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### EU for the development of statistics in Serbia

Today, on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, the representatives of the EU Delegation to Serbia, led by the Head of Operations Section II, Martin Klauke, handed over the keys of 18 Škoda vehicles, which are a donation from the European Union, to Dr Miladin Kovačević, Director of the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia.

The donation is made within the Project IPA 2018 *EU project for the development of statistics in Serbia*, consisting of four components that represent significant statistical surveys, i.e. 2021 Census of Population, Households and Dwellings, 2021 Census of Agriculture, Population Health Survey (EHIS 2019) and Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey on the Position of women and children (MICS 2019).

The donated vehicles are intended for regional departments of statistics, located in 15 municipalities of the Republic of Serbia, as well as headquarters in Belgrade. The new vehicles will be used primarily for carrying out activities related to the 2022 Population Census and 2023 Census of Agriculture. The use of these vehicles will greatly reduce the costs and time provided for census and other activities.

The total value of the *EU project for the development of statistics in Serbia* is EUR 29 750 000, in which the share of the EU participation is EUR 20 000 000, i.e. 67.23%.

The aim of this project is to strengthen the implementation of national strategies aimed at different sectors and participants, thus improving and facilitating the international comparability of the statistical data.

We are proud of our cooperation so far and we believe that it will continue, equally successfully, in the future.

Director

Dr Miladin Kovačević