



ANNOUNCEMENT

Pursuant to the Greek Statistical Law 3832/2010, as in force, the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) conducted, during the period from 22/6/2015 to 26/6/2015, the main stage of the certification process of the statistics of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs. In this framework, the Certification Team of ELSTAT concluded that certain basic steps must be taken by the Ministry for the continuation of the certification process of its statistics. The Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs was informed on the above steps by ELSTAT's letter with ref. No. OP-980/3.12.2015 and it confirmed, by a letter of the Minister sent on 18 December 2015, its intention to implement the aforementioned steps. It was agreed between the Ministry and ELSTAT that the implementation of the steps had to be completed within the next six months, i.e., until the 30th of June 2016.

On 30 June 2016 the Ministry, by its letter with ref. No 106877/GD1/30-6-2016, provided information on the progress and the implementation of the above basic steps accompanied by a request for extension of the deadline for their completion until 31.12.2016, which was accepted.

The steps that should be completed are the following:

- Compilation and transmission to ELSTAT of a full list of all the statistics (data sets) produced by the Ministry and its supervised entities.
- Compilation and publication of the 2017 annual Statistical Work Program, in accordance with the structure laid down in the letter with ref No OP-980/3-12-2015 sent by ELSTAT, and of the corresponding 2015 Annual Report of the Ministry and its supervised entities.
- Elaboration and publication of a quality policy. Development of internal guidelines for ensuring the quality of the produced statistics.
- Compilation and publication of methodological notes for all the statistical surveys/works of the Ministry and its supervised entities, by which statistics are produced.
- Compilation of quality reports for all the statistical surveys/works in accordance with the general structure and content laid down in the Statement of Principles and Procedures for the Certification of ELSS Statistics, and publication thereof.
- Development and implementation of a system for monitoring the quality of the statistical processes and the statistical output.
- Compilation and publication of the necessary procedures for granting users access to microdata for research purposes, in accordance with the provisions of the Statistical Law 3832/2010 and the Regulation on the Statistical Obligations of the ELSS agencies.
- Compilation and publication of a Press Releases calendar for the statistics produced by the Ministry and its supervised entities.
- Publication, of the scheduled revisions or methodological changes of the statistics produced by the Ministry and its supervised entities.
- Provision of equal and simultaneous access of all users, without any exception, to the statistics of the Ministry and its supervised entities. Limitation, control and publication of any privileged pre-release access of users to statistics.
- Documentation of the use of statistics and systematic recording of users' needs.