NUTS 3 LEVEL DATA COLLECTION EXERCISE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT STATISTICS COVERING THE PERIOD 2005 - 2010

The National Statistical Institute has concluded the work under 2010 Eurostat Grant Scheme Project "NUTS3 level data collection exercise for Rural Development Statistics covering the period 2005 - 2010". The Project started at the beginning of the 2011 and lasted 11 months. The main aim is to supply information needed for the extension and continuation of Eurostat database in the domain of Rural Areas Statistics for 27 Member States. This project is a continuation of the previous one in this area, carried out by the NSI in 2007.

Within the Project the NSI has supplied information on 15 indicators in compliance with predefined by Eurostat list of indicators. Statistical data refer for the period 2005-2010 and they cover all of the main statistical areas – demography, social statistics, macroeconomic statistics, business statistics and agricultural statistics. Data refer to the NUTS3 geographical level (28 districts) and only by exception, where those data are missing, to the upper level NUTS (6 statistical regions).

Most of data are collected or calculated within regular statistical surveys carried out by the NSI, which are included in the National Statistical Programme. For the elaboration of the part of information administrative sources are used – the National System for Civil Registration of Population, registers, maintained by the Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Health and information from the Ministry of Interior. Data from Statistical register, maintained by the NSI are also used.

Addition to the numerical information, lists with addresses of primary and secondary schools, hospitals and nursing homes and universities in Bulgaria are prepared. For each of indicators/variables detailed metadata are elaborated and included in the Final Report for the activities carried out within the project, including data quality assessment.

Bulgaria provides information for indicators in the following area:
- Demography – movement of population (internal and international migration), age structure, births and deaths;
- Social Statistics – number of schools and number of beds in hospitals and nursing care facilities, location of schools, hospitals and universities;
- Macroeconomic Statistics – gross value added in agriculture, forestry and fishery;
- Business Statistics – capacity and occupancy of hotels and other similar establishments, number of employees in food industry;

In the implementation of the project took part experts from 7 NSI statistical units.

The all activities within the project were coordinated by the Agriculture and Forestry Statistics Department.