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**INTERNATIONAL CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
For the selection of the President of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT)**

THE MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE

In accordance with:

- 1.** The provisions of:
 - a) Articles 13, 14 and 15 of Law 3832/2010 "Hellenic Statistical System (ELSS) Establishment of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) as an Independent Authority" (A' 38), as in force,
 - b) Article 338(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) and Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics, as amended by Regulation (EU) 2015/759 of 29 April 2015 and Regulation (EU) 2024/3018 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2024,
 - c) Article 28 of Law 4354/2015 "Management of non-performing loans, salary regulations and other urgent provisions for the implementation of the fiscal objectives and structural reforms agreement" (A' 176).
- 2.** The Ministerial Decision No 200899 EX 2025/19.11.2025 of the Minister of Economy and Finance "Establishment and appointment of members of the Committee of Experts for the evaluation of candidates and the selection of the President of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT)" (ADA: 9ME3H-REI).
- 3.** The decision No. 2/78238/DEP/21.12.2015 of the Alternate Minister of Finance, titled «Determination of the Remuneration of the President of the Hellenic Statistical Authority» (Official Government Gazette, Series of Publications of Decisions Regarding Public Bodies, Issue 950).
- 4.** The Code of Practice for European Statistics, of 16 November 2017.
- 5.** The need to appoint a new President, following the 02.10.2025 announcement regarding the appointment of the incumbent President of ELSTAT, Athanasios Kon. Thanopoulos, to the position of Deputy Director-General of the Directorate-General Eurostat – European Statistics (DG ESTAT).
- 6.** The fact that the President of ELSTAT is selected after an international call for expression of interest published by the Minister of Economy and Finance.

WE INVITE

Interested candidates for the position of President of the "Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT)", an Independent Authority, that serves as the national statistical institute within the meaning of Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 (L 87/164), as amended and in force, and is based in Athens, to submit an application expressing their interest in the position. The position's nature, duties, qualifications, and selection procedure are defined as follows:

I. NATURE, DUTIES, TERM OF OFFICE, OBLIGATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING THE POSITION OF THE PRESIDENT OF ELSTAT:

i) The President of ELSTAT, constitutes the Authority's highest governing body, exercises all of its responsibilities and is responsible for its smooth and effective operation so as to ensure the fulfillment of its objectives, in accordance with the provisions of national and European legislation, the Code of Practice for European Statistics and internationally accepted statistical best practices.

ii) The President of ELSTAT has, in particular, the following responsibilities:

a) approves the Hellenic Statistical Programme (HSP),

b) draws up the Regulation on Statistical Obligations of the agencies of the Hellenic Statistical System (ELSS) and the Rules of Procedure and Management of ELSTAT,

c) prepares the annual statistical work programme of ELSTAT and the evaluation report on the statistical programme of the previous year,

d) decides on the imposition of administrative sanctions, in accordance with Articles 9 and 12 of Law 3832/2010, as in force,

e) takes decisions regarding statistical methods, standards and procedures, as well as on the content and timing of the publication of statistical data, regarding the transmission of the official statistics of the ELSS to the Statistical Office of the European Union (Eurostat) and, more generally, concerning the transmission, submission or notification of statistics within the framework of European and international statistical cooperation,

f) is responsible for coordinating all activities of the other agencies of the ELSS relating to the development, production and dissemination of the official statistics of the country, as well as for the implementation of the national framework for quality assurance of statistics,

g) may decide on the conduct of any type of statistical surveys, censuses and studies, in addition to those provided for in the HSP and in the annual statistical work programme of ELSTAT,

h) represents ELSTAT in judicial and extrajudicial proceedings, before the Courts, any Authority and third parties. The President of ELSTAT may delegate representation to the Legal Counsel of ELSTAT or to an employee of ELSTAT,

i) acts as head of all the services of ELSTAT, coordinates and directs their operation, issues service orders for carrying out any action related to the fulfilment of the mission of ELSTAT, and establishes working groups composed of specialised scientific or other staff of ELSTAT, determining their mandate,

