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ON EXECUTION OF A PROJECT UNDER**

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**Modernisation of the Harmonised European Time Use Survey**

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NSI of Bulgaria had conducted number of Time Use Surveys, but all of them traditional ones, based on paper diaries. Taking into account the great amount of human and financial resources required for conducting traditional TUS, as well as respondents burden, NSI applied for a grant to test new approaches and way for its conduction and namely to test CAPI interviews and use of light diaries. Main purpose of the activities undertaken is to test whether the results produced based on light diary are comparable with those produced based on detailed diary.

The work is divided in two main directions:

***Topic 1: New/ Innovative ways and sources of data collection***

***Topic 3: New methods for data entry/ coding/ questionnaire processing***

Number of tasks are planned and already finished within the frame of **first direction**:

- Survey tools are prepared and tested – including light diary version
- List of activities to be included in the light diary is discussed and agreed
- Two types of diaries are printed – light and full diary
- Sample design is decided and sampling procedures are done
- Interviewers' instruction is prepared and distributed prior to the training seminar
- Recruitment of interviewers is done
- Training seminar is conducted on 27-28 September 2018
- Data coders are trained

The following is done up to the end of September within the frame of **second direction**:

- software for conduction of individual and household interviews is elaborated, tested and uploaded to the interviewers tablets
- training of interviewers on usage of software elaborated is conducted during the training seminar

As planned, five country districts are chosen for the pilot survey. Three interviewers are engaged in each district, as well as survey supervisors. Each interviewer has to survey 15 households or 225 households will be interviewed during the pilot. Half of them will fill in full diary and the rest – light one. Survey days are assigned in advance, as well as type of diary to be filled in by each household. Interviewers are provided lists of households included into the sample and survey days prior to the training seminar. Household sample composition and selection of survey days are explained to the

interviewers in details at the seminar. Household members aged 10+ will be surveyed and each household member have to fill in two diaries – one for week and weekend day.

Pilot survey starts on 8, October and will finish on 11, November 2018.

**Summary:** Activities planned in the frame of Time Use project are going according to the timetable. Most important tasks are already finished and the last is considered a good prerequisite for successful project implementation.

According to the timetable, data will be collected, entered and processed up to the end of February, 2019 and after that data weighting and analysis will be done.

No delays in the completion of activities planned are expected.

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