

## User oriented quality report

### 1. Legal framework

The conduct of the General Censuses of Population-Housing and Buildings is provided for in article 10 of the Law 3832/2010 "Hellenic Statistical System (ELSS) Establishment of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) as an independent authority".

In particular, the 2011 Censuses of Buildings and of Population - Housing were conducted on the basis of Presidential Decree 168 (Government Gazette 223, issue A/2008) and in compliance with the methodological principles of Regulation (EC) 763/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and its implementing Regulations related to Population and Housing Censuses, the Joint Ministerial Decision 1524/Γ5-473 (Government Gazette 425, issue B/2011) and its amendment (Government Gazette 783, issue B/2011), and with the Legislative Act relating to the Conduct of the Population-Housing Census (Government Gazette 106 issue A/2011), as it was ratified by the Law 3995/2011 (Government Gazette 166 issue A/2011).

### 2. Purpose

The purpose of the Buildings Census is to identify the number of buildings at the level of Greece total and of the Region and to collect data on the number of floors, as well as on other characteristics (use, period of construction, etc.)

### 3. Useful concepts- basic definitions

**3.1 Building:** every permanent and independent structure, which has external walls and a roof and consists of one or more rooms or other complementary spaces, covering more than 4 square meters, irrespective of the purpose for which it was designed.

**3.2 Permanent building construction:** the building that was constructed to be stable for at least 10 years. Normally, buildings have four walls. However, building is also considered a permanent building construction open from one or both sides provided that it has a roof (e.g. Garage).

**3.3. Basement:** the area of the building whose ceiling is not higher than 1.50 m above ground level.

**3.4 Ground floor:** the lower area of the building which is neither a basement nor a pilotis space, whose lower level is tangential to the ground.

**3.5 Pilotis space:** open ground floor area of a building that is supported by pilotis or pillars, at least 2,40m high, covering at least 50% of the surface area of the building.