



# NOTE ON THE GREEK ECONOMY

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## Recent Economic Developments: an overview

**Economic activity** continued to expand in 2025 (2.1%), outperforming the euro area (1.4%), despite elevated uncertainty in the international economic environment. Growth in 2025 was driven by the positive contributions of investment (1.5 pp), private consumption (1.4 pp) and net exports (1.2 pp). **HICP inflation** remained elevated at 2.9% in 2025, leading to a wide inflation differential with the corresponding euro area figure of 2.1%, attributed to a large differential in services inflation. HICP inflation increased to 3.4% in March 2026 from 3.1% in February mainly due to huge increases in energy inflation. In the **housing market**, apartment prices continued rising at a strong, though decelerating, pace in the course of 2025. **Labour market developments** remained positive in 2025:Q4, with employment rising and the unemployment rate falling further. The **current account deficit** recorded a notable improvement in 2025, after the widening in 2024; however, in January 2026 the current account registered a deficit, instead of a surplus in the respective month of 2025. On the fiscal front, the 2025 **primary fiscal outcome** settled at a high surplus of 4.9% of GDP, significantly larger than the 2026 Budget target (3.7%) mainly due to higher tax revenue. The **debt to GDP ratio** decreased by 8.0 pps in 2025, compared to 2024, down to 146.1% on account of the high primary surplus, early debt repayment and notable interest-growth rate differential. **Corporate bank credit expansion** was robust in 2025 and early 2026 in line with economic growth and lower interest rates, while the growth rate of **private sector deposits** accelerated. **Bank lending rates** stabilized recently after declining due to past ECB policy rate cuts. **Government bond yields and spreads**, during 2025 and 2026-to-date, exhibited resilience amid a volatile global environment, as the impact of Greece's sovereign credit rating upgrades helped moderate the effect of rising global financial markets volatility. **Greek corporate bonds and equities** outperformed their euro-area peers in 2025, while in 2026-to-date they have remained resilient, despite global financial market turbulence.

**Looking ahead**, the latest BoG projections are based on the assumptions in the context of the ECB Staff March 2026 Projections (cut-off date 11 March 2026), which entail notably higher energy commodity prices due to the war in the Middle East. The Greek economy is expected to grow by 1.9% in 2026 and by 2.0% in 2027-2028 period, outperforming euro area growth. Growth will be mainly driven by private consumption and investment, while the contribution of net exports is expected to be marginally negative. Inflation is expected to remain high, at 3.1% in 2026, reflecting higher energy and unprocessed food prices and the persistence of services inflation; over the forecast period, HICP inflation will gradually moderate as energy commodity prices are expected to subside from their recent peaks. The **risks** surrounding the growth projections are mainly downward and primarily related to a further escalation of the war in the Middle East and the ensuing escalation in economic uncertainty, a further strengthening of trade protectionism, more persistent inflation and unexpected climatic phenomena.

## Latest economic information - available in the last five weeks

### Economic Activity

The **Economic Sentiment Indicator (ESI)** fell to 106.8 in March (from 107.6 in February) reflecting elevated uncertainty due to the war in the Middle East; expectations receded across all business sectors and consumer confidence sharply declined.

The March **Manufacturing PMI** (Purchasing Managers' Index) stood at 54.5, up fractionally from 54.4 in February, recording the highest reading since August 2025 and signaling the resilience so far of Greek manufacturing.

**Industrial production** increased by 1.8% y-o-y in February due to the rise in manufacturing production (2.9% y-o-y). In the January-February 2026 period, industrial production increased by 3.6% y-o-y.

The **turnover of enterprises** obliged to double-entry accounting book keeping, marginally declined in the January-February 2026 period (-0.5% y-o-y).

The **volume of building permits** increased strongly, up by 22.2% y-o-y in December 2025; in 2025, the volume of building permits declined by 2.4% possibly due to regulatory uncertainty and high construction costs.

The **retail sales volume index** increased by 4.5% y-o-y in January 2026 (as against 3.3% y-o-y in January 2025).

**VAT revenues at constant prices** increased by 7.8% y-o-y in February 2026 and by 4.6% y-o-y in the first two months of the year pointing to ongoing consumption growth.

Nominal **disposable income of households strongly increased** by 9.8% y-o-y in 2025:Q4 (+6.8% y-o-y in real terms). For 2025 as a whole, it rose by 5.3% on average mainly due to the positive contribution of labour income, while real disposable income of households increased by 1.8%, down from 2.3% in 2024, reflecting the effect of elevated inflation.

