



## PRESS RELEASE

### Building Activity Survey: December 2017

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the provisional data, for the month December 2017, of the Building Activity Survey. More Specifically:

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in December 2017 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,233. This figure corresponds to 242.6 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,050.7 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 6.7% decrease in the number of building permits, an 8.2% decrease in surface and an 8.6% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2016 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in December 2017 amounted to 1,218. This figure corresponds to 228.7 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 973.3 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2016 there is a 7.0% decrease in the number of building permits, a 12.2% decrease in surface and a 14.1% decrease in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in December 2017 amounted to 15. This figure corresponds to 13.9 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 77.4 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 7.4% of the total building volume in December 2017.
- In the last twelve months, from January until December 2017, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 13,847. This figure corresponds to 2,856.2 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 12,669.8 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from January until December 2016, there is an 8.6% increase in the number of building permits, a 17.7% increase in surface and a 20.1% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from January until December 2017, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded an 8.7% increase in the number of issued building permits, an 18.2% increase in surface and a 19.4% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from January to December 2016 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 3.9% of the total building volume.

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**Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), December 2016 and 2017\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	42	36	-14.3	18.9	9.1	-51.6	120.2	35.9	-70.2
Kentriki Makedonia	164	168	2.4	32.5	31.0	-4.5	186.7	183.4	-1.8
Dytiki Makedonia	38	17	-55.3	5.4	2.5	-54.0	22.6	10.8	-52.1
Thessalia	59	44	-25.4	10.8	11.5	6.5	60.4	41.6	-31.0
Ipeiros	37	37	0.0	5.8	9.5	63.6	21.0	44.0	109.8
Ionioi Nisoi	66	72	9.1	11.6	11.4	-2.3	38.4	34.8	-9.3
Dytiki Ellada	117	151	29.1	17.0	23.5	38.1	61.2	98.2	60.6
Stereia Ellada	107	99	-7.5	15.5	14.4	-6.6	74.4	55.5	-25.3
Peloponnisos	134	107	-20.1	33.1	19.9	-39.8	160.0	81.5	-49.0
Attiki	249	235	-5.6	46.4	36.9	-20.4	162.9	163.2	0.2
Voreio Aigaio	47	54	14.9	5.3	8.5	60.8	17.0	33.7	97.8
Notio Aigaio	148	140	-5.4	28.6	33.1	15.6	96.3	129.5	34.5
Kriti	114	73	-36.0	33.5	31.3	-6.4	128.7	138.3	7.5
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1,322</b>	<b>1,233</b>	<b>-6.7</b>	<b>264.2</b>	<b>242.6</b>	<b>-8.2</b>	<b>1,149.7</b>	<b>1,050.7</b>	<b>-8.6</b>

\*Provisional data for December 2017

It should be noted that the increase or decrease in the number of the issued building permits does not imply, necessarily, an increase or decrease in the underlying surface or volume. This is due to individual building permits involving big surface or volume or to building permits that do not concern surface or volume.

**Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), December 2016 and 2017\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	41	36	-12.2	18.8	9.1	-51.3	119.8	35.9	-70.1
Kentriki Makedonia	163	164	0.6	32.0	26.7	-16.7	184.6	164.1	-11.1
Dytiki Makedonia	38	17	-55.3	5.4	2.5	-54.0	22.6	10.8	-52.1
Thessalia	58	43	-25.9	10.6	8.8	-16.8	59.5	29.2	-50.9
Ipeiros	37	36	-2.7	5.8	9.4	61.1	21.0	43.4	106.9
Ionioi Nisoi	66	72	9.1	11.6	11.4	-2.3	38.4	34.8	-9.3
Dytiki Ellada	117	150	28.2	17.0	23.5	38.0	61.2	98.2	60.5
Stereia Ellada	106	98	-7.5	15.4	12.3	-20.4	74.3	45.1	-39.3
Peloponnisos	130	104	-20.0	31.1	19.6	-36.9	150.7	80.3	-46.7
Attiki	248	233	-6.0	46.4	34.3	-26.0	162.9	150.2	-7.8
Voreio Aigaio	47	54	14.9	5.3	8.5	60.8	17.0	33.7	97.8
Notio Aigaio	146	139	-4.8	27.7	31.4	13.2	92.6	109.3	18.0
Kriti	113	72	-36.3	33.2	31.3	-5.8	127.9	138.3	8.1
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1,310</b>	<b>1,218</b>	<b>-7.0</b>	<b>260.4</b>	<b>228.7</b>	<b>-12.2</b>	<b>1,132.5</b>	<b>973.3</b>	<b>-14.1</b>

