

## **INTERNATIONAL CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

For the selection of the President of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (EL.STAT.)

### **THE MINISTER OF FINANCE**

I. Having regard to:

1. The provisions of articles 13 and 14 and paragraphs 1 and 2 of article 15 of the Law 3832/2010 “ Hellenic Statistical System (EL.S.S.), Establishment of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (EL.STAT.) as an independent authority” (A’ 38), as in force,
2. The provisions of paragraph 3 of article 15 of the Law 3832/2010 “Hellenic Statistical System (EL.S.S.), Establishment of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (EL.STAT.) as an independent authority” (A’ 38), as in force, in combination with the provisions of article 2 of the Law 3833/2010 “Protection of the national economy – Urgent measures for confronting fiscal crisis” (A’ 40), the provisions of case 6 of sub-paragraph G1 of paragraph G of article 1 of the Law 4039/2012 “Adoption of the Medium-term Fiscal Strategy Framework 2013-2016 - Urgent implementation measures of the Law 4046/2012 and of the Medium-term Fiscal Strategy 2013-2016 (A’ 222), as in force, and the Decision No2/55822/0022/27.08.2010 issued by the Minister of Finance (Y.O.Δ.Δ. 288),
3. Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics, as amended by Regulation 2015/759,
4. The European Statistics Code of Practice, established by the Statistical Programme Committee on 24 February 2005 and issued as a Recommendation of the Commission on 25 May 2005 on the independence, integrity and accountability of the national and Community statistical authorities, after its revision adopted on 28 September 2011 by the European Statistical System Committee (ESSC),
5. The fact that the term of office of the President of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (EL.STAT.) expired on the 1st of August 2015,
6. The fact that the President of ELSTAT is selected following an international call for expression of interest which is published by the Minister of Finance.

### **WE CALL**

All candidates interested in covering the position of the President of the “Hellenic Statistical Authority (EL.STAT.)”, the Independent Authority, constituting the national statistical

institute in the sense 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 by Regulation 2015/759, to submit an application expressing their interest in the aforementioned position. The nature, duties, qualification and the selection procedure are described analytically as follows:

## **II. DUTIES, OBLIGATIONS AND OTHER ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE POSITION OF THE PRESIDENT OF EL.STAT.:**

i) The President of EL.STAT. is the supreme officer of EL.STAT., and shall exercise all its powers and shall be responsible for ensuring that the authority operates without problems in order to discharge its objectives in line with the provisions of national and European law, the European Statistics Code of Practice and best international statistical practices.

ii) More specifically, the President shall have the following competences:

a) he shall approve the Hellenic Statistical Programme (EL.S.P.);

b) he shall prepare the Regulation on Statistical Obligations of the agencies of the Hellenic Statistical System (EL.S.S.) and the Regulation on the Operation and Administration of EL.STAT.;

c) he shall prepare the annual statistical work programme of EL.STAT. and the evaluation report of the statistical programme of the previous year;

d) he shall decide on the imposition of administrative sanctions, in accordance with articles 9 and 12 of the Law 3832/2010, as in force;

e) he shall take decisions relating to statistical methods, standards and procedures, the content of statistical data and the timing of publication thereof, decisions relating to the transmission of official statistics from the Hellenic Statistical System (EL.S.S.) to the European Statistical Office (Eurostat) and in general decisions relating to the transmission, submission and notification of statistics in the context of European and international statistical cooperation;

f) he shall be responsible for coordinating all the activities of other EL.S.S. agencies relating to the development, production and dissemination of the official statistics of Greece, as well as for the implementation of the national quality assurance framework for statistics;

g) he may issue a decision ordering that all manner of statistical surveys, censuses and studies be carried out in addition to those specified in the Hellenic Statistical Programme (EL.S.P.), and the EL.STAT. annual statistical work programme;

h) he shall represent EL.STAT. judicially and extra-judicially, before the courts, all authorities and third parties. The President of EL.STAT. may assign the task of representing the authority to the Legal Advisor of EL.STAT. or an employee of EL.STAT.;

i) he shall be the head of EL.STAT.'s various units, coordinate and direct their operation, provide orders for various measures to be taken relating to the discharge of EL.STAT.'s mission, and shall set up working groups comprised of specialist or other staff of EL.STAT. and shall specify their remit;

