Standard Summary Project Fiche
Project Number LT 0003-04

1. Basic Information

1.1. Desiree Number: LT 0003-04

1.2. Twinning Component Number: LT 2000/IB/FI/04

1.3. Title: Further Harmonisation of Statistical Data and Methods with Eurostat Requirements

1.4. Sector: Internal Market

1.5. Location and Contact Person: Ms A Miskiniene, Lithuanian Department of Statistics (Statistics Lithuania SL), Gedimino 29, 2746 Vilnius, Lithuania. Tel: +370 2 621 502, Fax: +370 2 629 804, E-mail: ami@mail.std.lt

2. Objectives

2.1. Wider Objectives

The wider objectives of this 2.6 MEUR Project are to further develop the statistical system of Lithuania by:

- Increasing its capacity to provide quantitative, qualitative and accurate statistical data in accordance with EC requirements and Eurostat methodology; and
- Preparing for structural funds in the realm of regional, business, agricultural and price statistics (Agricultural census being the basic tool for the allocation of structural funds in the future).

On completion of the project the national statistical system should reach a closer compliance with the EU statistical system in the area of business, agriculture, price statistics and regional statistics. The institutional frame should be strengthened through creating training facilities for raising qualifications of human resources. As a result SL should be able to provide accurate, harmonised data as a pivotal prerequisite for developing national policy at macroeconomic level and ensuring proper and reliable information for the needs of an increasing number of private market operators and other users of statistics.

2.2. Immediate Objectives

The immediate objectives of this project may be summarised as to:

- Improve regional, business, agriculture, price statistics and social indicators to comply with EU standards and norms; and
- Ensure institutional strengthening by improving training facilities and train the staff in modern statistical and computing theory and practice.

These objectives are based upon the Bilateral Screening Report on Chapter 12 - Statistics (13 April, 1999, Brussels).

2.3. Accession Partnership and NPAA Priority

The 1999 Accession Partnership identifies two medium term priorities from two sectors relevant to the work of SL; they are:

- Internal market. Agriculture - to complete the agricultural census in line with Eurostat methodology;
- Reinforcement of administrative and judicial capacity. To strengthen statistical capacities.

The NPAA identified short-term and medium-term priorities for SL; these were:

- Improvement of business statistics (Pilot structural survey of enterprises);
- Development of regional statistical indicators;
Improvement of agricultural statistics (Pilot surveys in agriculture, price statistics, labour costs);
Development of macroeconomic statistics (Regional GDP, financial accounts, etc.);
Improvement of the system of national accounts (development of SIS, labour force survey, price statistics);
Development of demographic statistics.

2.4. Contribution to National Development Plan (NDP)

SL plays an important role in regional development as it has statistics divisions in counties, cities and districts, prepares annual work programmes for them taking into consideration the needs of the state and local governments, thus providing statistical information on economic, social and demographic development in regions. The NDP depends heavily on statistics to assist in identifying regional disparities in Lithuania and in their comparison with EU regional statistics. This project will assist in this process ensuring that any legal hindrances to this process are eliminated.

3. Description

3.1. Background and Justification

SL’s strategy is laid out in the Annual Work Programme of Official statistics and focuses on clear identification of statistical needs and objectives. The strategy follows the fundamental principles of official statistics which guarantee impartiality, professional independence, transparency of methodology applied, use of the most efficient sources, data confidentiality, transparency of laws, application of international standards and international co-operation and ensure quality of statistical data, analytical aspects, reliability, comparability and timeliness. The project is designed to implement the strategy by targeting at the following priority areas:

- Social statistics
- Regional statistics
- Business statistics
- Agricultural statistics
- Price statistics
- Institutional strengthening

Statistics represent themselves a large part of the acquis and it is the objective of SL to comply with it and to provide sustainable service to the EU bodies, national government and public at large. With this in view, SL needs to strengthen its institutional capacity, keep up with technological development, recruit and maintain well-trained staff and coordinate activities of other line ministries and institutions involved in the national statistical system.

