practical difficulties in compiling a full set of accounts at the regional level.

This project is considered as an introduction of Regional accounts in Bosnia and Herzegovina and it is planned to produce data required for NUTS level 2:

- B.1g Gross value added at basic prices – current prices
- D.1 Compensation of employees – current prices
- P.51g Gross fixed capital formation – current prices
- Employment – total and employees

**Component 2- Business Statistics (BS)** - In the statistical system of BiH, business statistics have not yet been developed in line with all relevant EU requirements and regulations. Therefore, it is not possible to see the overall structure and monitor the movements of economic parameters and the development of the market economy in BiH on the basis of the existing business statistics data. Harmonisation of existing and introduction of new statistics with the aim of producing internationally comparable variables and indicators will provide a basis for creating adequate economic policies in BiH, with special reference to the development of the small and medium enterprises.

Further development and improvement of business statistics methodologies is essential for the production of new indicators in line with European and international standards (with respect to data quality, scope, coverage, and comparability and transmission issues), and to

ensure the sustainability of results and prerequisite for the development of macroeconomic statistics.

Considering the fact that the area of business statistics production is very broad and complex, this project is expected to provide further support in three sub-components:

- **Volume of characteristics in Statistical Business Register (SBR) increased and quality of data improved, in line with EU Regulation**

A comprehensive and reliable SBR is fundamentally important for surveys in both SBS and STS. SBR should be developed to become a reliable base for the preparation of statistical surveys, the main source of information for analysis of the business population and a tool for mobilisation of administrative data. The integration of the recommendations of the EU Regulations is a continuous process (Council Regulation (EC) No 177/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 February 2008 establishing a common framework for business registers for statistical purposes).

Through IPA 2012 Project (completed in December 2016), compliance of SBR with EU regulations was improved by increasing number of business demography characteristics, preparing rules for allocating and updating institutional sector code and preparing a methodology for construction and observation of enterprise groups characteristics.

Through this IPA 2015 project another statistical unit (enterprise groups) will be introduced, and the number of the required characteristics will be increased. In addition new multiannual plan for SBR should be discussed and prepared taking into account (new) FRIBS requirements, as well

- **Improvement of Structural Business Statistics (SBS)**

The SBS subcomponent is aimed at establishing a comprehensive framework for collection, compilation and transmission of structural business statistics according to the EU SBS Regulation. In recent years, some progress was made in this area and it resulted in the production of SBS variables and indicators for activities grouped and defined in Annexes I-IV of SBS Regulation. The implementation of the first regular SBS surveys started in April 2011. The first transmission of SBS data for 2012 as the reference year to Eurostat was done in 2013.

Further implementation of the EU SBS Regulation is carried out through the IPA2012 (Annexes VIII and IX). Methodology for Business Services and for Business Demography was developed through that project.

Given the importance of SBS data for STS and national accounts and great complexity and a broad scope of economic activities, it is essential to provide the support to BiH statistical institutions on the further improvement of SBS through this project. The intention is to set up a framework of available administrative data at Entities' level and Brcko District for the production of structural business statistics for Annexes I to IV in order to reduce the burden of reporting units and more efficient production statistics.

- **Development of Short Term Statistics (STS) and Tourism Statistics**

Short-term business statistics in Bosnia and Herzegovina is not fully developed and harmonised with EU requirements relevant for STS. Certain progress has been achieved in the development of basic STS indicators (Industrial Production Index, Index of Production in Construction, Retail Trade Index, etc.).

In order to contribute effectively to the economic monitoring and planning process, STS business statistics must be of high quality and produced in a timely manner. Apart from the

obligations stemming from national and EU STS regulations, there is a continuous need for the development of new indicators and for improvement of data quality.

Tourism is becoming an important economic activity with the high potential for contributing to economic growth and higher employment in BiH. It comprises a variety of products and activities and many different stakeholders are involved with many areas of competence. Our aim is to enable the regular production of comparable and reliable indicators of tourism statistics in BiH and to start with data transmission to Eurostat.