### Prices

**HICP inflation increased to 3.4% in March 2026** from 3.1% in February. The increases in the inflation rates of processed food and especially of energy were only partially offset by the declines in the inflation rates of unprocessed food, non-energy industrial goods and services.

### Labour market

**Employment** increased by 3.1% y-o-y in February 2026, while the unemployment rate (sa) stood at 8.5%.

**Net flows of dependent employment in the private sector** were negative, -18,744 jobs, in January 2026 mainly due to dismissals in restaurants.

### External Balances, Competitiveness

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The appreciation of the **nominal effective exchange rate** continued in 2026:Q1. The **price competitiveness index** continued to deteriorate further in 2026:Q1 due to the euro appreciation in addition to the upward shift in Greece's inflation vs that of its trading partners. The unit labour cost competitiveness index, which was improving from the second half of 2024 up to 2025:Q1, deteriorated in 2025:Q2-2025:Q3 and remained stable in 2025:Q4.

### Fiscal developments

According to the 1st EDP notification, the primary balance in 2025 came in at a surplus of 4.9% of GDP, marking a marginal improvement from the primary surplus of 4.8% of GDP in 2024. The general government debt in 2025 decreased to 146.1% of GDP, down from 154.2% of GDP in 2024 GDP, primarily due to the denominator effect.

In January-March 2026, the **state budget primary outcome** (final data) came in at a surplus of 1.7% of GDP, compared to a surplus of 1.8% of GDP in January-March 2025. Compared to the period target (according to the

2026 Budget), the primary balance over-performed by €1.7 bn primarily due to primary expenditure containment and secondarily to revenue overperformance.

### Financial market developments

**Greek government bonds** outperformed in comparison to benchmark EA sovereign bonds, at the long end of the yield curve, as their long-term GGB yields declined mildly in the past five weeks, while benchmark EA sovereign bond yields rose slightly; as a result, long-term GGB yield differentials have declined close to the low quartile (25%) of their historical distribution. GGB yields at the short and medium-term segments of the yield curve also fell marginally, and the fall was in line with that of yields on benchmark EA sovereign bonds.

**Greek corporate bond yields** fluctuated, reversing, in recent days, the rise observed at the beginning of the 5-week period under review, moving alongside a similar move of yields of euro area BBB-rated corporates; since end-February, GCB yields have increased by less than their euro-area BBB peers. Greek corporate bond yields are close to the average yield of BBB euro area non-financial corporates, despite the lower average rating of Greek corporate bonds. **Greek bank senior bond yields** rose, while those of euro area peers were unchanged.

**Greek equity prices** rose over the past five weeks, largely in line with euro area peers. Both the ATHEX index and euro area peers' indices are somewhat lower than levels seen before the outbreak of the war in the Middle East.

Morningstar DBRS upgraded the credit rating of **Eurobank** by one notch to BBB (high), citing its expansion activity and resilient financial performance. Moody's upgraded the long-term deposit rating of **CrediaBank** by one notch to Ba1 (BB+ equivalent), reflecting the bank's improved capital ratio and stronger fundamentals. Following the adoption by the EU Parliament of the Crisis Management and Deposit Insurance (CMDI) reform on 26 March, which prioritizes depositors over senior unsecured bondholders in insolvency hierarchy, Moody's upgraded the long-term deposit rating of Piraeus Bank and changed to positive the outlook for Optima Bank while it changed to negative the outlook for senior unsecured debt of NBG and Eurobank.

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## SUMMARY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS AND OUTLOOK

