

*A Brief Statistical Information Bulletin*  
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**More crimes by the leadership of ELSTAT:  
The shocking failure of the 2011 Census of population-housing**

After the ad hoc and criminal augmentation of the country's public deficit of 2009, and of course those of the subsequent years, under the pretence of which the PASOK government convicted Greece by the verdict of the two Troika Memoranda, we are again witnessing a new slap against the pride of the country, the devastating failure of the population-housing census, risking again the reputation of the Greek Statistics. At the same time, Mr. Radermacher, the General Director of Eurostat, is enjoying his dinners in one of the fabulous fish -restaurants in Voula, some 8 km outside Athens, keeping his mouth funnily shut about the population census, while talking pompously about the "perfect quality" of data that he supervises. This is not a surprise by the dictatorial unaccountability of EU's structures. Can one tell us to whom Mr. Radermacher is accountable for his statistics practices for which he is generously paid by the European citizens?

The fact: **A shocking and unprecedented failure of the 2011 population-housing Census, but also the fictitious data of the agricultural census.** The full responsibility for this new crime against the nation lies exclusively with the leadership of ELSTAT, especially with the chairman of ELSTAT, Mr. A. Georgiou. He has, surprise-surprise, tried to load his own criminal wrongs on the ELSTAT personnel by even signing the documents as "ELSTAT" instead of putting down his own name. Maybe this was Mr. Radermacher's advice to him (surprise-surprise). It is well-known that both the ELSTAT personnel and the Board of ELSTAT (before they are illegally kicked out by the PASOK government with the "helpful" advice of Eurostat) had suggested to Mr. Georgiou to start the preparation and the premeasurements for the population census in October 2010. But, Mr. Georgiou, as the "only knowledgeable statistician in Greece" decided otherwise, and he started the necessary procedures in February 2011! Of course, Mr. Georgiou is also notorious for his human-management skills: he continuously refuses any suggestion made to him by the ELSTAT personnel by showing his deep contempt to useful ideas, stifling any initiative the ELSTAT employees might have. He enriches his managerial qualities by establishing armed special-force policemen in the ELSTAT building (46 Eponiton and Pireas Street) terrorizing all kinds of employees, not even paying them their legal fees. At the same time, Mr. Georgiou organizes useless conferences with Mr. Radermacher for which he uses Greece's money to have nice dinners at the sea-side while bla-bla-ing about the data quality, like the recent conference-parody in the Music Mansion of Athens after which he enjoyed his fish looking out at the Aegean view.

The population-housing census has miserably failed: **(1)** The results are not yet out and they are not going to be out for a long time. This is illegal and unconstitutional by the Greek, European and International Law, having disastrous consequences on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June parliamentary elections, risking a series of judicial court cases. **(2)** The census delays can very easily be characterized as a national crime, while the choice of the months May and June of carrying it out were the utmost inappropriate according to Greek, European and

International Regulations (people are not usually at home). (3) The whole organizing of the census and premeasurements could not have been done worse than they had. (4) The immigrants have not, almost entirely, been recorded, while the real and legal population is seriously under-recorded. (5) The methodology was the most inappropriate. (6) The confidentiality principle for personal data has been vulgarly violated by illegal verification outsourcing to private companies and by the appointment of irrelevant public servants from various Ministries and other Organizations to whom the completed questionnaires were given for verification. (7) The observed errors are immeasurable, due both to incompetency and serious inappropriateness of the used electronic machines. (8) Although the census has miserably failed, it had a huge cost: the ELSTAT leadership economized on such an unreasonable and criminally unscientific way regarding the appointment and training of the census-takers, but also by appointing expensive foreign Consultants.

It is noted that Mrs. Vaso Papandreou, an MP, economist, and the chairman of the Economics Parliamentary Committee, on the meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2011, expressed the suggestion to redo the whole 2011 population-housing census because of highly probable distortion and falsification of the real population data.

**The game with the Greek Statistics played by Mr. Georgiou, Mr. Radermacher and the Troika, against the Greek people has to stop.** Statistics are vital for the welfare of peoples and we must not forget that the IMF intrusion into Greece and Europe was excused on the basis of ad hoc and irresponsible inappropriate measurements of Greece's, and probably not only, public deficits, which have never been checked for their reliability.

**Who is going to control the illegal, unconstitutional and essentially criminal statistical activity of ELSTAT? Are Mr. Georgiou and Mr. Radermacher creating the "excuse" to dissolve ELSTAT?** I remind everybody that when Hitler's Forces invaded Athens, the employees of the Statistical Service of Greece, which was then located in Kaniggos Square in central Athens, had the courage and integrity to burn the Census results so that they do not fall in the hands of Nazi Germany.