j) exercises hierarchical and disciplinary authority over ELSTAT personnel and ensures the constitution and operation of the Personnel Council and the Disciplinary Council in accordance with applicable provisions,

k) prepares and submits the summary budget of ELSTAT, adopts and approves the annual detailed budget of ELSTAT, and prepares its balance sheet and financial statements,

l) is responsible for all matters relating to the administrative operation and financial management of ELSTAT and, acting as the authorising officer of ELSTAT's expenditures, undertakes obligations against the appropriations of its budget,

m) reallocates, by category, branch and specialty, the vacant permanent posts provided for in the Organisation of ELSTAT,

n) may delegate his or her powers to other bodies of ELSTAT and may authorise, by decision, ELSTAT bodies to sign documents or other acts "by order of the President", with such decisions being published on ELSTAT's website without requiring any further publication,

o) exercises any other competence of ELSTAT provided for by law and by the Rules of Procedure and Management of ELSTAT.

iii) The President of ELSTAT enjoys personal independence, being bound in the exercise of his or her duties by the applicable provisions, and is required to serve in a regime of full-time and exclusive employment.

iv) The President of ELSTAT is appointed for a five-year term by decision of the Minister of Economy and Finance, published in the Government Gazette. The President's term may be renewed once, by decision of the Minister of Economy and Finance. All forms of remuneration of the President of ELSTAT are determined by decision of the Minister of Economy and Finance.

v) The President of ELSTAT may be dismissed, by decision of the appointing authority, for inability to perform his or her duties due to impediment, illness or disability, or for a serious reason related to the performance of duties, such as, in particular, the disclosure of confidential matters acquired in the exercise of duties or the misuse of the position for personal or commercial benefit. The grounds for dismissal cannot jeopardise the President's professional and scientific independence.

II. EXCLUSIVE SELECTION CRITERIA, INDICATIVE EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR CANDIDATES, AND GROUNDS FOR INELIGIBILITY FOR APPOINTMENT:

i) Exclusive Selection Criteria:

A candidate may be appointed to the position of President of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) only if the following exclusive criteria are met:

(a) Possession of high scientific qualifications, demonstrated through professional or academic specialisation in the field of statistics or related disciplines, or in an area relevant to statistical surveys and studies,

(b) Demonstrated ability, as evidenced by the candidate's professional and scientific record, to meet the requirements of the statistical principles laid down in Article 338(2) TFEU, Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009, and the European Statistics Code of Practice and

(c) the possession of a doctoral degree.

ii) Indicative Evaluation Criteria:

The excellent command of the English language constitutes an indicative criterion for assessing candidates.

iii) Grounds for Ineligibility for Appointment:

A candidate shall not be appointed President of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) if any of the following grounds for ineligibility apply:

(a) A final conviction for offences against property, offences against proprietary rights, offences relating to written statements, offences relating to public service, offences against morality, or for any felony (pursuant to Article 3(4) of Law 3051/2002).

(b) Prior dismissal or removal from the position of President of ELSTAT for a serious reason related to the performance of duties, in accordance with Article 15(2) of Law 3832/2010.

(c) Holding another position or exercising a profession incompatible with the obligation of full-time and exclusive employment of the President of ELSTAT, pursuant to Article 15(1) of Law 3832/2010.

Candidates must not fall under any of the above-mentioned grounds for ineligibility at the time of appointment (i.e., the issuance of the act of appointment). The existence of such a ground during the final verification of supporting documents, even if the candidate has been initially selected, shall result in the candidate's exclusion from the procedure or the non-issuance of the appointment act.

III. PROCEDURE FOR THE EVALUATION AND SELECTION OF CANDIDATES:

i) Submission of an Expression of Interest.

Interested individuals who meet the statutory requirements for appointment to the advertised position and possess the requisite formal qualifications may submit an expression of interest, which shall constitute a solemn declaration, accompanied by a detailed curriculum vitae in both Greek and English. Submissions must be made exclusively by electronic means to the following address: committee.secretariat@statistics.gr (Secretariat for the Selection of the President of ELSTAT), from December 10, 2025, at 9:00 AM, until December 19, 2025, with a final submission deadline at 4:00 PM (or 16:00).

