

NEWSLETTER

EU Twinning Project on Statistics (phase II) in Armenia

6th project quarter

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"Strengthening of the National Statistical System of Armenia – Phase II"

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

In the 6th project quarter the following activities have been implemented:

Dissemination and Quality of Statistics:

On this second mission dedicated to website improvement, various issues were discussed. These include suggestions for restructuring Armstat.am, improvements of the current web platform, and communication and feed-back from users. It was also discussed how to improve Armstatbank.am by arranging table names, making the website available in all web browsers, and to introduce data through maps. A prototype of a new structure of Armstat.am was introduced internally, and will be further elaborated until next mission.



Working situations during 6th quarter of the project.

Demographic Statistics: Study visit to Lithuania:

The study visit was well organized and productive, and best practices were shared regarding the production of population, fertility, mortality and migration statistics. The discussions also covered issues related to the usage of data of population registers and other administrative data sources for the production of demographic and migration statistics. External stakeholders in Lithuania also participated in the meetings, which added a valuable input to the study visit.

Demographic Statistics (Migration):

On this final mission dedicated to only migration statistics, the focus was concluding discussions on the updated methodology, technical specification for the production of international migration statistics in Armenia, IT issues and how to make the production of migration statistics more efficient in general.

The experts' recommendations concerned the use of administrative data which would require involvement of more IT specialists, more detailed and standardized internal information flow between the subject matter units and the IT division, further cooperation with owners of administrative data, training of staff, more migration data to be added to annual publications, and introduction of migration statistics in a structured way.

Water Accounts:

On the third mission on water accounts in Armenia the aim was to follow up on the work done since the previous mission, and continue working on the compilation of water accounts, and discuss how to integrate them into national accounts with involvement

of relevant stakeholders. During the mission theoretical and practical aspects of Hybrid Supply and Use Tables were developed. The cooperation with the expert from the NSSRA Macroeconomic Indicators and National Accounts division was very productive and resulted in the compilation of the monetary component of water accounts. Further work in this component will focus also on dissemination of the data in a way that reflects the needs of the users and national stakeholders.

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

In the seventh project quarter, 6 activities will take place in Armenia. There will also be a study visit to Statistics Denmark on Demographic Statistics regarding IT capacity for working with administrative data.

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Main topics of the Twinning Project

1. Dissemination and Quality of Statistics

Dissemination system improved; dissemination strategy developed; user satisfaction survey questionnaire updated, tested and published; recommendations made on quality management assurance

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 accounts compiled



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