

NEWSLETTER

EU Twinning Project on Statistics (phase II) In Armenia

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This is the second Newsletter from the EU Twinning Project, *Strengthening of the National Statistical System of Armenia – Phase II*.

In the 2nd project quarter the following activities have been implemented:

Poverty Statistics:

Based on the results of a pilot survey, which was conducted in the first quarter of the project, EU experts concluded that the proposed approach to gather data on social exclusion in the annual Integrated Living Condition Survey/ILCS seems to be very promising. A new module has now been added to the existing survey and the result of the data collection taking place during 2016 will be seen at the beginning of 2017.

Demographic Statistics:

Current methodology and data quality have been assessed on statistics regarding both vital and migration statistics. EU experts have highlighted areas to focus on for upcoming missions and have got an overview of the existing administrative data sources. A crucial area of the development of a better quality and coverage in terms of demographic statistics is closely linked to the accessibility to administrative data.

Dissemination of Statistics:

Three areas have been in focus: Cooperation with users, cooperation with providers of administrative data for statistics, and coordination of the National Statistical System. A very fruitful meeting with the Armenian media has been held, and the NSSRA is currently working on the development of a general template for agreements of data exchange with the ministries.

Labour Market Statistics:

The first mission has taken place in which the current situation on labour market statistics was assessed. The good relations to the national stakeholders in this field seem promising for the upcoming missions.



Working situations during 2nd quarter of the project.

Water Accounts:

A successful assessment mission has been held and EU experts found a sound basis for the further implementation of water accounts in Armenia. Central stakeholders welcomed the planned work and showed a high interest in involvement in the project.

As the project progresses relevant documentation and presentations are uploaded at the project website in English and in Armenian. The project also has a Facebook page which is updated regularly - links to the website and Facebook can be found below.

In the third project quarter, 4 project related activities will take place in Armenia and there will be a study visit to Istat of Italy on ILCS/poverty statistics.

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Main topics of the Twinning Project

1. Dissemination of Statistics

Dissemination system improved; dissemination strategy developed; user satisfaction survey questionnaire updated, tested and published

2. Demographic Statistics

Vital statistics and migration statistics improved; strategy for electronic data collection mechanisms developed (transition from paper sources to administrative registers)

3. Labour Market Statistics

Labour cost index calculated and published; structural statistics on wages calculated and published

4. Poverty Statistics

Social exclusion will be introduced and calculated (in cooperation with UNICEF)

5. Innovation Statistics

Innovation statistics introduced; methodology on innovation statistics developed; plan for regular production and publication developed

6. Water Accounts

Methodology for water accounts developed in cooperation with central stakeholders; water account compiled



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