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PRESS RELEASE

FOSTERING STATISTICAL LITERACY IN GREECE

The number of pupils and students who visited ELSTAT in the framework of the programme “*Fostering Statistical Literacy in Greece*” in the school/academic year 2017/2018 tripled in comparison with the previous year.

More specifically, in the school/academic year 2017/2018, 1,678 pupils and students visited ELSTAT, compared to 520 in 2016/2017 (+ 222 %), coming from 36 schools and university departments, compared to 11 in the previous year (+ 227 %). A particularly significant increase was recorded in the number of pupils of primary and lower secondary education schools, vocational upper secondary schools and vocational training institutes.

The purpose of the programme is to introduce pupils and students in the world of statistics and to help them understand how to access, interpret and use statistics in their daily life. Furthermore, the programme is aiming at informing them on the important role and use of official statistics in policy, economy and daily life, as well as on the production of official statistics, in line with European and international statistical standards in all areas, by unswervingly observing the principles and rules laid down in the Greek and EU statistical legislation.

The development of statistical literacy is a key priority for the President of ELSTAT, Mr. Athanassios C. Thanopoulos. In this context, some of the actions that have been undertaken are: a Memorandum of Cooperation was signed with the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs on 26 March 2018; the first Panhellenic Statistics Competition was organised; an internships programme in ELSTAT has been launched for students of Graphic Design Vocational Training Institutes. As regards pupils’ visits, ELSTAT is planning to further the promotion of this project by organising missions of ELSTAT officials in schools located in outermost areas.

More information on the schools visits can be found on the website of ELSTAT (Products and Services/Pupils’ visits), at the following link: <http://edu.statistics.gr/schools/>

Those who are interested in participating in this programme can contact the competent ELSTAT personnel at the following telephone numbers: 213 135 2348 (2315, 2347, 2349) and submit their request by filing in the relevant application form at:

<http://edu.statistics.gr/schools/index.php/ekdilosi-endaferontos>

Detailed data are presented in the table below.

Educational visits to ELSTAT, School-Academic years 2016/2017 and 2017/2018

	2016/2017			2017/2018		
	Schools & University Departments	Pupils & Students	Accompanying teaching staff	Schools & University Departments	Pupils & Students	Accompanying teaching staff
Primary schools	1	14	2	7	297	17
Lower secondary schools	2	160	9	11	679	47
General upper secondary schools	3	141	10	6	259	20
Vocational upper secondary schools	1	13	2	4	80	8
Vocational Training Institutes	0	0	0	3	65	5
University Departments	4	192	0	5	298	4
Total	11	520	23	36	1,678	101