The main objectives of STS subcomponents, in this project, are to develop:

- **Industry and Construction Statistics:**
  - ✓ Development of Construction Producer Price Index for divisions 42 and 43 of NACE Rev.2 (Civil engineering and Specialized construction activities) - EU STS Regulation No 1165/98, Annex B;
  - ✓ Development of quality declarations for Industry and Construction indicators.
- **Services and Tourism Statistics:**
  - ✓ Development of Services Producer Price Index for new services - EU STS Regulation No 1165/98, Annex D;
  - ✓ Development of a new survey on Tourist activity of resident population in BiH (demand side of tourism statistics, EU Regulation No 692/2011).

The STS indicators are highly demanded internally for the production of quarterly Gross Domestic Production indicators in BiH, to be used as a proper deflator for value/turnover indicators and for economic analyses prepared by key external users (Central Bank of BiH, Directorate for Economic Planning of BiH, IMF, WB, etc.). It is necessary to develop and apply common methodology by all three statistical institutions in BiH which will be fully in line with EU demands in the field of STS and Tourism statistics.

**Component 3 – BoP and IIP Statistics** – Balance of Payments and IIP statistics will be implemented by Central Bank of BiH.

The BoP quality assessment is an annual exercise requested by Eurostat as a standard part of BoP compilation process. BoP quality assessment verifies compliance with all the quality criteria laid down in Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics, Article 12(1), namely: relevance, accuracy, timeliness and punctuality, accessibility and clarity, comparability and coherence. It is implemented by Commission Regulation (EU) No 1227/2010. The harmonisation with European standards is a demanding and challenging process but setting up of regular Quality reporting would improve compilation and dissemination of BOP and also increase the overall quality of BOP statistics. At the moment, this quality reporting has not been yet introduced in the Central Bank working process, while there is an increasing demand by users for such reporting. Training of staff and support of external experts in this area would be necessary for the implementation of these activities.

The international investment position (IIP) is becoming essential statistics for economic surveillance since it shows at a point in time the value of financial assets of residents of an

economy that are claims on non-residents and liabilities of residents of an economy to non-residents. The difference between the assets and liabilities is the net position in the IIP and represents a net claim on or a net liability to the rest of the world. The IIP statistics for BH is currently compiled only on annual basis (starting from 2007). As it allows for a stock-flow analysis of the external position of the country having quarterly IIP aside with the BoP which is already compiled on quarterly basis would be of great benefit for data user and would complement existing external statistics.

The introduction of the quarterly IIP would require intensive analysis of available quarterly data and in some instance model estimates for some items. Along with already available quarterly NA, quarterly IIP is to provide complementary statistics for a better understanding of the external position of the domestic economy. Existing experience on annual IIP compilation would be beneficial for this activity since the staff already learned a great deal of methodology and have some practical experience. However, quarterly IIP would require some further refinement in methodological approach, achieving appropriate timeliness for quarterly IIP distribution and complicated reconciliation between quarterly and annual IIP data and flows recorded within BoP statistics.

The Central Bank has good cooperation with many data suppliers and in general established good cooperation with all. After completion of the work, it would be possible to start dissemination and transmission to Eurostat, IMF, etc.

### 3.2 Linked activities:

This project will build on the achievements of IPA 2012 Twinning project “Support to the State and Entity Statistical Institutions, phase VI”. End date of project implementation was 28 December 2016. The project was composed of 4 main components: 1) National Accounts, 2) Business statistics and Short Term Statistics (including Statistical Business Register), 3) Financial Accounts and 4) ESSPROS.

The statistical system of Bosnia and Herzegovina received continuous EU support, through Phare, CARDS and later IPA financial instruments.

Some of other relevant national projects in the statistical sector of BiH were funded by Sida. The last national project one was completed in December 2014. At the moment two regional projects are in implementation (Sida regional and IPA MBP 2014) and BiH is taking an active part in both of them. This IPA 2015 Twinning has been planned in a way to avoid overlapping with current regional projects activities.

