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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the second edition of our bi-monthly newsletter for the IPA 2022 service contract. As we move into the second half of 2024, our collective efforts across 25 statistical projects and horizontal activities have continued to yield good progress. The months of September and October 2024 have been particularly productive months, with strides made in enhancing statistical data quality and supporting the modernization of statistical systems in our partner countries.

We invite you to explore this newsletter to gain insights into the accomplishments and ongoing activities. Thank you for your continued engagement.

Best regards,
The ICON Team

Snapshot – IPA 2022 Service Contract at a Glance

In September 2024, a variety of significant tasks were carried out as part of different statistical projects, as well as horizontal activities., with notable events such as workshops in Luxembourg, offering focused insight within SPs for partner countries. Several missions were confirmed and executed, in Kosovo*, Türkiye, North Macedonia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, which supported their ongoing efforts to enhance statistical systems through receiving technical assistance and discussions with stakeholders. October 2024 saw even more activities with a series of expert missions across Albania, Kosovo, Serbia, and Montenegro. Highlights include two rounds of expert missions in Kosovo and in Türkiye, and a continuation of workshops in Luxembourg.



Opening workshop for SP 1.7

1. Statistical Projects (SPs)

Work carried out in September - October 2024

Work planned for November - December 2024

SP 1.1 GOVERNMENT FINANCE AND EXCESSIVE DEFICIT STATISTICS (GFS/EDS)

XK

- Project plan established

- Opening Workshop

SP 1.3 NATIONAL ACCOUNTS - METHODOLOGY

AL, BA, XK, ME, MK, RS, TR

- Opening Workshop
- Expert meeting with Eurostat
- 1st expert missions to AL, XK, TR and MK

- 1st expert missions to BA and ME

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence

SP 1.4 NATIONAL ACCOUNTS – TRANSMISSION PROGRAMMES**AL, BA, XK, ME, MK, RS, TR**

- Opening Workshop
- Expert meeting with Eurostat
- 1st expert mission to TR
- 1st expert missions to AL, MK, XK, BA, ME, RS

SP 1.5 REGIONAL ACCOUNTS**AL, RS, TR**

- 1st expert mission to TR
- 1st expert mission to AL

SP 1.6 SECTOR ACCOUNTS**AL, XK, ME, MK, RS, TR**

- 1st expert missions to RS, MK and ME
- None

SP 1.7 SUPPLY, USE AND INPUT-OUTPUT TABLES (SUIOTs)**AL, BA, XK, ME, RS, TR**

- Opening Workshop
- Expert meeting with Eurostat
- None

SP 1.9 FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT (FDI)**BA, XK**

- 1st expert mission to XK
- None

SP 2.1 HARMONISED INDICES OF CONSUMER PRICES, HOUSE PRICE INDEX (HCIP/HPI)**BA, XK**

- None
- Opening Workshop
- 1st expert missions to BA and XK

SP 2.2 PRICE STATISTICS - PURCHASING POWER PARITIES (PPP)**BA, XK**

- None
- Expert meeting with Eurostat

SP 3.1 BUSINESS REGISTERS**BA**

- 1st expert mission to BA
- None

SP 3.2 SHORT-TERM BUSINESS STATISTICS: IMPROVEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE EUROPEAN BUSINESS STATISTICS REGULATION**BA, XK**

