



# Modernization of Israel's Statistics

## The role of the Twinning project

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# Why do we need modernization of Official Statistics?

# Official Statistics and the information society

- The Data revolution and the multiplication of available data sources
- Other statistics inform society
  - less accurately
  - on single issues
  - more **timely**, more easily **accessible**, better **promoted**.
- We could react defensively ...  
or  
use our strengths and resources as a **National Statistical System** to
  - Create **new** and **useful** statistics
  - **Integrate and reconcile data** from different sources and domains

# Official Statistics as a strategic asset

Data users have new expectations from official statistics:

Policy-makers – for evidence-based decisions,

Citizens – to form opinions and hold governments accountable,

Developers and businesses – for sound decisions,

Researchers – for analysing society,

and require reliable statistics

- produced in a **faster** way
- provided at a more **detailed level** of disaggregation
- **integrated** over a wide range of sources and topics
- presented with **similar** standards and tools
- available at a **single point of access** etc

# Official Statistics at a fast pace

To become **flexible** and **agile** at producing new and more statistics at an **acceptable cost**, the NSS producers need:

- More **standardization** in production
- More **regulating** requirements
- More **collaboration/harmonization** across government and at the international level
- New **technologies** and **communication** facilities

# Conclusion

- Transformation of the way the **National Statistical System** operates
- Transformation of the way the official statistics are produced



The Twinning project

# Contribution of the Twinning project to modernization of the NSS and the ICBS

- Collaboration with Europe and Statistics Denmark
- Development of four domains:
  - A. **Quality management of official statistics in the NSS and in ICBS**
  - B. **Micro-data services to researchers**
  - C. Infrastructures for agricultural statistics
  - D. Geo-spatial and methodological tools for improving the quality and the efficiency of field surveys

Thank you !

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