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ANNOUNCEMENT

Appointment of the President of ELSTAT, Athanasios C. Thanopoulos, as Deputy Director-General of the Statistical Office of the European Union (Eurostat)

On 30 September 2025, the European Commission announced the appointment of Athanasios Thanopoulos, serving President of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT), as Deputy Director-General of the Directorate-General for Eurostat – European Statistics (DG ESTAT). The date of effect will be determined at a later stage.

Eurostat is the Statistical Office of the European Union, responsible for publishing high-quality European statistics and indicators that enable comparisons between countries and regions. It develops harmonised definitions, classifications and methodologies for the production of European official statistics in cooperation with national statistical authorities.

With academic studies in Greece, France and the United States, and a career of more than 25 years in both public sector institutions and other fields, Athanasios Thanopoulos has extensive knowledge and experience in statistics and economic policy. He has served as President of ELSTAT since 2016 and was Chair of the European Statistical System Partnership Group from 2022 to 2024. He has represented the Greek government in the Economic and Financial Committee on Statistics and has participated, as delegate of the Ministry of Finance, in the Council Working Party on Statistics.

As President of ELSTAT, he led Greece's first Digital Population and Housing Census, the design and implementation of the country's first national statistical literacy strategy, and the modernisation of the Greek statistical system, achieving full compliance of ELSTAT with the European Statistics Code of Practice.

Athanasios Thanopoulos is the first Greek national to be appointed to a position at the highest administrative level within Eurostat.