### 3.3 Results

The Member State(s) should provide support to BC and contribute to the achievements of the following results:

#### **Component 1 – Macroeconomic Statistics**

**Introduction of the Regional accounts**, as a subsystem of national accounts, and production of indicators for NUTS 2 according to the ESA 2010 and Manual on regional accounts methods 2013 edition

- Sub-result 1.1 - Regional accounts NUTS 2, table 10, ESA 2010 produced
- Sub-result 1.2 – Basic regional indicators: Gross value added (GVA), Gross domestic product (GDP), Gross fixed capital formation (NUTS 2), Employment data; compensation of employees data, produced

## **Component 2 – Business Statistics (SBR, SBS and STS)**

**2.1 Statistical Business Register/SBR** - New multiannual plan for Statistical Business Register (SBR) prepared, volume of characteristics increased and quality of data improved, in line with the EC Regulation No 177/2008

- Sub-result 2.1.1 - SBR 5-years plan (2018-2022) prepared and adopted taking into account FRIBS, as well
- Sub-result 2.1.2 - First data on large enterprises group produced
- Sub-result 2.1.3 – Introduction of profiling method provided to BH statisticians

**2.2 Structural Business Statistics/SBS** - Harmonised framework for production of SBS variables based on available administrative data for the level of entities and Brcko District, developed (Annexes I to IV EU SBS Regulation)

- Sub-result 2.2.1 – Inventory of the administrative source for compilation of structural variables for Annexes I to IV SBS Regulation prepared
- Sub-result 2.2.2 - First SBS variables, based on use of administrative sources produced
- Sub-result 2.2.3 - Feedback on reduced burden of reporting units provided to the statistics

**2.3. Short Term Statistics (STS) and Tourism Statistics** - New STS indicators for CPPI and SPPI developed (Producer prices in Construction indices and Producer prices in Services indices) (EU-STTS Regulation No 1165/98)

- Sub-result 2.3.1 - Methodologies on STS Construction and Services Statistics and Tourism statistics developed
- Sub-result 2.3.2 - Producer prices in Construction indices and Service producer price indices (SPPI) produced
- Sub-result 2.3.3 - Demand side of tourism statistics indicators compiled in accordance with the EU Regulation 692/2011, Annex II
- Sub-result 2.3.4 - Quality declarations for Industrial Production Index and Index of Production in Construction prepared

## **Result 3 – Balance of Payments/BoP and International Investment Position/ IIP statistics**

The introduction of quality criteria and quality reporting on balance payments statistics in line with relevant EU Regulation (No 1227/2010) and the development of quarterly international investment position statistics – Questionnaire T2.2

- Sub-result 3.1 - BoP pilot quality criteria and quality report prepared for currently available BOP data sets (compiled in accordance with the IMF BPM6 methodology) for selected period
- Sub-result 3.2 - Available data sources identified and listed for quarterly IIP
- Sub-result 3.3 - Methodological documents developed for compilation of quarterly IIP
- Sub-result 3.4 - First data for quarterly International Investment Position for selected years (based on data available) published
- Sub-result 3.5 - Consistency between quarterly and annual IIP performed

**The proposal made by the MS should include the activities they propose to achieve the results listed in the fiche.**

### **3.4 Means/ Input from the MS Partner Administration**

#### 3.4.1 Profile and tasks of the Project Leader

- Civil servant from an EU Member State Administration - National Statistical Office;
- At least 5 years of working experience in a leading management position,
- Previous experience in international technical assistance projects or twinning projects;
- Good organisational skills;
- Very good command of English (oral and written);
- Computer skills,
- Minimum university degree

Tasks:

- Overall coordination of the project;
- Leading the project activities;
- In charge of preparing the Operative side letter (OSL).

#### 3.4.2 Profile and tasks of the RTA

One Resident Twinning Adviser (RTA) over a period of 24 months as well as medium/short term experts will implement the objectives listed in this Standard Twinning Project Fiche.

The RTA has the responsibility to guide the work of the team. The medium/short term experts will work in close cooperation with the RTA and the beneficiary administration staff in order to meet the specific objectives as set out in Standard Twinning Project Fiche.

Profile of the RTA:

Qualifications:

- Minimum university degree

General experience:

- Minimum 5 years of working experience in statistics within national statistical system,

- Proven staff management experience, leadership skills, communication and coordination skills,
- Experience in international twinning/technical assistance projects in the field of statistics;
- Good training, speaking in public, writing and communication skills,
- Excellent computer literacy (*Word, Excel, Power Point*),
- Very good command of spoken and written English

Additional assets:

- Experience in statistical cooperation between different statistical institutions and organisations,
- Sound background in drafting and/or implementing strategies, policies or regulations,
- Relevant working experience in the new Member States and the Western Balkans,
- Good knowledge of the situation and the administrative structures of BiH
- Knowledge of the local language(s)

Tasks:

