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Announcement

ELSTAT continues its well established track record of reliable Greek deficit and debt figures with the publication at EU level of these statistics without reservations from Eurostat for the tenth consecutive time since November 2010

In the context of the Excessive Deficit Procedure (EDP) of the European Union, Eurostat published on 21/04/2015 the data of the first notification for the 2014 deficit and debt of the General Government, along with the re-estimated corresponding figures for years 2011, 2012 and 2013, for all countries in the Eurozone and the European Union. Eurostat's Press Release 72/2015-21 April 2015 is on the website of Eurostat:

http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/2995521/6796757/2-21042015-AP-EN.pdf/2a3922ae-2976-4aefb6ce-af19bde6a236

The public finance statistics of Greece were published <u>without reservations from Eurostat for the tenth</u> <u>consecutive time</u> since November 2010. The biannual publication of the public finance statistics of Greece by Eurostat for ten consecutive times without reservations, following the envisaged checks and validations, constitutes an important track record for Greece. This fact points to the consistent, since the EDP Notification of November 2010, and well established acceptance of the public finance statistics compiled by ELSTAT as statistics that fully meet the rules and requirements of European Law and international statistical standards more broadly, and confirms the systematic efforts that have been carried out by ELSTAT for the production of consistently reliable statistics. For more detailed information on the public finance statistics of Greece for 2014 and for 2011-2013, which were compiled for the first (April) notification in the context of the EDP of 2015, please see ELSTAT's press release from 15 April 2015:

http://www.statistics.gr/portal/page/portal/ESYE/BUCKET/A0701/PressReleases/A0701_SEL03_DT_AN_00 2015_01_P_EN.pdf