



HELLENIC REPUBLIC



HELLENIC STATISTICAL AUTHORITY

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ANNOUNCEMENT

In response to articles published by part of the press, which methodically challenge the independence of ELSTAT and the scientific rationalism it serves, the following are clarified:

As it is known, the character of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT), as an independent authority, is established by law. Namely, both its constitution – e.g., the replenishment of its President - and its operation, are expressly provided for by law and do not depend on the wishes of any institutional or other factor.

So its operation is exclusively based on two criteria: the legality and the scientific rationalism. Any other criterion undermines the character of ELSTAT.

These are the criteria that ELSTAT's executives defend against huge personal cost and damage caused by unrelated to the scientific field of official statistics persons whose purposes are to be investigated.

It is pointed out that, due to the fact that the legality and the scientific rationalism are respected and safeguarded, which means that there is no room left for any attack, ELSTAT and its executives has become the target of a vulgar irrationalism. Namely, libellous "conspiracy theories", according to which, the evidence is set as proven, and then, the executives are "invited" to show that they are not something they are not and that they did not commit something they did not commit!

It goes without saying, that an Institution that aims to compile reliable statistics for the benefit of the country and represents, to the extent of its liability, the European modernity, namely the European rationalism, it can not make dialogue with visions, fantasies, oracles and demonology.

But, it does have the duty to defend its employees from attack, whose perpetrators seek to return to the past of disrepute.

This is the point of issuing this notice. Because - for reasons of basic seriousness - for the rest, no dialogue with the "scientific" irrationalism and "conspiracy theories".