



## **Report from the pilot survey on innovations and innovation capacities of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SME), 2016-2018, conducted within the Project SMEInnoBoost**

Within the project Small and medium-sized enterprises innovation capacity boost, as part of the Transnational programme INTERREG “Balkan-Mediterranean 2014-2020”, the State Statistical Office conducted a pilot survey on innovations and innovation capacities of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SME), 2016-2018. The pilot survey was conducted in the period from 22 to 26 October 2018. It covered micro (1-9 employees), small (10-49 employees) and medium-sized (50-249 employees) enterprises from the following divisions: 26 Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products; 61 Telecommunications; 62 Computer programming, consultancy and related activities and 63 Information service activities, in accordance to NACE Rev.2, on national level. The objective of the survey was to check whether the questionnaire is clear and understandable to the reporting units or is it necessary to make certain changes in its contents or to prepare additional explanations related to the filling in of the questionnaire.

The questionnaire, together with an accompanying letter and methodological guidelines for the survey were sent to the reporting units by email. All emails of the reporting units were active. The reporting units were sent three emails as reminders to submit the filled-in questionnaires. Additionally, the reporting units were contacted by telephone, as well. They did not ask additional questions regarding the answering of the questionnaire and no misunderstandings regarding the questionnaire’s contents were registered.

Activities that follow in the forthcoming period are preparatory activities for conducting the regular survey on innovations and innovation activities of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SME), 2016-2018, which will cover all micro, small and medium-sized enterprises in the divisions 26, 61, 62 and 63, in accordance to NACE Rev. 2. Preparatory activities are: preparation of instruments for data collection, development of application, selection and training of interviewers, because the regular survey will be conducted on the field with interviewers using modern IT technology, preparation of output data.