



HELLENIC REPUBLIC
HELLENIC STATISTICAL AUTHORITY



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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) has published on its website the updated statistical register of General Government Entities with **reference date January 2012**, so that the Register can be used in the conduct of statistical surveys with reference period the first quarter of 2012.

The maintenance of a Register of General Government Entities constitutes an obligation of all Member States of the European Union for the proper delineation of the institutional sector of General Government, as this is identified by the European System of Accounts - ESA95 (Regulation EU 2223/96) on the base of specific criteria.

The updated Register is being published because there have been changes in the status of various entities between December 2011 and January 2012, such as mergers of entities or abolishment of entities in early 2012. This means that the Register that is being released with reference date January 2012 reflects the evolution of the perimeter of the General Government that was reflected in the Register used for the purposes of the Excessive Deficit Procedure (EDP) of April 2012¹, which provided government finance statistics for the period 2008-2011. It should be noted that the evolution of the perimeter of General Government (as reflected in the Register with reference date January 2012) does not affect the government finance statistics of 2011 but only those of 2012. For the full information of users, the above noted evolution of the perimeter of the General Government, according to the criteria of the European System of Accounts - ESA95, is being presented by ELSTAT in a table covering the period 2008-2012.

The statistical Register of General Government Entities is constructed and used by ELSTAT exclusively for statistical purposes, namely to conduct the annual and quarterly surveys of General Government Entities, which are necessary for the compilation of the Excessive Deficit Procedure (EDP) tables and more broadly for the compilation of quarterly and annual government finance statistics by ELSTAT. The proper maintenance of the Register, through its continuous updating, is an important statistical task with a view to the proper and accurate delimitation of General Government according to the rules of ESA95, which in turn ensures the reliability of the government finance statistics of the country.

In this context, it should be noted that the responsibility for the proper maintenance of the statistical Register of General Government Entities lies with ELSTAT. It should also be noted that this Register is not a register of all the entities that are supervised and controlled by the government nor is it the register of all organizations funded by the public sector through the regular Government Budget or the Public Investment Program.

The maintenance of the Register of General Government Entities is an ongoing task. In this context, ELSTAT continues to examine the classification of a number of small entities, and is also in constant

¹ http://www.statistics.gr/portal/page/portal/ESYE/BUCKET/A0701/Other/A0701_SEL03_TB_AN_00_2012_08_P_EN.xls

cooperation with the Ministry of Interior in order to gather the necessary data and complete the classification exercise for all supervised entities of Local Government.

The updated Register of General Government Entities is available on the website of ELSTAT:

http://www.statistics.gr/portal/page/portal/ESYE/BUCKET/A0701/Other/A0701_SEL08_TB_AH_00_2012_01_F_EN.xls

The evolution of the perimeter of General Government over the period 2008-2012 is provided at:

http://www.statistics.gr/portal/page/portal/ESYE/BUCKET/A0701/Other/A0701_SEL08_TB_AH_00_2012_04_F_EN.xls

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