



PRESS RELEASE

Building Activity Survey: March 2017

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

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in March 2017 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,344. This figure corresponds to 268.9 thousand m² of surface and 1,181.1 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 24.7% increase in the number of building permits⁽¹⁾, a 49.1% increase in surface and a 63.4% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2016 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in March 2017 amounted to 1,335. This figure corresponds to 267.4 thousand m² of surface and 1,174.6 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2016 there is a 25.1% increase in the number of building permits, a 54.2% increase in surface and a 71.0% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in March 2017 amounted to 9. This figure corresponds to 1.6 thousand m² of surface and 6.5 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 0.6% of the total building volume in March 2017.
- In the last twelve months, from April 2016 until March 2017, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 12,829. This figure corresponds to 2,528.7 thousand m² of surface and 10,908.3 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from April 2015 until March 2016, there is a zero change (0.0%) in the number of building permits, a 4.2% decrease in surface and a 24.7% decrease in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from April 2016 until March 2017, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 0.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 5.2% increase in surface and a 0.4% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from April 2015 to March 2016 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 2.8% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - March 2017, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded an 11.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 21.2% increase in surface and a 13.9% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2016 (Table 5).
- During the same period, January - March 2017, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded an 11.5% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 24.6% increase in surface and a 16.7% increase in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - March 2016 (Table 6).

(1) The significant increase recorded in the surface and volume of building permits issued in March 2017, is mainly due to the permits concerning the construction or extension of sports facilities, agricultural and industrial buildings.

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	38	37	-2.6	3.7	15.8	322.5	11.9	103.6	767.0
Kentriki Makedonia	181	180	-0.6	36.3	34.8	-4.3	157.4	176.9	12.4
Dytiki Makedonia	18	28	55.6	5.1	7.8	52.1	25.0	71.8	187.9
Thessalia	50	65	30.0	14.3	17.3	21.0	71.9	96.1	33.7
Ipeiros	32	55	71.9	3.4	12.3	260.8	10.5	47.6	354.5
Ionioi Nisoi	68	88	29.4	19.2	20.2	5.5	78.3	63.2	-19.3
Dytiki Ellada	82	105	28.0	10.1	19.8	97.2	38.2	70.0	83.1
Stereia Ellada	84	86	2.4	10.5	10.3	-1.9	41.5	48.2	16.3
Peloponnisos	114	131	14.9	17.9	21.2	18.5	62.7	93.8	49.5
Attiki	199	286	43.7	26.1	42.6	63.3	103.4	186.9	80.8
Voreio Aigaio	25	42	68.0	3.4	4.2	22.2	11.8	14.6	24.0
Notio Aigaio	110	134	21.8	10.9	21.0	92.9	36.8	75.5	105.1
Kriti	77	107	39.0	19.4	41.6	113.9	73.5	133.0	81.0
Greece, Total	1,078	1,344	24.7	180.4	268.9	49.1**	722.8	1,181.1	63.4**

*Provisional Data

It should be noted that any differences between the increase/ decrease in the number of the issued building permits and the corresponding increase/decrease in the surface or volume may be on account of individual building permits involving big surface or volume or of building permits that do not concern surface or volume, such as amendments, restorations, demolitions, etc.

** The significant increase recorded in the surface and volume of building permits issued in March 2017, is mainly due to the permits concerning the construction or extension of sports facilities, agricultural and industrial buildings.

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	36	34	-5.6	3.7	15.4	312.0	11.9	101.9	756.8
Kentriki Makedonia	180	177	-1.7	34.1	33.8	-0.9	149.2	172.3	15.5
Dytiki Makedonia	17	28	64.7	2.5	7.8	212.7	9.4	71.8	663.9
Thessalia	50	65	30.0	14.3	17.3	21.0	71.9	96.1	33.7
Ipeiros	32	55	71.9	3.4	12.3	260.8	10.5	47.6	354.5
Ionioi Nisoi	68	88	29.4	19.2	20.2	5.5	78.3	63.2	-19.3
Dytiki Ellada	82	105	28.0	10.1	19.8	97.2	38.2	70.0	83.1
Stereia Ellada	84	85	1.2	10.5	10.2	-3.0	41.5	47.9	15.5
Peloponnisos	113	130	15.0	17.7	21.2	20.1	61.8	93.8	51.7
Attiki	199	285	43.2	26.1	42.6	63.3	103.4	186.9	80.8
Voreio Aigaio	25	42	68.0	3.4	4.2	22.2	11.8	14.6	24.0
Notio Aigaio	105	134	27.6	10.2	21.0	106.4	34.2	75.5	120.7
Kriti	76	107	40.8	18.3	41.6	127.8	64.7	133.0	105.6
Greece, Total	1,067	1,335	25.1	173.4	267.4	54.2	686.7	1,174.6	71.0