	2024	2025	2025				2025						2026			
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
GDP, % y-o-y	2.1	2.1	2.4	1.7	2.1	2.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exports, % y-o-y	1.0	1.7	1.3	1.1	1.5	2.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Industrial production, % y-o-y	5.4	2.2	4.2	-0.2	1.8	3.2	-0.5	-2.1	8.2	2.9	2.6	4.0	5.7	1.8	...	...
Retail sales volume, % y-o-y	-1.6	2.1	3.0	0.7	1.5	3.2	2.2	3.8	-1.7	4.2	0.7	4.7	4.5	...	...	...
PMI (50=no change)	53.6	53.1	53.5	53.2	52.7	53.0	51.7	54.5	52.0	53.5	52.7	52.9	54.2	54.4	54.5	...
ESI (average=100)	107.3	107.0	107.1	106.4	108.1	106.5	108.6	109.7	105.9	107.1	105.6	106.7	105.1	107.6	106.8	...
HICP, % y-o-y	3.0	2.9	3.1	3.2	2.9	2.4	3.7	3.1	1.8	1.6	2.8	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.4	...
Total employment, % y-o-y	2.0	1.5	1.0	1.4	1.8	1.7	2.2	2.8	0.6	0.9	3.6	0.8	3.8	3.1	...	...
Unemployment rate, %	10.1	8.9	10.4	8.6	8.2	8.3	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.8	8.4	7.9	7.7	8.5	...	...
Current Account, bn	-16.9	-14.1	-5.0	-3.5	1.4	-7.0	0.7	1.2	-0.4	-1.1	-2.1	-3.9	-1.3	...	...	...
(% of GDP)	-7.2%	-5.7%												...	...	...
Gen. Gov. primary balance (% of GDP - Qcumulatively)	4.8	4.9	0.4	2.0	4.3	4.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	...	...	...	...
Public Debt (% of GDP - Qcumulatively)	154.2	146.1	147.5	148.4	148.1	146.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	...	...	...	...
Bank deposits, private, % y-o-y	4.4	5.1	4.8	5.3	5.5	5.1	5.1	5.4	5.5	5.6	4.9	5.1	5.0	5.6	...	...
Bank credit to NFCs, % y-o-y	13.8	11.3	16.8	15.9	16.1	11.3	16.1	16.1	16.1	11.2	9.6	11.3	10.9	10.3	...	...
Bank credit to HHS, % y-o-y	-0.5	2.2	-0.5	0.5	1.4	2.2	0.7	0.9	1.4	1.7	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.6	...	...
10y GR yield, %	3.25	3.48	3.57	3.30	3.41	3.48	3.39	3.43	3.41	3.29	3.31	3.48	3.46	3.30	3.88	3.77

### Economic Activity

**Real GDP**, according to ELSTAT 1st estimate, **increased by 2.1% in 2025** driven by the acceleration in investment growth (8.9%, from 4.5% in 2024; a contribution 1.5 pp), a rise in private consumption (2.0%, from 2.4% in 2024; a contribution 1.4 pp) and a positive net exports' contribution (1.2 pp).

**Gross fixed capital formation** accelerated to 8.9% in 2025 due to a rise across most investment products, i.e. transport equipment (20.8%), machinery equipment (7.8%), as well as housing (22.4%) and other constructions investment (8.3%). It should be noted that the investment share increased in 2025 to about 17% of GDP (up from 16% in 2024).

**The net exports** contribution to growth was positive (1.2 pp) as exports of goods and services increased (1.7% y-o-y), while imports of goods and services declined (-1.3% y-o-y).

**Economic activity continued growing in 2025:Q4 by 2.4% y-o-y** (0.8% q-o-q), outperforming the euro area (1.2% y-o-y, 0.2% q-o-q). Growth was mainly driven by an acceleration in gross fixed capital formation growth, a rise in private consumption and strong growth of exports of goods. By contrast, the rise in imports of goods and services, the fall in government consumption and in exports of services had a negative contribution to growth.

**Soft data** (PMI, ESI) point to a continuation of growth standing at high levels and remaining above euro area average.

**Hard data** are overall positive. Most indicators continue to move in positive territory (VAT revenues, retail sales, industrial production, tourism, employment).

### Prices and real estate market

**HICP inflation** remained elevated at 2.9% on average in 2025, leading to a wide inflation differential with the corresponding euro area figure of 2.1% which was mainly attributed to a large differential in services inflation. HICP inflation increased to 3.4% in March 2026 from 3.1% in February, mainly due to the huge increase in the energy inflation rate.

Both housing and commercial property prices (prime office and retail) increased during 2025. In the **housing market**, in 2025, **apartment prices** continued to increase at a strong, though decelerating, rate (7.8% compared to 9.1% in 2024). In the **commercial real estate sector**, prime office prices increased by 4.8% y-o-y in 2025:H1, while prime retail prices increased by 5.2% y-o-y over the same period.

