



Support to the State Statistical Office for capacity building and improving compliance of statistics

Project delivery, knowledge sharing and sustainability

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The Twinning project

A Twinning is a **joint implementation tool of cooperation** between Public Administrations of an EU Member State (MS) and of a Beneficiary Country (BC) aimed at the implementation and enforcement of a specific part of the *acquis communautaire*.

It provides a framework for administrations in the Beneficiary Country to work with their counterparts in Member States and it **relies entirely on the efficient cooperation between these administrations.**



MS Member States administrations: Istat and SURS

BC Beneficiary Country administration : SSO





Project overview

Overall aim of the project

Enhance the capacity of SSO to further improve compliance with EU acquis in three main pillars of the National Statistical System:

national accounts / economic statistics / social statistics

The MS and the BC jointly achieve the **mandatory results**:

- ✓ Esa 2010 implemented
- ✓ Improved Business Statistics
- ✓ Improved R&D, Labour Market (LM) statistics and Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (SILC)

Partnership for implementation

- **Istat**, the Italian National Institute of Statistics
- **SURS**, the Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia, *Junior Partner*
- **MIPA**, *ad-hoc Mandated Body*





Component 1 – Implementation of ESA 2010

- 1.1 Methodological topics on insurance according ESA 2010 implemented
- 1.2 New data sets on Non-financial Assets, produced and non-produced assets, evaluation and Balance sheets analysis prepared
- 1.3 Transaction, transfers and delineation in accordance with ESA 2010 in the Government sector improved
- 1.4 Defined process of data organisation in DWH and SDMX structure for Eurostat ESA 2010 transmission programme
- 1.5 Improved regional data on employment and calculation of VA in previous year price on Regional GDP
- 1.6 Improved skills on recording and measuring of transactions and production of resident units belonging to foreign companies in National accounts including influence in production index
- 1.7 Improved data for capital account by institutional sectors
- 1.8 Improved and validated preliminary data sets on health accounts





Component 2 - Improved Business Statistics

- 2.1 Produced indicators for services according STS methodology Annex D: "Other Services"
- 2.2 New methods for calculation of turnover index in industry introduced
- 2.3 Further developed Statistical Business Register (SBR)
- 2.4 Module of environmental goods and services sector (EGSS) introduced
- 2.5 New methods for calculation of industrial production index (IPI) introduced
- 2.6 New methods for calculation of production index in construction introduced
- 2.7 Improved quality of statistical outputs by measurement and treatment of non-sampling and sampling errors
- 2.8 Further Improved Statistical Farm Register (SFR)





Component 3 - Improved R&D, Labour market statistics (LM) and Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (SILC)

- 3.1 Improved national methodology and statistical production system for reliable R&D/GBAORD/CIS
- 3.2 Improved Labour Cost Survey (LCS), Labour Cost Index (LCI) and Gender Pay Gap
- 3.3 Improved manner for data collection, sampling, calibration, weighting, estimation methods and quality of estimates in Labour Force Survey (LFS)
- 3.4 Improved manner for data collection and procedures for sampling, calibration, weighting and variance estimation in Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (SILC)
- 3.5 Strengthened capacities for development and use of Statistical Register of Employees
- 3.6 Assessment of quality of administrative sources, particularly those relevant for Population census
- 3.7 Strengthened capacities on using IT tools for data processing of surveys' data





Management structure

MS and BC are **jointly and equally engaged**.

Thorough **mirror organisation** guaranteed also through the coordination role of the Resident Twinning Advisor (RTA).

Comprehensive **preparation, evaluation and follow up** of single project activities ensured by the RTA (ToRs, shared conclusions and recommendations, information sharing fostered and implemented).