j) he shall be the head, hierarchically and disciplinarily, of EL.STAT.'s personnel, and assure that a Career Advancement Board and a Disciplinary Board are set up and run in accordance with the existing provisions;

k) he shall prepare the EL.STAT. annual budgets, annual reports and balance sheets;

l) he shall be responsible for all matters relating to the administrative operations and financial management of EL.STAT. and as the person responsible for ordering the incurring of expenditure by EL.STAT., he shall assume obligations, which entail the disbursement of its budget appropriations;

m) he shall reallocate to categories, branches and specializations, the vacant permanent (organic) positions that are provided for in the Organisation of ELSTAT;

n) he may transfer competences to other officers of EL.STAT. and issue a decision authorising officers of EL.STAT. to sign documents or other decisions "On the President's Orders", by means of decisions published by posting them to EL.STAT.'s website without requiring any other form of publication;

o) he shall exercise all other powers of EL.STAT. laid down by law and by the Regulation on the Operation and Administration of EL.STAT.

**iii)** The President of EL.STAT. shall enjoy personal independence in the performance of his duties and he is bound by the relevant provisions in force. The President of EL.STAT. is by law subject to the status of full-time, exclusive employment.

**iv)** The President of EL.STAT. is appointed for a five-year term of office by decision of the Minister of Finance which is published in the Government Gazette. The President's term of office can be renewed only once by decision of the Minister of Finance.

**v)** The remuneration of any kind of the President of EL.STAT. is defined by decision of the Minister of Finance.

**vi)** The President of EL.STAT. may be discharged by decision of the very administrative body which appointed him, for inability in the exercise of his duties due to impediment, illness, or disability, or for any serious grounds relating to the performance of his duties, such as the disclosure of confidential information, which he became aware when exercising his duties, or abuse of his position for personal or commercial profit. The grounds for removal may not place at risk his professional and scientific independence.

### **III. EXCLUSIVE SELECTION CRITERIA, INDICATIVE EVALUATION CRITERIA, AND IMPEDIMENTS OF APPOINTMENT**

**i)** The sole selection criteria for the position of President of EL.STAT are:

**(a)** the high scientific training, with professional or academic expertise in the field of statistics or similar fields or in a field relevant to that of statistical surveys and studies, and

**(b)** the candidate's ability, as indicated by his professional and scientific career, to meet the requirements of the statistical principles provided for in article 338 paragraph 2 of the TFEU, in article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 and in the European Statistics Code of Practice.

In addition, the President of EL.STAT must have a PhD degree.

The candidates must have an excellent command of the English language. As regards foreign candidates, proficiency in knowledge and using the Greek language is required.

## **ii) Indicative evaluation criteria**

Excellent knowledge of English language.

**iii)** Any candidate shall be excluded from appointment if:

- a)** he has been convicted of offences of property or property rights or offences pertaining to perjury, forgery or breach of duty or against the Service, or offences against public morality, as well as if he has been convicted of any criminal offence stipulated in paragraph 4 of article 3 of the Law 3051/2002;
- b)** he has been removed from the post of the President of ELSTAT.

## **IV. PROCEDURE FOR EVALUATING AND SELECTING THE CANDIDATES**

### **i) Submission of application for expression of interest**

The candidates that fulfill the legal requirements for been appointed to the proclaimed position and have the required qualifications may submit their application, which will serve as a solemn declaration, accompanied by an analytical curriculum vitae, in the Greek and English language, to the following link: <https://online.ekdd.gr/applications/>, from 4/12/2015 until 23/12/2015.

It should be noted that the applications that **will not**: a) be submitted in due time and electronically to the aforementioned address, b) certify that the candidate has not any impediments for being appointed to the post of the President, c) state that the candidate will undertake the necessary steps to eliminate any conflicts of interest, if selected and d) bear any contact details, telephone number or even electronic address, **shall not be examined**.

