

Third phase, 2009-2011

At the beginning of 2007, the third phase of the Project began to be planned. It started on 1 April 2009 and ended on 31 January 2012, with a budget of 962 000 Euros. The support was provided through technical assistance and procurement of equipment.

Components:

1. Agricultural and agro-monetary statistics
 - Farm register
 - Agro-monetary statistics
 - Agricultural statistics
 - FADN
2. Environmental statistics
3. PC Axis for development of web dissemination
4. Metadata
5. Study visits, international meetings related to the Project's activities
6. Training in management at the Agency in Bitola
7. IT procurements for SSO and the Agency in Bitola
8. Result based management

Results from this phase

Defined concepts and definitions for realisation of the planned activities for establishing of the Farm Register (units, threshold, identification , statistical variables) and procedures for its updating

- Defined methodological bases and instruments for conducting the Farm Structure Survey
- Improved calculations of both Agricultural Price Statistics indices and Economic Accounts in Agriculture (EAA) at current prices
- EAA at constant prices calculated for the first time
- Regional Accounts in Agriculture calculated
- Survey on Waste from Manufacturing Industry, Mining and Quarrying, and Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply introduced for the first time
- Pilot Survey on Pesticide Usage conducted as a basis for conducting a regular statistical survey
- Acquired basic knowledge in the area of environmental protection expenditure in order to further develop it
- PC – Axis basis established
- Metadata: High performance knowledge basis among SSO staff established and its sustainability managed
- IT environment: Improved knowledge on collecting, standardization and harmonization of statistical variables

Macedonian-Swedish Partnership in Statistics, 2009-2011



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The direct cooperation between the State Statistical Office of the Republic of Macedonia and Statistics Sweden began in May 2001. At that time, Statistics Sweden on behalf of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) had a short-term mission in the State Statistical Office. Based on this mission, Statistics Sweden, in close cooperation with the State Statistical Office, prepared a feasibility study on the development of agricultural statistics in the Republic of Macedonia for the period 2002 – 2010 and draft projects.

Project for improving agricultural statistics in Macedonia

First phase, 2002-2004

In June 2002, the Project for improving agricultural statistics in the Republic of Macedonia (2003-2004) was defined and its practical realisation began in January 2003. The basic objective of the Project was setting up of a sound basis for stable agricultural statistical system that will provide relevant and timely information to satisfy the needs of Macedonia and the requests of EU. Beneficiaries were the Office and the National Extension Agency.

Based on the Agreement on cooperation between the Governments of the Kingdom of Sweden and the Republic of Macedonia, signed in March 2003, a Special agreement on cooperation between SSO and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden for supporting the Project for improving agricultural statistics in RM was signed in December the same year. In the Project, besides SSO, beneficiary was also the National Extension Agency in Bitola (NEA).

Components:

Structural and production statistics

- Farm Register (upon conducting the Agricultural Census)
- Improving the quality of statistics on crop, livestock and forestry production
- Better access of users to agricultural statistics

Economic statistics in agriculture

- Improved economic accounts in agriculture, indicators for income and labour input statistics in agriculture
- Harmonisation of agricultural prices according to EU/FAO
- Improved Farm Accountancy Data Network (FADN)

Capacity building – in general

- Study visits
- International meetings
- IT trainings
- English language courses

During the first phase of the Project, the Pilot-Census of Agriculture was prepared and conducted, and preparations for the Census of Agriculture were made. In this phase, forestry statistics, as well as agro-monetary statistics were improved, certain improvements were made in FADN and in the farm monitoring system. Also, in both institutions English language courses were realised, as well as training in report writing and IT training in NEA Bitola.

During the Project, participation at international meetings and trainings was also realised.

Second phase, 2004-2008

Prior to starting the Project's second phase, a workshop was organised in order to assess the results achieved in the first phase, and afterwards an activity plan for the second phase was prepared.

Components:

1. Structural and production statistics
 - Crop
 - Livestock
 - Forestry
 - Farm register
2. Statistical methodology
3. Agro-monetary statistics
4. FADN
5. Training in general management, project management and IT management
6. Cooperation with users (PR, effective communication with media)
7. Human resources training (Statistical system of EU, English language courses, IT trainings)
8. User Satisfaction Survey and Staff Satisfaction Survey
9. Procurement of IT equipment
10. Study visits, international meetings

The activities in the sub-project on agro-monetary statistics were realised as planned. In the field of structural and production statistics, the activities were closely related to the Census of Agriculture, which was conducted in June 2007.