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Building Activity Survey: February 2017

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the provisional data, for the month February 2017, of the Building Activity Survey. More Specifically:

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in February 2017 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 911. This figure corresponds to 225.0 thousand m² of surface and 1,056.6 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 4.2% decrease in the number of building permits, a 10.8% increase in surface and a 3.5% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2016 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in February 2017 amounted to 906. This figure corresponds to 223.8 thousand m² of surface and 1,051.7 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2016 there is a 3.3% decrease in the number of building permits, a 16.9% increase in surface and a 0.1% decrease in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in February 2017 amounted to 5. This figure corresponds to 1.2 thousand m² of surface and 5.0 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 0.5% of the total building volume in February 2017.
- In the last twelve months, from March 2016 until February 2017, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 12,563. This figure corresponds to 2,440.2 thousand m² of surface and 10,450.0 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from March 2015 until February 2016, there is a 3.1% decrease in the number of building permits, a 9.8% decrease in surface and a 29.6% decrease in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from March 2016 until February 2017, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 3.1% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 1.8% decrease in surface and an 8.2% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from March 2015 to February 2016 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 3.2% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - February 2017, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 2.3% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 6.8% increase in surface and a 6.8% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2016 (Table 5).
- During the same period, January - February 2017, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 2.6% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 9.3% increase in surface and a 5.4% decrease in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - February 2016 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), February 2016* and 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	35	27	-22.9	3.1	7.8	151.1	10.8	30.8	183.7
Kentriki Makedonia	126	133	5.6	54.9	28.2	-48.6	482.7	126.7	-73.8
Dytiki Makedonia	15	13	-13.3	5.7	1.9	-65.9	24.1	12.1	-50.0
Thessalia	44	32	-27.3	8.8	19.6	122.1	32.0	142.1	344.3
Ipeiros	44	24	-45.5	8.6	8.4	-2.8	31.6	41.7	32.0
Ionioi Nisoi	57	61	7.0	8.7	15.0	71.7	29.8	49.2	65.1
Dytiki Ellada	62	102	64.5	9.8	12.7	29.2	32.6	48.3	48.3
Stereia Ellada	71	63	-11.3	8.0	7.3	-9.4	35.7	28.9	-19.0
Peloponnisos	104	86	-17.3	20.0	15.2	-24.2	125.0	92.8	-25.8
Attiki	211	189	-10.4	31.7	79.8	152.0	131.6	390.9	197.1
Voreio Aigaio	33	27	-18.2	3.8	3.4	-10.5	16.6	10.8	-35.1
Notio Aigaio	87	88	1.1	16.7	11.3	-32.5	69.5	35.9	-48.4
Kriti	62	66	6.5	23.1	14.4	-37.7	73.1	46.7	-36.1
Greece, Total	951	911	-4.2	203.1	225.0	10.8	1,095.1	1,056.6	-3.5

*Provisional Data

It should be noted that any differences between the increase/ decrease in the number of the issued building permits and the corresponding increase/decrease in the surface or volume may be on account of individual building permits involving big surface or volume or of building permits that do not concern surface or volume, such as amendments, restorations, demolitions, etc.

Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), February 2016* and 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	35	27	-22.9	3.1	7.8	151.1	10.8	30.8	183.7
Kentriki Makedonia	122	132	8.2	52.0	28.2	-45.7	470.7	126.7	-73.1
Dytiki Makedonia	15	13	-13.3	5.7	1.9	-65.9	24.1	12.1	-50.0
Thessalia	44	30	-31.8	8.8	19.3	118.7	32.0	141.1	341.1
Ipeiros	40	24	-40.0	5.3	8.4	59.5	17.3	41.7	140.8
Ionioi Nisoi	57	61	7.0	8.7	15.0	71.7	29.8	49.2	65.1
Dytiki Ellada	62	102	64.5	9.8	12.7	29.2	32.6	48.3	48.3
Stereia Ellada	69	63	-8.7	7.7	7.3	-5.6	34.6	28.9	-16.5
Peloponnisos	104	85	-18.3	20.0	15.2	-24.2	125.0	92.8	-25.8
Attiki	210	189	-10.0	31.7	79.8	152.0	131.6	390.9	197.1
Voreio Aigaio	33	27	-18.2	3.8	3.4	-10.5	16.6	10.8	-35.1
Notio Aigaio	87	88	1.1	16.7	11.3	-32.5	69.5	35.9	-48.4
Kriti	59	65	10.2	18.0	13.5	-25.4	58.0	42.7	-26.3
Greece, Total	937	906	-3.3	191.4	223.8	16.9	1,052.6	1,051.7	-0.1

