



DISSEMINATION POLICY

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1 | DISSEMINATION POLICY-Version 1.1

The present policy includes the rules and principles applied by the National Documentation Centre (EKT), as a National Authority and Agency of the Hellenic Statistical System¹ for the dissemination of its statistics in the fields of Research, Technology, Development and Innovation (RDI) and Digital Transformation. The dissemination principles are based on national legislation and regulations of the Hellenic Statistical System, the European and international principles on the dissemination of statistics, the open access and open data policies, the regulations on the availability of public sector data.

In particular, EKT, with a long tradition in disseminating scientific knowledge, inside and outside the country, makes the statistics it produces a public good available to all interested users (researchers, individuals, public and private organisations and agencies, media, Public Administration, etc.).

The dissemination of statistics is carried out by EKT based on the principles of open access and the conditions for compliance with the statistical principles of 'professional independence', 'impartiality', 'objectivity', 'reliability', 'statistical confidentiality' and 'cost-effectiveness' as defined by Article 2 of Regulation (EC) 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the European Council, as amended by Regulation 2015/759 and outlined in the European Statistics Code of Practice.

¹ The agencies and the national authorities of ELSS can be found here: <https://www.statistics.gr/en/agencies>

1. Definitions

The term '*professional independence*' means that statistics must be developed, produced and disseminated in an independent manner, particularly as regards the selection of techniques, definitions, methodologies and sources to be used, and the timing and content of all forms of dissemination, and that the performance of those tasks is free from any pressures from political or interest groups or from Union or national authorities.

The term '*impartiality*' means that statistics must be developed, produced and disseminated in a neutral manner, and that all users must be given equal treatment.

The term '*objectivity*' means that statistics must be developed, produced and disseminated in a systematic, reliable and unbiased manner; it implies the use of professional and ethical standards, and that the policies and practices followed are transparent to users and survey respondents.

The term '*reliability*' means that statistics must measure as faithfully, accurately and consistently as possible the reality that they are designed to represent and implying that scientific criteria are used for the selection of sources, methods and procedures.

The term '*statistical confidentiality*' means the protection of confidential data related to single statistical units which are obtained directly for statistical purposes or indirectly from administrative or other sources and implying the prohibition of use for non-statistical purposes of the data obtained and of their unlawful disclosure.

The term '*cost effectiveness*' means that the costs of producing statistics must be in proportion to the importance of the results and the benefits sought, that resources must be optimally used and the response burden minimised. The information requested shall, where possible, be readily extractable from available records or sources.

'*Dissemination*' means the activity of making statistics accessible to users.

'*Confidential data for scientific purposes*' means anonymised data but which can theoretically allow indirect identification of the statistical units (surveyed units).

2. Legislative framework

The Dissemination Policy of EKT is based on and takes into account:

- the provisions on dissemination of statistics of the Greek statistical law (Law 3832/2010, as amended and in force), as further specified in the Regulation on the Statistical Obligations of the Agencies of the Hellenic Statistical System,
- the provisions on dissemination of European statistics of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council, as amended by Regulation No 2015/759,
- the European Statistics Code of Practice, the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and the Declaration of the International Statistical Institute (ISI) on Professional Ethics,
- the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation - GDPR),
- the Law 4624/2019 (Government Gazette A'137 / 29.08.2019) "Hellenic Data Protection Authority, measures implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 for the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and transposition (into national law) Directive (EU) 2016/680 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 and other provisions".

3. Rules and Principles of the Dissemination Policy

The dissemination policy of EKT is defined through the following rules and principles:

1. EKT provides equal and simultaneous access of all users to its produced statistics, by fully adopting the rules and principles that are included in [its statistical confidentiality policy](#), which has been published at <https://metrics.ekt.gr/en>.
2. The key access point to EKT's statistical information is the website <https://metrics.ekt.gr/en>, where all users have access without restrictions. In this website statistics are published in the form of data tables, statistical reports as well as publications with additional documentation and studies. Also, data on European statistics are transmitted to Eurostat, where they are published in the relevant database <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/data/database>.
3. More detailed statistical information and data, not included on the website <https://metrics.ekt.gr/en>, are provided upon request from interested parties, as long as they do not fall under the statistical confidentiality clause.
4. In order to meet the needs of national and international users, EKT ensures that the content of its website and its statistical publications are kept up to date and available in both Greek and English.
5. EKT ensures the continuous improvement of the format and content of the website <https://metrics.ekt.gr/en>, and of the other ways of disseminating the produced statistics, publications, studies, etc., so as to serve the needs of users, both in Greece and internationally, according to the evolving international standards. To ensure that its statistics are disseminated in a way that meets the requirements of the users, EKT takes into account the relevant comments and remarks of the users, as collected on the website.
6. Each year EKT compiles and publishes on the website <https://metrics.ekt.gr/en> a Statistical Work Programme, which includes its planned statistical survey/work for the following year. In this Statistical Work Programme, EKT pre-announces for each planned statistical survey/work the quarter or quarters of publication of its results.
7. Data releases are also preannounced on the website <https://metrics.ekt.gr/en> in the form of a "Data Release Calendar", which indicates the scheduled month for each statistical data release.
8. EKT publishes on the website <https://metrics.ekt.gr/en> the metadata of the statistical surveys/works it implements.

9. EKT presents its statistical results in a clear and comprehensible form that facilitates their correct interpretation and use, both by experts in the specific topics, and by the general public. To improve the understanding of statistics by users, EKT conducts and publishes studies on broader RDI thematic, in order to demonstrate the importance of documentation with reliable statistics.
10. EKT statistical publications are objective and clearly separated from political statements. EKT reserves the right to comment publicly on criticism of its statistics, as well as their misuse or misunderstanding, to the extent deemed appropriate. To improve the understanding of statistics, EKT systematically organises workshops on relevant topics, for specific categories of users.
11. EKT provides the statistical information it produces free of charge. Statistical publications and special editions are also provided free of charge in electronic form through the website <https://metrics.ekt.gr/en> and in printed form, if available.
12. EKT encourages the re-use of its data. Statistics, metadata, publications and other documents published on the EKT website are available under the license [Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-NoDerivatives 4.0](#) unless explicitly stated otherwise. When reuse involves any modification of data or text, including text translation, this clearly refers to the end user of the information.



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