The application for candidacy must be drafted in accordance with the template annexed hereto and must be digitally certified through the Hellenic State's online portal "gov.gr", available at:

<https://www.gov.gr/ipiresies/polites-kai-kathemerinoteta/psephiaka-eggrapha-gov-gr/psephiake-bebaiose-eggraphou>

Applications that do not cumulatively meet the following conditions:

(a) Submission within the prescribed deadline and exclusively by electronic means to the specified address.

(b) Inclusion of an explicit declaration that none of the grounds for ineligibility for appointment to the position of President apply to the candidate.

(c) Inclusion of a statement by the candidate committing that, if selected, he or she will take all necessary steps to eliminate any potential incompatibilities.

(d) Inclusion of full contact details (telephone and/or electronic), shall not be taken into consideration and shall be rejected as inadmissible.

ii) Evaluation of Candidates by the Expert Committee

Candidates for the position of President of ELSTAT shall be evaluated by a five-member Expert Committee, established by Decision No. 200899 ΕΞ 2025 / 19.11.2025 of the Minister of Economy and Finance (ADA: 9ME3H-PEI), composed of the following members:

1. **Ioannis Tsoukalas**, Representative of the Hellenic Parliament, Head of the Parliamentary Budget Office of the Hellenic Parliament, and Professor of Economics at the Adam Smith Business School of the University of Glasgow, President of the Committee. He has extensive research and academic experience, with collaborations with international institutions including the CES-ifo Research Network, the Federal Reserve Banks of the United States, and The Productivity Institute – Scotland Forum, where he serves as Scientific Director.
2. **Ioannis Djoufras**, Representative of the Ministry of Economy and Finance, Professor of Statistics in the Department of Statistics of the Athens University of Economics and Business, with significant research and teaching work in Bayesian and Computational Statistics, data modelling, and the application of advanced statistical methods to the social and economic sciences.
3. **Jean-Luc Tavernier**, Representative of the Statistical Office of the European Union (Eurostat), Inspecteur Général des Finances of France, former Director-General of the French National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies (INSEE, 2012–2025), with extensive experience in statistical administration and economic policy design.
4. **Priit Potisepp**, Representative of the European Statistical Governance Advisory Board, Advisor on European Affairs and International Cooperation at the Ministry of Finance of Estonia. He has longstanding experience in fiscal policy, official statistics governance and European cooperation.
5. **Pádraig Dalton**, Representative of the European Statistical System Committee (ESSC), Director of PD Management Consulting Ltd and former Director-General of the Central Statistics Office of Ireland (CSO, 2012–2024). He has served in senior management positions within the CSO, including Assistant Director General and Director of Statistical Support & Innovation.

Secretarial support to the Committee shall be provided by the following officials of ELSTAT:

1. **Aikaterini Georgios Kallioti**, Grade A, PE Statistics, Deputy Head of the International Cooperation and Public Relations Department of the Directorate of Methodology, Quality Management and International Relations of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT), as regular member and
2. **Aikaterini Panagiotis Markoulaki**, Grade A, PE Administrative–Financial, Deputy Head of the Human Resources Management Department of the Directorate of Administration of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT), as alternate.

The Secretariat of the Committee shall publish, in a manner that ensures transparency, the criteria for acceptance or rejection of applications, as well as its findings, throughout the entire procedure.

iii) Mandate of the Committee

Based on the information submitted by the candidates and any other relevant information it collects, the Expert Committee shall submit a reasoned recommendation to the Minister of Economy and Finance for the appointment of the candidate who best meets the statutory selection criteria set out in Section II of this document.

In the event that the Minister of Economy and Finance does not concur with the Committee's recommendation, the Minister may appoint as President of ELSTAT a candidate of his or her own choosing, provided that:

- the Committee has been previously notified of the full reasoning for the Minister's choice,
- the appointment is made in accordance with the selection criteria set out in Section II, and
- the Committee has communicated its assessment regarding the candidate's compliance with these criteria.

The recommendation of the Expert Committee, the reasoning for any deviation from the Committee's recommendation by the Minister, and the Committee's assessment regarding such deviation shall be published in both Greek and English on the official website of ELSTAT.

