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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### «Official Statistics reflecting user needs»

#### Successful Conclusion of the «ESAC – NUCs Workshop: Statistical priorities in the European context: user perspectives and consultation mechanisms»

The **Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT)**, in collaboration with the **European Statistical Advisory Committee (ESAC)** and **Eurostat**, successfully hosted the «ESAC – NUCs Workshop: Statistical priorities in the European context: user perspectives and consultation mechanisms» on March 26-27, 2025, at the National Gallery of Greece. The event brought together representatives from National User Councils (NUCs) across European Union (EU) countries, heads of Statistical Authorities, ESAC members and Eurostat executives to discuss statistical priorities and enhance user participation in shaping future data policies.

The conference focused on mechanisms for prioritizing the evolving statistical needs of users at both European and national levels, while also strengthening cooperation with National User Councils.

Among the distinguished speakers at the conference was the **Director-General of Eurostat, Ms. Mariana Kotzeva**, who outlined the European Statistical System's priorities for the next five years, emphasizing the importance of trust in official statistics. She highlighted new policy requirements and user expectations at local, regional, national, and European levels, underscoring the need to take into account international conditions.

**Mr. Athanasios C. Thanopoulos, President of ELSTAT**, stressed the need for producing reliable, user-oriented statistics. He underlined the increasing relevance of concepts such as vulnerability, resilience, and adaptation in designing high-quality, comparable statistics across multiple sectors.

**Ms. Roxane Silberman, Chairperson of ESAC**, emphasized the significance of fostering collaboration between National User Councils, recognizing that user engagement is crucial for strengthening trust in official statistics.

The two-day conference featured thematic sessions on pressing statistical challenges:

- **Measuring Job Quality in Official Statistics:** participants discussed frameworks for assessing job quality in line with the European Commission's new roadmap for quality jobs.
- **Ageing:** participants examined the demographic shift and its socioeconomic impact in European countries, analyzing methodologies and data collection techniques to ensure comprehensive and comparable statistics on ageing.
- **Adaptation to Climate Change:** discussions focused on developing statistical indicators to assess climate resilience amid interconnected crises, including climate change, biodiversity loss, geopolitical instability, and economic inequalities.

The conference concluded with an insightful exchange of scientific approaches and best practices among ESAC members, National User Councils representatives, including members of the Advisory Committee of the Hellenic Statistical System (SY.EP.EL.S.S.), reinforcing the role of user input in shaping statistical programs and policies.

**More information:** <https://www.statistics.gr/en/esac-nuc>