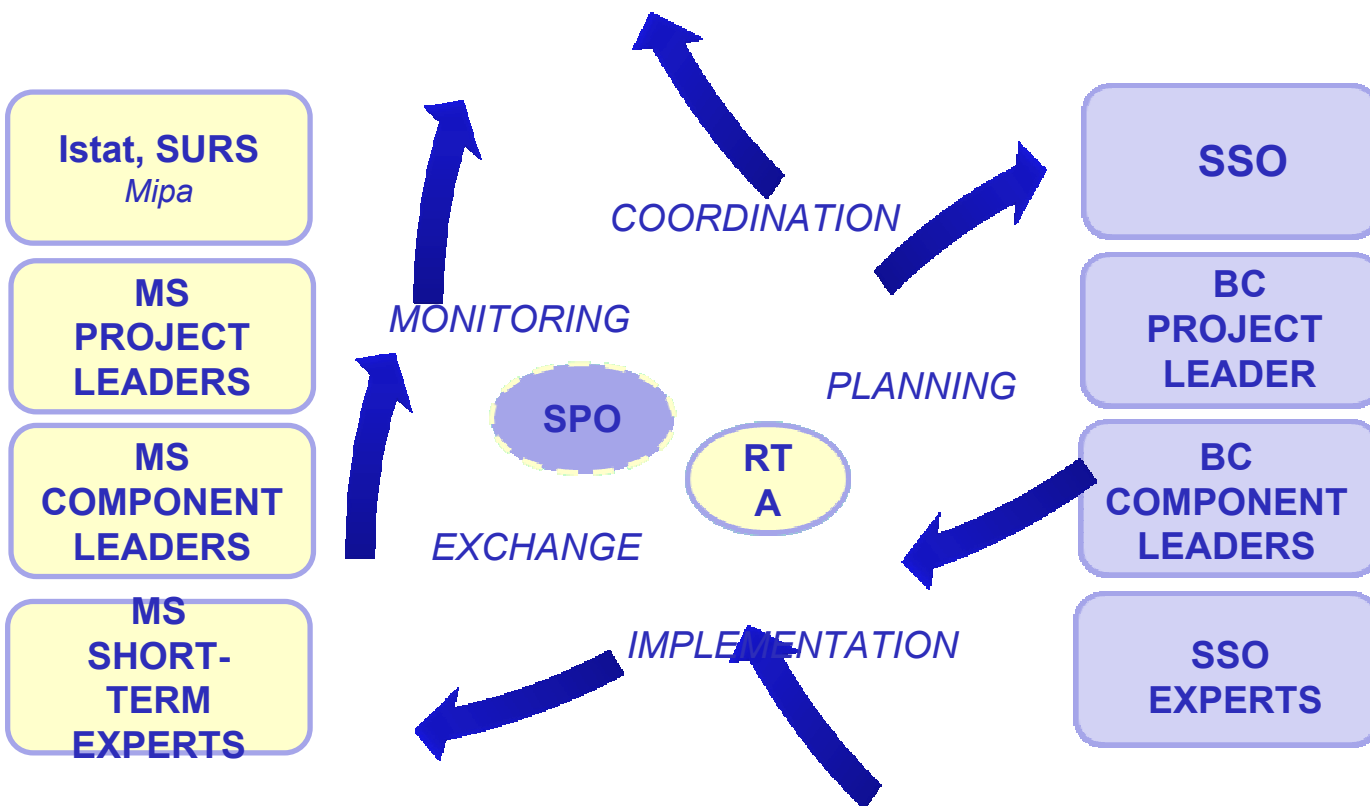
➡ overall **continuity** and consistent **sequencing** of activities

➡ orientation to **medium and long term sustainability** (also through the production of project documentation and methodological guidelines)





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Experts missions preparation and follow-up

- **Dates** agreed with MS and BC Component leaders on the basis of the Operative Side Letter
- Draft of **Terms of Reference** by the RTA
- **Revision** of ToRs by MS and BC Component Leaders and local experts - Briefing on relevant information needed to the expert in order to better organize the mission
- Draft **Mission plan** by expert and revision of the Mission plan by BC Component Leaders and local experts
- ToRs and Mission plan sent to Project Leaders, experts involved in the activity, MS Component Leaders, CFCD, EU Delegation
- **Wrap-up session** (de-briefing) to agree on results/outputs and to-do list
- **Mission reports** are:
 - ✓ submitted to the RTA within 10 days
 - ✓ approved by BC Component Leader
 - ✓ sent to Project Leaders, Component Leaders, CDCF, EU Delegation





Reference documents and reporting

The **Twinning manual**, which includes a detailed presentation of roles and responsibilities of different parties under the Twinning contract (and the **Manual of Procedures** for the Senior Programme Officer).

Project assessment and monitoring is ensured through compliance to reporting requirements (Quarterly Interim Reports, Final Report).

