

Dear Mr. Tsvetarsky,

Today my participation in the training of experts from Balkan countries has come to an end. I hope that I succeeded in passing down at least some part of my knowledge and I have succeeded in contributing to the good cooperation on the Balkans (including in a non-formal way).

I am writing this letter because I would like to share my incredible impressions of Slivek's great facilities and the wonderful organisation of the event.

I would also like to congratulate you on the excellent idea to gather young experts from the Balkan countries and to create connections not only on professional level but also purely on personal level. The participants in the course themselves shared with me that this event was of great multi-national relevance, because for me, as for them, good neighbourliness and collaboration are of significant importance for the future development of Balkan nations.

Thank you again for the opportunity to participate again in this "celebration" of brotherly cooperation.

Sincerely,

Assoc. prof. Alexander Naidenov
Statistics and Econometrics Department
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Dear colleagues,

Thank you kindly, for the invitation and the perfect organization of the training course „Introduction to Theory and Organization of statistical surveys“.

You are going to receive the complete overview with couple of suggestions about the programme of the next course by the end of this week.

Happy New Year 2019.

Best Regards,

Ranko Stojanovski
State Statistical Office of FYROM

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Honorable colleagues,
Dear friends,

It was a pleasure for us to take part in these trainings.

As young specialists in the field of statistics, we had the opportunity to learn from different lectures during these days.
Focusing in theory and practices by examining different examples was an experience that will help us in the future to improve our work.

As representatives of INSTAT in Albania we thank you for these opportunities, and especially we appreciate the hospitality that was made for all of us.
Visiting special places with ancient history was a marvelous experience that extended our knowledge about Bulgaria.

It was so nice to learn with colleagues from different countries of Balkans. Spending time together made us possible to learn,
share and extend our knowledge, not only for statistics, but also about culture from all participants.

We hope to meet again in the future, and wish to you and your families: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2019

Best regards!

Anisa Plloca, Dorina Memaj, Dardan Bela
Institute of Statistics of Republic of Albania

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Dear all,

Thank you for your letter and thank you for your invitation to participate in the course "Introduction to the theory and organization of statistical research in the Republic of Bulgaria according to European standards".

It was a great honor and pleasure for me to attend the training and I learned new and interesting things that I further believe that I will be able to apply them in my further work. Here I can mention the practical work in the SPSS statistical program, work with big data, gross domestic product etc...

In the coming days, I would like to inform you that I will be pleased to prepare a comprehensive report in which I will show in detail my impressions of the full-time stay in the Republic of Bulgaria, as well as give my specific suggestions for further.

I was very glad to meet you all, that I was staying and I was a participant in the course at the National Statistical Institute, and that we all had a lot of fun together.

I would also like to know that you have proved yourself to be very good hosts and I am constantly thinking about the whole organization on your part. My impressions are so great

that I really can not express them in words. I would sincerely wish to be again in the Republic of Bulgaria, visiting the National Statistical Institute, and I sincerely believe that I will be part of some future event.

Great greetings to the whole team of the National Statistical Institute.

Sincerely,

Pero Ilievski
State Statistical Office of FYROM

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Dear colleagues,

We would like to thank you for your warm welcome of our three very young statisticians.

The work visit was extremely well-organized and impressive.

The information we exchanged with your representatives was very useful for us and our work in general.

Therefore, on behalf of my colleagues and the Agency for Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for your efforts and warm hospitality.

We look forward to further communication and cooperation with National Statistical Institute of Bulgaria in the future.

Thank you very much for your generous hospitality once again and we wish you success in your future work in statistics.

Also we would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year 2019 and all the best!

Much love from sunny Sarajevo

Anita Brkovic
Ivana Simic
Amra Ibrahimagic
Agency for Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Dear colleagues,

First, thank you for the invitation. I am very happy and pleased that I was included in the training course for young statisticians.

The organization was excellent, I'm still under impression. Lovech and Veliko Tarnovo gave me a strong impression. Cities with positive energy and historically rich.

The lectures were excellent and they increased my knowledge in the field of statistics.

Thanks for the great fun, I had an unforgettable friendship which I hope will be repeated. On behalf of my colleagues and the State Statistical office , we would like to express our sincere gratitude for your efforts and warm hospitality.

I believe we'll see each other again.

I wish you a Happy New Year and all the best.

Best regards,

Jana Grkova
State Statistical Office of FYROM

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Dear colleagues,

I hope this letter finds you all well.

Because of the bad weather conditions we arrived a day late in Kosovo.

As representatives of the "Kosovo Statistic Agency" we thank you for the days we spent in Bulgaria.

We have gone very well by learning interesting and new things about the development of statistics in neighboring countries.

And so for us it was a pleasure to be part of this meeting.

It was a pleasure to learn about the history of your country and to see new things that we only read in books.

On behalf of the three young experts from Kosovo and as a representative of the "Kosovo Agency of Statistics", we thank you very much for your hospitality and wish you good work and many successes in the future.

