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### ELSTAT and UNICEF sign Memorandum of Cooperation

A Memorandum of Cooperation was signed yesterday by the President of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT), Mr. Athanasios C. Thanopoulos and UNICEF's Representative in Greece, Mr. Luciano Calestini, enshrining the excellent cooperation between the two entities since the beginning of their partnership in 2016, with the aim of further providing disaggregated data on children in Greece.

Under the signed Memorandum of Cooperation, ELSTAT and the Office of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Greece are joining their forces prioritising the availability of disaggregated data for all children in Greece, especially for the most at-risk minors (children without parental care, survivors of violence, children with disabilities, refugee and migrant children, Roma children). Furthermore, this partnership is intended to enhance the monitoring of relevant indicators in order to promote equity and inclusion of every child in the country.

*"Developing and producing reliable and relevant data regarding children in Greece is a key ingredient of ELSTAT's mission. Coordinating our efforts with UNICEF in an even more systematic way and streamlining operations where this is deemed appropriate, will be conducive to the availability of timely, granular and consistent information and the development of pertinent monitoring tools"* stated **Mr. Athanasios C. Thanopoulos**, President of ELSTAT.

*"Access to consistent, credible evidence on children is critical to realizing the rights of every child. We look forward to working even more closely with the Hellenic Statistical Authority to ensure that collective efforts to address current and emerging needs of children in Greece are closely monitored and guided by the most accurate and timely data"* said **Mr. Luciano Calestini**, UNICEF's Representative in Greece.

Key joint ELSTAT-UNICEF initiatives will include participation in national and regional meetings, exchange of good practices, dissemination of disaggregated data on the situation of children in Greece, as well as launch of joint nationwide awareness-raising campaigns, including focus on the full implementation of the Convention of the Rights of the Child (CRC) and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for children.

#### About ELSTAT

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) is the National Statistical Institute of Greece. The mission of ELSTAT is to safeguard and continuously improve the quality of official statistics of Greece. Its objective is to produce, on a regular basis, relevant and reliable statistics on all areas of private and public sector activities, by observing the highest international and European statistical standards.

For more information about ELSTAT, visit [www.statistics.gr](http://www.statistics.gr)



## About UNICEF

UNICEF promotes the rights and wellbeing of every child, in everything we do. Together with our partners, we work in 190 countries and territories to translate that commitment into practical action, focusing special effort on reaching the most vulnerable and excluded children, to the benefit of all children, everywhere.

For more information about UNICEF and its work for children across the region, visit [www.unicef.org/eca](http://www.unicef.org/eca) .

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