- Overall supervision of the project implementation and coordination of all activities, as well as management of the project administration;
- Advise on statistical practices in the EU Member States;
- Preparation of the Terms of Reference for the Short/Medium Term Experts;
- Coordination of the activities of the team members in line with the agreed work programmes to enable timely completion of project outputs;
- Preparation of project progress reports;
- Where appropriate participation in project's workshops;
- Permanent contact with the Project Leader counterpart;
- Liaison with EU Delegation Programme Manager;
- Liaison with other relevant projects
- Contribute in preparation of project newsletters which are published quarterly
- Contribute in setting up a Project website operational under the beneficiary's administration website

The RTA is expected to ensure, together with the beneficiary administration, the achievement of the mandatory results. In order to successfully meet mandatory results, the RTA may propose complementary project activities to those identified in section 3.3.

#### 3.4.3 Profile and tasks of the medium/short-term experts

Terms of Reference (ToR) for medium/short-term expert(s) will be elaborated by the RTA. The ToR for the medium/short term experts is to be agreed with EU Delegation Programme Manager and with the BC Project Leader in cooperation with the beneficiary institutions.

The short or medium-term experts are expected to have:

- At least 5 years of experience in a specialised national administration;
- At least 3 years of professional experience related to the tasks for which they will be deployed;
- Very good command of English (oral and written);
- Solid training skills and experience in organising training courses;
- Good computer skills (*Word, Excel*);

- Minimum university degree.

#### **4. Institutional Framework**

The structural set up of the statistical system, linked to the political set up of BiH, is causing major challenges for BiH as a whole in relation to the coordination, communication on and efficiency of the production of statistics as well as for consistency and quality of the statistical data.

The three statistical institutions, called ‘competent authorities’ in the Law on Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina, represent the main levels of government:

- Agency for Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BHAS) at the state level,
- Institute for Statistics of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Republika Srpska Institute for Statistics at the level of the two entities.

The statistical office of Brcko District has been an integral part of BHAS since 2006 due to a governmental decision. The Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina is an official producer of statistics of monetary and financial sector, external sector statistics and government finance statistics. The development of statistics of financial accounts as a new statistical area is underway.

##### **Agency for Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BHAS)**

Agency for Statistics was established according to the Decision of the BiH Council of Ministers in 1998. It is an independent, professional organisation, directly accountable for its work to the BH Council of Ministers.

Adoption of the BH Law on Statistics in 2004, appointments and start-up of work of BHAS management and Statistical Council were main preconditions to start with the implementation of the Law and building of functional BH statistical system.

The latest document relevant for statistical development is Strategy for Development of Statistics of BiH 2020 that clearly identifies mission, vision, tasks, strategic area of interest, as well as goals to be achieved by official statistics.

BHAS is financed from the BiH budget.

##### **Entity statistical institutes**

The Institute for Statistics of the FBiH is comprised of 10 cantonal offices. The Institute for Statistics of Republika Srpska was established in 1992.

Entity statistical institutes are being financed by the respective entity budgets.

Scope of activities of entity statistics for the level of Republika Srpska is defined by the Law on Statistics of the Republika Srpska (Official Gazette no. 85/03) and for the level of FBiH by the Law on Statistics of the Federation of BiH (Official Gazette no. 63/03 and no. 9/09).

#### **5. Budget**

The budget for this twinning contract is **EUR 1,500,000** and will be financed out of the 2015 EU funded IPA programme for Bosnia and Herzegovina. No co-financing is foreseen.

## **6. Implementation Arrangements**

6.1 Implementing Agency responsible for tendering, contracting and accounting:

*Delegation of the European Union to BiH*

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6.2 Main counterpart in the BC, including contact person and contact details. Also, include RTA counterpart and the BC Project leader

### **Agency for Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BHAS)**

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#### **RTA counterpart**

*Ms. Jasna Samardzic, Head of International Cooperation and EI Dept., - Senior Programme Officer*

#### **BC Project leader**

*Mr. Velimir Jukic, Director of the Agency for Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina*

The project progress will be supervised by a Steering Committee (SC) which will be composed of representatives of BHAS, RSIS, FIS, DEI and EUD and will be chaired by BHAS. It is expected that the SC will meet every 3 months during the project implementation, upon submission of draft quarterly progress reports.