- None
- 1st expert missions to BA and XK

SP 3.3 TRANSPORT STATISTICS**BA, XK**

- 1st expert missions to BA and XK
- None

SP 3.6 ENERGY STATISTICS**XK**

- None
- 1st expert mission to XK

SP 3.7 STRUCTURAL BUSINESS STATISTICS / BUSINESS DEMOGRAPHY**XK**

- None
- None

SP 4.1 LABOUR FORCE SURVEY (LFS)**BA, XK**

- None
- 1st expert mission to XK

SP 4.2 SURVEY ON INCOME AND LIVING CONDITIONS (EU-SILC)**BA, XK**

- 1st country to BA
- None

SP 4.3 SOCIAL PROTECTION (ESSPROS)**XK**

- 2nd expert mission to XK
- None

SP 4.9 LABOUR COST INDEX (LCI)**BA, XK**

- None
- None

SP 5.5 ENVIRONMENTAL ACCOUNTS**BA, XK**

- 1st expert missions to BA and XK
- None

SP 5.6 WASTE STATISTICS**BA, XK**

- 1st expert mission to BA and XK
- None

SP 5.7 WATER STATISTICS**BA, XK**

- 1st expert mission to XK
- 1st expert missions to BA

SP 6.1 QUALITY MANAGEMENT**BA, XK**

- None
- 1st expert missions to BA and XK

SP 6.3 COMMUNICATION**AL, BA, XK, MK, ME, TR**

- 1st expert missions to ME, MK, XK and TR
- 1st expert missions to AL and BA

SP 7.2 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**BA, XK**

- None
- None



2. Upcoming activities for November and December 2024

Partner Country	Statistical project / Topic	Type	Date
all	SP 1.1 GFS/EDS	Workshop 1 (on-line)	10 December 2024
BA	SP 1.3 National Accounts - Methodology	Mission 1	26 – 28 November 2024
ME	SP 1.3 National Accounts - Methodology	Mission 1	18 – 20 November 2024
AL	SP 1.4 National Accounts Transmission Programme (ANA, QNA, quality reporting)	Mission 1	18 – 20 November 2024
MK	SP 1.4 National Accounts Transmission Programme (ANA, QNA, quality reporting)	Mission 1	18 – 20 November 2024
XK	SP 1.4 National Accounts Transmission Programme (ANA, QNA, quality reporting)	Mission 1	02 – 04 December 2024
BA	SP 1.4 National Accounts Transmission Programme (ANA, QNA, quality reporting)	Mission 1	02 – 04 December 2024 (tbc)
ME	SP 1.4 National Accounts Transmission Programme (ANA, QNA, quality reporting)	Mission 1	16 – 18 December 2024 (tbc)
RS	SP 1.4 National Accounts Transmission Programme (ANA, QNA, quality reporting)	Mission 1	16 – 18 December 2024 (tbc)
AL	SP 1.5 Regional accounts	Mission 1	04 – 06 December 2024 (tbc)
all	SP 2.1 HICP and HPI	Workshop 1	21 – 22 November 2024
BA	SP 2.1 HICP and HPI	Mission 1	18 – 20 November 2024 (tbc)
XK	SP 2.1 HICP and HPI	Mission 1	25 – 27 November 2024 (tbc)
XK	SP 3.2 Short-term Business statistics	Mission 1	05 – 07 November 2024
BA	SP 3.2 Short-term Business statistics	Mission 1	19 – 21 November 2024
XK	SP 3.6 Energy Statistics	Mission 1	26 – 27 November 2024 (tbc)
XK	SP 4.1 LFS	Mission 1	28 – 31 November 2024
BA	SP 5.7 Water Statistics	Mission 1	13 – 15 November 2024
BA	SP 6.1 Quality Management	Mission 1	06 – 08 November 2024 (tbc)



3. Horizontal Activities

The tables below list the number of participants in various horizontal activities, divided by country. Grant partner countries are not listed for Working Groups and Training courses because their participation is organized and funded through their own grants. While they are invited to join activities such as workshops, study visits etc. organised by ICON, ICON is not responsible for arranging logistics or covering their costs. Instead, grant countries manage these arrangements and appoint their participants, with expenses covered by their respective grants.

Work carried out in September - October 2024

Work planned for November - December 2024

Working Group meetings

From April – August 2024, 104 participants from two partner countries attended WG meetings:

Partner Country	April – August 2024	Total participants
BA	60	60
XK	44	44
Total	104	104

From September - October 2024, 72 participants in WG meetings are expected:

Partner Country	September - October 2024	Total applicants
BA	34	34
XK	38	38
Total	72	72

SP Workshops

From May – August 2024, 1 SP Workshop took place.

Partner Country	May – August 2024	Total participants
AL	0	0
BA	1	1
XK	2	2
MK	1	1
ME	1	1
RS	2	2
TR	1	1
Total	8	8

From September - October 2024, 28 participants in 3 workshops are expected:

Partner Country	September – October 2024	Total applicants
AL	3	3
BA	6	6
XK	6	6
MK	3	3
ME	3	3
RS	1	1
TR	6	6
Total	28	28

Training courses

From April – August 2024, 22 participants from partner countries attended 12 ESTP courses:

Partner Country	May – August 2024	Total participants
BA	22	22
XK	0	0
Total	22	22

From September - October 2024, 13 participants are expected in ESTP training courses under the contract:

Partner Country	September – October 2024	Total applicants
BA	0	0
XK	13	13
Total	13	13

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