

Minutes of the 9th User Conference

On Wednesday 5 December 2018, the Hellenic Statistical Authority held on its premises in Piraeus, the 9th Annual User Conference, in accordance with its Annual Statistical Work Programme.

Forty-six (46) representatives of the public and private-sector participated in the Conference, together with representatives from educational and research institutes. ELSTAT was represented by its President, the Acting Head of the General Directorate of Administration and Organisation, Mr Ioannis Moschakis, the Acting Head of the General Directorate of Statistical Surveys, Mrs Vasiliki Benaki, as well as by the Heads of the competent Divisions and Sections of ELSTAT, in order to record users' comments and requests and to provide, if necessary, answers to questions made by users on the production of statistics.

The 9th User Conference was a thematic conference focusing on “*2021 Population — Housing Census: Relevance and Challenges*”. The President of ELSTAT, Mr Athanasios Thanopoulos, welcomed the participants and referred to the reasons leading to the choice of the specific topic of the Conference, highlighting the importance of the Population — Housing Census for both ELSTAT and the users of statistics.

Subsequently, the President of ELSTAT made a brief reference to the items of the agenda of the Conference and to the relevant speakers.

In line with the Agenda of the User Conference, four (4) presentations were made to the participants:

➤ *Brief overview of the conduct of the 2021 Population — Housing Census*

The Head of the Financial Management Division of ELSTAT, Mrs Aikaterini Moutafidou, made a short presentation of the 2021 Population-Housing Census (purpose, legal framework, methodology and timing, organisation and bodies to carry out the Census, processing and publication of the results, budget and financial review, post-enumeration survey of the Census).

➤ *Post-2021 Census*

The Head of the Population and Labour Market Statistics Division of ELSTAT, Mrs Theano Tyfoxylou, referred to the strategy of the European Statistical System for the post-2021 Census, which, from 2025 onwards, provides for the production on a yearly basis of main population statistics, with first reference year, the year 2024.

➤ *Data collected during the Population-Housing Censuses*

The Head of the Census and Population Status Statistics Section of ELSTAT, Mrs Panagiotia Poziou, made a brief presentation of the variables of the Population Census, both the mandatory variables, by virtue of the relevant European Regulations and the non-mandatory variables, as well as the relevant metadata.

➤ *Main findings of the 2017 User Satisfaction Survey*

The Deputy Head of the Statistical Information and Publications Division of ELSTAT, Mrs Pota Tzortzi, presented the results of the 2017 User Satisfaction Survey.

Prior to the last presentation, the Special Adviser at the Office of the President of ELSTAT, Mrs Georgia Lytra, referred to the ongoing Graphics Competition for the logo of the 2021 Population-Housing Census.

Subsequently, the floor was given to the users for any comments and requests concerning the services provided by ELSTAT and the statistical product produced. The comments and requests that were made are outlined below by participating agency and representative.¹

Harokopio University of Athens

(Mr Thomas Maloutas)

- Mr Maloutas requested from ELSTAT to ensure the availability of the basic statistical information from the 2021 Population-Housing Census.
- He asked ELSTAT to keep in the Dwelling-Household Enumeration Form of the Population-Housing Census Questionnaire the questions concerning the type and the amenities of the dwelling and to add a question concerning the floor of the dwelling.
- He asked ELSTAT to make provisions in the 2021 Population-Housing Census for identifying migrants, refugees and migrants of 2nd generation, as well as for locating the dwellings on short-term renting.
- He requested the enrichment of the application “Panorama of Census Data for 1991-2011” with the data of the 2021 Population-Housing Census.

¹ It should be noted that the comments of the representatives do not represent, in all cases, the positions of their agencies.

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

(Mrs Vasiliki Kouskouna, Mrs Danae Kalantzidou-Firtinidou)

- Mrs Kouskouna asked for the addition in the Building Enumeration Form of the Population-Housing Census Questionnaire of questions concerning the change of use of the building and the time of the change of use, the total surface of the building, the existence of an elevator and of a top-floor apartment in the building, as well as a question on the floor of the dwelling.
- She also requested from ELSTAT to make provisions in the 2021 Population - Housing Census for enabling the production of data on the maintenance of short-term renting buildings.
- Mrs Danae Kalantzidou-Firtinidou requested the production of data on natural disasters.

Greek Carers Network, EPIONI

(Mr Spyridon Zorbas)

- Mr Zorbas requested the collection, during the 2021 Population-Housing Census, of data on personal care for people with disabilities and the provision of relevant allowances.

University of Patras

(Mr Ioannis Giannakopoulos)

- Mr Giannakopoulos requested the production, via the Population Census, of micro-data for the variable “income”.

University of Ioannina

(Mr Athanasios Stavrakoudis)

- Mr Stavrakoudis requested the collection, during the 2021 Population- Housing Census, of data on the coordinates of the buildings and data on public use buildings not belonging to the Greek State.

- He also asked for the collection, during the 2021 Population - Housing Census, of data on the origin of refugees and the addition of the variable on the “Reasons for relocation” for Greek nationals, as well.
- He suggested the development of on-line statistical courses, in cooperation with Greek universities.
- He also suggested the establishment of a Working Group, with the participation of academics, to study the existing literature on the anonymisation of micro-data.
- Mr Stavrakoudis also requested the provision of users with URL-type files and statistics based on SDMX (Structural Data and Metadata eXchange) format.

Focus Bari S.A.

(Mrs Eleni Turlouki)

- Mrs Turlouki requested the availability of data, on a yearly basis, on the ratio of fixed to mobile telephony in households in Greece.

Centre of Planning and Economic Research (KEPE)

(Mr Prodromos Prodromidis)

- Mr Prodromidis asked the addition in the Person Enumeration Form of the Population-Housing Census Questionnaire of questions concerning the working days of the enumerated person with and without remuneration, his/her income from paid work, from other sources related to employment (unemployment benefits, pensions, etc.) and from sources other than work (rent, interest, etc.).
- He also requested the recording, in the aforementioned Form, of the place of work of the enumerated person at LAU level 2.
- Mr Prodromidis suggested the development of cooperation between ELSTAT and the National Statistical Institutes of neighbouring countries in the context of the availability of data on the place of work of nationals of these countries in Greece and of Greek nationals in the above countries.

- He also suggested the implementation of the concept of the “representative on behalf of ELSTAT”.
- He suggested the self-presentation of ELSTAT at a conference of the Hellenic Statistical Institute (ESI).
- He expressed his willingness to support ELSTAT in fostering statistical literacy.

- **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)**
(Mr Michael Agorastakis)
 - Mr Agorastakis requested the collection, during the 2021 Population-Housing Census, of data on specific population groups, such as asylum seekers, spatially and also on the basis of their characteristics, for the migration flows in 2015.

- **Cambridge Architecture Research Ltd.**
(Mr Antonios Pomonis)
 - Mr Pomonis requested the production of additional statistics on social inequalities and better mapping of demographic events.
 - He also requested the collection of data on the energy footprint of buildings.
 - He acknowledged the significance of fostering statistical literacy in the Country.

ELSTAT, from its part, provided answers and clarifications, where appropriate, to the questions and requests of users.