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The project "Strong Albanian Local Statistics", SALSTAT is part of the project "Bashki të Forta" of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) for a period of August 2018-August 2022. "Bashki të Forta" project works for the development of local government and decentralization in Albania.

The three key stakeholders of the project are INSTAT, municipalities and some line ministries and governmental agencies, particularly collection official statistical data and/or in charge of administrative data/registers.

INSTAT is the key partner for the SALSTAT project. The line ministries and municipalities are key partners, because they will be data users and data producers of local and regional statistics.

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## Dissemination of the Regional Statistical Yearbook

The Regional Statistical Yearbook, 2021 is published on 20th and 24th December 2021, in English and Albanian version.

Below the respective links:

<http://www.instat.gov.al/en/publications/books/2021/regional-statistical-yearbook-2021/>

<http://www.instat.gov.al/al/publikime/librat/2021/vjetari-rajonal-statistikor-2021>

SALSTAT team together with INSTAT staff organized meetings in municipalities during February – March 2022 to promote and discuss the activities related to municipalities as well as to find out the future needs for a possible SALSTAT phase II from 2022 - 2026. During the meeting the following topics were discussed:

- Regional Statistical Yearbook 2021, in English and Albanian – Contents and importance of disaggregated indicators on regional and local level;
- SALSTAT project in the framework of the Swiss Government support for INSTAT and the improvement of local data;
- Sustainability of municipalities staff trained within SALSTAT and ongoing trainings
- Needs and requests of the representatives of the municipalities
- Statistical indicators of Municipalities
- CENSUS - The importance and connections of the commissions at the municipal level.

Representatives of the municipalities during these meeting were mainly mayors or deputy mayors of the respective municipalities, and they expressed their availability to continue the collaboration with INSTAT and SALSTAT project.

### Results:

- The interest and main request of municipalities towards INSTAT and SALSTAT was related to the publication of official statistics at municipality level.
- The municipalities expressed their readiness on the Memorandum of Understanding with INSTAT. INSTAT is currently working on a draft version. Important for the municipalities was that the agreement should give them the opportunity not just to provide data to INSTAT, but to receive the statistics and data from INSTAT as per their needs.
- The municipalities were grateful for the support given to their staff in capacity building with the trainings, and expressed the problem with the staff that resign and leave (regular orientation). For that reason, they requested a continuous support with trainings for their staff, particularly of those that provide and use data and statistics.
- Some small and medium municipalities shared the news that they have added to their structure a dedicated staff responsible for statistical purposes.
- The municipalities expressed the gratitude related to the household waste training for responsible staff that works on these data collection, and their expectations and needs are to have continues support on this field, since some staff moves, and they are waiting to have statistical official data on waste in municipality level published.
- The thematic of trainings requested were in the subjects that are related with statistics as data users and data providers.
- During the discussions related to the coming CENSUS in October – November 2022 it was highlighted the importance of this process for the stocktaking of data for some important activities of SALSTAT/INSTAT like: dissemination of municipality data (including dashboard), Building and Dwelling register, and Population and Household register.
- Based on the discussions with municipalities on their needs and requests, these elements have been an important input for drafting the ProDoc of SALSTAT phase II.



## Statistical Building and Dwelling Register & Population and Household Register



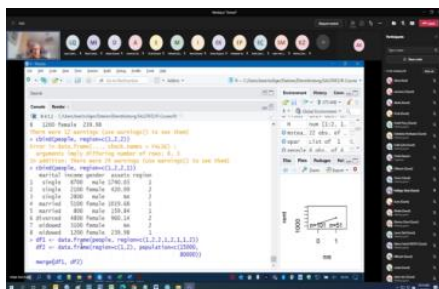
After the finalization of the concept document for a possible Albanian Statistical Register of Buildings and Dwellings (ASRBD), the expert from the Federal Statistical Office in Switzerland is working together with INSTAT on the next steps towards a detailed implementation plan. During his missions at INSTAT in October, 2021 and February 2022, the expert worked closely with INSTAT on ASRBD data model and list of variables to be ready for database implementation with pilot census data and timeline of activities for ASRBD implementation.



Also, an expert from the Statistics of Netherlands started to work together with INSTAT on the assessment for the development of a draft concept document of a possible Population and Household register in Albania.

## Training for INSTAT staff for new methodologies on sample surveys

During 24th – 28th January 2022 the Statistics R course training took place in the framework of SALSTAT project. The training was held online (Microsoft Teams system) by an expert from the University of Applied Science Northwestern Switzerland (FHNW). The training was attended by 13 people from INSTAT and one representative from the National Business Center.



In the end of the training the participants were able to:

- Install R and R packages
- Use the basic R-GUI and to use a R script
- Use the R-Studio IDE and to write reports with R-markdown
- Handle data with R (Input, Output, Data Preparation)
- Explore data with R, in particular to visualize data
- Apply the standard inferential methods of statistics with R

## Seminars on the phase 2 of SALSTAT project

From 8th – 10th March a set of seminars related to the discussions about three outcomes for a SALSTAT implementation phase II (2022-2026+) was organised from SALSTAT with all directories of INSTAT. From FSO team were present Mr. Martin Teichgräber and Mr. Werner Haug. Also, during the seminar an exchange was organised with Helvetas in order to discuss the synergies between two projects.

On 10th March, a closing meeting with participation of Ms. Elda Bagaviki of Swiss Embassy in Albania took place at INSTAT premises. The findings of the seminar were presented and the discussions concentrated on the objectives, outputs and activities of the phase II (2022-2026).



## Upcoming trainings for 2022

SALSTAT/INSTAT plans to continue other trainings planned on official statistics for municipalities and statistical regional offices, and in concrete terms during the coming month of 2022 will take place the following trainings:

- Workshop with Statistical Regional Offices, on 14<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> April 2022
- Advanced Microsoft Excel programme for municipalities staff, from 19<sup>th</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022
- Web based survey on Householde waste management training for municipalities staff and head of Statistical Regional offices, from 05<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022
- Analyzes of Statistical Data with municipalities staff during June 2022
- Training with the staff of Civil Status Offices on improvement of vital statistics during July 2022

THANK YOU FROM SALSTAT TEAM!

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