The **Project Steering Committee (PSC)** meets at quarterly intervals to:

- ✓ **discuss** the progress of the Project (Interim/Final Reports)
- ✓ **verify** the achievement of the outputs and mandatory results
- ✓ **present** actions to be undertaken during the following quarter (OSL)

The PSC also **discusses** the draft of the Interim Quarterly Reports/Final Report and the Operative Side Letters, before submission to the Contracting Authority (CFCD) and EUD, and **recommends** corrective actions, if needed





Project data

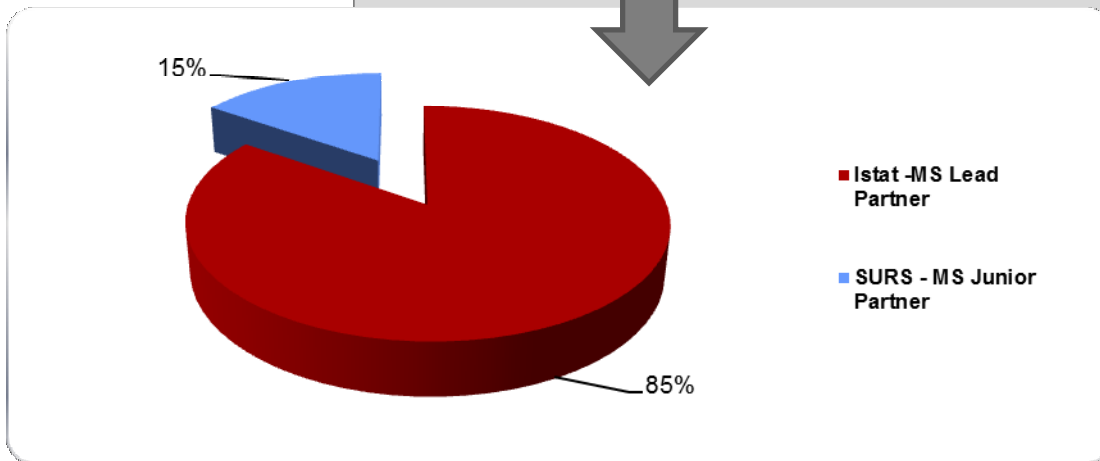
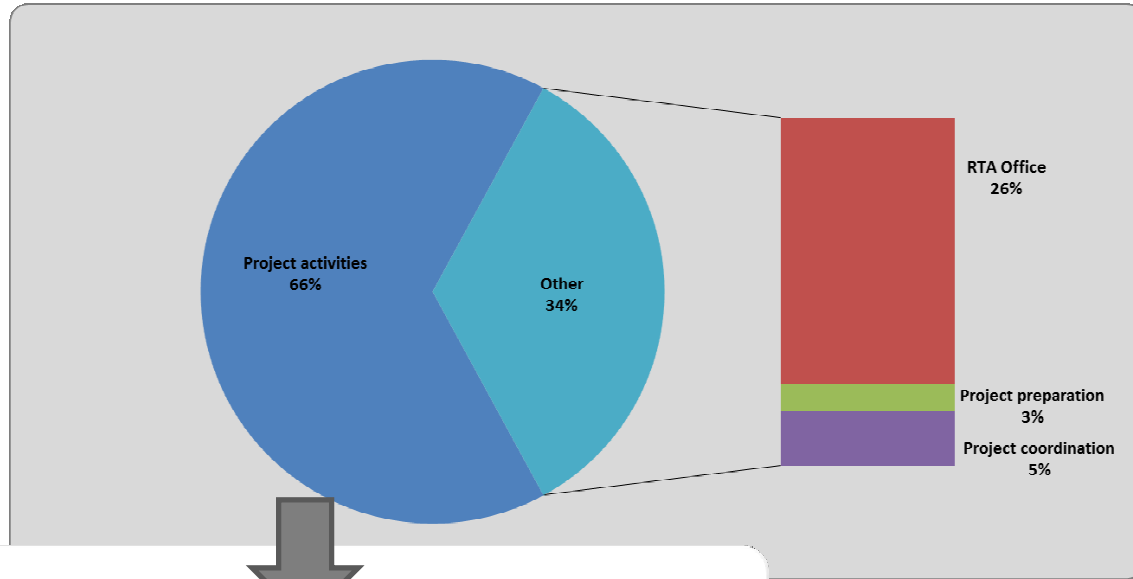
The project is financed by IPA funds with a budget of **€ 742.105** (including € 37.105 of National co-financing)

- Date of Endorsement: **23 September 2016**
- Start of Activities: **17 October 2016 – RTA installment**
- End of Activities: **16 February 2018 – 16 months implementation**
- N. of working days: **470**
 - *Preparation and coordination: 43 wds*
 - *Component 0: 40 wds*
 - *Component 1: 148,5 wds*
 - *Component 2: 103,5 wds*
 - *Component 3: 135 wds*
- N. of per diem: **534**
- N. of flights: **121**