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), March 2015 - February 2016* and March 2016 - February 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	March - February		Change (%)	March - February		Change (%)	March - February		Change (%)
	2015-16	2016-17		2015-16	2016-17		2015-16	2016-17	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	563	512	-9.1	106.3	106.3	0.0	428.3	460.0	7.4
Kentriki Makedonia	1,864	1,766	-5.3	427.9	365.9	-14.5	2,367.0	1,892.1	-20.1
Dytiki Makedonia	266	279	4.9	321.6	55.2	-82.8	4,014.7	251.9	-93.7
Thessalia	690	636	-7.8	190.8	179.7	-5.8	1,159.1	924.5	-20.2
Ipeiros	484	388	-19.8	90.4	84.0	-7.0	372.9	336.9	-9.7
Ionioi Nisoi	575	698	21.4	92.2	153.0	66.0	321.5	542.3	68.7
Dytiki Ellada	1,047	1,055	0.8	180.0	164.8	-8.4	749.4	650.7	-13.2
Stereia Ellada	1,007	1,106	9.8	202.7	158.7	-21.7	1,038.8	744.1	-28.4
Peloponnisos	1,418	1,331	-6.1	226.8	230.7	1.7	971.8	939.6	-3.3
Attiki	2,355	2,408	2.3	379.9	462.4	21.7	1,635.4	2,049.2	25.3
Voreio Aigaio	518	319	-38.4	74.9	39.7	-47.0	286.7	133.7	-53.4
Notio Aigaio	1,191	1,106	-7.1	196.7	176.7	-10.2	747.9	588.3	-21.3
Kriti	987	959	-2.8	216.0	262.9	21.7	748.3	936.5	25.1
Greece, Total	12,965	12,563	-3.1	2,706.3	2,440.2	-9.8	14,841.8	10,450.0	-29.6

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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), March 2015 - February 2016* and March 2016 - February 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	March - February		Change (%)	March - February		Change (%)	March - February		Change (%)
	2015-16	2016-17		2015-16	2016-17		2015-16	2016-17	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	555	505	-9.0	102.9	104.3	1.4	409.5	450.3	10.0
Kentriki Makedonia	1,826	1,742	-4.6	421.5	351.2	-16.7	2,344.0	1,827.1	-22.1
Dytiki Makedonia	262	278	6.1	68.1	52.6	-22.7	355.5	236.4	-33.5
Thessalia	687	627	-8.7	190.1	177.6	-6.6	1,156.5	915.3	-20.9
Ipeiros	477	386	-19.1	86.7	84.0	-3.2	357.4	336.8	-5.8
Ionioi Nisoi	575	697	21.2	92.2	149.0	61.7	321.5	506.9	57.7
Dytiki Ellada	1,043	1,050	0.7	174.1	159.7	-8.3	725.7	628.0	-13.5
Stereia Ellada	1,003	1,100	9.7	202.3	157.4	-22.2	1,037.6	739.3	-28.7
Peloponnisos	1,409	1,321	-6.2	225.8	228.4	1.1	968.7	928.7	-4.1
Attiki	2,347	2,396	2.1	370.3	437.9	18.3	1,601.2	1,950.9	21.8
Voreio Aigaio	515	318	-38.3	70.3	39.7	-43.5	268.7	133.7	-50.2
Notio Aigaio	1,184	1,091	-7.9	195.8	172.2	-12.1	744.4	567.9	-23.7
Kriti	977	949	-2.9	209.1	252.9	20.9	726.4	896.9	23.5
Greece, Total	12,860	12,460	-3.1	2,409.3	2,366.9	-1.8	11,017.0	10,118.2	-8.2