### **ii) Evaluation of candidates by the Committee of Experts**

The candidates applying for the position of the President of EL.STAT. will be evaluated by a five-member Committee of Experts, established by decision No 2/65460/0004/29.10.2015 (ΑΔΑ: 6ΞΧ8Η-1ΓΔ) issued by the Minister of Finance, as amended by decision No 2/76667/0004/03.12.2015 (ΑΔΑ:6ΘΣΤΗ-Ζ0Φ) issued by the Minister of Finance which consists of the following members:

**1. Panagiotis Liargovas**, representative of the Hellenic Parliament, Coordinator of the State Budget Office of the Hellenic Parliament, appointed Chair of the Committee of Experts. Mr. Liargovas is a PhD holder in economics with significant experience both as a professor and author. He is professor in the Department of Economics of the University of Peloponnisos, teaching macroeconomics and “problems and prospects of the Greek economy”. From April 2010 until the present time he is Director of the post-graduate programme for economic analysis of the Department of Economics of the University of Peloponnisos. From 1998 until 1999 he worked as a special associate in the office of the Minister of Finance on issues pertaining to state budget, public debt and transition to euro.

**2. Petros Dellaportas**, representative of the Ministry of Finance, professor of statistics in the University College of London (UCL). He is a PhD holder in statistics and has a significant teaching background in statistics. From 1992 until September of this year he has been teaching statistics in the Economic University of Athens. Furthermore, he participates, as head researcher in many funded research programmes in the field of statistics.

**3. Marie Bohata**, representative of the European Statistical Office (Eurostat), professor in the University of Economic and Management of Prague. She is a PhD holder in theory of systems. From 1971 until 1999 she worked in research and economic institutes. From 1999 until 2003 she was President of the Czech Statistical Office, while from 2004 until 2014 she was deputy Director General of the European Statistical Office (Eurostat).

**4. Jean-Michel Charpin**, representative of the European Statistical Governance Advisory Board (ESGAB). Mr. Charpin graduated from a polytechnic school and was trained as a statistician and economist. He was Director General of the National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies (INSEE) of France from January 2003 to October 2007. He has also been a member of the European Statistical Governance Advisory Board (ESGAB) in the years 2009 to 2015. His work experience includes his employment at the European Commission (1980-1981) and the National Bank of Paris (BNP) (1990-1997). In the years 2004-2005 he was in charge of the group which elaborated the European Statistics Code of Practice.

**5. Jil MATHESON**, representative of the European Statistical System Committee (ESSC). Ms. Matheson has studied sociology and has been awarded with honorary doctoral degrees by the University of Wolverhampton (2012) and Sussex (2014). From 2009 to 2014 she served as Chief Statistician of the United Kingdom. At the same time, she was President of the Statistical Committee of the United Nations and of the Committee for statistics and statistical policy of the OECD. From 2003 to 2009, she worked as Director and subsequently as Director General of the Office for National Statistics of the United Kingdom.

Secretarial support to the Committee will be provided by EL.STAT and specifically the following officials:

- 1) Nektaria Tsiligkaki, Head of the International Relations Unit of the Directorate of Organisation, Methodology and International Relations
- 2) Magdalini Leraki, who serves at the International Relations Unit of the Directorate of Organisation, Methodology and International Relations

The Secretariat of the Committee will publish, in a manner ensuring the transparency, the acceptance or rejection criteria of applications, as well as its findings during the process.

### **iii) Task of the Committee**

On the basis of the information submitted by the candidates and any other relevant information it has collected, the Committee of Experts makes a justified recommendation to the Finance Minister for the choice of the candidate who meets to the fullest extent the consistent-with-the law selection criteria referred to in paragraph III i) above. In the event that the Minister of Finance does not agree with the recommendation of the Committee, the Minister may appoint as President of EL.STAT. the candidate of his choice after prior notification to the Committee with the full justification of his choice of candidate in accordance with the exclusive selection criteria provided for in paragraph III i) above, and after the Committee notifies the Minister of its judgment about this candidate's meeting of the selection criteria. The recommendation of the Committee of Experts on its choice for President of EL.STAT, the justification of any choice by the Minister of Finance that deviates from the recommendation of the Committee and the relevant judgment thereon of the Committee of Experts are published mandatorily in Greek and in English on the website of EL.STAT.

This call for expression of interest shall be published on the website of the Ministry of Finance and on the following website: [www.opengov.gr](http://www.opengov.gr)

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