



Results of the EU Twinning Project in Armenia: “Strengthening of the National Statistical System of Armenia – Phase II”, 2015-2017

From August 2015 to August 2017 this EU Twinning project worked towards improving the statistical production in Armenia by introducing new statistics and improving existing ones according to EU standards on statistics.

Dissemination of Statistics

A national statistical institution needs to make its statistics accessible for its users (e.g. policy makers, citizens, students, companies). It is crucial to continuously be in line with the needs of the users and to disseminate the information in an easily user-friendly way. For this purpose the project has supported the development of a new dissemination and communication strategy of NSSRA as well as facilitated a closer cooperation and dialogue with users about their needs.

Users need to have easy access to the statistics produced by NSSRA. Therefore, a new design of the structure of the website has been made.

Finally, work on documenting the quality of the statistics according to EU standards has been improved.

Demographic Statistics

The use of administrative data which already exist in other public institutions will make the statistics production more cost-effective and timely.

In the field of demographic statistics, the project has supported this process by using administrative data and by digitizing the production for vital and migration statistics. Furthermore, a list of prioritized steps to be taken towards a digital statistics production has been developed, as well as a draft IT strategy that supports this aim.

Labour Market Statistics

In order to compare the development of Armenian labour prices with other countries, NSSRA saw a need for a reliable and harmonized statistics on wage rates, earnings, labour costs and unit labour costs.

Based on EU standards and methodologies, the project has supported the establishment of a system for producing a labour cost index and data on structures of earnings for the first time in Armenia.

Poverty Statistics

Reduction of poverty is a main strategic task in Armenia, and for that reason more detailed data is needed in order to provide better information to decision makers and users in general.

The project has supported the introduction of an extra module to the already existing system of poverty statistics. The module includes the social exclusion dimension as well as social exclusion of children. Moreover, new indicators for social policy monitoring to ensure international comparability have been developed within the project.

Innovation Statistics

Measurement of Research & Development has traditionally been well developed in Armenia, but only for the government and higher education sectors.

Based on approaches and concepts for the measurement of innovation in enterprises by Eurostat and OECD, innovation statistics reflecting the main features of innovation in the private sector has been developed for the first

time during the project by setting up a system for data collection and analysis.

Water Accounts

Policies for sustainable management of water resources are increasingly becoming a priority for many countries.

Armenia is now among the few countries that have launched Water Accounts, which give information on water resources in terms of physical and economic flows. The methodology is based on the international standard for System of Environmental-Economic Accounting. NSSRA have developed relevant indicators in cooperation with national stakeholders.

In total, 45 activities have been implemented with assistance from 28 experts from the implementing institutions. Likewise, a large number of staff from the beneficiary institution as well as relevant stakeholders have been involved in the project. The project was funded by the European Union's ENPI funds by 1,000,000 Euro.

The beneficiary of the Twinning project was the National Statistical Service of the Republic of Armenia.

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For more information about the project:
www.dst.dk/armenia2015



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