



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 29/6/2015, the main stage of the certification process of the statistics of the Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Social Solidarity. In this framework, the Certification Team of ELSTAT which carried out the aforementioned task, concluded that certain basic steps must be taken by the Ministry for the continuation of the certification process of its statistics. The Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Social Solidarity was informed on the above steps by ELSTAT's letter with ref. No. OP-852/19.10.2015 and it confirmed, by a letter of the Minister sent on 6 November 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 5th of April 2016.

On 29 March 2016 the Ministry, by its letter with ref. No 13975/488/29-3-2016, provided information on the implementation of some of the basic steps required by ELSTAT and requested the extension of the deadline for the completion of the required steps until 31.12.2016.

On the basis of the above information provided, it follows that the Ministry still has not implemented the following basic steps:

- Compilation and publication of the 2017 annual Statistical Work Programme, in accordance with the structure laid down in the letter with ref No OP-852/19-10-2015 sent by ELSTAT, and of the 2015 Annual Report of the Ministry and its supervised agencies.
- 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 works of the Ministry by which statistics are produced.
- Compilation of quality reports 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 agencies.
- Provision of equal and simultaneous access of all users, without any exception, to the statistics of the Ministry. 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.

Taking into consideration the aforementioned letter of the Ministry and in order for ELSTAT to continue and complete the certification process of the statistics of the Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Social Solidarity, the Ministry should complete the implementation of the pending basic steps until 31.12.2016, providing ELSTAT with the relevant documentation.