### Labour market and costs

**Total employment** growth remained positive in 2025:Q4 largely due to higher demand for labour in the construction, retail trade, administrative, support and professional services sectors. **The unemployment**

**rate** in 2025:Q4 decreased by 1.2 pp compared to 2024:Q4. LFS monthly data for February 2026 show an increase in employment growth, while the unemployment rate (sa) increased compared to the previous month.

**Net flows of dependent employment** in the private sector were positive in 2025 and higher compared to 2024. In January 2026, net flows were negative (-18,744 jobs) due to dismissals in restaurants.

**Compensation of employees** increased by 5.2% y-o-y in 2025:Q4 (compared to 7.6% y-o-y in 2024:Q4) due to a rise in both compensation per employee (1.9% y-o-y) and the number of employees (3.2% y-o-y).

On April 1<sup>st</sup> 2026, the **minimum wage** increased from €880 to €920 per month—an approximate 4.5% rise (4.9% y-o-y on average in 2026).

### External Balances, Competitiveness

In **2025**, the **current account deficit** posted a notable improvement y-o-y, reflecting improvements in all sub-accounts, and mainly in the balance of goods.

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The **unit labour cost competitiveness index**, which was improving from the second half of 2024 up to 2025:Q1, deteriorated in 2025:Q2-2025:Q3 and remained stable in 2025:Q4.

### Fiscal developments

The **general government primary outcome** in 2025 (4.9% of GDP) **was confirmed among the highest in the EU and the debt ratio decreased significantly** (by 8.0 pps to 146.1% of GDP). Revenue overperformance in recent years has created fiscal space allowing for permanent expansionary measures. The debt to GDP ratio decreased by 8.0 pps in 2025 compared to 2024, to 146.1%, on account of the high primary surplus, early debt repayment and notable interest-growth rate differential.

### Money and Credit

The growth rate of **private sector deposits** accelerated during 2025 and early 2026 under the positive impact of robust economic growth and strong corporate bank credit expansion. During the last few years, the recorded shift of household funds into alternative financial assets than bank deposits due to the low level of deposit rates attenuated the growth rate of household deposits.

**Corporate bank credit growth** remained strong during 2025 and early 2026 consistent with underlying economic growth and the lower level of interest rates. The multi-year contraction in **housing loans to households** ended in 2025; the annual rate of change of housing loans turned positive in November 2025, for the first time since mid-2010.

In line with past ECB policy rate cuts, **bank lending rates** decreased for the most part of 2025; interest rate declines have been more intense in the case of corporate loans than for loans to households. In the last months though, bank lending rates have been broadly stable.

### Financial markets

**The developments in Greek sovereign and bank ratings have been positive**, with further rating upgrades taking place in 2025. This is the result of sustained overperformance of the Greek economy in the fiscal and economic activity fronts, which also fosters the prospect of further rating upgrades.

**Greek government bond yields** in 2025 moved slightly up but less so than benchmark euro-area (EA) sovereign bond yields; as a result, yield differentials to EA benchmark sovereign bonds have narrowed, as GGBs have benefitted over-proportionally from a portfolio rebalancing in favour of EA assets since April 2025. In 2026-to-date, GGBs have moved broadly in line with EA benchmark bonds.

**Greek bank and corporate bond** yields in 2025 outperformed their EA counterparts rated at BBB, driving the cost of new issuances lower, and have remained resilient in 2026-to-date.

**Greek shares** posted a strong positive return in 2025 and moved broadly in line with euro area peers in 2026-to-date, supported by robust economic growth and the good prospects of the economy.

## Macroeconomic Projections

Bank of Greece latest macroeconomic projections

(year-on-year % changes)	2024	2025	2026 <sup>p</sup>	2027 <sup>p</sup>	2028 <sup>p</sup>
Real GDP	2.1	2.1	1.9	2.0	2.0
Private consumption	2.4	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.7
Government consumption	-2.6	0.3	0.4	1.2	1.1
Gross fixed capital formation	4.5	8.9	8.8	-0.1	3.7
Exports (goods and services)	1.0	1.7	1.6	4.2	4.1
Imports (goods and services)	4.8	-1.3	3.4	2.7	3.6
HICP	3.0	2.9	3.1	2.4	2.3
HICP excluding food & energy	3.6	3.6	3.0	2.4	2.4
Total employment <sup>1</sup>	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.0	1.0
Unemployment rate (% of labour force) <sup>2</sup>	10.1	8.9	8.2	7.8	7.7

Sources: ELSTAT and Bank of Greece.

<sup>1</sup> ELSTAT national accounts data.

<sup>2</sup> ELSTAT Labour Force Survey data.

p: Bank of Greece projections.

The Greek economy has proven to be very resilient during the recent turbulent times, significantly outperforming the euro area. In particular, the GDP growth rate (in real terms) reached 2.1% in 2025, with private consumption and investment mainly contributing to the increase in GDP. This performance is stronger than the real GDP growth rate of the euro area, which was 1.4% in 2025.

Europe is currently experiencing a very significant adverse energy supply shock due to the war in the Middle East. The impact of this adverse shock on the real economy and on inflation will depend on the duration of the conflict, its severity and any damages to the supply capabilities of the oil-producing countries in the Middle East.

The BoG's projections are based on the baseline assumptions used in ECB March 2026 Macroeconomic Projection Exercise. Accordingly, there is no explicit assumption on the duration and on the intensity of the war in the Middle East, and the energy commodity prices follow the latest technical assumptions based on the futures markets (cut-off 11 March 2026)<sup>1</sup>. Compared with the assumptions in the December 2025 projections, the latest assumptions entail notably higher energy commodity prices, especially this year, due to the war in the Middle East, higher short-term interest rates, a weaker effective exchange rate of the euro, lower international food prices and higher equity prices.

The Greek economy is expected to maintain a stable growth momentum in the coming years and to continue to grow at a faster rate than the euro area, reducing, albeit very gradually, the deviation from the average level of real GDP per capita in the EU.

The **GDP growth rate** is projected to be 1.9% in 2026, with no additional fiscal and monetary policy measures due to the war to be incorporated in the baseline projections. The main drivers of growth are expected to be investment and private consumption with strong positive contributions, while the contribution of the net exports is expected to be negative. More specifically, in 2026, investment is expected to increase by 8.8% (1.6 p.p. contribution to growth) and private consumption is expected to grow by 1.9% (1.3 p.p. contribution). It is also worth mentioning that private investments excluding housing, which constitute approximately 60% of total investment and are the most productive, are expected to record high growth rates in 2026, as a result of crowding-in effect of preceding high –mainly public—investments.

Over 2027-2028, the GDP growth rate is projected to be 2.0%. Despite the end of the NGEU implementation period in 2026, in 2027 the level of investment is expected to stay at its 2026 level. It is noted that, following

<sup>1</sup> The Eurosystem/ECB macroeconomic exercises are based the futures markets for oil, natural gas and wholesale electricity prices. The cut-off date for these assumptions was 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

the end of the NGEU implementation period, the RRF loan component will continue to finance the economy, as intermediary implementing bodies, in particular commercial banks, will continue to disburse loan installments to the final beneficiaries beyond 2026. Public investment is expected to register a strong negative growth rate in 2027, due to the completion of the disbursement of resources from the RRF, while residential investment is expected to continue to increase in the coming years, closing part of its difference from its historical average as a percentage of GDP.

**Total exports of goods and services** are projected to continue to grow at an average rate of 3.3% during the forecast period, in line with the enhanced competitiveness of Greek products and the expected improvement in external demand. However, the contribution of the external sector to GDP will be negative on average during the projection horizon, due to a rapid increase in imports on account of intense investment activity, and the high import content of domestic consumption.

**Unemployment** is estimated to reach 8.2% in 2026, while it is then expected to further decelerate to 7.7% by the end of the forecast period, reflecting the continued recovery of economic activity in the coming years.

In 2026, **HICP inflation** is expected to be elevated to 3.1%, reflecting much higher energy and unprocessed food prices and the persistence of services inflation. In 2027, inflation is projected to decline to 2.4%, while in 2028 to reach 2.3%.

The **risks** surrounding the Bank of Greece's growth forecasts are on the downside. In more detail, risks to the medium-term prospects of the Greek economy include: a) the key risk is a possible worsening of the war in the Middle East, as well as a further increase in economic uncertainty, which could further worsen the global economic environment, b) further strengthening of trade protectionism internationally, c) more persistent inflation, d) more intense tightness of the labor market and potential higher wage pressures, e) potential natural disasters linked to the impacts of the climate crisis, f) a possible lower than expected rate of absorption and utilization of the RRF funds and g) the slower than expected implementation of the necessary reforms, with adverse effects on the productivity of the Greek economy. Any upside risks are related to: a) a higher-than-expected fiscal multiplier for 2026 and 2027 and b) better than expected developments in tourism.