3.2. Linked Activities

OMAS’s Final Assessment Report for Assistance funded under LI-9613 and Annual Assessment Report for Assistance funded under LI-9803.04 submitted on 29 October 1999 rated Programme implementation as "Satisfactory" and achievement of Programme objectives as "Highly satisfactory".

Since 1992 Phare assistance totalling 6.85 MEUR has been allocated under the National Programmes to improve primary data collection, processing, analysis and dissemination of statistical data, modernisation of the central office and its regional offices through provision of modern data processing technology and enhancement of human resource capacities through establishment of the Internal Training unit, as well as translation and implementation of 22 international classifications, acquisition of population census related equipment and application of data protection and confidentiality procedures, etc. Of this amount 2 MEUR has been received from the 1998 National Phare programme and tendering procedures are pending with the EC Delegation.

In addition to that the Danish Government (50,000 ECU) and SIDA (1,173,000 SEK) provided grants for improving business statistics, population register, demographic and other issues related statistics.
3.3. Results

The guaranteed results from this project will strengthen the institutional capacity of the Lithuanian Statistics by providing statistical information to help Lithuania devise, manage and assess policies in a similar manner to Member States. In particular it will focus on five key sectors:

- Social,
- Agricultural,
- Regional,
- Business and
- Prices.

The specific results are described in the following sub-sections.

3.3.1 Social Statistics

The guaranteed results will cover the development of social protection statistics with an emphasis on the Implementation of the European System of Social Protection Statistics (ESSPROS):

- Translation of ESSPROS, printing and adaptation to the Lithuanian context
- Development of the questionnaire for the ESSPROS calculations
- Collection and validation of data based on it
- Preparatory stage (or feasibility studies) for the development of metadata for the ESSPROS database

3.3.2 Regional Statistics

The guaranteed results will follow from establishing the system of regional indicators characterising economic and social development:

- Establishing the system of regional indicators characterising economic and social development;
- Developing a system of regional indicators, supplementing it with local kind of activity units (LKAU) and preparing the methodological basis for such supplementing
- Estimating regional GDP leading to the adaptation and implementation of EU Member States’ estimation methodology;
- Expanding the scope of data on social development (e.g. quarterly employment and unemployment rate) and household budget surveys to represent a regional breakdown.

3.3.3 Business statistics

The guaranteed results of this part of the project would be increased quality of business statistics, compiled on various levels and disseminated to end users, including:

- Improved business register, resulting from the business census;
- System of statistical surveys integrating full business structure surveys in industry, domestic trade, construction and services area;
- Definition and compilation of the survey logistics and tools (questionnaires, methodology and reference period);
- Implementation of international classifications for surveys including PRODCOM and CPA;

3.3.4 Agricultural statistics

The Common Agricultural Policy is one of the essential issues in the future negotiations. The guaranteed results of this part of the project will be the completion of a Agro-Census (2002), following which compliance of agricultural statistics with EC standards will be achieved and multipurpose Farm register maintained in co-operation with the Ministry of Agriculture. This will involve:

- Resolving the organisational issue in relation to the preparation for the Agricultural census;
Preparing methodological documentation and census questionnaire and printing the census questionnaire;
Defining and obtaining computer hardware and software required for the census;
Training of census enumerators leading to the preparation and execution of the Pilot census;
Processing of the census questionnaires, verification, editing and analysis of results;
Creating the basis for a permanent survey system in the agricultural statistics covering typology of the farms, land use survey etc. to comply with EU statistical requirements in this field;
Preparing and conducting the Agro-census, covering organisational and methodological principles, their assessment and proposals for solving the problems faced during the Pilot census;
Promoting the census for the public before the census and promotion of the census results after it; and
Updating and expanding of the multi-purpose Farm register database on the basis of the Agro-census.

The cost estimate for the Agro-census for the moment is about 5 million EUR, however, the state budget foresees to finance 2/3 of the amount.

