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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 four years. "Bashki të Forta" 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.

- Despite the current challenging situation caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, the SALSTAT project has been positively advanced and important activities could be successfully completed during the last 6 months.

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Dissemination of the Regional Statistical Yearbook 2020

SALSTAT considers the Regional Yearbook as a milestone publication to disseminate key statistical indicators on the regional and local level:

The Regional Statistical Yearbook 2020 presents an overview of the country's most important statistical indicators for the period 2018-2019.

Through this publication, INSTAT presents in one book an overall summary of social and economic statistics for all prefectures of the country, for a given period. The Regional Statistical Yearbook remains one of INSTAT's most important publications, as it will serve to a wide range of users; from local to central decision makers, business community, researchers, civil society, administrators, etc.

The Regional Statistical Yearbook - is divided into 19 chapters, containing a summary chapter for each prefecture and 18 thematic, social, and economic chapters.

New in this edition is the chapter "Environment". Two chapters include additional indicators at municipality level. The chapter "Administrative structure and territorial units of Albania" has a completely new section "Albania in the region (Non-EU countries)".

The Yearbook has also a new layout and more thematic maps in the chapters in order to visualize the comparisons between regions and municipalities.

The work has been carried out in close collaboration with the Swiss Federal Statistical Office (FSO).

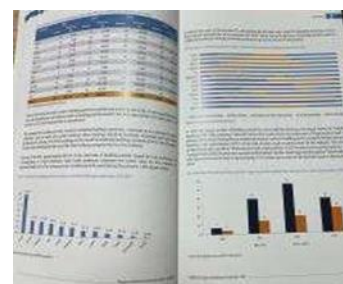
The English and Albanian version of the Regional Statistical Yearbook 2020 is available at INSTAT homepage: www.instat.gov.al

English version:

<http://www.instat.gov.al/en/publications/books/2020/regional-statistical-yearbook-2020/>

Albanian version:

<http://www.instat.gov.al/al/publikime/librat/2021/vjetari-rajonal-statistikor-2020/>



Additional indicators on regional and local level – Municipalities as data providers

SALSTAT together with INSTAT are continuing to provide statistical data on the regional and local level. In that context, INSTAT is planning to further expand and improve the key indicators and providing new indicators in the short, mid and long-term for the regional and local level.

For that reason, INSTAT has sent an online questionnaire to be fulfilled from all municipalities regarding the possible statistical data; the municipalities have at their disposal. The aim of the survey has been to get on information about the statistical data available at the municipality level.

In a next step, INSTAT will analyse the results and decide, which data could be collected and disseminated to provide additional statistical indicators in different fields of statistics.

INSTAT plans to establish a Memorandum of Understanding between the partners to enhance the collaboration with the municipalities. The results of the survey will be incorporated in the annex of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Training for INSTAT staff on statistical methods for sample surveys

In December 2020 several online workshops on statistical methods for sample surveys have been taken place with INSTAT staff and an international expert. The training focused on the European Union Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC). The EU-SILC aims at collecting timely and comparable cross-sectional and longitudinal multidimensional microdata on income, poverty, social exclusion and living conditions. Albania has adapted the methodology of the SILC to its national conditions.

However, up to now poverty indicators were published at the national level and at the level of particularly interesting domains defined by age class, gender and employment status. Since the differences between the prefectures in Albania are considerable, the need for regionalized poverty indicators, especially to measure the level of risk of being poor at the regional level has been at the core of the methodological course on the EU-SILC data.

The aim is to disseminate poverty indicators on the prefectures level in the upcoming Regional Yearbook 2021.

Trainings for municipalities

Due to the pandemic scheduled trainings for municipalities needed a detailed planning and preparation. SALSTAT / INSTAT were able to organize in March 2021 an advanced training on the use of Excel to present statistical information for municipalities' staff. The training took place at INSTAT premises in six different days during March 2021.

Due to pandemic situation, the trainings were organized in small groups following all respective Governments measurements against the COVID-19.

The core of the Excel training was to provide advanced skills for municipalities' staff to analyze and disseminate statistical information through the Microsoft Excel programme.

Staff from 40 municipalities participated in the advanced Excel training.

In total were trained 53 staff members from those were 36 women, or 68 % of total have been trained.

SALSTAT plans to continue other trainings planned on official statistics for municipalities throughout the project implementation. The next block is planned for Q2/Q3 2021.



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