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), April 2015 - March 2016* and April 2016 - March 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)
	2015-16	2016-17		2015-16	2016-17		2015-16	2016-17	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	531	511	-3.8	97.9	118.4	20.9	396.5	551.6	39.1
Kentriki Makedonia	1,888	1,765	-6.5	423.9	364.4	-14.0	2,319.0	1,911.6	-17.6
Dytiki Makedonia	257	289	12.5	319.6	57.9	-81.9	4,006.5	298.8	-92.5
Thessalia	675	651	-3.6	180.0	182.7	1.5	1,094.6	948.8	-13.3
Ipeiros	478	411	-14.0	86.8	92.9	7.1	353.9	374.1	5.7
Ionioi Nisoi	592	718	21.3	100.4	154.0	53.4	358.1	527.2	47.2
Dytiki Ellada	1,029	1,078	4.8	169.9	174.6	2.7	716.2	682.5	-4.7
Stereia Ellada	985	1,108	12.5	193.2	158.5	-18.0	978.9	750.8	-23.3
Peloponnisos	1,412	1,348	-4.5	226.5	234.0	3.3	945.2	970.7	2.7
Attiki	2,334	2,495	6.9	378.1	478.9	26.7	1,639.3	2,132.7	30.1
Voreio Aigaio	497	336	-32.4	74.8	40.5	-45.9	285.5	136.5	-52.2
Notio Aigaio	1,173	1,130	-3.7	176.0	186.8	6.1	669.8	627.0	-6.4
Kriti	974	989	1.5	211.9	285.1	34.5	731.8	996.0	36.1
Greece, Total	12,825	12,829	0.0	2,639.2	2,528.7	-4.2	14,495.1	10,908.3	-24.7

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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), April 2015 - March 2016* and April 2016 - March 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)
	2015-16	2016-17		2015-16	2016-17		2015-16	2016-17	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	521	503	-3.5	94.5	116.0	22.8	377.6	540.3	43.1
Kentriki Makedonia	1,851	1,739	-6.1	415.3	350.9	-15.5	2,287.7	1,850.2	-19.1
Dytiki Makedonia	252	289	14.7	63.5	57.9	-8.8	331.8	298.8	-10.0
Thessalia	673	642	-4.6	179.8	180.6	0.5	1,093.5	939.5	-14.1
Ipeiros	471	409	-13.2	83.2	92.9	11.7	338.4	374.0	10.5
Ionioi Nisoi	592	717	21.1	100.4	150.0	49.4	358.1	491.7	37.3
Dytiki Ellada	1,028	1,073	4.4	167.0	169.5	1.5	704.0	659.8	-6.3
Stereia Ellada	981	1,101	12.2	192.8	157.1	-18.5	977.6	745.7	-23.7
Peloponnisos	1,404	1,338	-4.7	225.9	231.9	2.6	943.3	960.7	1.8
Attiki	2,326	2,482	6.7	368.5	454.4	23.3	1,605.1	2,034.4	26.7
Voreio Aigaio	494	335	-32.2	70.2	40.5	-42.3	267.4	136.5	-48.9
Notio Aigaio	1,162	1,120	-3.6	174.6	183.0	4.8	664.5	609.2	-8.3
Kriti	965	980	1.6	204.2	276.2	35.3	702.2	965.2	37.4
Greece, Total	12,720	12,728	0.1	2,339.8	2,460.9	5.2	10,651.3	10,606.1	-0.4

