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ANNOUNCEMENT

Completion of the "AI Powered Data for AI Driven Public Policies" Conference by the Hellenic Statistical Authority

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) successfully concluded the "AI Powered Data for AI Driven Public Policies" conference on October 31, 2024, at the National Gallery - Alexandros Soutsos Museum. The event brought together distinguished speakers from the political, academic, and business sectors, who shared insights and perspectives on the future of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Official Statistics and the development of technology-driven solutions for public policies based on reliable data.

The presence of Ms. Mariana Kotzeva, Director General of Eurostat, as the honored guest of ELSTAT's President, Mr. Athanasios C. Thanopoulos, added great value to the conference. In her speech, Ms. Kotzeva addressed the challenges and opportunities associated with AI in Official Statistics, emphasizing the importance of technology to further enhance the scope, relevance, and societal impact of the statistical product.

The event was also welcomed by the Minister of State, Mr. Akis Skertsos, who highlighted the strategic significance of AI for improving the quality of public policies and promoting transparency in decision-making processes.

The conference covered the following themes:

- **Regulatory and Ethical Challenges in AI for Official Statistics** with speakers including Giannis Mastrogeorgiou, Secretary General for Long-term Planning at the Presidency of the Government, Panagiotis Karakonstantis, Athens Court of Appeals Judge, and Ioannis Iglezakis, Professor at the Law School of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, discussing the regulatory and ethical challenges of integrating AI into Official Statistics.
- **Economic and Productivity Prospects of AI**, with Alexis Patelis, Chief Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister, Giorgos Pitsilis, Governor of the Independent Authority for Public Revenue (IAPR), and Nikos Vettas, Director General of the Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research (IOBE) and Professor at the Athens University of Economics and Business, who explored the economic prospects and productivity potential of AI.
- **AI-induced Transformation of the Information Industry**, with speakers including Dimosthenis Anagnostopoulos, Secretary General for Information Systems of the Ministry of Digital Governance, Dionysis Avrilionis, Founder and CEO of Compellio, and Vangelis Karkaletsis, Research Director at the Institute of Informatics and Telecommunications of the National Center for Scientific Research "Demokritos", who analyzed AI's role in transforming the information industry and its impact on decision-making.

ELSTAT extends its sincere gratitude to all participants and contributors for making this event a success, fostering interaction between policy, technology, and statistics in shaping public policies based on official statistical data.

For more information: <https://www.statistics.gr/en/ai-powered-data>