

## Who are the key players?

### In Lebanon

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# Improving Statistics in Lebanon



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## Welcome

The **CAS** is working to improve the availability of statistical information (**especially economic statistics**) in Lebanon for both public and private users. This twinning project entitled “Support to the Central Administration of Statistics” is one important initiative aimed at this goal.

## What is a twinning project?

Twinning is a major instrument of The European Union (EU) cooperation. It provides a framework for administrations in the Beneficiary Country (BC) to work with their counterparts in Member States (MS). The aim is to transfer the knowledge and skills needed to achieve the same standards as in Member States, in a manner that ensures all involved benefit from the experience.

## What are the project's specific aims?

**There are three main components, the first in two parts:**

**Component A: National accounts and foreign trade statistics**

**Component A1: National accounts**  
Up to now, the Economic Accounts of Lebanon have been prepared in the Prime Minister's Office. While they are the best

available estimates, they are based on many long-standing assumptions that need to be reviewed in the light of more recent surveys undertaken by **CAS**. The aim is to establish new estimates and to take over responsibility for producing the National Accounts.

### **Component A2: Foreign Trade Statistics**

Foreign trade statistics are available from the Customs. However, for economic analysis they need to be combined into more meaningful categories, and indices of prices and volumes calculated.

### **Component B: Social Statistics Publications**

The aim here is to develop analytical and presentational skills so that CAS can publish better quality, more user-friendly reports on social issues.

### **Component C: Business Register Feasibility Study**

An up-to-date register of businesses is fundamental to good economic statistics. This study will determine the best plan for establishing such a cost-effective register.

## How can YOU help?

If you use statistics in your work or in analysing (especially economic) developments, we want to hear from you. If you work in a department of government, we may ask you for data so we can compile the statistical results and accounts in the most effective way.

## What organisations are involved in the project?

The European Union (EU) is providing the funding.

[www.ec.europa.eu/delegations/lebanon/index\\_en.html](http://www.ec.europa.eu/delegations/lebanon/index_en.html)

The Project Administration Office (PAO) in the Office of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers administers European funding on behalf of the Lebanese Government

[www.paolebanon.org](http://www.paolebanon.org)

The Central Administration for Statistics (CAS) is responsible for statistics in Lebanon. CAS is the Twinning partner receiving the support.

[www.cas.gov.lb](http://www.cas.gov.lb)

The Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) is responsible for statistics in Northern Ireland (UK). It is the Twinning partner leading the provision of the support from UK. Northern Ireland is similar in size to Lebanon.

[www.nisra.gov.uk](http://www.nisra.gov.uk)

Northern Ireland Cooperation Overseas (NICO) Ltd is a publicly owned company aiming to share the experience of Northern Ireland and managing the support.

[www.nico.org.uk](http://www.nico.org.uk)