3.3.5 Price statistics

The guaranteed results for Price statistics are availability of indicators serving as a basis for various pre-accession instruments and compliance with the acquis in the field of price indices:
Availability of indicators serving as a basis for various pre-accession instruments;
Compliance with the acquis in the field of price indices;
Creation of a system for regular and timely transmission of the indices to Eurostat;
Development of deflators for the compilation of National Accounts.

3.3.6 Institutional strengthening

The guaranteed results for Institutional strengthening is the development of facilities for personnel training and the integration of the Statistical Information System (SIS) with the State Information System and the application of GIS. The main outputs are linked to the development of the Statistical Information System (SIS), its integration into the State Information System and application of GIS through:
Development of the output database for disseminating results;
Development of the data archiving system;
Development of the conception for the preparation, use, presentation and dissemination of statistical data (population census, vital statistics, migration, housing, agriculture, etc.) by means of GIS;
Training of users and IT specialists in the above issues in the central office, the 10 regional offices and in the 38 subsidiary offices of LS.

3.3.7 Investments

The guaranteed result for the investment component is the acquisition of new equipment and software to support the institutional building and sector statistics components within this project. It will also support the Censuses due to be carried out in Lithuania in 2001 and 2002. A sum of ?500,000 has been set aside for these purposes, covering the:
Acquisition of a database server and appropriate software for the Agro-census (? 260,000);
Upgrade of computer hardware and software (? 150,000);
Acquisition of printing equipment (? 100,000).

3.4. Activities

3.4.1. Twinning and Training Package (LT 2000/IB/FI/04) The activities and inputs covered by this project will be provided through a twinning and training package with two Pre Accession Advisers (PAAs) (one 2 year PAA for Agriculture and one 1-year PAA for Business statistics, whose responsibilities can be combined with overall management issues, preparation for the
sustainability strategy after the National Phare 2000 ends as well as a series of specialist short-term advisers (STAs). A team from up to two Member States would be envisaged to provide the twinning and training package, which should focus on assisting SL on achieving the results listed above in section 3.3.

One of the PAAs can be designated as team leader and be responsible for the institutional building aspect of the project within the SL and also for co-ordinating the activities of the STAs. A summary of the indicative inputs is given in the following table; these are intended only as a guide, the exact schedule of inputs, their duration and technical specialisms will be determined during preparation of the twinning covenant.

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**Profile of PAAs and STAs**

The lead PAAs will be responsible for co-ordination of the activities on-site and the inputs of the STAs; therefore s/he should have experience in project management and excellent inter-personal skills. The PAA will work closely with the management and staff of the LS and should have over 10 years experience within a Member States Statistics Office.

The STAs should cover the following areas:

### 3.4.1 Social Statistics

Five person months of STAs inputs will assist SL in the translation of ESSPROS and its adaptation to the Lithuanian context along with the appropriate questionnaire for the ESSPROS calculations and subsequent survey and analysis.

### 3.4.2 Regional statistics

Ten person months of STAs inputs will assist the SL in the elaboration of methodology, data collection and implementation of key social indicators to comply with Eurostat requirements later on to be incorporated into regional statistics context.

### 3.4.3 Business statistics

The single 1-year PAA for Business statistics, whose responsibilities can also be combined with management issues and preparation for the sustainability strategy after the National Phare 2000 ends and will be supplemented with twenty-two person months of STAs inputs to assist the SL in improving the business register and establishing full business statistical surveys. They should also assist in designing the questionnaires, methodology and reference periods prior to conducting the surveys, introducing PRODCOM and CPA classifications and developing a system of indicators for tourism statistics.

### 3.4.4 Agricultural statistics

The single 2-year PAA will be supplemented with twenty-six person months of STAs inputs will assist the SL in compiling the agriculture statistics and multi-purpose farm register as the basis for policy making accession negotiations. They will also help with the development of an agriculture information system and the census.
3.4.5. Price statistics

Nine person months of STAs inputs will assist the SL with developing methodologies and principles for calculating the CCI, EIPI, TCSPi preparing the questionnaires surveys and their databases, and the subsequent analyses of the data and its sources for registering prices of construction-mounting (assembly) work. They will also assist in the development of the price-monitoring programme.