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**Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January - December 2016 and 2017\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - December		Change (%)	January - December		Change (%)	January - December		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	553	483	-12.7	102.0	112.9	10.7	460.2	488.9	6.2
Kentriki Makedonia	1,828	1,850	1.2	401.3	452.1	12.7	2,288.7	2,521.9	10.2
Dytiki Makedonia	280	282	0.7	59.3	72.3	21.9	259.7	385.7	48.5
Thessalia	687	750	9.2	163.7	189.9	16.0	762.9	937.1	22.8
Ipeiros	411	473	15.1	87.7	125.8	43.5	333.2	645.9	93.8
Ionioi Nisoi	676	813	20.3	137.4	196.5	43.0	490.2	634.3	29.4
Dytiki Ellada	1,013	1,193	17.8	163.3	199.2	22.0	626.2	802.0	28.1
Stereia Ellada	1,096	1,109	1.2	158.4	176.1	11.2	729.5	896.7	22.9
Peloponnisos	1,410	1,326	-6.0	223.6	250.9	12.2	948.3	1,113.0	17.4
Attiki	2,410	2,722	12.9	439.9	532.6	21.1	1,895.1	2,312.4	22.0
Voreio Aigaio	333	437	31.2	39.8	52.7	32.4	141.3	184.4	30.5
Notio Aigaio	1,096	1,361	24.2	184.6	229.8	24.5	669.2	829.2	23.9
Kriti	958	1,048	9.4	265.3	265.3	0.0	948.9	918.5	-3.2
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>12,751</b>	<b>13,847</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>2,426.3</b>	<b>2,856.2</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>10,553.5</b>	<b>12,669.8</b>	<b>20.1</b>

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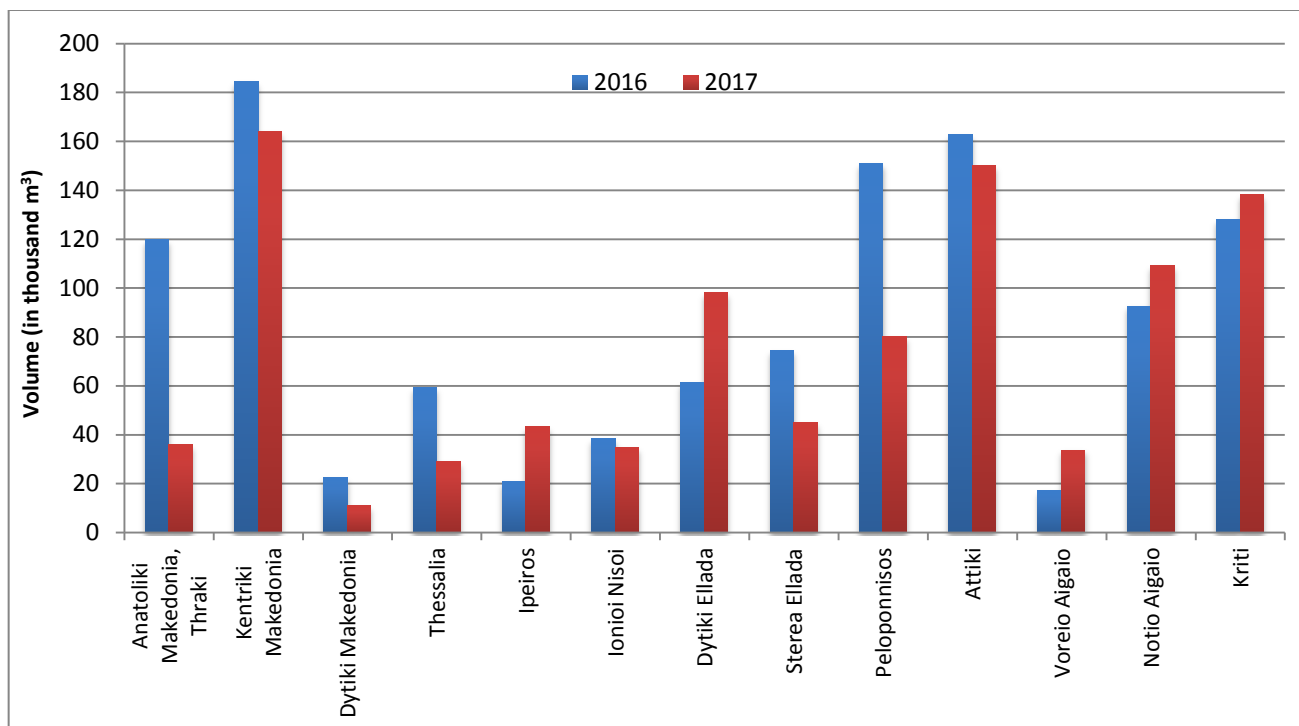
**Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January - December 2016 and 2017\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - December		Change (%)	January - December		Change (%)	January - December		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	547	472	-13.7	100.0	102.6	2.5	450.5	434.1	-3.6
Kentriki Makedonia	1,802	1,826	1.3	383.6	437.5	14.0	2,211.7	2,460.0	11.2
Dytiki Makedonia	279	278	-0.4	56.7	69.6	22.8	244.2	377.1	54.4
Thessalia	680	743	9.3	161.9	184.3	13.8	754.7	911.2	20.7
Ipeiros	405	468	15.6	84.2	105.7	25.5	318.8	448.9	40.8
Ionioi Nisoi	675	813	20.4	133.4	196.5	47.3	454.8	634.3	39.5
Dytiki Ellada	1,009	1,190	17.9	160.0	196.7	23.0	610.8	792.2	29.7
Stereia Ellada	1,088	1,103	1.4	156.9	171.4	9.3	723.7	872.6	20.6
Peloponnisos	1,400	1,311	-6.4	221.3	241.5	9.1	937.4	1,072.0	14.4
Attiki	2,398	2,712	13.1	415.8	527.3	26.8	1,798.2	2,286.5	27.2
Voreio Aigaio	332	431	29.8	39.8	52.1	30.8	141.3	181.4	28.4
Notio Aigaio	1,079	1,356	25.7	180.3	228.1	26.6	650.2	808.8	24.4
Kriti	946	1,038	9.7	251.9	258.8	2.8	900.5	892.8	-0.9
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>12,640</b>	<b>13,741</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>2,345.7</b>	<b>2,772.1</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>10,196.7</b>	<b>12,172.0</b>	<b>19.4</b>