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Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region, January - March 2016* and 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - March		Change (%)	January - March		Change (%)	January - March		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	104	88	-15.4	12.3	26.2	113.3	50.6	143.0	182.6
Kentriki Makedonia	413	380	-8.0	112.0	76.4	-31.8	751.9	382.7	-49.1
Dytiki Makedonia	39	50	28.2	11.5	11.6	1.0	53.5	90.3	68.9
Thessalia	137	134	-2.2	29.6	50.4	70.3	136.6	316.8	131.9
Ipeiros	97	98	1.0	17.8	23.4	31.7	62.7	98.2	56.7
Ionioi Nisoi	160	205	28.1	33.4	50.9	52.5	127.8	164.0	28.3
Dytiki Ellada	192	265	38.0	27.8	42.7	53.8	99.9	153.5	53.6
Stereia Ellada	209	224	7.2	24.2	25.6	5.6	96.1	110.6	15.1
Peloponnisos	288	311	8.0	47.2	54.7	15.8	219.4	236.9	8.0
Attiki	543	638	17.5	102.6	147.5	43.7	422.7	676.5	60.0
Voreio Aigaio	78	90	15.4	9.5	9.8	4.0	35.9	32.6	-9.3
Notio Aigaio	252	294	16.7	44.2	45.8	3.4	212.2	160.8	-24.3
Kriti	209	247	18.2	55.6	74.9	34.6	188.5	232.7	23.4
Greece, Total	2,721	3,024	11.1	527.7	639.8	21.2	2,457.8	2,798.5	13.9

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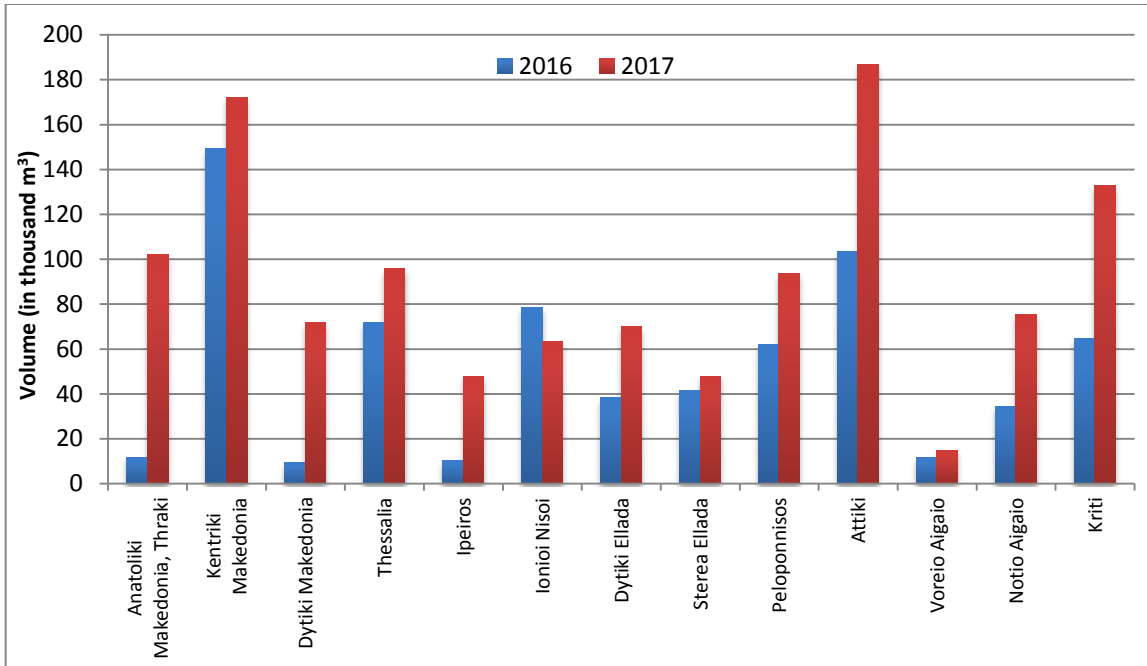
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Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January - March 2016* and 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - March		Change (%)	January - March		Change (%)	January - March		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	102	85	-16.7	12.3	25.8	109.9	50.5	141.4	179.7
Kentriki Makedonia	408	375	-8.1	106.8	75.4	-29.5	731.6	378.1	-48.3
Dytiki Makedonia	38	50	31.6	8.9	11.6	30.8	37.9	90.3	138.2
Thessalia	137	132	-3.6	29.6	50.1	69.3	136.6	315.8	131.1
Ipeiros	93	98	5.4	14.4	23.4	62.6	48.4	98.2	102.9
Ionioi Nisoi	160	205	28.1	33.4	50.9	52.5	127.8	164.0	28.3
Dytiki Ellada	192	264	37.5	27.8	40.9	47.3	99.9	146.2	46.3
Stereia Ellada	207	223	7.7	23.9	25.5	6.6	95.0	110.3	16.1
Peloponnisos	287	309	7.7	47.0	54.7	16.4	218.5	236.9	8.4
Attiki	542	636	17.3	102.6	147.1	43.3	422.7	675.0	59.7
Voreio Aigaio	78	90	15.4	9.5	9.8	4.0	35.9	32.6	-9.3
Notio Aigaio	247	294	19.0	43.5	45.8	5.1	209.6	160.8	-23.3
Kriti	204	245	20.1	49.4	73.3	48.2	164.6	226.3	37.5
Greece, Total	2,695	3,006	11.5	509.1	634.1	24.6	2,379.2	2,775.8	16.7

