

**Committee of Experts for the selection of the President of the Hellenic Statistical  
Authority (EL. STAT)  
22, 25 and 26 of January 2016**

**Report from the Secretariat**

The committee of Experts was established by decision No 2/65460/0004/29.10.2015 (ΑΔΑ: 6ΞΧ8Η-1ΓΔ) issued by the Minister of Finance, as amended by decision No 2/76667/0004/03.12.2015 (ΑΔΑ:6ΘΣΤΗ-ΖΟΦ) issued by the Minister of Finance and consists of the following members:

**Participants**

- Mr. **Panagiotis Liargovas**, representative of the Hellenic Parliament, chair
- Mr. **Petros Dellaportas**, representative of the Ministry of Finance, member
- Ms. **Marie Bohata**, representative of the European Statistical Office (Eurostat), member
- Mr. **Jean-Michel Charpin**, representative of the European Statistical Governance Advisory Board (ESGAB), member
- Ms. **Jil Matheson**, representative of the European Statistical System Committee (ESSC), member.

Secretarial support to the Committee was provided by EL.STAT and specifically by the following officials:

- o **Nektaria Tsiligkaki**, Head of the International Relations Unit of the Directorate of Organisation, Methodology and International Relations
- o **Magdalini Leraki**, who serves at the International Relations Unit of the Directorate of Organization, Methodology and International Relations

**Venue and timing of the meeting**

The three-day meeting took place at the Royal Olympic Hotel, 28-34 Athanasiou Diakou str., Athens, between January 22 and January 26, 2016.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016, the Committee approved the agenda (attached) having first agreed on some modalities, the mode of the whole operation, the finalization of the list of candidates to be interviewed and the schedule of the interviews.

### **Task of the Committee**

This call for expression of interest was published on 04 December 2015 on the website of the Ministry of Finance, the portal of EL.STAT and on the following website: <http://www.opengov.gr/home/>

Applications were received from fifteen (15) candidates. Two (2) candidates were declared non-eligible by the Committee because they did not meet the criterion of having a PhD degree. The remaining thirteen (13) candidates were interviewed by the Committee.

### **Criteria for the position of the President of ELSTAT**

This call for application (attached) identified the following selection criteria:

- 1a) The high scientific training, with professional or academic expertise in the field of statistics or similar fields or in a field relevant to that of statistical surveys and studies, and
- 1b) The candidate's ability, as indicated by his professional and scientific career, to meet the requirements of the statistical principles provided for in article 338 paragraph 2 of the TFEU, in article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 and in the European Statistics Code of Practice.

In addition, the President of EL.STAT must have a PhD degree.

2) The indicative evaluation criteria:

Excellent knowledge of the English language.

3) **Criteria for exclusion** of a candidate:

- a) he has been convicted of offences of property or property rights or offences pertaining to perjury, forgery or breach of duty or against the Service, or offences against public morality, as well as if he has been convicted of any criminal offence stipulated in paragraph 4 of article 3 of the Law 3051/2002;
- b) he has been removed from the post of the President of ELSTAT.

### **Procedure for evaluating and selecting the candidates**

For criterion 1(a) the Committee examined candidates' scientific background, professional activities, publications, participation in conferences and seminars, etc.

For criterion 1(b) the Committee assessed the ability of candidates to meet the requirements of statistical principles by asking about motivation, communication, leadership, management, professional competence, understanding and implementation of the European Statistics Code of Practice and the international landscape of official statistics, and the ability to identify challenges and opportunities for official statistics.

Each candidate was invited to begin with a short presentation. Interviews were conducted in English.

The Committee agreed its recommendation on the completion of all interviews. This recommendation was sent to the Minister of Finance on 26 January 2016.

The Committee also agreed that its conclusion would be conveyed to each candidate, and its report would be published on the EL.STAT's website by 29 January.

Athens, 26 January 2016

The Secretariat of the Committee of Experts

Ms. Nektaria Tsiligkaki



Ms. Magda Leraki