3.4.6 Institutional strengthening

The institutional strengthening aspect of the project comprises the following key components:

- A 1-year PAA for Business statistics, combined with management issues and preparation for the sustainability strategy after the National Phare 2000 ends, will provide management and institutional support to SL, as well as a series of management and integration-related training courses for the staff of central, country and district statistical offices;
- An extensive series of short-term adviser inputs (approx. 17 person months), covering support to SL which include preparation of tender documents and advice leading to the procurement contracts (with reference to 3.3.7) as well as a series of management and integration-related training courses for the staff of central, county and district statistical offices;
- Other supplies and services (including 6 person-months of STA inputs to assist in software design), primarily for the purposes of the development of computer/information systems, software supporting the collection and processing of statistics, provision of documentation, translation costs, fellowships etc.

All the PAAs and STAs should all be fluent in English and should be capable of providing training covering workshops, classroom training, on-the-job training as well as personal advice at a high level in the institutions involved. The emphasis will be on the transference of skills and knowledge so that the results of the project are sustainable.

3.4.7 Procurement

Acquisition of computer software and hardware to ensure high levels of availability, provide exceptional performance and scalability, and promote end-user productivity. Additional nodes, processors, memory and storage to clusters system and one file server for the LDoS, 5 servers (LDoS, Kaunas, Klaipeda, Panevezys, Siauliai) for the security of WAN, 150 PC’s for the upgrading and establishing additional working places for the end-users, 2 high speed printers, specialized cluster and data warehouse software, 200 BackOffice client access and MS Office client licenses.

A sum of ?500,000 has been set aside for these purposes, covering the:

- Acquisition of a database server and develop appropriate software for the Agro-census (?260,000);
- Upgrade of computer hardware and software (?150,000);
- Acquisition of printing equipment (?100,000).

4. Institutional Framework

The Project will be co-ordinated by the SL, the Central Statistical Office under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania, which is responsible for managing Statistics in the Republic of Lithuania. The Central statistical office is located in Vilnius with 287 employees working in it with 311 employees working in 10 statistical offices in the counties and 38 statistical offices in districts.

The Seimas passed the new Statistics Law on 23 December 1999 (No. VIII-1511) and came into force on 31 December 1999, which has incorporated the European principles for organising State statistics.

In order to provide sustainable service to the EU bodies and national government, the SL needs to strengthen parts of its institutional capacity, keep up with technological development, develop and
maintain well trained staff and co-ordinate activities of other line ministries and institutions involved in the national statistical system (e.g. the Bank of Lithuania compiles information about monetary statistics and the Balance of Payments, the Ministry of Health compiles health statistics, etc.).

5. Budget (in EUR)

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The beneficiary will co-finance this project by providing suitable facilities (offices, computers, means of transport and drivers for local travel) for PAAs, appointing officials to shadow the activities of the PAA and STAs, and allocating some budget for purchasing inspection equipment. The Government has also committed 7 MEUR for the farm and business censuses during 2001/2.

6. Implementation Arrangements

6.1 Implementing Agency

The CFCU is responsible for contracting and accounting of the project. Responsibility for technical preparation, control and management of the PAA/STAs under twinning will remain with the beneficiary, The Lithuanian Department of Statistics (Statistics Lithuania).

The PAO is Zilvinas Pajarskas, Director of CFCU, Ministry of Finance, J. Tumo-Vaizganto 8A/2, room 241. Tel: +370 2 61 19 32, Fax: +370 2 22 53 35 and E-mail: cfcu@takas.lt

6.2 Twinning

The beneficiary institution is the Ms A Miskiniene, Lithuanian Department of Statistics (Statistics Lithuania SL), Gedimino 29, 2746 Vilnius, Lithuania. Tel: +370 2 621 502, Fax: +370 2 629 804, E-mail: ami@mail.std.lt.

