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Eurostat's bilateral mission for National Accounts - NA statistics

Under a bilateral cooperation, Eurostat's team headed by Ms. Ani Todorova, Head of Eurostat's Unit C2 'National Accounts Production' visited the Statistical Office of Montenegro – MONSTAT in period from 20 to 21 February 2019.

The bilateral cooperation with the Eurostat is a reflection of cooperation which MONSTAT has with all European partners in the European integration process.

Having in mind the support of Eurostat, this bilateral mission, initiated by MONSTAT, aimed at further development of the European integration process within the negotiating Chapter 18. This has been a good opportunity for MONSTAT's team to present all results achieved so far in the field of National Accounts – NA and transmitted to Eurostat, as well as to define further steps within the cooperation with Eurostat with the aim to fulfil the final benchmarks of Chapter 18.

The representatives of MONSTAT presented the results of the work and activities in the previous period under the assistance of IPA projects: contributing to further development of non-financial annual sector accounts; further development of supply and use table; creating conditions for the introduction of income approach in the calculation of gross domestic product by ESA 2010 methodology concept; implementation of new SDMX tools for the data transmission to Eurostat, etc. A detailed presentation of activities implemented was assessed by Eurostat's mission as of highly quality and important working results, supporting in the same time defined plan of future activities on further data production and ensuring variables which contribute to benchmarks for closing Chapter 18.

Additionally, the presentation was participated by representatives of Central Bank of Montenegro informing the mission's team with the results of the work done so far and plans in the field of development of financial accounts.

The Eurostat's mission encouraged the institutions of the system to continue with the data production, in line with the defined responsibilities in Chapter 18, having in mind an expressed readiness of institutions to take part in the IPA projects, and to continue with the activities which will contribute to the European integration and fulfilment of final benchmarks.