

On basis of the Decision of the High Representative of 21 October 2002, paragraph 3, and the BiH Law on Statistics (“Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina”, Nos. 26/04 and 42/04),

- 1. The BiH Ministry of Finance and Treasury,
represented by Ms. Ljerka Maric, Minister**
- 2. The BiH Agency for Statistics
Represented by Mr. Zdenko Milinovic, Director**
- 3. The BiH Ministry of Finance,
represented by Mr. Dragan Vrankic, Minister**
- 4. The Institute of Statistics of the Federation of BiH
represented by Mr. Dervis Djurdjevic, Director**
- 5. The Ministry of Finance of the Republika Srpska,
represented by Ms. Svetlana Cenic, Minister**
- 6. The Institute of Statistics of Republika Srpska,
represented by Mr. Slavko Sobot, Director**

have reached the following

A G R E E M E N T

on implementation of harmonized methodologies and standards in producing the statistical data of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Article 1

This Agreement defines the relationship between the BiH Agency for Statistics, the RS Institute of Statistics and the Institute of Statistics of FBiH (hereinafter referred to as: the BiH Statistical Institutions) aimed at improving the work of the uniform and professional statistical structure of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Article 2

The relationship between the BiH Statistical Institutions and other relevant bodies and organizations responsible for the production of statistical data of BiH is defined by the BiH Law on Statistics, the RS Law on Statistics and the Law on Statistics of the Federation of BiH.

Article 3

The BiH Statistical Institutions shall in carrying out their activities apply the statistical standards, methodologies, classifications and nomenclatures issued by the BiH Agency for Statistics. These shall be in accordance with EU and international standards.

The BiH Agency for Statistics, the RS Institute of Statistics and the Institute of Statistics of FBiH shall actively participate in the preparation of the statistical standards, methodologies, classifications and nomenclatures.

Determinations of such statistical standards by the BiH Agency for Statistics shall recall all the existing statistical standards applied at any level of territorial organization of BiH.

Article 4

The Multi-annual Programme and/or Annual Work Plans of the BiH Agency for Statistics define the priority statistical activities of interest of BiH, their implementation plan and mode of financing.

Implementation of priority activities and/or other activities related to the production of statistics of interest of BiH shall have priority over the production of statistical data of interest for the Entities.

Article 5

All the activities related to the production of statistical data at the BiH level, carried out by the Entity Institutions as authorized by the BiH Agency for Statistics, shall be supervised by the BiH Agency for Statistics.

The Entity Statistical Institutions shall, in accordance with Article 8 of the BiH Law on Statistics, provide the BiH Agency for Statistics with all the necessary data, databases and procedures and software used in producing their statistical data in a transparent way aimed at standard, rational and improved production of statistical data of BiH.

Article 6

Dissemination of statistical data for Bosnia and Herzegovina (including data for the Brcko District) shall be under the exclusive responsibility of the BiH Agency for Statistics.

Dissemination any statistical data produced for the entity level shall be under the exclusive responsibility of Entity Statistical Institutions and/or relevant bodies and organizations entrusted with implementation of statistical activities in the entities in accordance with entity statistical programmes.

When disseminating statistical data the BiH Statistical Institutions shall state that such data are to be considered product of the official statistics of BiH.

Article 7

In order to ensure the consistent and correct application of the standards as mentioned in Article 3 of this Agreement, the BiH Agency for Statistics shall organise the training for:

- the employees in the Statistical Institutions,
- reporting units,
- users of statistical data.

Article 8

The BiH Agency for Statistics, together with the Entity Statistical Institutions and the BiH Statistical Council shall invest continuous efforts to improve the picture of the official statistics both at the local and international level..

The BiH Agency for Statistics shall foster cooperation between the Entity Statistical Institutes in order to increase confidence, quality and coordination of the activities. The BiH Agency for Statistics shall exclusively be responsible for the international representation and cooperation..

Article 9

The BiH Agency for Statistics shall coordinate the implementation of the Multi-annual Programme, annual work plans and planned statistical activities. To this end, the directors of the Entity Statistical Institutions shall provide a full support to the Director of the BiH Agency for Statistics and make available all the resources necessary for the implementation of the Multi-annual Programme and/or annual work plans of the BiH Agency for Statistics.

Persons delegated by and responsible to their directors shall perform coordination of work and cooperation between the relevant sectors of the BiH Statistical Institutions. Responsible persons, as above mentioned, shall on a monthly basis report to their directors on work performed, improvements achieved, problems encountered and

shall suggest measures aimed at improving the statistical data production process at the level of BiH

Directors of Entity Statistical Institutions shall on a monthly coordination meetings, chaired by the Director of the BiH Agency for Statistics, report on the implementation of the planned activities and together with the Director of the BiH Agency for Statistics suggest measures to improve the work and overcome problems encountered.

The monthly coordination meetings shall be held in the BiH Agency for Statistics and/or Entity Statistical Institutions.

Article 10

In order to ensure a complete coordination of all activities, rational work process, to avoid duplication of capacities, the Entity Statistical Institutes shall collect the opinion of the BiH Agency for Statistics when preparing their Multi-annual Programmes, annual work plans and/or Rules on Internal Organization and Systematization. .

Article 11

The funds needed for the implementation of the activities defined in the Multi-annual Programme and/or annual work plans shall be covered by the budget of the BiH Statistical Institutions.

When planning the respective budget funds, taking into consideration first of all the implementation of the activities as mentioned under Article 4 of this Agreement, the prior opinion of the BiH Agency for Statistics shall be collected.

Article 12

The Entity Ministers of Finance shall ensure that the implementation of this Agreement improves the implementation of the BiH Law on Statistics in such a way to initiate the changes in the Entity Statistical laws, if necessary.

Article 13

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date its being signed by all concerned institutions.

Article 14

This Agreement is made in 6 (six) identical copies, 1 (one) for each institution concerned.

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