This document shall also be published on the website of the Ministry of Finance and on the online platform www.opengov.gr.

**THE MINISTER OF ECONOMY
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KYRIAKOS PIERRAKAKIS

Attachments:

Annex: Application form

ANNEX

APPLICATION

FORM

Application for Candidature For the Position of President of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT), pursuant to Articles 13, 14 and 15 of Law 3832/2010 (A' 38), as currently in force	
Announcement No.: ...	TO: HELLENIC STATISTICAL AUTHORITY (ELSTAT)
Deadline for Submission of Applications: ... / 2025 (All supporting documents and information contained in the application and CV must be valid as of this date)	
A. APPLICATION FOR CANDIDATURE	
A.1 APPLICATION FOR CANDIDATURE:	
SURNAME:	
FIRST NAME:	
FATHER'S NAME:	
MOTHER'S NAME:	
DATE OF BIRTH:	
PLACE OF BIRTH:	
ID NUMBER:	
WORK PHONE:	
MOBILE PHONE:	
MAILING ADDRESS 1 (RESIDENCE):	
MAILING ADDRESS 2 (RESIDENCE):	
E-MAIL: 1. (WORK)	
E-MAIL: 2. (PERSONAL)	
A.2 CURRENT EMPLOYMENT :	
PROFESSION:	
CURRENT POSITION/ROLE:	
B.1 PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:	
FROM.....TO:	
POSITION / ROLE:	
EMPLOYER:	
RELEVANCE TO THE ADVERTISED POSITION:	
FROM.....TO:	
POSITION / ROLE:	
EMPLOYER:	
RELEVANCE TO THE ADVERTISED POSITION:	
FROM.....TO:	
POSITION / ROLE:	
EMPLOYER:	

RELEVANCE TO THE ADVERTISED POSITION:	
B.2 EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:	
DEGREE 1:	
INSTITUTION:	
DATE OF AWARD / GRADE:	
DEGREE 2:	
INSTITUTION:	
DATE OF AWARD / GRADE:	
POSTGRADUATE DEGREE 1:	
INSTITUTION:	
DATE OF AWARD/ GRADE:	
POSTGRADUATE DEGREE 2:	
INSTITUTION:	
DATE OF AWARD / GRADE:	
DOCTORAL DEGREE:	
INSTITUTION / SUPERVISOR:	
DATE OF AWARD:	
B.3 LANGUAGES	
MOTHER TONGUE:	
FOREIGN LANGUAGE 1/ LEVEL OF PROFICIENCY:	
FOREIGN LANGUAGE 2/ LEVEL OF PROFICIENCY:	
B.4 Scientific Activity	
Publications (articles, studies, proposals) relevant to the duties of ELSTAT	
Participation (presentations, announcements, and other activities) in conferences, workshops, boards, and committees on topics related to the responsibilities of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT).	
Chair, Director, and/or Member of the Board of Directors and other governing bodies of public sector legal entities and/or bodies of the EU and international organizations.	
Teaching Experience	
C. RESTRICTIONS ON APPOINTMENT	Please mark with X

	those applicable
I have not been convicted of crimes against property, property rights, service-related offenses, crimes against morals, or any felony (according to article 3(4) of Law 3051/2002).	
I have not been removed or dismissed from the position of President of ELSTAT for serious reasons related to the execution of duties under article 15(2) of Law 3832/2010.	
I declare that, at the time of potential appointment, I will meet the requirements of full and exclusive dedication to the position of President of ELSTAT, as defined in article 15(1) of Law 3832/2010.	
D. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

I hereby declare that the accuracy of the information provided in this application may be verified based on the records of other public authorities (Article 8, paragraph 4, Law 1599/1986).

Under my sole responsibility, and being fully aware of the penalties provided in paragraph 6 of Article 22 of Law 1599/1986, I declare that all the information included in this application and in the attached detailed curriculum vitae is accurate and true. In case of any inaccuracy, I acknowledge that I will bear the consequences prescribed by Law 1599/1986.

Applicant:

Signature:

Date: