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PRESS RELEASE

Memorandum of Cooperation between the Hellenic Statistical Authority and the Athens University of Economics and Business

The development of a series of research and educational initiatives in areas of common interest is the subject matter of the cooperation between the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) and the Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB).

The President of ELSTAT, Mr. **Athanasios C. Thanopoulos** and the Rector of the AUEB, Professor **Dimitris Bourantonis**, signed, yesterday, a Memorandum of Cooperation whose aim is the mutual support of the two agencies in terms of know-how, the elaboration of joint actions for the promotion of statistical literacy, as well as the preparation and implementation of scientific and educational activities related to the statistical science through the development, production and dissemination of official statistics.

“ELSTAT promotes statistical literacy, upholds and assists the Greek universities so that young scientists become knowledgeable experts of the science they advocate, while gaining awareness and apprehending the responsibility an official statistical product must be vested with during all the stages of its development, production and dissemination. An additional objective of the cooperation with the Athens University of Economics and Business is to address, at the right time and in complete transparency, to future colleagues and key users of statistics, by consolidating their trust in official statistics and in ELSTAT, as a provider of reliable and objective statistical information”, said the President of ELSTAT, Mr. **Athanasios C. Thanopoulos**.

“The cooperation of the two organisations, which are of particular importance for the Greek economy, will be beneficial for pupils, students, businesses and their employees and will open up new horizons in scientific research”, stated the Rector of the AUEB, Professor **Dimitris Bourantonis**.

More specifically, the cooperation actions agreed between ELSTAT and the AUEB include the internship of students from the Athens University of Economics and Business at the Hellenic Statistical Authority, the preparation of theses on issues of common interest, the planning of actions and events to enhance statistical literacy, the organisation of workshops for the access and utilisation of high quality statistical and/or economic information by the student community, employees and businesses, as well as the adaptation of the postgraduate programmes of the AUEB on the basis of the requirements of the European Master in Official Statistics (EMOS) label of the Statistical Office of the European Union (Eurostat).

At the same time, the systematic cooperation between the two institutions is to be strengthened by the elaboration of targeted educational programmes and the joint organisation and implementation of a “Summer School” with a curriculum focusing on statistical topics.



Finally, it should be noted that the meeting for the signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation was attended by Professor **Ioannis Ntzoufras**, President of the Department of Statistics of AUEB, Professor **Dimitrios Karlis**, Mr. **Apostolos Kasapis**, Director of the President's Office of ELSTAT and Ms. **Christina Karamichalakou**, Head of the Business Statistics Division of ELSTAT.

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 purpose is to produce, on a regular basis, relevant and reliable statistics on all areas of private and public sector activities, by observing the highest European and international statistical standards.

More information about ELSTAT is available on its website at: www.statistics.gr

About the Athens University of Economics and Business

The Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB) is a public sector university, and its mission is to generate and disseminate knowledge in areas serving the national and international economy and society, as well as the formation of responsible citizens capable of creating, offering, participating and leading in the wider international environment.

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