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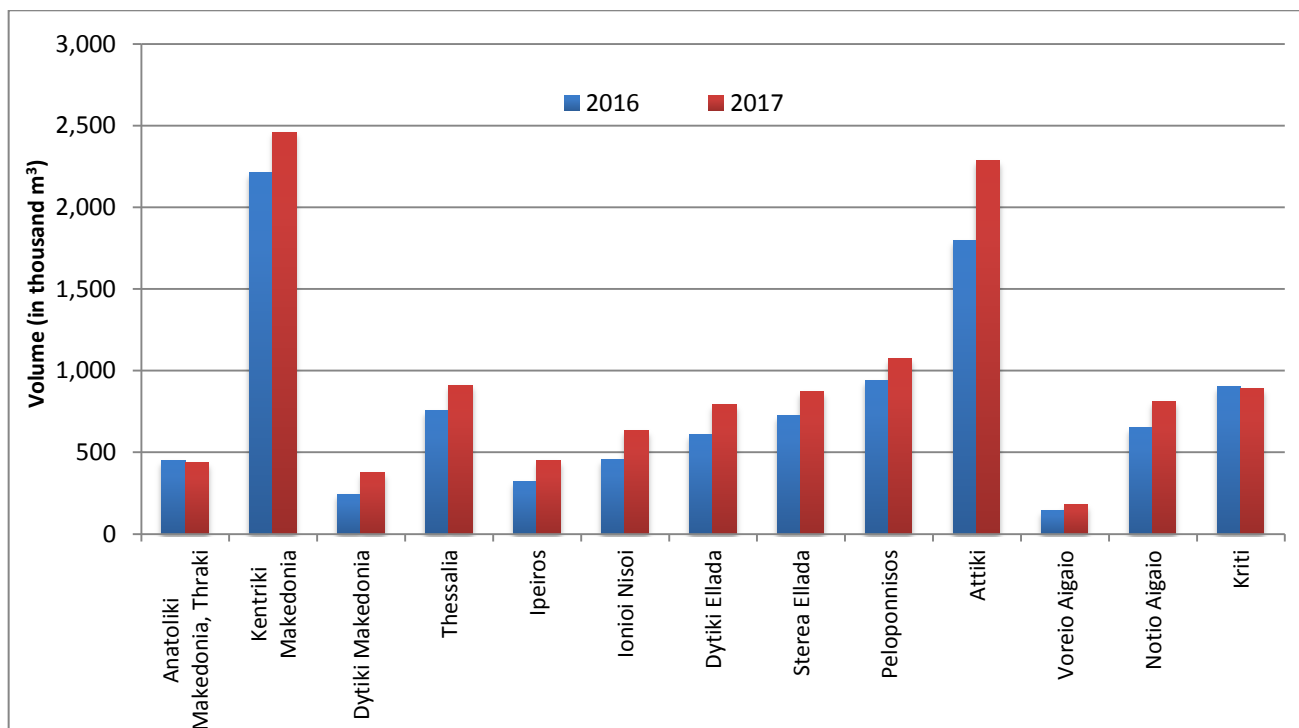
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), December 2016 and 2017 \***



