



National Statistical Service of Greece

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Mission of the NSSG**

The mission of the NSSG is to produce and make available official statistics relating to various areas of economy and society. These statistics must meet certain standards such as high quality, timeliness, objectivity, reliability, and comparability in time and in EU level, in order to serve as a basis for decision-making and scientific research. Also, it should be mentioned that the principle of confidentiality and transparency of statistical information is regulated by law.

- **Status of the NSSG in the public administration system of Greece**

The NSSG was established and regulated by the provisions of the Legislative Decree 3627/1956, the Law 2392/1996 and the Presidential Decree 226/2000. It forms a General Secretariat of the Ministry of Economy and Finance. According to the Legislative Decree 3627/1956 it has administrative and financial independence, in a sense that it makes and implements its own budget. Though it should be clarified that this resources are totally dependent on the State's budget for the NSSG.

- **Procedure of appointment of Director-General of the NSI**

The head of the NSSG is the Secretary General appointed by the Prime Minister and the Minister of Economy & Finance. The main responsibilities of the head of the NSSG are the decisions on statistical methodology and dissemination. Yet it should be cleared that statistical releases are issued separately from political/policy statements.

- **Organisational structure of the NSSG**

The NSSG has the following structure:

A Central Office with two General Directorates, twelve Divisions and 52 Regional Offices.

- **Location of the seat of the NSSG, regional offices**

Central Office

The Central Office is situated in Piraeus (near to the port of Athens) to new modern premises, moved on late 2004. The building has a conference room with

IT and interpretation facilities, as well as an assembly room. There is also a printing office, as the NSSG's publications are made in-house.

Regional statistical offices (Prefectures/NUTS3).

The regional statistical offices (RSOs) are 52. The main tasks of these offices are the collection of data, checks and transmission of them to the Central Office. Their responsibilities encompass the co-ordination and supervision of the field work within the geographical area of their responsibility.

- **Statistical Programme**

The Statistical Programme is issued once a year on paper. The progress of the statistical processes is monitored quarterly by means of an IT application. The NSSG conducts around 175 annual surveys, 20 quarterly and 40 monthly surveys.

II. SYSTEM OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS IN THE COUNTRY

According to Legislative Decree 3627/1956 the NSSG is exclusively responsible for the collection, processing and dissemination of statistical information.

The activity of national statistics is implemented in certain fields of statistics by other public bodies/institutions that have statistical relevance and responsibility. In the field of education, statistics are produced by the NSSG in collaboration with the Ministry of Education. In the field of R&D and innovation statistics the General Secretariat of R&D conducts surveys.

IV. PUBLICATIONS

The National Statistical Service of Greece (NSSG) designs, collects and processes data from a variety of studies, censuses and statistical surveys and presents them in a variety of statistical publications. The main users are decision makers in the field of politics and economics, academia, researchers, higher education students etc.

Library

The Library of National Statistical Service of Greece is a special economic-statistical library and is housed on the first floor of NSSG's headquarters in Athens.

Users can find all the statistical data and publications of NSSG, as well as other international organizations (Eurostat, OECD, United Nations, IMF etc.). The statistical data and publications cover all sectors of economic and social activity and are provided in either printed or electronic form.

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