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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces that the European Commission is organising a **European Big Data Hackathon**, (Brussels, 13-15 March 2017) on the occasion of the conference "New Techniques and Technologies for Statistics" (NTTS 2017).

During the Hackathon, three-member teams from all EU Member States will compete for the creation of innovative applications and prototypes of data products aiming to support decision making on a current policy challenge Europe is facing, by combining official statistics and big data.

The teams will work on a specific policy question, which will be announced on the first day of the Hackathon. The broad policy domain and a catalogue of data sources will be provided in advance to the teams. The policy domain will be drawn from the 10 priority areas of the European Commission.

The European Commission will reimburse the travel and accommodation costs for **one** team per country. Prizes are foreseen for the members of the winning team and two runners-up. The winning team will present their prototypes at the NTTS 2017 conference.

In this framework, the interested teams are invited to submit to ELSTAT by **Monday 31 October 2016**, at the e-mail address **hackathon@statistics.gr,** the curriculum vitae (CV) of each member of the team, accompanied by their experience on applications development with the use of big data. On the basis of this information, ELSTAT will select the team who will represent Greece at the Hackathon.

Further information on the procedure, aims and objectives of the European Big Data Hackathon are provided at the following link:

http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/cros/system/files/european_big_data_hackathon_-_description.pdf

For any further clarifications, you can send an e-mail to the following e-mail address: **hackathon@statistics.gr.**