



Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT)

ELSTAT and the Hellenic Statistical System

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The Hellenic Statistical System (ELSS)

- The set of rules, activities and agencies responsible for the conduct of statistical operations aiming at the development, production and dissemination of the official statistics of Greece.
- Established by Law 3832/2010.
- Comprises ELSTAT and other 21 agencies, which produce statistics.
- ELSTAT and other 9 of the above agencies (“National Authorities”) produce European statistics.

List of ELSS agencies

- Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT)
- Ministry of Interior
- Ministry of Economy and Development
- Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs
- Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Social Solidarity
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ministry of Citizen Protection
- Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights
- Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Administrative Reconstruction
- Ministry of Culture and Sports
- Ministry of Environment and Energy
- Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport
- Ministry of Migration Policy
- Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy
- Ministry of Rural Development and Food
- Ministry of Tourism
- Bank of Greece
- National Hellenic Research Foundation (NHRF) - National Documentation Centre (EKT)
- Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority (HCAA)
- Hellenic Telecommunications and Post Commission (HTPC)

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Legal framework

- Greek Statistical Law No 3832/2010, establishing ELSTAT and the ELSS.
- Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 as amended by Regulation (EU) No 2015/759, on European Statistics.
- European Statistics Code of Practice (CoP), containing 16 principles for ensuring the quality of European statistics.
- **Commitment on Confidence in Statistics**, signed in 2012, outlining the commitments of the Greek government to take all the necessary measures to ensure the professional independence of ELSTAT and the reliability of ELSS official statistics.
- **Regulation on the Operation and Administration of ELSTAT**, determining special issues related to ELSTAT's competencies.
- **Regulation on the Statistical Obligations of the Agencies of ELSS**, outlining the obligations of those agencies.

Link: <http://www.statistics.gr/en/legal-framework>

The European Statistics Code of Practice

- The cornerstone of the common quality framework of both the European Statistical System (ESS) and the Hellenic Statistical System (ELSS).
- It is implemented by all ELSS agencies when they develop, produce and disseminate official statistics.

ELSTAT's legal form

- Independent Administrative Authority.
- Enjoys operational independence, administrative and financial autonomy.
- Not subject to the control of any governmental body or other administrative authority.
- Its operation is subject to the control of the Greek Parliament in accordance with its rules.

ELSTAT's structure

- 4 Units, besides the General Directorates, directly under the President of ELSTAT (3 Offices and 1 Department)
- 2 General Directorates
- 14 Divisions (13 Central Divisions and 1 Regional Division)
- 72 Sections (53 Sections in the 13 Central Divisions and 19 Regional Statistical Sections)
- 32 Regional Statistical Offices

ELSTAT's staff

Number	Central Service	Regional Offices		Total	
	515 (12 are seconded to other agencies)	204 (3 are seconded to other agencies)		719 (15 are seconded to other agencies)	
Sex	Women		Men		
	460		259		
Age	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
	1	26	130	412	150
Education	University/Technical		Secondary/Obligatory		
	463		256		
	Ph.D: 29	Master: 144			

ELSTAT's responsibilities

- Establishes and implements the annual statistical program, produces and disseminates official, national and European Statistics of Greece, and conducts any kind of regular or ad-hoc statistical surveys.
- Represents Greece as the “National Statistical Institute” in the services of the European Union and in any other competent international organization, and participates in the relevant statistical committees of the EU and of other international organizations.
- Cooperates with Eurostat and the other services of the European Commission, the EU national statistical institutes and with other international agencies and organizations on statistical issues.
- Sees to the timely, reliable and effective dissemination of statistical information and to the promotion of statistical issues.
- Cooperates with educational institutions and research centers, in Greece or abroad, for the promotion of scientific research for statistical issues.
- Provides its opinion prior to the submission to Parliament, of any legal provision that concerns ELSTAT or the official statistics of Greece, as well as for any legal provision regarding the creation of new or the restructuring of administrative data sources and public registers or files.

The role of ELSTAT in the ELSS

- Defines the agencies and the National Authorities of the ELSS.
- Cooperates with the other ELSS agencies and coordinates their activities pertaining to the development, production and dissemination of the official statistics of Greece.
- Provides advice and guidance to the other ELSS agencies on issues concerning the production of statistics.
- Develops, disseminates and coordinates the implementation of the European Statistics Code of Practice (CoP) within the frame of ELSS.
- Develops national guidelines for ensuring the quality of ELSS statistics.
- Sees to the training of its staff and the staff of the other ELSS agencies on statistical matters, including the CoP principles and the UN Fundamental Principles for Official Statistics.
- Certifies as “official” statistics produced by the other ELSS agencies.