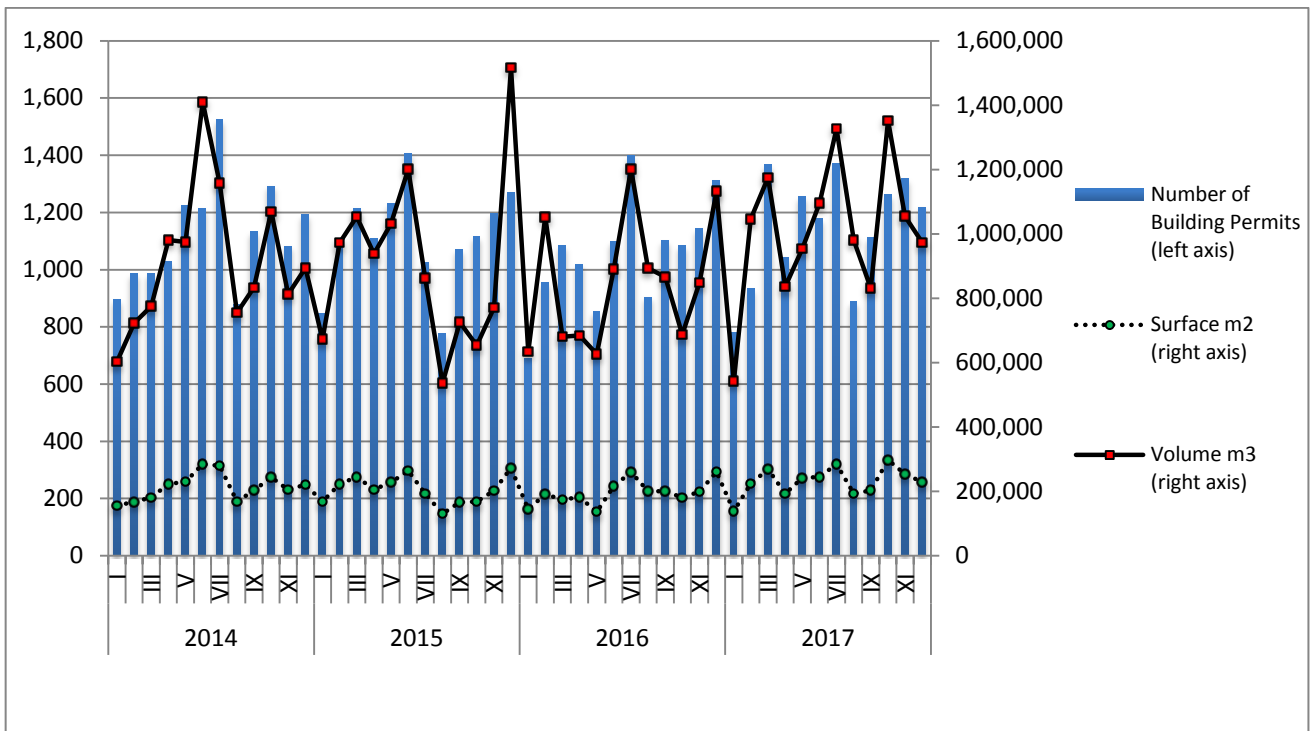
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**Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), January - December 2016 and 2017 \***



