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### EU-CROATIA JOINT PROJECT ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN BUSINESS STATISTICS

***On Friday, 11 July 2014 the Croatian Bureau of Statistics will present the results of the programme IPA 2009 Component 1 projects on 'Technical assistance in business statistics' and 'Technical assistance in business statistics and quality documentation'.***

The IPA 2009 project on the 'Technical assistance in business statistics' has a budget of 718,581.00 Euro, and is implemented by the GOPA Consultants over the period 03 September 2012 – 03 August 2014.

The IPA 2009 project on the 'Technical assistance in business statistics and quality documentation' has a budget of 776,131.00 Euro, and is implemented by the GOPA Consultants over the period 03 September 2012 – 03 September 2014.

The Croatian Bureau of Statistics (CBS) was the beneficiary of both technical assistance projects.

The projects aimed at developing and harmonising the following statistical domains with the requirements of the European Statistical System:

- Short-term Statistics – Services Producer Price Index,
- Energy Statistics – final consumption in households, and final consumption in service sector
- Construction Statistics,
- Modernization of Business Statistics,
- Quality documentation.

The project implementation has resulted in increased statistical capacity for the CBS. The work in the areas mentioned above will certainly impact on the future public image of official statistics in Croatia due to the expected effect they will have on numerous decision-making processes in Croatia, which require information provided by business and population.

The project has well served its purpose of progressively increasing Croatia's ability to fulfil its obligations in the area of statistics, both for domestic governmental use, and in a manner consistent with international statistical standards.

Mr Marko Krištof, Director General of the CBS, Mr Branko Baričević, Head of the EC Representation in Croatia, Ms Nataša Mikuš Žigman, Director of the Central Finance and Contracting Agency and Mr Stephan Krische, Director of GOPA Consultants Statistics Department, will make a few introductory remarks. Speakers from the CBS and GOPA will then summarise the main results of the project work.

The presentation of the project will take place on Friday, 11 July 2014 at 9:00 am in the Hotel Dubrovnik, Ulica Ljudevita Gaja 1, Zagreb.

Media are invited to attend the event and to inform the public accordingly.

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