ISI statements and letters concerning statistical ethics

The ISI has undertaken action in specific cases. An overview of the ISI letters, statements and discussion papers is given below:

**Ukraine**

- [ISI Statement on Ukraine](https://www.isi-web.org/about/policies/professional-ethics/statements-and-letters-concerning-statistical-ethics)

**Turkey**

- [ISI and IAOS statement on the dismissal of the head of the Turkish Statistical Office](https://www.isi-web.org/about/policies/professional-ethics/statements-and-letters-concerning-statistical-ethics)

**Fiji**

- [Call for Action by the Fiji Government on the Position of its Government Statistician](https://www.isi-web.org/about/policies/professional-ethics/statements-and-letters-concerning-statistical-ethics)

  ISI and IAOS have sent a letter to the Prime Minister of Fiji calling on him to act urgently to provide vindication of its actions to rebuild trust in Fiji statistics.
  
  *Dated 11 October 2021*

**Greece**

- [ASA, ISI and RSS letter to the Prime Minister of Greece](https://www.isi-web.org/about/policies/professional-ethics/statements-and-letters-concerning-statistical-ethics)

  Regarding the ongoing legal proceedings against Andreas Georgiou.
  
  *Dated 7 October 2021*

- [ISI and IAOS Letter of Support for Andreas Georgiou](https://www.isi-web.org/about/policies/professional-ethics/statements-and-letters-concerning-statistical-ethics)

  ISI and IAOS have issued another statement to express their continued concern over the legal action being taken against the former head of the Greek Statistics Office (ELSTAT).
  
  *Dated August 2021*

- [ISI and IAOS express call for an end to the persecuting of Andreas Georgiou](https://www.isi-web.org/about/policies/professional-ethics/statements-and-letters-concerning-statistical-ethics)

  The ISI and IAOS have followed the persecution of Andreas Georgiou, former Head of the Greek Statistical Office, ELSTAT, and restate their concern that the continued prosecutions have damaged the scientific integrity of highly regarded work addressing Greece’s problematic fiscal statistical reporting from the 2000s.
  
  *Dated 31 March 2021*
• **ISI Statement** about persisting legal action against Andreas Georgiou, former ELSTAT President. Why is he being prosecuted after eight years for following Statistical Principles?
  *Dated 18 December 2019*

• Commendation of Andreas Georgiou: On 18 September 2018, during a Special Meeting on National Statistical Offices’ Professional Independence prior to the 16th IAOS Conference in Paris, a special **Commendation** was awarded to Andreas Georgiou, former President of ELSTAT. The commendation was presented by six major statistical organizations including ISI.
  *Dated 18 September 2018*

• The following organisations supported the commendation:
  - Inter-American Statistical Institute (IASI)
  - Statistics Portugal
  - Uppsala University
  *Dated 23 October 2018*

• Georgiou Sees the Award as a Signal to Other Statisticians who Fight for Professional Integrity: ‘**You Are Not Alone**’. The former President of ELSTAT Andreas Georgiou says he is deeply honoured by the commendation from the international statistical community for his continued fight for trustworthy statistics “This is another example of all the support I have received from the international community.”
  *Dated 21 September 2018*

• Background and chronology of court **proceedings** against Andreas Georgiou, former President of ELSTAT (the Hellenic Statistical Authority)
  *Dated 9 November 2019*

• For further information of the prosecution of Andreas Georgiou, see Miranda Xafa’s fully documented **article** in World Economics, Vol. 20, No. 3, July-September 2019.
  *Dated 9 November 2019*

• **ISI Statement** about Conviction of Andreas Georgiou, former ELSTAT President
  *Dated 8 August 2017*
Statistical System
The report presents the status of the implementation of principles 1 to 6 (institutional environment, such as the principles of Professional Independence, and of Impartiality and Objectivity) of the European Statistics Code of Practice in the Greek statistical system, covering the period 2015-2016. More
Dated 26 January 2017

- ISI Statment on ELSTAT
  How can work of the highest professional calibre and ethical standard lead to prosecution? More
  Dated 15 September 2016

- Open Letter from ISI on matters related to judicial proceedings in Greece
  The ISI has published an open letter regarding the judicial proceedings in Greece against Mr Andreas Georgiou, the President of ELSTAT, and comments from two former ELSTAT members about the organization of an Open Meeting entitled ‘Intrusion of the judiciary in the course of the production of official statistics’ during the World Statistics Congress in Hong Kong. More
  Dated 16 September 2013

- The ISI issued a Statement to express its profound disappointment and serious concern over the prosecution of Mr Andreas Georgiou, President of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) and two of his ELSTAT Managers.
  Supporters that endorsed the statement by subscribing, were published on the website.
  Dated 28 February 2013

- Letter by the ISI President to the President of the Hellenic Statistical Authority, Mr. Andreas Georgiou, in support of his endeavour to comply with the high international standards for producing good quality and impartial statistical information about the Greek economy and society.
  Dated 5 January 2012

Other relevant information

- The Third Annual Report of the Good Practice Advisory Committee (GPAC) to the Hellenic Statistical System.
  The report presents the status of the implementation of principles 1 to 6 (institutional environment, such as the principles of Professional Independence, and of Impartiality and Objectivity) of the European Statistics Code of Practice in the Greek statistical

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system, covering the period 2015-2016. The ongoing court case is the major focus of the report on Principle 1, Professional Independence, and a feature of the Report on this occasion is also the inclusion of an appendix detailing the chronology of the court proceedings to-date.

- **Second Annual Report of the Good Practice Advisory Committee Hellenic Statistical System.**
  Many members may be aware of on-going concerns regarding the Greek Statistical System where the head of the office is facing prosecution on issues concerning the integrity of official economic statistics. The Second Annual Report, for the year 2014 from the independent Good Practice Advisory Committee provides a good summary of the current situation.
  *published in January 2015*

- **The Good Practice Advisory Committee examined ELSTAT's implementation of Principles 1 to 6 of the European Statistics Code of Practice and made an overall assessments and recommendations. Read the full report**
  *published in September 2013*

### Argentina

- **ISI's Position on Methodological Concerns about the Argentine CPI & the Position of Statisticians in Argentina**
  *Dated 29 September 2011*

- **The supporting letter of the President of ISI to the UN Special Rapporteur**
  *Dated 29 September 2011*

- **Statement by the ISI about the situation with the Argentine CPI and our colleague statisticians in Argentina**
  *Dated September 2011*

- **Update on the Situation with the Argentine CPI and Our Statistical Colleagues in Argentina by the Chair of the ISI Advisory Board on Ethics Dennis Trewin and ISI President Jae C Lee**
  *Dated 21 May 2012*
• Exchange of letters between the Director of INDEC, Argentina and the Chair of the ISI Advisory Board on Ethics (ABE)
  Dated 14 September 2012

• Statement by the IMF Executive Board on Argentina
  Dated 18 September 2012

Tunisia

• Letter by the Chair of the Advisory Board on Ethics, Mr Dennis Trewin to the President of the Association Tunisienne pour la Statistique et ses Applications about the dismissal of the head of the National Statistical Institute.
  Dated 15 April 2012

Reviews, Other Documents

• “Recent developments concerning the application of the ISI Declaration on Professional Ethics”; paper at the IAOS conference in Kiev, September 2012, by Hallgrímur Snorrason and Dennis Trewin.