



COOPERATION WITH STATE STATISTICAL OFFICE – MONSTAT

WHAT

Update of the existing GHG Inventory with two additional years, 2012-2013, as well as update of the previous series of data (1990-2011) according to the 2006 Guidelines, for the purposes of development of the Montenegrin First Biennial Update Report (BUR).

WHO

For this purpose, set of data were collected by the State Statistical Office (MONSTAT) and analysed by the Environment Protection Agency - EPA (in charge of GHG Inventory).

HOW

State Statistical Office does not collect data needed for GHG Inventory by default. They have their own annual work plans approved by the Government, for which they receive financial allocations from the state budget. Their annual work plans are usually made of set of data they collect for state purposes, as well as specific requests made by national institutions/organisations and/or other relevant authorities. In case of GHG inventory, all data were up to now collected and collated by EPA, who is the national authority in charge of GHG Inventory. Starting from year 2014, through the process of development of the Montenegrin First Biennial Update Report, UNDP initiated and facilitated cooperation between the two institutions regarding collection of data needed for the GHG inventory.

Our task was to add two additional years within the existing GHG Inventory, as well as to update previous series of data in accordance with the IPCC 2006 Guidelines.

Series of meetings were organized between EPA and MONSTAT in order to agree on set of data to be collected by MONSTAT, having in mind available timeframe and budget. The time and related funds needed for MONSTAT at that stage were allocated for: i) development of methodology and questionnaires for specific set of data to be collected, ii) training of interviewers and iii) organisation of data collection. Through the meetings an agreement was achieved on data to be collected by MONSTAT. The rest of data was collected by EPA, as per usual procedure.

The agreements with EPA and MONSTAT were formalised through the Standard Letters of Agreements (SLoAs).





WHEN

MONSTAT was collecting data during the period Sep 2014 – Jan 2015, while EPA was working on GHG Inventory (collecting missing data, entering data into the software, reporting ...) in the period Jan – June 2015.

WHY

The main idea behind this approach was to initiate the creation of a system of data collection for GHG Inventory purposes, which would last longer than the project itself and which would eventually be institutionalised.

During the process, the staff of MONSTAT was trained in order to be able to collect necessary GHG Inventory data even after the project is over. This is the first time that the State Statistical Office has been directly involved in climate change related statistics.

On the other hand, data provided by the State Statistical Office already pass necessary verification procedure, since they operate in line with the EUROSTAT standards and procedures.

In this specific case, not all necessary data needed for GHG inventory could be collected by MONSTAT at this stage (due to time and budget constraints). Therefore, the Second BUR will be used to further strengthening of the MONSTAT staff to expand the type and amount of data to be collected.

In order to ensure sustainability and national ownership of the project results, it is advisable to include in the whole process institutions in charge of official state statistics. They should be enabled to continue collection of data after the project is over. In addition, close cooperation between state statistics and institution in charge of GHG inventory (EPA in case of Montenegro) is strongly advised (to agree on data to be collected, on timeframes etc.)

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