#### 6.3 Contracts

Maximum available budget for twinning contract is: **EUR 1,500,000**<sup>1</sup>

The twinning project budget shall be presented as per twinning manual and will also cover:

- Visibility Cost;
- Audit certificate cost;

Required contributions of Beneficiary institution (including equipment, offices):

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<sup>1</sup> Taxes, including VAT are not eligible (indirect taxes such as value added taxes, customs and import duties, other fiscal charges and duties). The European Commission and Bosnia and Herzegovina are at the final stage of agreeing the text of the Framework Agreement. Once it is signed, ratified and comes into force the following taxes: value added taxes, customs and import duties and levies and/or charges having equivalent effect will be fully exonerated. The instructions related to the required formalities for VAT exemption will be then issued.

- I. Office space: Sufficient office space shall be allocated by the BHAS to the MS Twinning Partner for the RTA, the Project Assistant(s) and for the short-term experts on mission. Meeting space will be provided when necessary.
- II. Logistical support: The project office at the BHAS BiH will be furnished with the necessary number of telephones and PCs with e-mail and internet access. Free use of photocopying and fax machines will be provided by the beneficiary.

## **7. Implementation Schedule (indicative)**

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| 7.1 | Launching of the call for proposals:   | Q2 2017       |
| 7.2 | Start of project activities:           | Q4 2017       |
| 7.3 | Project completion:                    | Q4 2019       |
| 7.4 | Duration of the implementation period: | 24 + 3 months |

## **8. Sustainability**

The development of reliable statistics is inseparable from the close cooperation with (administrative) data sources at all levels. The sustainability of project results will be ensured if a close cooperation between statistical institutions in BiH is established and permanently maintained, and if administrative data sources are available to the statistical institutions without any restrictions.

## **9. Crosscutting issues**

### ***Equal Opportunities and non-discrimination***

The project is a technical intervention aiming at strengthening administrative capacities with a view to EU accession. Equal opportunity principles and practices in ensuring equitable gender participation and non-discrimination within the project will be guaranteed.

### ***Environment and climate change***

The project is a technical intervention aimed at strengthening administrative capacities with a view to EU accession; it will not lead to any negative environmental effects.

### ***Minorities and vulnerable groups***

Participation in the project activities will be guaranteed on the basis of equal access regardless of racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, sex or sexual orientation.

### ***Civil Society/Stakeholders involvement***

Relevant partners were included in the preparation of project proposal and fully support the implementation of all listed activities, including consultation meetings with civil society and the donor community.

## **10. Conditionality and sequencing**

N/A

**ANNEXES TO PROJECT FICHE**

Logical framework matrix in standard format

**ANNEX I. LOGICAL FRAMEWORK MATRIX IN STANDARD FORMAT**

<b>OVERALL OBJECTIVE</b>	<b>OBJECTIVELY VERIFIABLE INDICATORS (*)</b>	<b>SOURCES OF VERIFICATION</b>	
To increase the volume and enable production of harmonised statistical data in/for BiH.	Statistical compliance (%)	DG NEAR Country report  EUROSTAT Reports	
<b>SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE</b>	<b>OBJECTIVELY VERIFIABLE INDICATORS (*)</b>		<b>ASSUMPTIONS</b>
To strengthen the statistical system by improving and developing institutional capacities in the areas of National Accounts, Business Statistics, Balance of Payments (BoP) and International Investment Position (IIP) statistics.	Increased number of indicators (Regional accounts, SBS, STS, Tourism statistics) for which data is collected and disseminated to users; IIP and BoP statistics produced according to EU standards (Central Bank of BiH)	Project implementation reports (inception, periodical and final); Steering committee Web sites of the three statistical institutions	All stakeholders actively involved in a coordinated approach to key legislation and harmonisation of institutional settings and procedures
<b>RESULTS</b>	<b>OBJECTIVELY VERIFIABLE INDICATORS (*)</b>		<b>ASSUMPTIONS</b>
<p><b>Result 1:</b></p> <p>Introduction of the Regional accounts, as a subsystem of national accounts, and production of indicators for NUTS 2 according to the ESA 2010 and Manual on regional accounts methods 2013 edition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sub-result 1.1 - Regional accounts NUTS 2, table 10, ESA 2010 produced</li> <li>- Sub-result 1.2 – Basic regional indicators: Gross value added (GVA), Gross domestic product (GDP), Gross fixed capital formation (NUTS 2), Employment data; compensation of employees data, produced</li> </ul>	Regional accounts NUTS 2 (table 10, ESA 2010) data available to users: Gross value added (GVA), Gross domestic product (GDP), Gross fixed capital formation (NUTS 2) and Employment data; compensation of employees data	Project implementation reports (inception, periodical and final). All data transmitted to Eurostat Web, publications	Adequate staff and needed IT support provided. Technical assistance completed
<p><b>Result 2. Business Statistic and Short Term Statistics further improved</b></p> <p><b>2.1. Statistical Business Register/SBR</b> -Volume of characteristics in Statistical Business Register (SBR) increased and quality of data improved, in line with EC Regulation no 177/2008</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sub-result 2.1.1 - SBR 5-years plan (2018-2022) prepared and adopted</li> <li>- Sub-result 2.1.2 - First data on large enterprises group produced</li> <li>- Sub-result 2.1.3 - Profiling method introduced</li> </ul> <p><b>2.2 Structural Business Statistics/SBS</b> - Harmonised framework for production of SBS variables based on available administrative data for the level of entities</p>	<p>SBR 5-years plan (2018-2022) prepared</p> <p>First data on large enterprises group available</p> <p>Statisticians acquainted with the profiling method</p> <p>Harmonized framework for SBS established using administrative sources for the first time to produce SBS variables</p>	<p>First data on enterprise groups transmitted to EUROSTAT</p> <p>Web, publications</p> <p>Producer prices in Construction indices, Producer prices in Services indices and tourism statistics indicators transmitted to Eurostat</p>	