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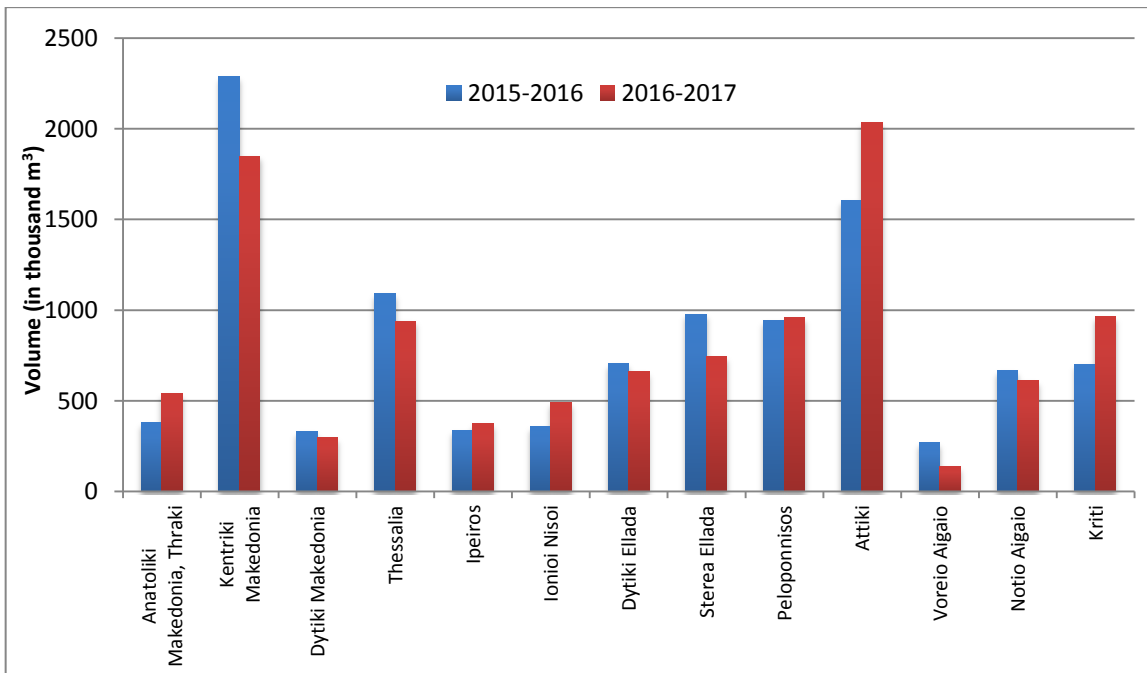
Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), March 2016* and 2017 *



