

The role, operation and consultation mechanisms of the Hellenic Users Council

[Advisory Committee of the Hellenic Statistical System (SY.EP.EL.S.S.)]

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The mission of the Advisory Committee of the Hellenic Statistical System (SY.EP.EL.S.S.)

In the preparation of the Hellenic Statistical Programme and of the annual statistical work programme of ELSTAT, the SY.EP.EL.S.S provides an advisory opinion to ELSTAT as regards:

- The areas in which it may be necessary to have new statistics developed by the ELSS (Hellenic Statistical System).
- Potential changes in the priorities of production of existing statistics by the ELSS.
- The ways in which the relevance of the ELSS statistics can increase for users.
- Whether the scope, the level of analysis and the cost of statistics correspond to the needs of users.

The mission of the Advisory Committee of the Hellenic Statistical System (SY.EP.EL.S.S.)

The SYEPELSS also provides advisory opinion to ELSTAT on matters that concern :

the requirements of the users of ELSS statistics,

the assessment of the relevance of existing ELSS statistics

and the policy on the dissemination of statistics that are produced by ELSS agencies.

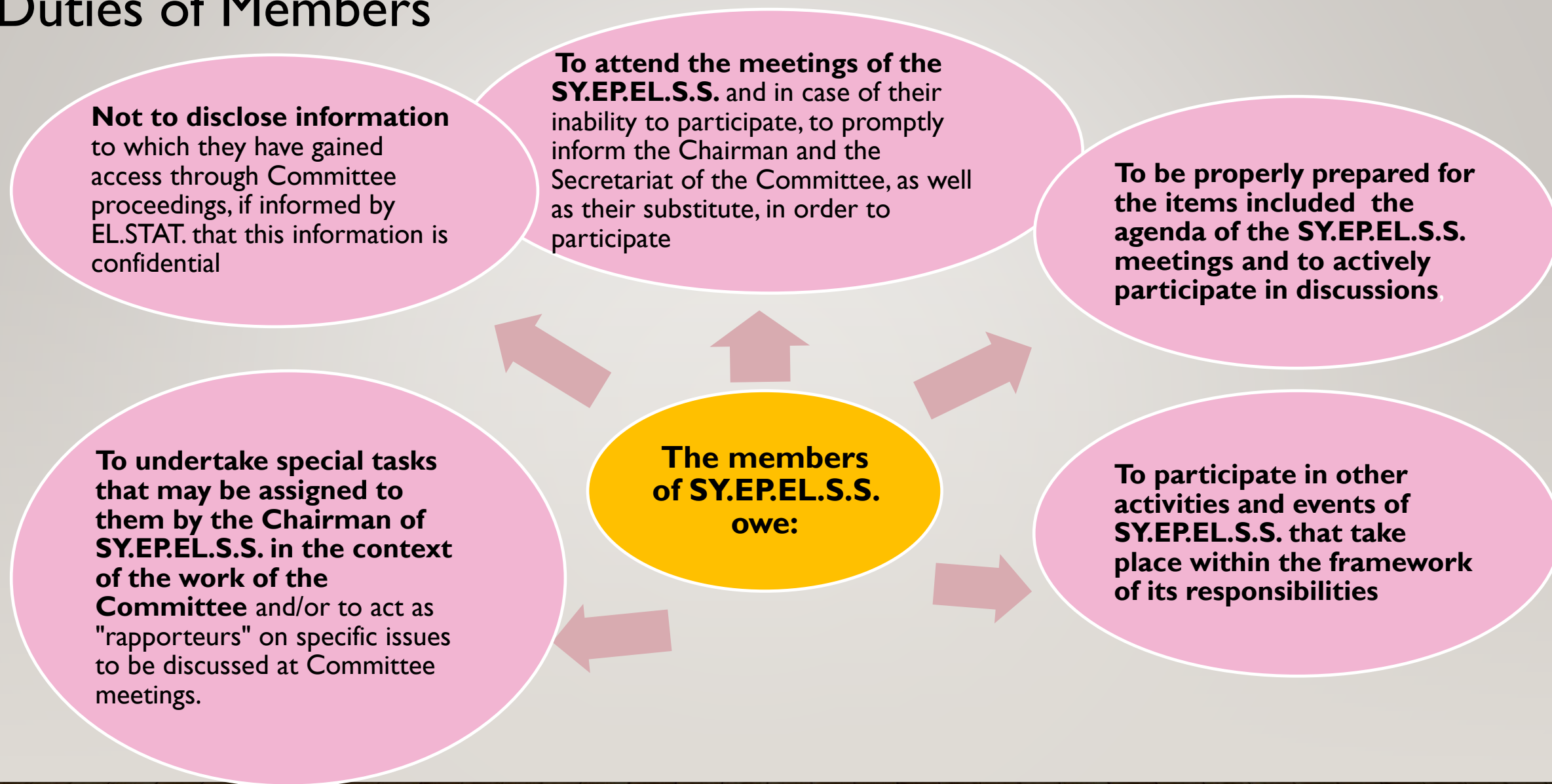
The members of the Advisory Committee of the Hellenic Statistical System (SY.EP.EL.S.S.)