6.3 Non-standard aspects

There are no non-standard aspects to this project and the CFCU will ensure that the DIS manual will be strictly followed. The project has two components: twinning and procurement.

6.4 Contracts

There will be two contracts in this project:

Value of Twinning Covenant 2.1 MEURO

Value of procurement tender 0.50 MEURO

7. Implementation Schedule

Start of Twinning Arrangements: 4Q/00  Start of Procurement Tender: 1Q/02
Start of Twinning Activities: 1Q/01  Signature of Contract(s): 2Q/02
Completion of Twinning: 2Q/03  Finalisation of Supplies: 4Q/02
8. Equal Opportunity

Equal opportunity principles and practices in ensuring equitable gender participation in the Project will be guaranteed. As of 1 January 1999, Central statistical office counted 83.6 per cent of women out of the total number of employees, whereas women in statistical offices of counties, cities and districts accounted for 95.2 per cent. Vacancies are equally open to both genders; two women are deputies of the Director general out of four persons in the top management.

9. Environment

The investment components of this Project all relate to Institution Building activities.

10. Rates of Return

The Lithuanian Department of Statistics (Statistics Lithuania) is a public institution, financed from the budget and generation of revenue from activities is not the goal. However, the quality of information, statistical information system, databases and registers will contribute to the budget funding indirectly as accessible for policy and decision-makers (see Annex 4).

11. Investment Criteria

The project is based upon the criteria, findings and gaps identified in multilateral and bilateral Screening meetings in October 1998 and April 1999 as well as Eurostat's mission in June 1999 followed by recommendations that statistics should benefit from the Phare assistance. The project is investment in the state institution and human resources, thus no element of competition is envisaged. It's catalytic in terms of stimulation of bridging the gaps identified and modernisation of accession driven activities, indispensable in the accession period. The project is sustainable due to the Government’s commitment outline din the NPAAA; in particular the agricultural component is sustainable as the Register of Farms, updated as a consequence of the Agro-census and related databases will facilitate agriculture policymaking and the operational Business Register will intervene into the overall system of registers of the state. Co-ordination of activities with line ministries and institutions - constituent parts of the State Statistical System is foreseen. The Government has already committed 7 MEUR to conducting the farm and business censuses for 2001/2. Additionality to activities financed from the state budget, SIDA, WB and other possible donors has always been an ongoing feature of statistical projects. The project is a logical extension of previous statistical projects under the assistance of the National Phare 1998 and sets the link with sustainable projects to be carried out by Statistics Lithuania in the future.

12. Conditionality and Sequencing

This project will build on the on-going support being provided to the Lithuanian Department of Statistics (Statistics Lithuania) within the on-going Phare 1998 Programme and other projects. The beneficiary, the Lithuanian Department of Statistics (Statistics Lithuania) will provide the team of experts with necessary facilities and counter-part support for implementing the project.

The legal basis relevant to the project is attached to this fiche (see Annex 5). The work foreseen will meet serious difficulties if not co-financed, which will result in the lack of capability of present statistical data in the scope, volume and breakdown as requested by the EU requirements in the area of statistics. Without funding the progress of Lithuanian statistics of integrating the national statistical system with the European Statistical System will be hindered.

Therefore, this project, like all Phare projects in the 2000 Programme, is conditional on co-financing being available for both the institutional building and procurement components of the
project as well as on the Agro-census being conducted within the life span of this project or as a logical sequence of it. There is no specific conditionality linked to this project, as there are no legislative precursors limiting the start and progress of the project.

