

On Friday 20 December 2013, the Hellenic Statistical Authority held on its premises in Piraeus, the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual User Conference, in accordance with its Annual Statistical Work Programme.

Eleven (11) representatives of the public and private-sector participated in the Conference, together with representatives from Embassies, educational and research institutes.

The President of ELSTAT, Mr Andreas Georgiou, welcomed the participants and provided a detailed description of the printed material which had been distributed to them. Subsequently, he presented the work and the main operation axis of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) since its establishment.

Subsequently, the Head of the Division of Organisation, Methodology and International Relations, Mr Ioannis Moschakis, presented the actions taken and planned by ELSTAT to address user requests made during the previous three User Conferences.

Following the presentation of the actions, the President of ELSTAT asked the participants to make any comments. The comments and requests that were made are outlined below, by participating agency and representative.<sup>1</sup>

- **Public Power Corporation (PPC)**

(Mrs Irini Papadogianni)

- She pointed out to the lack of time series for national accounts (Gross Domestic Product), especially before 2000.
- She asked for the production of additional data on electricity.

- **Bank of Greece**

(Mrs Dafni Nikolitsa)

- She pointed out to the lack of long time series for national accounts (GDP), as well as of seasonally adjusted GDP data

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

- She noted the time lag in the production of data on value added per detailed division and on structural business statistics.
- She highlighted the need to revise the Industrial Production Index with a more recent base year.
- She referred to the need for more regular cooperation between the Bank of Greece and ELSTAT Divisions.
  
- **Centre for the Development of Education Policy (KANEP) of the Greek General Confederation of Labour (GSEE)**  
(Mr Nikolaos Paizis)
  - He highlighted the need to develop specific national education statistics, taking into account the geographical specificity of the country (mountainous, insular areas, etc.), by setting up Working Groups bringing together all the actors involved.
  - He suggested the signing of memoranda of understanding with the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs for the production of statistics, for example statistics on the average teaching hours.
  - He requested from ELSTAT to compile and post on its website methodological notes on education statistics corresponding to those of Eurostat.
  - He asked for the development of indicators on young people aged 25-44 years who are not employed and the production of statistics on pre-primary education, on post-secondary non-tertiary education and on lifelong learning.
  - He noted the lack of education data compared with the available data in the OECD database.
  
- **KLIMAKA — Centre for the prevention of suicide**  
(Mr Aristidis Violatzis)
  - He noted the under-recording of suicides in Greece.

- He requested the production of data on suicide attempts.
- He suggested cooperation between ELSTAT and the Centre for the Prevention of Suicide, in order to investigate how to accurately record suicide in Greece.
  
- **Hellenic Institute for Occupational Health and Safety (ELINYAE)**  
(Mrs Dimitra Pinotsi)
  - She noted the under-recording of accidents at work in Greece, as well as the time lag in the production of these accidents.
  
- **Ministry of Rural Development and Food**  
(Mr Stylianos Kokkidis)
  - He highlighted the excellent cooperation with ELSTAT officials in the framework of the pilot exercise on the certification of statistics of the Ministry by ELSTAT.
  
- **National Centre for Marine Research (ELKETHE)**  
(Mrs Athina Kokkali)
  - She requested the production of statistics on rooms for rent and eco-tourism at the level of Municipality.
  - She pointed out to the need for developing statistics on maritime tourism.
  - She requested the production of statistical data on waste water treatment systems per Municipality.

ELSTAT, from its part, provided answers and clarifications, where appropriate, to the questions and comments of users. Moreover, ELSTAT provided information on its point of view on all the above statistical issues, as well as well as information about its response times to specific users' requests.