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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 June 2012**.

The compilation and regular updating 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 (EU Regulation 2223/96) on the basis of specific criteria.

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.

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.

In 2012, ELSTAT, in collaboration with Eurostat, continued the update of the statistical Register of General Government Entities, reviewing the entities, which were included in the Register that was used in the period up to 2010, as regards their correct classification, and also reviewing a large number of small entities for their classification by institutional sector of the economy. Moreover, ELSTAT updated the Register with the inclusion of new entities, which are classified into General Government according to the ESA95 criteria, as well as with the deletion of entities that either are abolished or cease to fulfil the criteria for remaining in the General Government sector. In the context of these statistical undertakings, the present updated Register, when compared with the previous release (23/05/2012) of the Register, shows the following inclusions and exclusions of small entities¹:

- In the Extra-budgetary Funds subsector (S 1311.2) 81 entities were added and 49 entities were deleted.
- In the Local Government subsector (S 1313) 124 entities were added.
- In the Social Security Funds subsector (S 1314) 1 entity was added and 2 entities were deleted as they merged into another entity of the subsector.

¹The present inclusion of some entities into the Register of General Government Entities and the exclusion of some that had been up to now included in the Register does not result in significant revisions in the deficit and debt figures, because of the very small size of the entities under discussion and their lack of, or very low, indebtedness.

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 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 at:

http://www.statistics.gr/portal/page/portal/ESYE/BUCKET/A0701/Other/A0701_SEL08_TB_AH_00_2012_01A_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_02A_F_EN.xls

The next update of the Register of the General Government Entities will be available by end-October 2012.

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