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## PRESS RELEASE

### **The 10th Round of the European Social Survey (ESS) in Greece has been completed with the support of the Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation (H.F.R.I.).**

The Chair of H.F.R.I.'s Scientific Council, Professor Xeni Chryssochoou attended with great pleasure the conference organised by the National Centre of Social Research (EKKE) for the completion of the 10th round of the European Social Survey (ESS) in Greece. The conference took place on Monday, July 11, 2022 in the amphitheatre of the Acropolis Museum, in the presence of the Director of the European Social Survey, European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ESS ERIC), Professor Rory Fitzgerald.

The country's participation in the European Social Survey was financed by H.F.R.I. as an Emblematic Action under the project "Fieldwork for the collection of data in Greece in the context of "Wave 10" of the European Social Survey". **"It is a great honour, after 10 years of absence, that the return of Greece to the most important European Research Infrastructure in the field of Social Sciences is intertwined with H.F.R.I. On behalf of the SC, I would like to convey the hope that both the European and especially the Greek scientists will benefit to a great extent from these data"**, said Mrs. Xeni Chryssochoou, Chair of the SC, in her greeting.

32 countries, including Greece, participated in the 10th round of the survey giving citizens the opportunity to express their opinion on a number of critical social, political and cultural issues, such as trust in institutions, society and politics, the immigration, discrimination and the recent COVID-19 pandemic.

The scientific responsibility of the research was once again assumed by EKKE, which had carried out the survey during the previous rounds, in which Greece participated. **"Greece's regular**

**participation in the European Social Survey is necessary as it ensures not only time series of data that are essential for the serious work of Greek social and political scientists, but also critical scientific information on the basis of which experts and the political leadership of the country can draw up documented public policies", said the Director & Chairman of the Board of EKKE, Professor Nikos Demertzis in his opening speech. In turn, the Principle Investigator and National Coordinator Dr Theoni Stathopoulou stated that: "After a decade of absence, the country was reconnected with the European Social Survey through the financing of H.F.R.I. I am particularly happy that we managed to implement this complex project of high methodological standards in the midst of a pandemic. The data of the 10th round will form the basis for the comparative documentation of changes in Greek society and in wider Europe".**

The Chair of the ESS-ERIC General Assembly, Professor Michael Breen, also addressed the conference and praised the importance of ESS, stressing that: **"This is not simply an academic endeavour. The empirical data provided by ESS are more important than ever, particularly as we have witnessed an assault of science and truth during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is critically important that Europe can draw on rigorous data in formulating its response to various issues as they arise, and that those data are transparently derived, methodologically rigorous, and openly accessible".**

The results of the survey in Greece are expected to be published and available in November 2022.

*A snapshot from the conference is attached.*

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#### **About the H.F.R.I.**

The Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation was established (Law 4429/2016) out of the vital need to support Greek scientists. It is a legal person governed by private law, monitored by the Ministry of Development and Investments. The H.F.R.I. aims to promote research and innovation in the country. In particular, it aims to evaluate and finance unrestricted research, namely research activities, research infrastructure and their technological applications, arising from scientific curiosity, without any thematic exclusions or geographical limitations, having scientific quality and excellence as a unique criterion.