Certification of ELSS statistics

- The approval provided by ELSTAT that the statistics produced by an ELSS agency shall be used as official statistics.
- Its terms and conditions are determined in the *Regulation on the Operation and Administration of ELSTAT*.
- Its principles and procedures are laid down in the *Statement of Principles and Procedures for the Certification of the Statistics of ELSS*.

Basic document for the certification covering:

- the aims of ELSTAT's certification function;
- the principles that ELSTAT adopts when certifying official statistics;
- an outline of the certification process;
- the requirements for completion of Quality Reports on each statistical process for the production of official statistics;
- the written evidence for certification that will be provided at the beginning of the certification process.

Certification of ELSS statistics (continued)

- *Guide to the ELSS agencies on the implementation of the CoP* (in Greek), which aims to assist those agencies in understanding and implementing the CoP.

Material relevant to the certification is available on ELSTAT's website at:

<http://www.statistics.gr/en/certification-of-statistics>

Compliance of ELSTAT with the CoP

Assessed through:

- **The Peer Reviews** regularly conducted in all EU Member States and EFTA countries to assess the compliance of Statistical Authorities that produce European statistics with the CoP principles.
- **The Good Practice Advisory Committee**, which assesses the implementation of the first 7 CoP Principles (institutional environment) in the ELSS.
- **Internal assessments** of compliance with the CoP of ELSTAT's Divisions through self-assessment questionnaires filled in by the Divisions.

ELSTAT's policies in compliance with the CoP

- **Quality Policy** (*indicator 4.1 of CoP principle 4*)
Includes the rules and principles implemented by ELSTAT for ensuring the quality of its statistics, as well as the quality of the other ELSS statistics.
- **Statistical Confidentiality Policy** (*indicator 5.4 of CoP principle 5*)
Includes the rules and principles implemented by ELSTAT for the observance of statistical confidentiality.
- **Revision Policy** (*indicator 6.6 of CoP principle 6*)
Includes the rules and principles implemented by ELSTAT for planned and non-scheduled revisions of its statistics.

All ELSTAT's policies are available on its website at:

<http://www.statistics.gr/en/policies>

Advisory Committee of the ELSS

- Composed of 17 members coming from agencies that verifiably use statistical data.
- Established by decision of the Minister of Finance.
- The President of ELSTAT is an ex-officio member of the Committee.
- Provides an advisory opinion to ELSTAT:
 - ❑ in the compilation of the statistical work programme of ELSS (Hellenic Statistical Programme) as regards:
 - the areas in which it may be necessary to have new statistics developed by ELSS;
 - potential changes in the priorities of production of existing statistics by ELSS;
 - the ways in which the relevance of ELSS statistics can increase for users;
 - whether the scope, the level of analysis and the cost of statistics correspond to the needs of users.
 - ❑ on matters concerning the requirements of users, the assessment of the relevance of ELSS statistics and the dissemination policy of these statistics.

Hellenic Statistical Programme (ELSP)

- Compiled and adopted by ELSTAT every 3 years, following the advisory opinion of the Advisory Committee of the ELSS.
- Sets out the major fields and objectives of the actions scheduled by the ELSS agencies for a 3-year period.
- Determines the priorities concerning the information needs of ELSTAT and of the other ELSS agencies to meet their statistical obligations.
- Determines the priorities of ELSS agencies as regards the production of statistics.
- Forms the basis for the compilation of the annual statistical work programmes of the ELSS agencies for the 3-year period concerned.
- More recent ELSP refers to the period 2017 – 2019.
- The ELSP referring to the period 2020 -2022 is to be approved by the end of March 2019.

Coordination Committee of ELSS

- Composed of the President of ELSTAT and the Statistical Heads of the other ELSS agencies.
- Established by decision of the President of ELSTAT.
- Chaired by the President of ELSTAT.
- Provides an advisory opinion to ELSTAT on:
 - ❑ the Regulation on Statistical Obligations;
 - ❑ the ELSS priorities, on the basis of the developments at national and international level, and the measures for the reduction of the administrative response burden of ELSS agencies;
 - ❑ several issues related to the production of statistics in the ELSS.

Statistical Confidentiality Committee

- Composed of competent ELSTAT's employees with specialization on statistical methodology, informatics and dissemination of statistical information.
- Established by decision of the President of ELSTAT.
- Makes recommendations to the President of ELSTAT on:
 - ❑ granting researchers access to confidential data for scientific purposes;
 - ❑ the analysis level at which statistical data can be released, in order to avoid the direct or indirect identification of the surveyed unit;
 - ❑ the anonymisation criteria for the microdata that are provided to users;
 - ❑ other issues on statistical confidentiality that are submitted to the Committee for opinion.
- The Data Protection Officer (appointed in ELSTAT pursuant to Article 37 of General Data Protection Regulation) participates in the meetings of the Committee.



Thank you for your attention