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Signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation between the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) and the University of Peloponnese

On October 3, 2017, a Memorandum of Cooperation between the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) and the University of Peloponnese was signed by Mr Athanasios Thanopoulos, President of ELSTAT and Mr Konstantinos Masselos and Mr Kyriakos Souliotis, Rector and Deputy-Rector of the University of Peloponnese, respectively, in areas such as targeted surveys, development of specific statistical tools and joint participation in research programmes.

More specifically, the cooperation between the two institutions focuses on topics such as:

- The processing, analysis and interpretation of data, especially in the field of social sciences, with emphasis on the health sector (e.g. health behaviour, use of health services, etc.) by using state-of-the-art technologies, such as big data analytics, machine learning, etc.
- The development of specialized statistical tools for the collection and use of data, focusing on the health sector.
- The conduct of specific, targeted, health surveys and drafting of relevant reports.
- The targeted linking of research to education, in sectors where there is a critical mass of research potential, with a special concern for the health sector.
- The joint organisation of Conferences/Workshops aiming at disseminating knowledge among the academic community but also among various social agencies.
- The strengthening of scientific cooperation, which will facilitate and promote research, through the participation in joint research programmes.
- The participation in joint research projects, the enhancement of the theoretical and practical training of students and teaching personnel.

The purpose of the first action of the strategic cooperation between the above agencies is the processing and exploitation of data from the health sector, as well as the conduct of specific targeted surveys aiming at enhancing knowledge in this area, fully observing the principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice.

Moreover, both parties have expressed their intention to expand immediately their cooperation in other Information Technology fields, such as security of computer systems, natural language processing, high performance computing systems, etc.

A special Scientific Committee will be set up for the implementation of the above actions, Head of which is appointed Mr Kyriakos Souliotis, Associate Professor of Health Policy and Deputy Rector of the University of Peloponnese.