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Sectoral Factsheet:

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Short description of the sector and EU assistance provided for the sector of intervention

ONGOING PROGRAMMES

Title of the Programme

ENI/2019/406-262 Technical assistance to support the National Bureau of Statistics of the Republic of Moldova.

Key results:

The overall purpose of this contract is to support the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) in harmonisation of statistics with EU and international standards and best practices as implemented in the ESS.

Result 1. Institutional capacity of the NBS for efficient and effective development of national statistics strengthened

Result 2. Ensure the national commitment to the principles and rules of official statistics, by aligning statistical products and services with the existing quality standards.

Result 3. The NSS is further harmonised with the EU acquis in statistics to ensure sufficient and reliable evidence for national decision-making and international comparability.

Result 4. New technologies are used for statistical production and an integrated information system is developed that covers the whole statistical process.

ENI/2019/406-262

Location: Chisinau, Moldova

Duration: July 2019 - July 2022

Budget: 1,799,900.00 EUR

Implementing partners: Italian Geographical Society - Research and Development Unit (URS); Italian Institute of Statistics – ISTAT; Statistics Poland; Statistics Denmark.

PREVIOUS INITIATIVES

Key results:

SYNERGIES WITH OTHER PROGRAMMES

OPPORTUNITIES

Regional project STEP (Statistics Through Eastern Partnership) is a regional programme managed by Eurostat. The overall purpose is to further develop statistics in the six partner countries. The programme started in 2019 and runs for 3 years with a total budget of 4.7 million euros. It targets the national statistical institutes in the partner countries as well as other producers of official statistics, such as the central banks and line ministries.

BACKGROUND

Main achievements:

- Drafting new legal acts and proposals of amendment of national acts related to official statistics: new Regulation on Other Producers of Official Statistics (OPOS), new Regulation on the public access to microdata for scientific purposes, amendments of the statistical law and other national acts related to data confidentiality, protection of personal data, and access to administrative data for statistical purposes;
- Reduction of response burden from respondents, mainly focused on business statistics;
- Provision of relevant training on the Statistical Disclosure Control and related dedicated software, which led to the preparation from the NBS of the first disclosed Public Use File of microdata, for dissemination to users;
- Use of Geographical Information System (GIS) tools and geospatial data for statistical map updating with new CAPI techniques, also for preparing the next population and housing census, in collaboration with the Agency for Land Relations and Cadastre of the Republic of Moldova;
- Assessment and analysis of human resources at the NBS and definition of contractual procedures for the recruitment of new staff;
- Organisation of English language courses for 60 NBS staff divided into 4 levels: beginners, elementary, pre-intermediate and intermediate;
- Launching of a first User Satisfaction Survey among data users in line with European standards;
- Starting the implementation of a new website and a new brand book for the NBS;
- The special focus is on several sectors: official statistics in business demography; education statistics; compilation of official statistics in social protection, according to EU ESSPROS guidelines;
- Development of a CAPI application for the Labour Force Survey;
- Development of a Structural Metadata System for the NBS.
- Provision of trainings to the NBS staff, mainly in the above-mentioned statistical areas.

CHALLENGES

- i) the perduring of the global sanitary emergency, that has been forcing most of the staff of the NBS and most of the project experts to work remotely, reducing productivity.
- ii) the limited human resources available at the NBS, already overloaded by the day-by-day work, and the resignation from the NBS of some of the key statisticians and staff.

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