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The first ten teams of pupils of Lower and Upper Secondary Education Schools that won in the first Panhellenic Statistics Competition were awarded their prizes during a special ceremony, which was held on Friday 11 May 2018, on the premises of ELSTAT, in Piraeus.

In his welcome speech addressed to pupils, tutors and parents, the President of ELSTAT, Mr Athanasios C. Thanopoulos, pointed to the crucial contribution of statistics in the development of all sciences and he, particularly, stressed the importance of official statistics produced by ELSTAT and the other National Statistical Institutes, the usefulness of which lies in their high quality standards and comparability.

The President of ELSTAT underscored the importance of statistical literacy in helping pupils, who will be tomorrow's citizens, understand all this information they are overloaded with and be able to check its reliability.

Within this context, ELSTAT undertook the initiative for the first Statistics Competition, as well as for the Memorandum of Cooperation which has been recently signed by ELSTAT and the Ministry of Education, aiming at fostering statistical literacy.

Mr Thanopoulos stated: "The minimum outcome expected from our strategy to bring schools closer to ELSTAT is that, by the time of the 2021 Population Census people will have learned to open their doors more easily to ELSTAT statistical interviewers. The maximum outcome is to have qualified statisticians who will be either our future staff or the ambassadors for the quality of ELSTAT statistics in society".

236 teams from 81 schools all over Greece participated to this first Statistics Competition. The prizes were awarded to the winning pupils and their tutors by the President of ELSTAT, the Director General of Statistical Surveys, Mrs Vasiliki Benaki, and the Director General of Administration and Organisation, Mr Ioannis Moschakis.

The first place in the category of Upper Secondary Education Schools (16-18 years) was won by the team of "Peiramatiko Lykeio of Irakleio", followed by the teams from "Lykeio Ekpaideftiki Anagennisi" (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place), the team of "Lykeio of Lixouri" (3<sup>rd</sup> place) and the team of the "1<sup>st</sup> GEL of Patra" (5<sup>th</sup> place).

As regards the category of Lower Secondary Education Schools (14-16 year), the first place is held by the team of "Protypo Gymnasio Evaggeliki Sxolis Smyrnis", followed by the teams of "Gymnasio Karlovasou" (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place), the team of "Gymnasio Pristeriou" (4<sup>th</sup> place) and the team of the "1<sup>st</sup> Gymnasio of Polygyros" (5<sup>th</sup> place).

The winning teams were awarded with medals, diplomas and plaques, while the members of the first team of each category and their tutor were given a tablet.

More information can be found at the following link:

<http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics-competition>

