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Cookies Policy

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Purpose

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) has developed, in the context of the implementation of its work, a set of web applications on its website, with the aim of collecting data and disseminating its statistics. In any case, ELSTAT takes all the necessary technical and organisational measures that guarantee the protection of both the statistical confidentiality and the privacy of the surveyed units and its users, with full respect for the privacy of users while browsing its website.

This Policy sets the framework for the use of cookies in the web applications developed and used by ELSTAT.

Definition of cookies

Cookies are small text files stored by a website on a user's computer or mobile device when the user visits this website. They facilitate the website to memorise information from each user's visit in order to make it more useful for the user during his/ her next visit. Cookie files are sent from the website to the user's terminal equipment during his/her first visit to it and follow a reverse trajectory during the next user's visits to the same website.

Categories of cookies

Depending on their retention time, cookies are classified under two main categories:

- Session **cookies** are cookies set by the website visited by the user and can only be read by this specific website and are deleted immediately after the end of the session and/or after closing the browser. In addition, a website may use external services, which also set their own cookies, the so-called third-party cookies.
- **Persistent** cookies are cookies that are stored on the user's computer and remain in the browser for a certain period of time or until the user deletes them. These cookies are not automatically deleted as soon as the browser is closed, unlike the aforementioned session cookies.

Context of use of cookies by ELSTAT

In order to better manage its web applications ELSTAT uses session cookies or cookies with a limited lifespan, as well as persistent cookies, which may be either proprietary or third parties' cookies. The web applications of ELSTAT's website have access to and store *essential and functional cookies* which do not require the user's consent. However, whenever a user visits a webpage of ELSTAT, he/she is provided with information on the use of cookies by the website. In addition, ELSTAT may use security

cookies. In any case, the cookies used by ELSTAT are absolutely necessary for the proper functioning of its website.

The cookies originating from ELSTAT's website serve to identify the user, so that the website memorises his/her preferences (such as username, language, etc.) for a certain period of time and the user does not need to re-enter them when browsing the website during the same visit. Cookies may also be used to collect anonymised statistics regarding the browsing experience on ELSTAT's website, with to the aim of improving its services.

The harmless collection, for the user, of non-personal information and data that in no way reveal his/her identity contributes to the faster and more efficient operation of the web applications on ELSTAT's website, through statistical assessments and comparative observations, to the faster processing of user actions and to the optimisation, in general, of the services provided by ELSTAT web applications.

In particular, ELSTAT may use various categories of cookies to serve various purposes, such as:

- **Essential cookies**: Essential cookies are necessary for the proper functioning of the website and allow the user to browse it and use its functionalities, such as access to secure areas. These cookies do not recognise the individual identity of the user. They are absolutely necessary for the functioning of the website and their deactivation may make its services and features unavailable.
- **Functional cookies**: These cookies are used to store specialised settings on the website (e.g. by memorising the user's preferences regarding safe search, or to facilitate browsing the website, etc.). Information about users such as the type of browser, the server, the language chosen by the user, his/her preferences, his/her searches and the geographical location of the user may be collected through these cookies.
- **Security cookies**: These cookies are used for security purposes (prevention of cyber-attacks and any other malicious activity).

As regards the hyperlinks that are included on ELSTAT's website and redirect to the websites of other bodies, ELSTAT is not responsible for the terms of management and protection of personal data that these websites follow.

Other information

The user can receive cookie alerts and further information depending on the browser he/she uses, at the following links:

- [Internet Explorer](#)
- [Microsoft Edge](#)
- [Mozilla Firefox](#)
- [Google Chrome](#)

- [Safari](#)
- [Opera](#)
- [Adobe (flashcookies)](#)

Processing of personal data

More information on the processing of personal data by ELSTAT is available on the webpage on Privacy Policy, at the following link:
https://www.statistics.gr/en/privacy-info

Cookies Policy Updates

ELSTAT reserves the right to unilaterally revise all or part of this Policy, without prior notification, in order to comply with regulatory changes or to meet its operational needs and legal obligations.

Updated versions of this Policy will be posted on the website of ELSTAT.