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A Memorandum of Cooperation pertaining to the promotion of statistical literacy and the improvement of education statistics was signed on Thursday 22 March 2018 by the President of the Hellenic Statistical Authority, Mr. Athanasios C. Thanopoulos, and the General Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs, Mr. Georgios Angelopoulos. The Memorandum of Cooperation was signed following the meeting of the Minister of Education, Research and Religious Affairs, Mr. Kostas Gavroglou with the President of ELSTAT, on 20 March 2018.

The Memorandum includes collaborative actions between the two agencies, aiming at:

- Introducing statistical literacy in education, namely by familiarizing pupils with the basic concepts and usefulness of the statistical science, reading and interpreting statistics and survey results, etc.;
- Promoting a statistical conscience;
- Enhancing statistical surveys conducted on school units, pupils, students and teaching staff by adding new variables of national or international interest.

Furthermore, in the light of the Memorandum, a scientific committee is established for further exploring the integration of statistical literacy actions in the frame of projects already implemented in primary and secondary education, namely "Flexible Zone" and "Thematic Week", respectively, for organising Statistics competitions for pupils and students, thematic one-day conferences on education statistics, educational visits by ELSTAT officials to schools, etc.

All the actions encompass measures for ensuring statistical confidentiality in compliance with European legislation on statistics and the Law 3832/2010 on the Hellenic Statistical System.

The full text of the Memorandum of Cooperation (in the Greek language) is available at the following link:

http://www.statistics.gr/documents/20181/306935/memorandum_yppeth.pdf/797abe53-daaf-44ee-9bb0-90c1ceb26200