The Advisory Committee of the Hellenic Statistical System (SY.EP.EL.S.S.) is composed of seventeen (17) members, who verifiably use in their work statistical data as users.

Each one of these members, along with his/her substitute, is nominated, respectively, by:

- The Hellenic Parliament
- The Government of Greece
- The Bank of Greece
- The Central Union of Municipalities of Greece (KEDE)
- The Hellenic Fiscal Council
- The Labour Institute of the Greek General Confederation of Labour (IN.E.G.S.E.E.)
- The Union of Hellenic Chambers
- The Hellenic Federation of Enterprises (SEV)
- The Economic and Social Council of Greece (OKE)
- The National Centre for Social Research (EKKE)
- The Centre of Planning and Economic Research (KEPE)
- The Panhellenic Confederation of Unions of Agricultural Cooperatives (PASEGES)
- The Hellenic Bank Association
- The Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research (IOBE)
- The European Commission- Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs (DG-ECFIN)
- The European Central Bank (ECB)
- The European Statistical Advisory Committee (ESAC)

Duties of Members



Additional information about the Advisory Committee of the Hellenic Statistical System (SY.EP.EL.S.S.)

- The members of the committee are appointed for a four year term, which can be renewed only once.
- The Chairman and the deputy Chairman of SY.EP.EL.S.S. are appointed for a term of two (2) years, following a ballot taken by its members
- The President of ELSTAT is an ex-officio member of the committee and participates in its works and meetings without vote.
- **The committee meets regularly twice a year.** The above meetings are held with the physical presence of the members and, in justified cases, via teleconference
- Operating cost
 - The operating cost of SY.EP.EL.S.S. is borne by the budget of EL.STAT. **To the members of SY.EP.EL.S.S. no compensation is paid for their participation in its meetings.** EL.STAT. covers the travel expenses of the members of the Committee from their headquarters, when located outside the Region of Attica, to the premises of EL.STAT., in the context of their participation in meetings or other events of SY.EP.EL.S.S.

Consultation mechanism of the Advisory Committee of the Hellenic Statistical System (SY.EP.EL.S.S.) :

Consultation Mechanism:

- SY.EP.EL.S.S. operates as a consultative body, ensuring that the statistical programs and outputs of ELSTAT are user-centric and meet the evolving needs of users. This mechanism fosters transparency, relevance, and quality in the national statistical system.
- In summary, SY.EP.EL.S.S. serves as a bridge between ELSTAT and the diverse community of statistical data users, ensuring that the production and dissemination of statistics in Greece are both relevant and of high quality.

SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE HELLENIC STATISTICAL SYSTEM (SYEPELSS) FOR 2024

Topics for discussion	Date
1st meeting of 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improving the operational efficiency of SYEPELSS• Draft Annual Statistical Program of ELSTAT for 2025	27 May 2024
2nd meeting of 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Draft Regulation of Internal Organization and Operation of SYEPELSS	30 September 2024

The annual statistical work programme 2025 (1/3)

General Directions :

1. ELSTAT's goals for 2025 **continue to include the coordination and cooperation of ELSTAT with the bodies of the Hellenic Statistical System (ELSS)** and the implementation of the improvement actions planned for 2025 in the context of implementing the recommendations of the Peer Review Report to the ELSS.
2. Furthermore, ELSTAT, recognizing since 2016 the importance of developing statistical literacy in Greece, aims, for 2025, to **further develop the actions of its strategy regarding the cultivation and strengthening of statistical awareness among the general public.**
3. Accordingly, ELSTAT's **actions are being further promoted in order to achieve the "democratization" of statistical information (data democratization) and its availability to users in an understandable and friendly manner.**