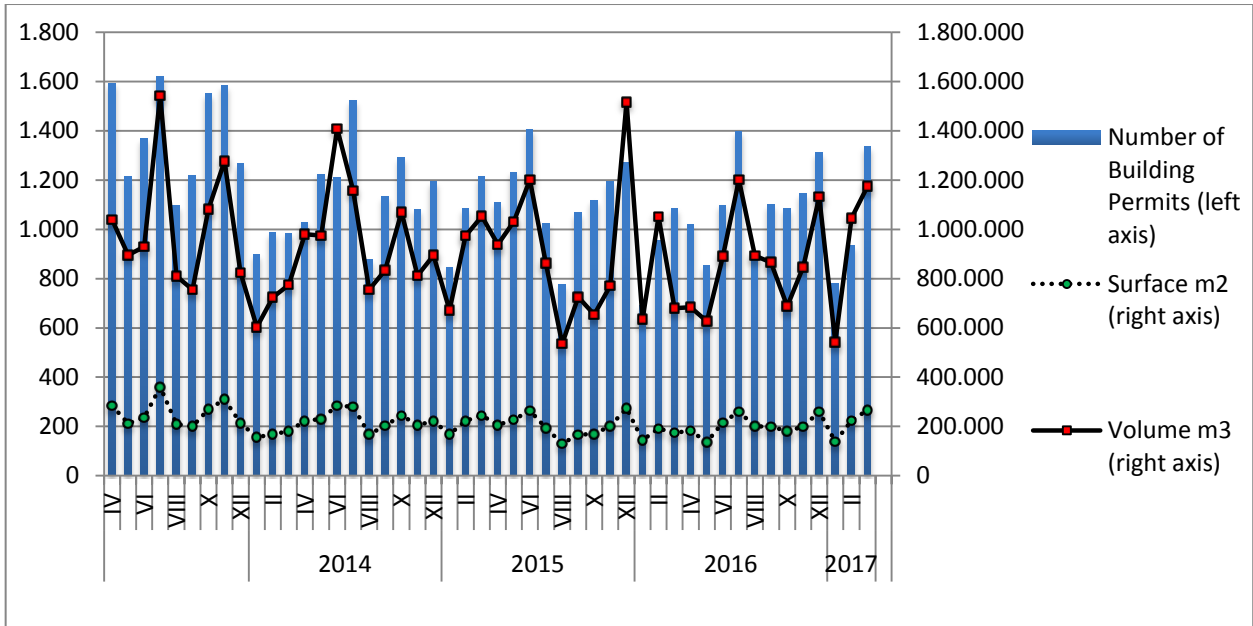
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), April 2015 - March 2016* and April 2016 - March 2017*

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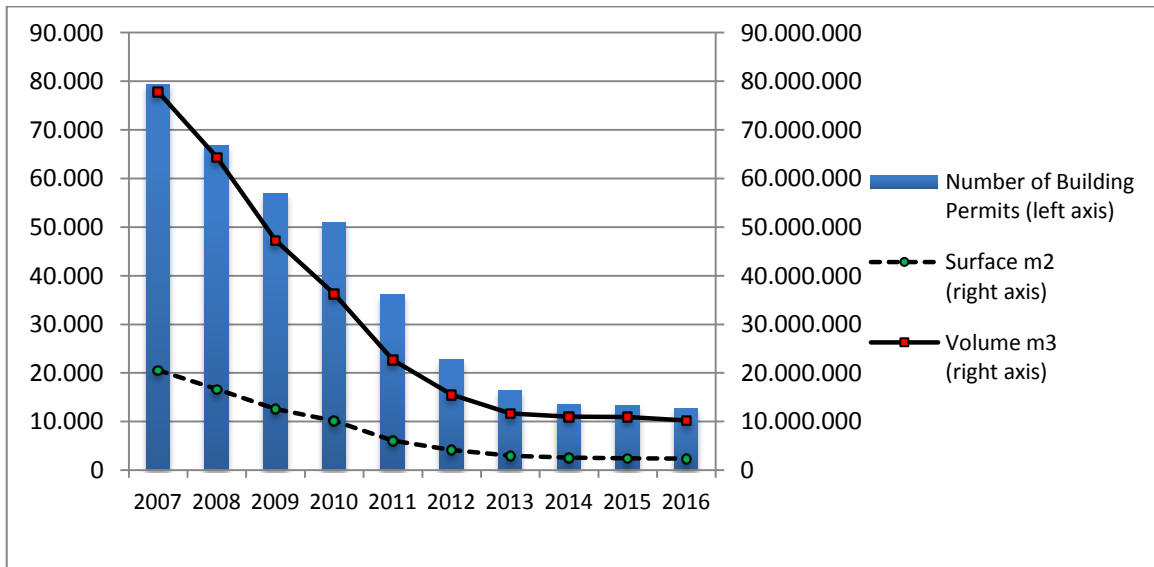


Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (April 2013 – March 2017*)



*Provisional data for March 2017

Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2007 - 2016)



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** March 1, 2017 to March 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, under the link: <http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/->