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**HELLENIC STATISTICAL AUTHORITY**



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## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

The celebration of the World Statistics Day was proclaimed by the General Assembly of the United Nations for the first time in 2010 and, since then, the World Statistics Day is celebrated every five years on 20 October to recognise the importance of statistics in the building and functioning of modern societies.

The day is important both for the global statistical community and for simple users of statistics who acknowledge the fundamental role of statistics in the economy, social development and but also democracy itself.

Official statistics help governments drawing sound and evidence-based policies aiming at the sustainable economic development of their countries and the continuous improvement of the quality of life of citizens. They also help users of statistics (researchers, academics, businesses, households, etc.) to take informed decisions and draw safe conclusions in their daily work.

To this end, official statistics must be produced in accordance with the statistical principles of “professional independence” “impartiality”, “objectivity”, “reliability”, “statistical confidentiality” and “cost-effectiveness”.

The year 2015 marks the completion of important events for official statistics, such as the conclusion of the Millennium Development Goals and the post-2015 development agenda but also the initiation of other major events, such as the works undertaken for achieving the ESS Vision 2020 and the preparations for the 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme.

To kick off this global event, the UN has launched a dedicated website and a video with the logo for this year: “Better data. Better lives”. More information on the celebration for the World Statistics Day, around the world, is available at the following link:

<https://worldstatisticsday.org/>

In the context of the celebration of the World Statistics Day for the year 2015, the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) has created a special webpage on its website:

<http://www.statistics.gr/portal/page/portal/ESYE/PAGE-statisticsday>

containing information on the celebration of the World Statistics Day and the relevant video.