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Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region, January - February 2016* and 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - February		Change (%)	January - February		Change (%)	January - February		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	66	51	-22.7	8.6	10.4	21.7	38.6	39.4	2.0
Kentriki Makedonia	232	200	-13.8	75.7	41.6	-45.1	594.5	205.9	-65.4
Dytiki Makedonia	21	22	4.8	6.4	3.8	-39.9	28.5	18.4	-35.3
Thessalia	87	69	-20.7	15.3	33.0	116.6	64.8	220.7	240.9
Ipeiros	65	43	-33.8	14.4	11.1	-22.8	52.2	50.6	-3.1
Ionioi Nisoi	92	117	27.2	14.2	30.7	115.8	49.5	100.8	103.5
Dytiki Ellada	110	160	45.5	17.7	22.9	29.2	61.7	83.4	35.3
Stereia Ellada	125	138	10.4	13.7	15.2	11.4	54.6	62.4	14.2
Peloponnisos	174	180	3.4	29.3	33.5	14.2	156.7	143.1	-8.7
Attiki	344	352	2.3	76.6	104.9	37.0	319.3	489.6	53.3
Voreio Aigaio	53	48	-9.4	6.0	5.6	-6.4	24.1	18.0	-25.6
Notio Aigaio	142	160	12.7	33.4	24.8	-25.7	175.4	85.3	-51.4
Kriti	132	140	6.1	36.2	33.3	-8.0	115.0	99.7	-13.3
Greece, Total	1,643	1,680	2.3	347.4	370.9	6.8	1,735.0	1,617.4	-6.8

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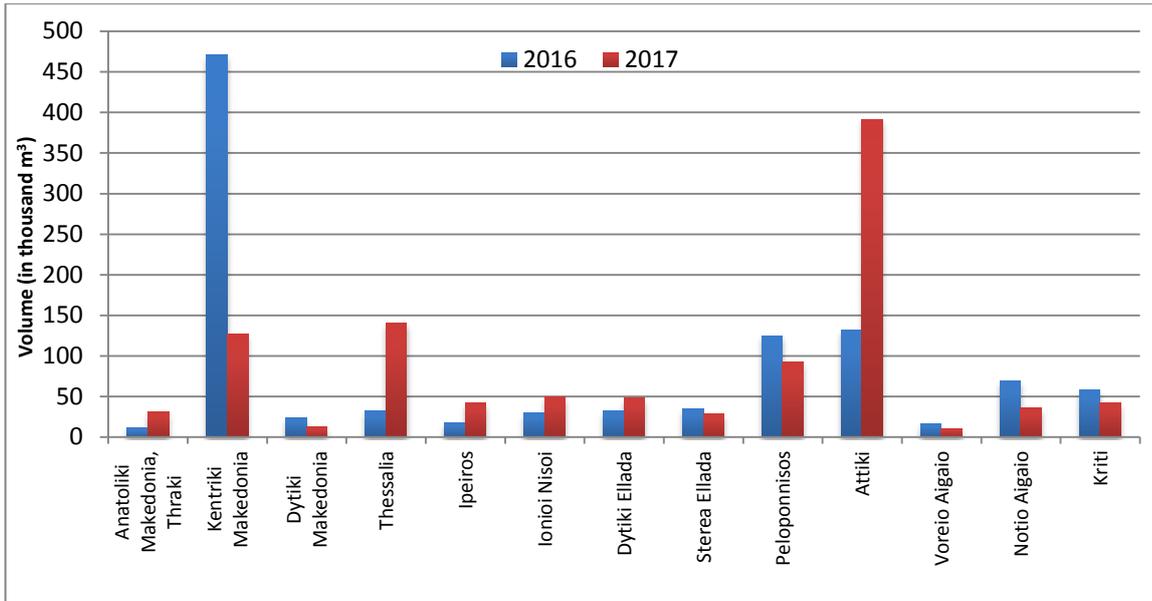
Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January - February 2016* and 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - February		Change (%)	January - February		Change (%)	January - February		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	66	51	-22.7	8.6	10.4	21.7	38.6	39.4	2.0
Kentriki Makedonia	228	198	-13.2	72.8	41.6	-42.8	582.4	205.9	-64.7
Dytiki Makedonia	21	22	4.8	6.4	3.8	-39.9	28.5	18.4	-35.3
Thessalia	87	67	-23.0	15.3	32.7	114.7	64.8	219.7	239.3
Ipeiros	61	43	-29.5	11.0	11.1	1.0	37.9	50.6	33.5
Ionioi Nisoi	92	117	27.2	14.2	30.7	115.8	49.5	100.8	103.5
Dytiki Ellada	110	159	44.5	17.7	21.1	19.0	61.7	76.2	23.5
Stereia Ellada	123	138	12.2	13.4	15.2	14.1	53.5	62.4	16.6
Peloponnisos	174	179	2.9	29.3	33.5	14.2	156.7	143.1	-8.7
Attiki	343	351	2.3	76.6	104.5	36.5	319.3	488.1	52.9
Voreio Aigaio	53	48	-9.4	6.0	5.6	-6.4	24.1	18.0	-25.6
Notio Aigaio	142	160	12.7	33.4	24.8	-25.7	175.4	85.3	-51.4
Kriti	128	138	7.8	31.2	31.7	1.6	100.0	93.4	-6.6
Greece, Total	1,628	1,671	2.6	335.7	366.7	9.3	1,692.5	1,601.3	-5.4

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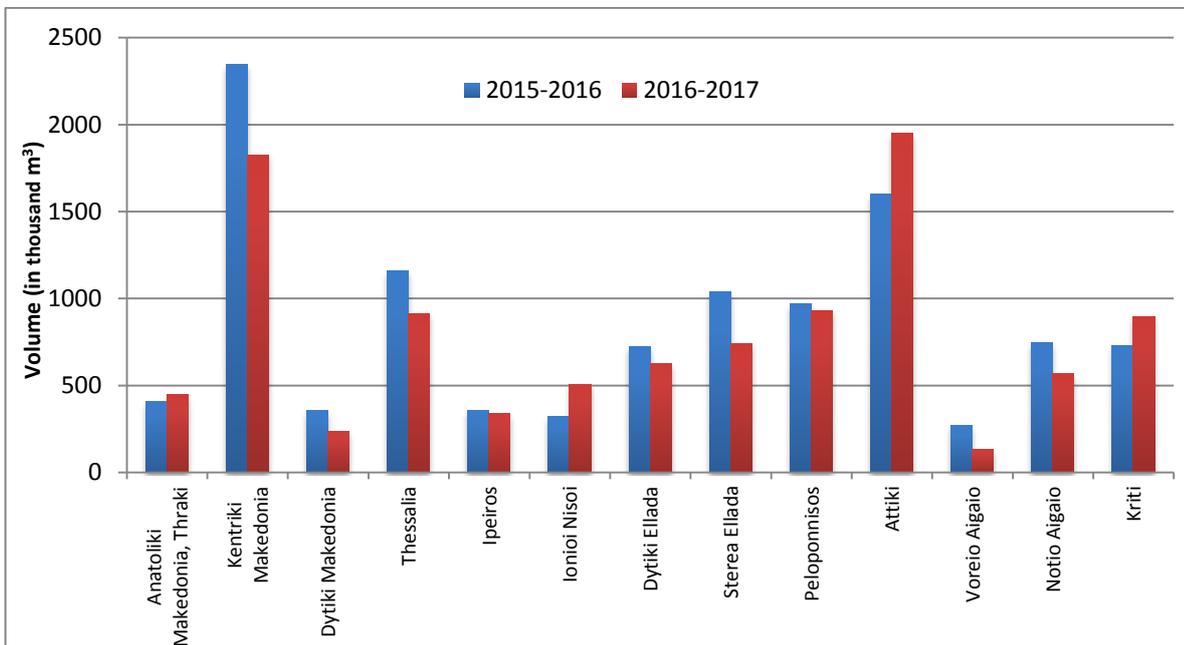
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), February 2016* and 2017 *



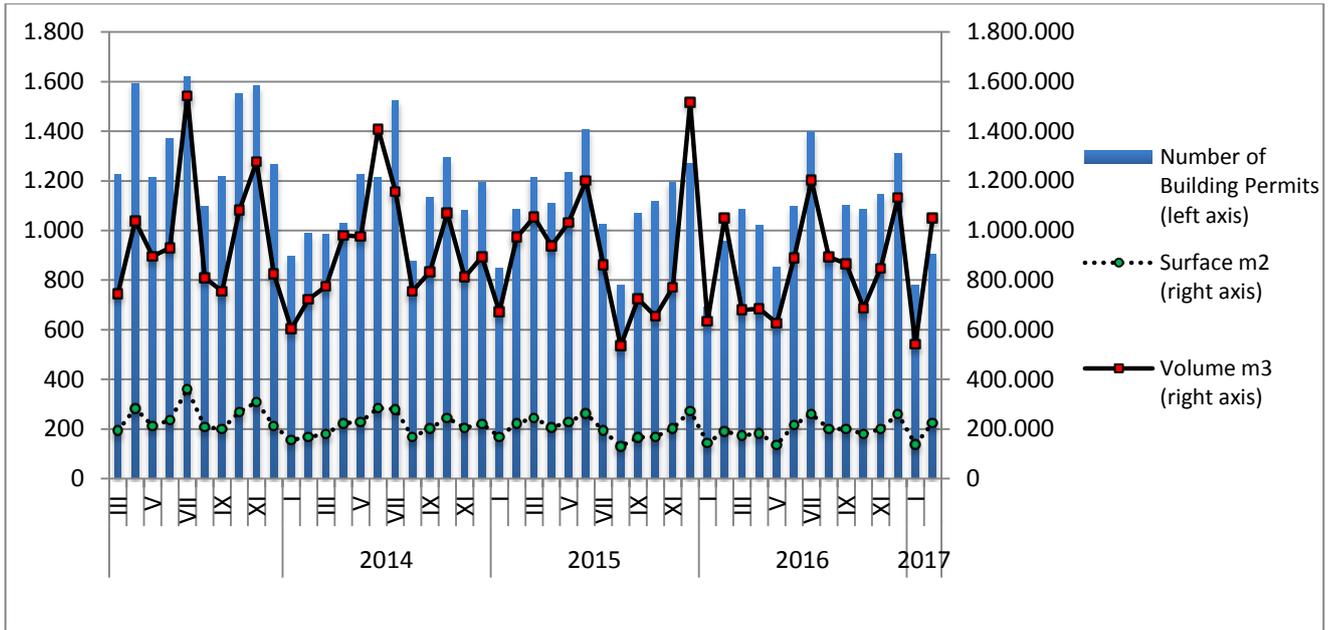
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), March 2015 - February 2016* and March 2016 - February 2017*



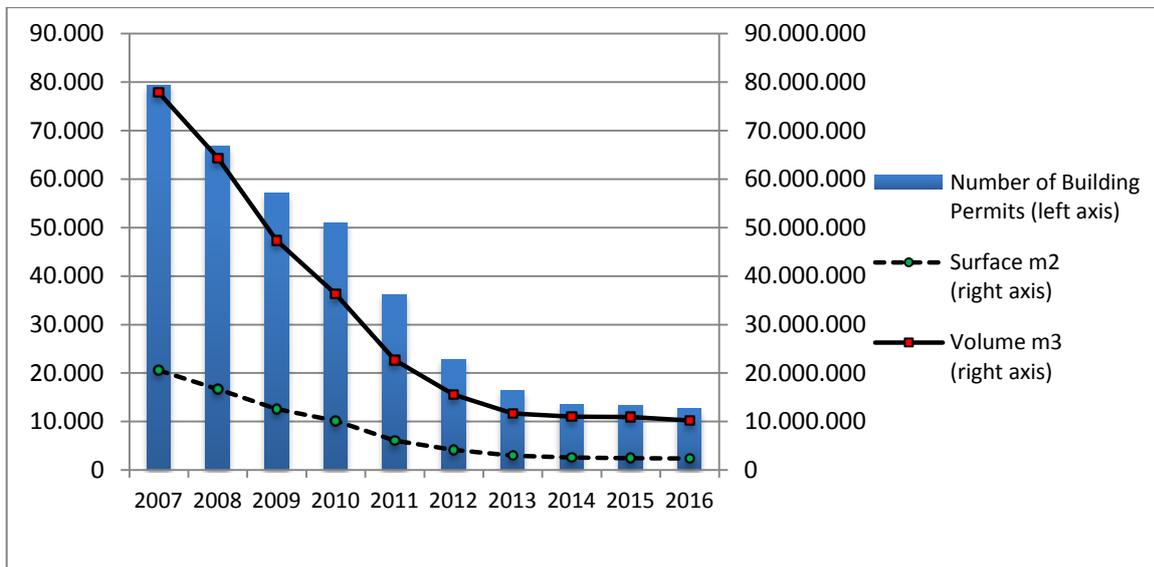
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (March 2013 – February 2017*)



*Provisional data for February 2017

Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2007 - 2016)



EXPLANATORY NOTE

- Building Activity Survey** The Building Activity Survey has been providing data on a monthly and yearly basis, since 1964. The purpose of this survey is to register the total number of building permits issued by the responsible administrative authorities, which are devolved to complete the questionnaire. The survey covers all the features of building activity, such as the type of building permit, the type of construction, the type and the characteristics of the building and its auxiliary spaces, as well as building usage, surface, volume and value.
- Legal Framework** The survey is fully harmonized with the European legislation. The primary legislative act is Regulation (EU) 1165/1998, as it was amended according to Regulation (EU) 1158/2005.
- Reference Period** February 1, 2017 to February 28, 2017
- Coverage** The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the country.
- Definitions**
- Building Permit** refers to all types of building permits. These are permits for new buildings or permits for additions, repair, renovation, demolition, legitimization, amendment and modification of a building.
- The denotation of "built-property" is equal to "building".
- Building** is every permanent and independent structure, which has walls and a roof and consists of one or more rooms and other complementary spaces. Normally, buildings feature four walls. However, a construction open from one or even two sides will be considered a building, as long as it has a roof.
- New building** is any built-property raised on an uncovered site or in the place of an old building that has been demolished.
- Building Addition** is every construction that adds building volume (space) to an existing building, in terms of surface, height or both and creates a residence, a shop or both.
- Building volume** (the net building volume) refers to the area that is included between the external surface of the external walls, the lowest level (the basement or the sub-basement, if it exists) and the roof of the building. If there is an open ground floor not enclosed within walls between the lower floor and the roof, its volume is taken into account. The relevant authorities calculate the volume of the building during the issuing of the building permit.
- Surface of new-built property** is considered to be the sum of each floor space along with the outer space of the outer walls.
- General Remark** Any delineation that may occur between the sum of sub totals and the totals is due to rounding.
- References** More information (questionnaires, methodology) with regards to the Building Activity Survey is available on ELSTAT's web-site: www.statistics.gr, under the link: <http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/>