<p>and Brcko District, developed (Annexes I to IV EU SBS Regulation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sub-result 2.2.1 – Inventory of the administrative source for compilation of structural variables for Annexes I to IV SBS Regulation prepared</li> <li>– Sub-result 2.2.3 - First SBS variables, based on use of administrative sources, produced</li> <li>- Sub-result 2.2.4 - Feedback of reduced burden of reporting units provided to the statistics</li> </ul> <p><b>2.3. Short Term Statistics (STS) and Tourism Statistics</b> - New STS indicators for CPPI and SPPI developed (Producer prices in Construction indices and Producer prices in Services indices) (EU-STS Regulation No 1165/98)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sub- result 2.3.1 - Methodologies on STS Construction and Services Statistics and Tourism statistics developed</li> <li>- Sub- result 2.3.2- Producer prices in Construction indices and Service producer price indices produced</li> <li>- Sub- result 2.3.3 - Demand side of tourism statistics indicators compiled in accordance to the EU Regulation 692/2011, Annex II</li> <li>- Sub- result 2.3.4 - Quality declarations for Industrial Production Index and Index of Production in Construction prepared</li> </ul>	<p>Feedback of reduced burden of reporting units available.</p> <p>Producer prices in Construction indices and Service producer price indices available</p> <p>Demand side of tourism statistics indicators available</p> <p>Methodological documents available in three institutions</p> <p>Quality declarations for Industrial Production Index and Index of Production in Construction available in BiH</p> <p>Methodologies on STS Construction and Services Statistics and Tourism statistics available in BIH institutions, and data made available to users</p>		
<p><b>Result 3</b> – Introduction of quality criteria and quality reporting on balance payments statistics in line relevant with EU regulation (no 1227/2010) and development of quarterly international investment position statistics – Questionnaire T2.2 (currently CBBH produces annual IIP statistics).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sub-result 3.1 - BoP pilot quality criteria and quality report prepared for currently available BOP data sets (compiled in accordance with the IMF BPM6 methodology) for selected period</li> <li>- Sub- result 3.2 - Available data sources identified and listed for quarterly IIP</li> </ul>	<p>BoP pilot quality criteria and quality report prepared for selected period</p> <p>Identification of data sources finalised</p> <p>Methodological documents developed</p> <p>First data for quarterly International Investment Position for selected years (based on data available) made available</p>	<p>Reports provided to users and international organizations, available also on the web or/in publications. Data transmitted to the IMF and European institutions</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Sub-result 3.3 - Methodological documents developed for compilation of quarterly IIP</li><li>- Sub-result 3.4 - First data for quarterly International Investment Position for selected years (based on data available) published?</li><li>- Sub-result 3.5 - Consistency between quarterly and annual IIP performed</li></ul>			
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