The key milestones in this project are:
- Appointment of Twinning Member State
- Commencement of Twinning
- Pilot census of establishments of enterprises completed (planned for end 2000);
- Equipment Needs Analysis completed
- Overall Population and Housing Census completed (planned for April 2001);
- Equipment tender launched
- Equipment delivered and associated training completed
- Agro-census completed (planned for April or October 2002).
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<td>- Increase capacity of statistical system to provide quantitative, qualitative and accurate statistical data in compliance with statistical acquis requirements and Eurostat methodology as well as by regional breakdown; - Prepare for structural funds in the realm of regional, business, agricultural and price statistics (Agro-census being the basic tool for the allocation of structural funds in the future).</td>
<td>System of regional indicators developed</td>
<td>Data collected and published by Statistics Lithuania and line ministries</td>
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<td>Classification of expenditure by functions: sickness, disability, old age, survivors, family / children, unemployment, housing, social exclusion</td>
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<td>- Improve regional, business, agriculture, price statistics and social indicators to comply with EU standards and norms; - Ensure institutional strengthening by improving training facilities and train the staff in modern statistical and computing theory and practice.</td>
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<td>Guidelines/questionnaire for enumerators developed and printed</td>
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<td>Agriculture census completed</td>
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<td>Conformity with EU norms &amp; standards, improved quality of statistical data collection &amp; processing Regional system of economic &amp; social development indicators, High quality business statistics on various levels compiled and disseminated to users Agro-census conducted &amp; improved farm register Functioning &amp; compliant price indices system.</td>
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### Detailed Implementation Chart for the Project

#### Year 2000

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| Selection of Member State(s) for Twinning                          | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Elaboration of Twinning Covenant                                   | X | X | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Submit Twinning Covenant to the Commission & Steering Committee for Approval | X | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Twinning Package Commences                                         |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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| 2. Regional Statistics                                              | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 3. Business Statistics                                              | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 3.1 Tourism                                                        | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 3.2 PRODCOM & CPA                                                  | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 3.3 Business statistics survey                                     | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 4. Agriculture Statistics                                          | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 5. Price Statistics                                                 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 6. Institutional Building                                          | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Investment                                                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Tender Launch                                                      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X | X |
| Contract Signature                                                 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |
| Delivery and Installation                                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |

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**Annex 2**
Cumulative Contracting and Disbursement Schedule for the Project (MEUR)

Further Harmonisation of Statistical Data and Methods with Eurostat Requirements

Cumulative Quarterly Contracting Schedule (MEUR)

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Annex 4

Reference to Feasibility/Pre-Feasibility Studies

Eurostat's mission report (June 1999) in setting the background for this project states that:

- For future programmes the priorities of the Accession Partnership will be followed and the results of the screening exercise are to be taken into account
- Some important deficiencies were recognised mainly in Business statistics and agricultural statistics.
- Recognise SL need to receive special support for enormous efforts of setting up regional databases, also within the new financial instruments or future Phare allocations
- PRODCOM survey
- Farm structure surveys, typology and the Agri-census are the areas needing most assistance, which is hoped from Phare in the next years.
- Much room for improvement is seen concerning the basic statistics as input for national accounts
- Projects with respect to the business register concern the link to other registers and administrative sources in order to assure the freshness of entries, thus profiling of the larger enterprises would be useful for many types of surveys including industrial production
- Very specialised subjects like construction prices would require some funding.
- Problems are encountered with the EC directive on transparency for gas and electricity prices
- It looks very advisable to configure a national programme of the year 2000 in line with the findings above and much oriented to statistical operations. This is completely coherent with the new Phare orientations and reflects priorities of the Accession Partnership.
Annex 5

List of Relevant Laws and Regulations

The draft new Law on Statistics has been harmonised with EU requirements and was approved by the Government's Decree No 1263 on 11 November 1999. On 18 November the first reading was planned in the Parliament.

Responsibilities of handling certain activities are laid out in the following legislation:

2. The law on the Register of Enterprises (31/07/90, No. I-440).
5. The law on the Farmers' farms passed on 4 May 1999, No VIII-1159.