The annual statistical work programme 2025 (2/3)

Some **NEW** important **STATISTICS** :

1. **Development of Building and Population Statistical Registers**, based on the new Regulation on population statistics under preparation.
2. **Statistics on the combination of family life and work**, in the context of conducting a complementary (ad hoc) survey of the Labour Force Survey, year 2025.
3. Statistics on:
 - a) **energy and the environment**, in the context of adding new ad hoc modules to the Survey of Household Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC)
 - b) **health**, within the framework of the three-year module of the above research in the health sector
4. Study on the **design and compilation of the Wage Change Index**.
5. **Statistics on** : a) devices used to **access the internet**, b) activities via a **website or web application**, c) **the use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools**, d) problems when using the internet and ways to solve them, e) reasons for not using the internet, f) the use of electronic identification, g) the number of online purchases, h) the problems encountered during online purchases

The annual statistical work programme 2025 (3/3)

Some Experimental STATISTICS:

1. Continuation of the extraordinary **Statistical Announcements of provisional weekly death data**, based on primary data from the Registry Offices.
2. **Change in the frequency of dissemination of birth data results from annual to quarterly** (new Regulation on population statistics under preparation).
3. **Research on the living conditions of LOATKI people and discrimination due to sexual orientation**
4. **Statistics on Unemployment Benefits Recipients (UBR)**. Participation in a Eurostat pilot collection.
5. **Statistics on people with disabilities, chronic diseases, etc.**, using administrative data from the Disability Certification Centers (KEPA).
6. **Business Register Statistics for the self-employed**, with data by social characteristics.
7. **Monthly Statistical Announcements on the evolution of the turnover of enterprises in the Greek economy, in the sectors of Accommodation and Food Services**, at regional level, and in the individual sectors of Retail Trade.
8. **Monitoring the study and preparation project of a Tourism Satellite Account**, in collaboration with the competent Services.

The main challenges for the Hellenic Statistical Authority and the Advisory Committee

➤ The effective combination of traditional and new data sources is the major challenge for the future of official statistics

1. One major challenge is the **integration of big data, artificial intelligence, and digital tools** into statistical production while ensuring data accuracy, security, and compliance with EUROSTAT.
2. Additionally, the **growing demand for real-time and high-frequency data** requires ELSTAT to modernize data collection and processing methods to provide even more timely and relevant information for policymakers and businesses and economic forecasting, as traditional statistical methods may not always keep pace with fast-changing economic and social conditions.
3. **Data fragmentation across different sources and institutions complicates the harmonization and comparability of statistics**, posing difficulties for users who require comprehensive and coherent datasets.
4. Another challenge is **enhancing data literacy and statistical communication**, as complex statistical information must be presented in a way that is understandable and useful for policymakers, businesses, and the public.
5. Lastly, **trust in official statistics remains a critical issue**, with users demanding **greater transparency in methodologies**, governance, and data collection processes to ensure reliability and credibility in an era of misinformation and growing skepticism toward public institutions.



Thank you for your attention !!!

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BACKGROUND SLIDES



Additional duties for the Chairman of **SY.EP.EL.S.S.**

**The Chairman
of
SY.EP.EL.S.S.,
in addition to
the above
duties, is
expected :**

1. To determine, at the end of each year, in consultation with EL.STAT., the work programme of SY.EP.EL.S.S. for the following year, which will include, among other things, the topics to be discussed at the next year's regular meetings of the Committee and the dates of the above meetings,
2. To cooperate with the other members of SY.EP.EL.S.S., and to coordinate and guide their work, to ensure the usefulness of their contributions to the work of the Committee,
3. To set the agenda of the SY.EP.EL.S.S. meetings,
4. To convene the SY.EP.EL.S.S. at the scheduled times of its regular meetings, as well as in case of emergency, either on its own initiative or at the request of a member or members of the Committee,
5. To represent SY.EP.EL.S.S. in events related to issues of the Committee's competence and organized in Greece and abroad, or to designate his/her deputy or another member of the Committee for the relevant representation, in case of his/her inability to participate,
6. To cooperate with the Secretariat of SY.EP.EL.S.S., on various issues related to the technical and administrative support of the Committee.