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European Statistics Day - 20 October 2026

“European Statistics at a Crossroads: Priorities, Opportunities and Constraints”

On 20 October 2026, ten years will have passed since the first celebration of European Statistics Day, which highlights the contribution of official statistics to society and the economy.

This year's theme, “European statistics at a crossroads: priorities, opportunities and constraints”, focuses on the changes shaping the future of official statistics. Growing user needs, new data sources and technological developments, including artificial intelligence, create opportunities to produce more accurate and detailed statistical information. At the same time, limited resources and the requirements for safeguarding quality and confidentiality make it necessary to set clear priorities.

In this environment, the responsible use of innovation and cooperation with users and other stakeholders are of crucial importance. The aim is to ensure that official statistics continue to provide a reliable basis for understanding economic and social developments, evaluating policies and making evidence-based decisions.

The Statistical Service reaffirms its commitment to producing and disseminating high-quality statistics with professional independence, objectivity, transparency and respect for statistical confidentiality. At the same time, it pursues the continuous improvement of its services, in order to respond to users' modern and constantly evolving needs.

As part of the celebration, the following activities are taking place on 20 October 2026:

- **Keynote address entitled “The role of official statistics in shaping economic policy”**
The Statistical Service and the Cyprus Statistical Society are jointly organising an event at the Ministry of Finance, featuring Dr Andreas Charalambous, Chair of the Fiscal Council, as the speaker. The event highlights the importance of reliable statistical information for the design and evaluation of economic policy.
- **Opening of registrations for the 10th European Statistics Competition**
The Statistical Service, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sport and Youth, the University of Cyprus and the Cyprus Statistical Society, announces the opening of registrations for the national phase of the 10th European Statistics Competition, which will be held during the 2026–2027 school year.

The Competition is aimed at secondary school students and seeks to strengthen statistical literacy and familiarise them with official statistics. Through their participation, students have the opportunity to develop skills in searching for, analysing and presenting data, as well as critically evaluating information.