The Legal basis Social statistics in EC Gentlemen's agreement on social protection statistics and the legal basis in Lithuania is The Statistical Work Programme

List of Relevant Laws and Regulations

The legal basis for Regional statistics in the EC:

- Council Regulation No 2223/96 on the System of national and regional Accounts

The legal basis in Lithuania:

- Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania about the Outline of the Regional policy in Lithuania (21/07/98, No 902)
- Order on The implementation of the European System of national and regional accounts 95 passed by the Department of Statistics o 29 December 1998
- Law on the Legal status of foreigners No VIII-978, passed on 17 December 1998
- Order No 56 on the development of labour force survey adopted on 28 June 1999 by the Department of Statistics
• Decree No 1309 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania on Household budget surveys passed on 11 October 1995
• The Statistical Work Programme

The legal basis for Business Statistics Legal basis in EC are the:
- Council Regulation 58/97 and the Council Regulation 410/98, which cover all economic sectors and contain comprehensive data sets on certain economic activities such as industry, construction, trade, insurance, etc.
- Council Regulation 2186/93 (EEC) of 22 July 1993 on Community co-ordination in drawing up business registers for statistical purposes,
- Council Regulation 410/98 (EC, Euratom) of 16 February 1998 amending Regulation 58/97 (EC, Euratom) concerning structural business statistics and
- Commission Regulation 2699/98, 2700/98, 2701/98, 2702/98 on the implementation of the structural business statistics regulation are reference documents to the business statistics development issue.

And in Lithuania the legal basis is:
- The law on the Register of Enterprises (31/07/90, No. I-440)
- Order of the Department of statistics No 123-K of 1 December on Establishment of Statistical Enterprise Register
- Order of the Department of Statistics No 10 of 6 February 1998 on Approval of the Form of Financial indicators of enterprises F-01

The legal basis for Agricultural statistics in the EC includes:
- The Council Regulation 571/88 (EEC) of 29 February 1988, last amended by Council Regulation (EC) 2467/96 stipulates that a series of surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings (Farm structure surveys, FSS) are to be carried out in the Member States. This regulation describes the reference periods, level of aggregation, survey thresholds, definition of agricultural holdings, etc.
- There are a number of Commission Decisions on other methodological aspects like the list of characteristics to be collected (Commission Decision 98/377/EC), the definitions of these characteristics (Commission Decision 89/651/EEC), the deadlines for delivering the data, etc.

And its legal basis in Lithuania is:
- The law on the Farmers' farms passed on 4 May 1999, No VIII-1159
- Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania about the Farm Register (08/08/94, No. 701)
- Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania on the Approval of Regulations for the Farm register (23/01/1995, No. 98)
- Order of the minister of Agriculture No 407 of 05 November 1999 on Procedures for registering Farmers’ Farms

The legal basis in EC for Price statistics is:
• Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 of 23 October 1995 concerning harmonised indices of consumer prices
• Commission Regulation (EC) No 1749/96 of 9 September 1996 on initial implementing measures for Council regulation (EC) No 2494/95 concerning harmonised indices of consumer prices
• Commission Regulation (EC) No 2214/96 of 20 November 1996 concerning harmonised indices of consumer prices: transmission and dissemination of sub-indices of the HICP
And in Lithuania is legal basis:
Order No 87 on Implementation of the harmonised indices of consumer prices adopted on 7 December 1998 by the Department of Statistics
The Work Programme of Statistics Lithuania

Further, the Law Approximation Action Plan foresees the following secondary legislation as necessary:
Order of SL on the Census of Enterprises to be passed 2Q/2000
Order of SL on Coordination of Business statistics surveys to be passed on 1Q/2002
Order of SL on Earnings distribution and structure to be passed 4Q/1999-11-19 Order of SL on Tourism survey to be passed 4Q/2001
Order of SL on Labour force sample survey to be passed on 1Q/2001
Reference to Relevant Government Strategic Plans and Studies


2. Resolution of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania on the Implementation of the National Acquis Adoption Programme (17/03/98, No 28)


4. The law on the Register of Enterprises (31/07/90, No. I-440).


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16. Results of the Bilateral Screening meeting on Chapter 12 - Statistics (13 April 1999, Brussels).