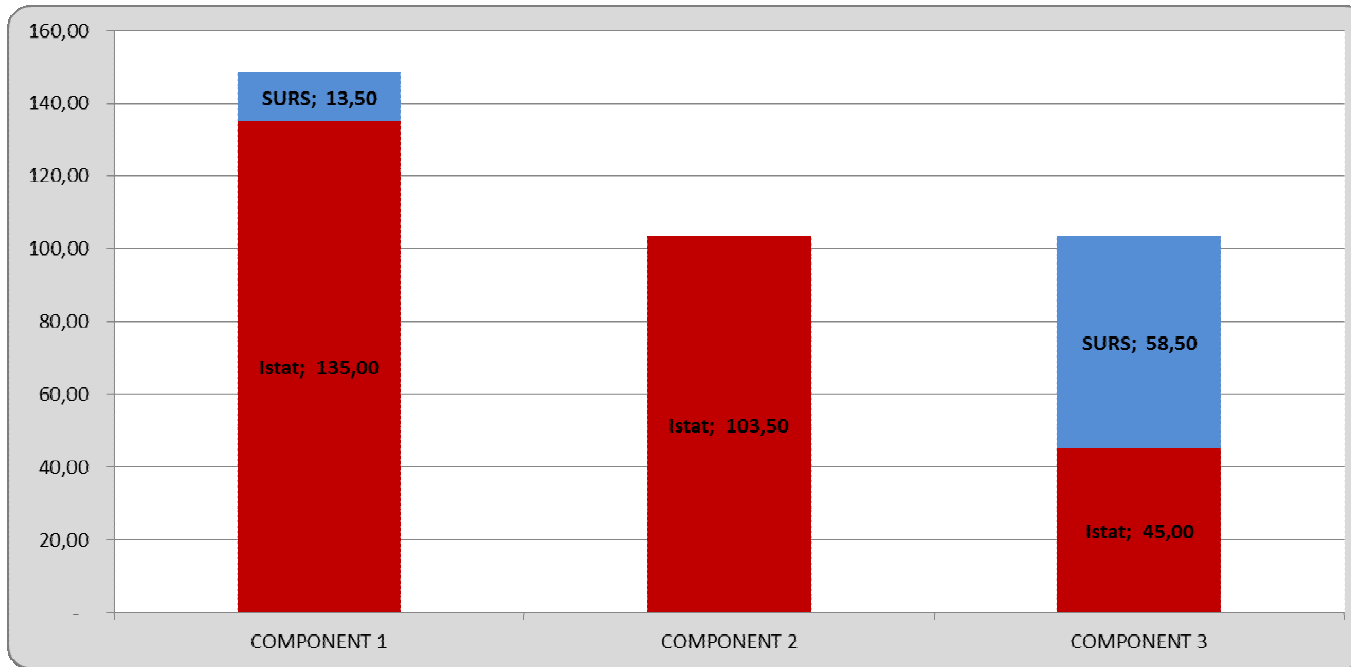


Budget Breakdown





Budget – working days per Partner



Total working days per Partner by Component





First Interim Quarterly Report

During the 1st reporting period (starting from the RTA arrival :17 October 2017):

- **4 missions**
 - *1 mission under Component 1*
 - *1 mission under Component 2*
 - *2 missions under Component 3*
- **15 working days**
 - *11,5 wds Istat*
 - *3,5 wds SURS*

The Report **also includes expenditures related to:**

- Project Preparation
- RTA and RTA Counterpart Training in Bruxelles
- RTA Office





Communication and visibility

▪ Overall Communication & Visibility Objective

➔ to raise public awareness of the benefits of cooperation through the EU Twinning instrument through the cooperation between partner institutions in the Member States and the Beneficiary Country

▪ Key message

➔ Successful cooperation between SSO, Istat and SURS in the framework of the Twinning project will result in support to strengthening the capacity of SSO to produce quality statistics and fill the gaps identified by the European Commission Progress Report in the area of statistics

▪ Specific objectives and actions for identified target groups

✓ In the BC : the SSO, partners, stakeholders, other local institutions, the general public and citizens at large

✓ In the MS : staff, partners, stakeholders of the MS project implementing institutions (Istat and SURS).





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