



Conference on Regional Statistics and Household Budget Survey 2014

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Remarks by the Deputy Head of Mission, Swiss Embassy, Mr. Philipp Keller

Dear Director of INSTAT, Mr. Filipi, dear representatives of Government institutions, dear guests and partners

I am pleased to have the opportunity to make a few opening remarks today at the Conference on Regional Statistics and Household Budget Survey 2014.

Since the first Albanian census was conducted in 2001, Switzerland has supported the Albania National Institute of Statistics (INSTAT) in its efforts to develop and produce reliable and high quality statistical information. Our assistance in the last years has been focused in the Census 2011 and especially on the post-Census analysis and activities.

As part of our most recent support toward INSTAT, Switzerland is happy to assist in adapting the web GIS portal for the visualization of data according to the new administrative territorial division, building of a mobile application for dissemination and communication of statistics to a broader audience, and publication of the Regional Statistics Yearbook.

The Regional Statistic Yearbook, which publication is the topic of today's conference, contains a wealth of most recent social and economic indicators segregated according to regions in Albania. Especially important this information and data will be for regional strategy formulation and planning in the context of institutional decentralisation, and for targeting social assistance and other types of state interventions. So this publication comes very timely for the implementation of the ongoing decentralisation reform that is crucial for the further development of the country and Switzerland is also supporting through other projects. I trust this publication will be accessible in different formats and especially used by a variety of interest groups in the country, starting with decision-makers and continuing on with researchers, academics, civil society and media.

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to INSTAT for leading this important work and wish success in its significant role in development of country.

Thank you!