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CENTRAL BANK OF BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA BENEFITS FROM EU TWINNING PROJECT

Bosnia-Herzegovina is producing more and more statistics according to EU standards supported by the EU financed Twinning project. The latest publication, which meets the EU requirements, is the first ever release of quarterly statistics on international investment positions in December 2019. International Investment Position show the value of total financial assets claimed by residents of a country from non-residents and liabilities of residents of a country relative to the rest of the world. It is the Central Bank of Bosnia-Herzegovina, who published the data and who has worked together with Danish and Finnish experts on the production of this new statistics. The press release can be found here: <https://cbbh.ba/press/ShowNews/1238>

The Central Bank of Bosnia-Herzegovina has also benefitted from the Twinning project through the establishment of a dashboard containing interactive charts and tables to display trends for balance of payments

data and international investment positions. The charts and tables allow the user to select between different instruments, to display series on a credit/debit or asset/liability basis, as well as other customization choices. In addition, the dashboard calculates the differences between two versions of the data, which allows the user to keep track of data revisions.

The EU financed Twinning project in Bosnia-Herzegovina is coming to its end on 4 April 2020 after 27 months of implementation. The project has been quite large and we will by the end of the project have implemented 72 missions to Bosnia-Herzegovina and 9 study visits to EU member states. Eleven of these activities has been with the Central Bank of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

For more information about the project, please visit:
Website: www.dst.dk/bosnia2018-20
Facebook: EUtwinningStatisticsBiH



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STRATEGIC SECTOR COOPERATION STATUS

A year has passed since Statistics Denmark started three Strategic Sector Cooperation projects financed by the Danish Foreign Ministry. During this year, the task was to investigate together with our partners and the Danish Embassies in Morocco, Ghana and Vietnam what the next three years of cooperation should focus on. We worked together on identifying areas of engagement, draw up work plans and agree on what we plan to achieve together from 2020-2023.

It has been an intense and exciting process. A lot of visits have taken place – both by Danish experts spending time in Morocco and Ghana and by delegations from both countries visiting Denmark. Cooperation with both Statistical Offices as well as the Embassies exceeded all expectations and we are looking forward to continue in 2020.

The project in Morocco will focus on digitalizing and modernizing the statistics production. This will include the development of an IT strategy as well as a data management center and an electronic data collection system. A pilot for a web-based survey for one business statistics will be conducted as well. The project will also look into the development of the first ever quality reports based on known quality principles within the EU as well as strengthening access to administrative data and cooperation with administrative data owners.

The Statistical Business Register will also be further developed. Furthermore, the project will look into dissemination and communication and involvement of stakeholders by developing a communication and dissemination strategy, establishing user groups and improving the user-friendliness of the website of Haut-Commissariat au Plan. Finally, the project will work on increasing the number of SDG indicators on environmental issues by looking into environmental statistics.

The project in Ghana will focus on investigating the possibility of using administrative data sources for the production of statistics and increasing the quality management in the National Statistical System (NSS) of Ghana. The work

with administrative data sources will involve not only the Statistical Office but data producers like the Birth and Death Register and the National Identification Authority. Investigation will be started through a pilot study with the long-term goal to decrease the need for expensive surveys. Regarding quality, a framework for the NSS of Ghana is in the making, including input from other data producers, academia, the private sector and civil society organisations. Next to administrative data and quality management, the project will focus on the improvement of a number of economic statistics, methodology as well as communication and dissemination of data e.g. through the development of a statistical databank accessible to the public free of charge. All efforts are to increase accessibility and quality of disaggregated statistics in Ghana for better policy-making and SDG reporting.

The project in Vietnam is expected to start its inception phase in 2020, with implementation beginning a year later than in the other two countries.



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