As well as for all participants we wish good beginnings with more success for this New Year 2019!

Kindest regards from Kosovo,

Ardiana Rashica
Shpetim Bulatovci
Florid Bytyqi
Kosovo Agency of Statistics

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Dear colleagues,

Your hospitality was great! You and your colleagues are wonderful people and as far as I'm concerned it really was all at the top level! It was a very entertaining trip no doubt and I shall forever cherish the enjoyable moments.

You gave me a lot of reason to be thankful to you. I can never thank you enough. But this is a start.

I hope to see you all again, so I propose that you organize course at the next level for all of us I wish a Happy New Year and Merry Christmas to you and your colleagues.

Best regards,

Miloš Todorov,
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Dear colleagues and friends from Slivek,

On behalf of representatives of Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia in the course "Introduction to the theory and organization of statistical research in the Republic of Bulgaria according to European standards" I would like to share some impressions and thoughts with all of you.

First, we have to thank you for inviting us to your training course. It was our pleasure to be part of it. We hope that this collaboration between our Statistical Institutes will continue in future also, because this experience is very valuable for young statistical experts.

This course met its purpose completely. Participants were acquainted with fundamental principles and main tasks of the different statistical domains in a clear way with good lecturers and presentations. Every lecture was followed with some practical examples and exercises in which participants took part. It was good opportunity to learn and now we can improve work in our Institute. All above mentioned is the main reason for our feeling of satisfaction after this course.

Attendance to this course was great experience in various ways. It had significant impact on all of us in different statistical domains. Because of that we suggest for you to organize some Advanced training, like second part of this course. Maybe more topics about Big Data and new tendencies in official statistics. You presented yourselves as great hosts and it wouldn't be hard for you to organize something like that.

We would also like to express our sincere gratitude for our trip to Veliko Tarnovo and all gifts that you gave us. Many great memories and things we brought with ourselves back to home.

This course provided us not just good knowledge and new statistical skills but also new friends, colleagues and cooperation with other Institutes.

Thank you again for warm welcome and your hospitality! We hope that we will have opportunity to meet again in some course or for some nice celebration.

We wish you HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAPPY NEW 2019 YEAR!

BUT more than all we wish you big amounts of health and smiles. 😊

Best regards from snowy Belgrade from SORS representatives in nice SLIVEK,

Miloš Todorov
Nataša Dobrosavljevic
Aleksandar Puaca
Jelena Suzic
Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia

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Dear colleagues,

As I previously informed you, in this letter we present the details of our impressions of the stay in Slivek, Republic of Bulgaria and we will share our proposals for the future.

First of all, we would like to thank you again for your invitation to participate in the course "Introduction to the theory and organization of statistical research in the Republic of Bulgaria according to European standards" organized by the National Statistical Institute - Sofia and conducting it at the training center in Slivek - Bulgaria.

It was a great honor and pleasure for us to attend the course, to meet the team of the National Statistical Institute Sofia and that we were guests in Bulgaria in general. The impressions are really great.

The whole course was excellent, the theoretical part and the practical part of the lectures were conducted so that we got additional knowledge and we will make the maximum effort to apply the same knowledge in our future work. During the course lectures, NSI professors and experts presented us with their experience the field of statistics and statistical research, and this was of great importance to us.

We were especially pleased to learn from the NSI team, that we met the professors and experts who led the course, that we met you, the director of the methodology, the Vice President and the President of the NSI, colleagues from the countries of the Western Balkans, that we were guests of the NSI, guests of Slivek, etc.

Great gratitude to the National Statistical Institute Sofia for the whole organization of the course, the accommodation and socialization, great gratitude to the NSI team, to the director of the methodology, to the Vice President and the President of the NSI, to the professors and experts of the course, and to the Ministry foreign affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria.

The whole organization was really wonderful and you would like to know that you have proven to be very good hosts.

Our future proposals would be:

1. Organization of advanced courses for statistics and statistical research for the same participants who have successfully completed the basic course, so that we can further upgrade and expand our knowledge and also gain stronger and stronger experience in statistics and statistical work;
2. We would like to take a deeper look and learn more about work and access to big data, a practical part for big data and access to them, exchange of statistical experience with the countries of the Western Balkans and development of European statistics in the future; as well as
3. Making a joint pilot project and conducting a joint research by all Western Balkan countries, and then receiving the data, processing and analyzing these data. Point 3 is considered to be of particular importance to all Western Balkan countries, because by accepting and implementing of this point, countries will be able to think in the direction of further closer cooperation and conduction of joint research.

We sincerely hope that in near future we will be participants in another course or event, organized by the National Statistical Institute.

We wish you a Happy New 2019 Year and Merry Christmas Holidays, and we wish you a good health and a lot of success.

Sincere regards to the whole team of the National Statistical Institute!

Sincerely,

Pero Ilievski
Jana Grkova
Ranko Stojanovski
State Statistical Office of the Republic of Macedonia