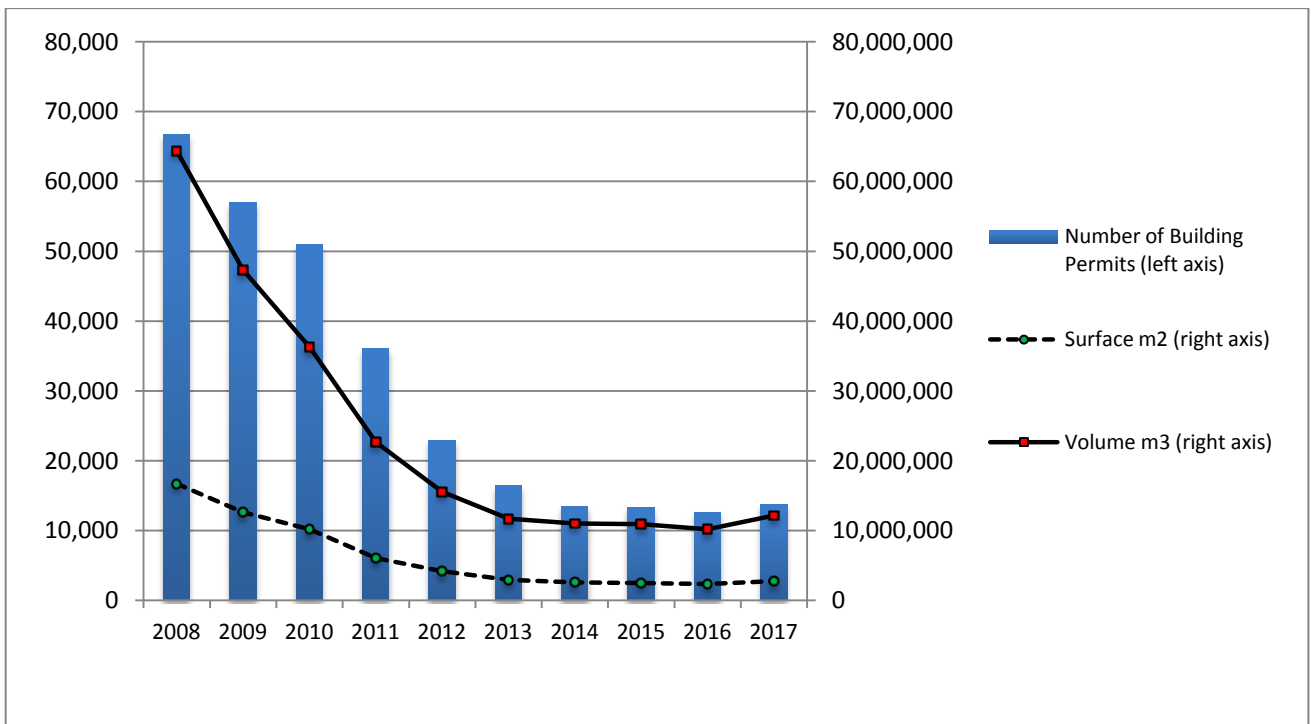
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**Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (January 2014 – December 2017\*)**



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**Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2008 – 2017\*)**



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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

- Building Activity Survey** The Building Activity Survey has been providing data on a monthly and yearly basis, since 1964. The purpose of this survey is to register the total number of building permits issued by the responsible administrative authorities, which are devolved to complete the questionnaire. The survey covers all the features of building activity, such as the type of building permit, the type of construction, the type and the characteristics of the building and its auxiliary spaces, as well as building usage, surface, volume and value.
- Legal Framework** The survey is fully harmonized with the European legislation. The primary legislative act is Regulation (EU) 1165/1998, as it was amended according to Regulation (EU) 1158/2005.
- Reference Period** December 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017
- Coverage** The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the country.
- Definitions**
- Building Permit** refers to all types of building permits. These are permits for new buildings or permits for additions, repair, renovation, demolition, legitimization, amendment and modification of a building.
- The denotation of "built-property" is equal to "building".
- Building** is every permanent and independent structure, which has walls and a roof and consists of one or more rooms and other complementary spaces. Normally, buildings feature four walls. However, a construction open from one or even two sides will be considered a building, as long as it has a roof.
- New building** is any built-property raised on an uncovered site or in the place of an old building that has been demolished.
- Building Addition** is every construction that adds building volume (space) to an existing building, in terms of surface, height or both and creates a residence, a shop or both.
- Building volume** (the net building volume) refers to the area that is included between the external surface of the external walls, the lowest level (the basement or the sub-basement, if it exists) and the roof of the building. If there is an open ground floor not enclosed within walls between the lower floor and the roof, its volume is taken into account. The relevant authorities calculate the volume of the building during the issuing of the building permit.
- Surface of new-built property** is considered to be the sum of each floor space along with the outer space of the outer walls.
- General Remark** Any delineation that may occur between the sum of sub totals and the totals is due to rounding.
- References** More information (questionnaires, methodology) with regards to the Building Activity Survey is available on ELSTAT's web-site: [www.statistics.gr](http://www.statistics.gr), under the link: <http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/->