

# TWINNING NEWSLETTER

Support to the State Statistical Committee and the State Tax Service under the Ministry of Economy to strengthen collection, harmonization, analysis, publishing and dissemination of business statistics

Issue No.1, October 2020

## Project News

### Topics in this Issue

- ✓ Kick-off Meeting of the Project
- ✓ First Steering Committee Meeting
- ✓ Work Plan for Component 1

### Project Overview

The EU funded Twinning Project (AZ/16/ENI/ST/01/19 (AZ/53)) is implemented by a consortium which is led by Statistics Finland with Statistics Lithuania and Statistics Netherlands acting as Junior Partners. Additional expertise will be given by Statistics Denmark and The Finnish Institute of Public Management Ltd.

The main beneficiaries are the State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan, State Tax Service under the Ministry of Economy, and the Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Development Agency. The overall objective of the Twinning project is to increase capacity among local operators to collect, process, harmonize, analyze, publish and disseminate business statistics measuring the performance of the private sector/SMEs in Azerbaijan.

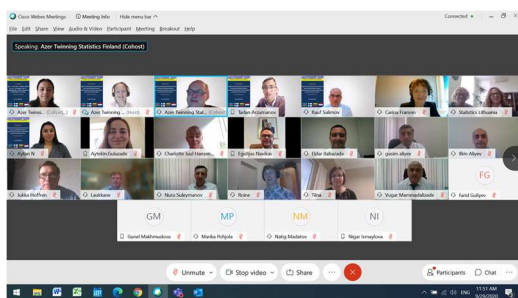
Published by: Twinning Office

Address: Baku-AZ1136, Inshaatchilar Avenue 81

Landline: +994 123771070

Webpage: <http://www.stat.fi/aztwinning>

Follow us: 



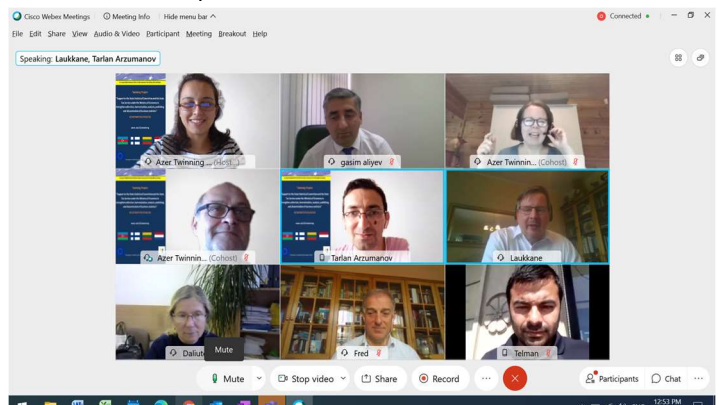
The Twinning project was launched by a **Kick-off event** on 29<sup>th</sup> of September 2020, via videoconference. The event was attended by representatives of Statistics Finland, Statistics Lithuania, Statistics Netherlands, State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan, State Tax Service under the Ministry of Economy, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Development Agency, EU delegation to Azerbaijan, Project Administration Office and other representatives from different institutions. During the Kick-off meeting speakers and presenters emphasized the importance of the project in terms of increasing capacity building of business statistics to measure the performance of the private sector in Azerbaijan.

The first Steering Committee meeting of the twinning project was held on 8<sup>th</sup> of October via Webex teleconference to discuss the following topics:

- Approval of Communication and Visibility Plan and budget
- Approval of Initial Work Plan
- Presentation and discussion of activities for the next period of the project

The Steering Committee members shared their views about the first quarter of project and appreciated the results and discussed the experienced challenges. Thanks to fruitful cooperation of all parties involved, the project is progressing steadily despite ongoing external difficulties.

The first activity of the project was completed in October 2020. The purpose of the activity was to develop activities to be carried out in the implementation phase of the project for all results in the Component 1. The short-term experts of Statistics Finland, Mr. Timo Laukkanen, Statistics Lithuania Ms. Daliutė Kavaliauskienė and Statistics Netherlands Mr. Fred Demollin overviewed the current situation with key players from beneficiary institutions. After 6 remote sessions, a list of activities with verifiable indicators for results 1, 2 and 3 was prepared and approved by beneficiary institutions. They will be followed shortly by Activities focused on Components 2 and 3.



The views expressed in this publication do not necessarily reflect the views of the European Union



This project is funded by the European Union

