

- **Kotzamanis., B. The world population: 7 billion in 2011, 9 billion in 2050? (in Greek).** *Demographic News*, no 15, September-October 2011

The UN recently notified, that the population of our planet overcame the 7 billion and that this figure is going to reach up to 9 billion in 2050 and up to 10 billion by the end of the century (intermediate scenario of demographic projections). This announcement, propulsed by the media all over the world, raised some crucial questions: How did we become so quickly 7 billion? Why is population increase going to continue? Is this blowing up concerning all the continents or some of them? And finally, what is going to happen with the extra two billion people at the end of 2050?