

## Justified Recommendation of the Committee of Experts to the Minister of Finance

On the basis of the information submitted by the candidates and interviews with the thirteen (13) eligible candidates which took place in Athens between 22nd and 26th January 2016, the Committee of Experts unanimously recommends to the Minister of Finance the appointment of Mr. Athanasios Thanopoulos as President of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT).

### Justification:

Mr. Athanasios Thanopoulos fully meets the selection criteria set out in the international call for expression of interest for the selection of the President .

Fulfilment of criterion (a): Mr. Thanopoulos has studied in the University of Pittsburgh (PhD in Economics), Toulouse School of Economics (Diploma in Advanced Quantitative Economics and Master in Mathematical Economics and Econometrics) and the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Ptychion in Economics).

He is currently employed in the Council of Economic Advisers (Economic Research and Analysis Unit), Ministry of Finance. He has participated in several Committees related to statistics domestically and at European level.

Fulfilment of criterion (b): Mr. Athanasios Thanopoulos's experience has given him an excellent understanding of the demands and requirements of official statistics produced to high professional standards and in accordance with international statistical principles.

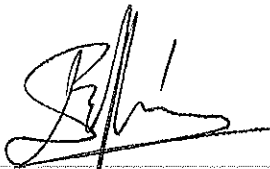
He impressed the Committee with his commitment to these principles, his vision for ELSTAT and the strong motivation he brings to the role.

He communicates effectively and with confidence and will bring these qualities to the leadership of the organization and management of its staff.

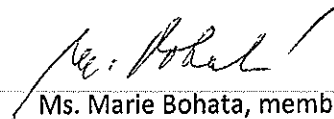
He is fluent in English.

Athens, 26 January 2016


  
Mr. Panagiotis Liargovas, chair of the Committee of Experts

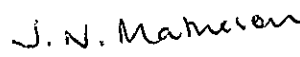


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