### Supportive EU and ECB policies and measures

Following the termination of the NGEU scheme in 2026, alternative European funding sources will be available for Greece to support the positive investment dynamics. Main European structural funding schemes available as of 2027 will be the current Public Investment Program, the new European Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF 2028-2034) under negotiation (Greece allocation in the order of €49.2 bn), as well as new European resources (of €8 bn) from the Social Climate Fund, the Modernization Fund and the Islands Decarbonization Fund secured by Greece.

### Key Challenges

#### Short-term economic policy challenges:

- Controlling inflation.
- Accelerating investment, in part by mobilizing available European resources.
- Addressing emerging labour market shortages and skills mismatch.
- Designing climate adaptation strategies and disaster preventive measures.
- Ensuring energy security through investment in clean energy.
- Maintaining fiscal sustainability.

#### Medium to long-term economic policy challenges:

- Maintaining primary surpluses over an extended horizon to ensure public debt sustainability.
- Implementing structural reforms to support long-term growth.
- Addressing the current account deficit through the strengthening of the Greek economy's competitiveness.
- Maintaining the pace of reforms programme and continuing to improve the management of state assets in order to attract foreign direct investment.
- Promoting innovation, education and knowledge-based capital.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

### 1. ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

Table 1.1: National accounts data

% y-o-y	2024	2025	2025			
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>1. GDP<sup>1</sup></b>	2.1	2.1	2.4	1.7	2.1	2.4
-Private consumption	2.4	2.0	2.6	1.2	1.4	2.5
-Gov. expenditure	-2.6	0.3	3.5	0.8	-0.3	-2.2
-Gross fixed capital formation	4.5	8.9	-1.3	7.7	13.2	14.0
-Exports	1.0	1.7	1.3	1.1	1.5	2.7
-Imports	4.8	-1.3	1.7	-3.1	-3.9	1.1
<b>2. Gross Value Added<sup>1</sup></b>	1.7	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.7	1.4
-Services	0.0	0.8	0.5	0.8	1.1	0.7
<b>3. Real disposable income<sup>2</sup></b>	2.3	1.8	-1.2	3.4	-1.5	6.8
four-quarter moving sum, as a % of GDP						
<b>4. Private sector savings<sup>3</sup></b>	6.1	6.4	5.2	5.8	5.5	6.4
-Household savings	-1.5	-1.5	-2.2	-1.9	-2.2	-1.5
-NFCs savings	7.6	7.9	7.4	7.7	7.8	7.9

Source: ELSTAT and Bank of Greece calculations.

<sup>1</sup> Annual national accounts data are non-seasonally adjusted, while quarterly national accounts data are seasonally

<sup>2</sup> Both annual and quarterly data are non-seasonally adjusted. Deflated using private consumption deflator.

<sup>3</sup> Savings and net capital transfers of households and non-financial corporations, at current prices, non-seasonally ad

#### Economic activity continued growing in 2025 supported by gross fixed capital formation, private consumption and net exports.

**Real GDP increased by 2.1% in 2025** (ELSTAT first estimate) driven by the acceleration in investment growth (8.9%, from 4.5% in 2024; a contribution 1.5 pp), the rise in private consumption (2.0%, from 2.4% in 2024; a contribution 1.4 pp) and a positive contribution of net exports (1.2 pp).

**Gross fixed capital formation** accelerated to 8.9% in 2025 due to a rise across most investment products, i.e. transport equipment (20.8%), machinery equipment (7.8%), as well as housing (22.4%) and other constructions investment (8.3%).

**The net exports** contribution to growth was positive (1.2 pp) as exports of goods and services increased (1.7% y-o-y), while imports of goods and services declined (-1.3% y-o-y).

**Economic activity continued growing in 2025:Q4 by 2.4% y-o-y** (0.8% q-o-q), outperforming the euro area (1.2% y-o-y, 0.2% q-o-q). Growth was mainly driven by an acceleration in gross fixed capital formation growth, as well as by a rise in private consumption and strong growth of exports of goods.

**Output** (as measured by gross value added) increased in 2025:Q4 due to the positive contribution of the industrial, the construction and the services sectors (0.7 pp, 0.5 pp and 0.6 pp, respectively). The decline in the output of the agricultural sector had a negative contribution (-0.4 pp) to real gross value added growth (see Chart 2).

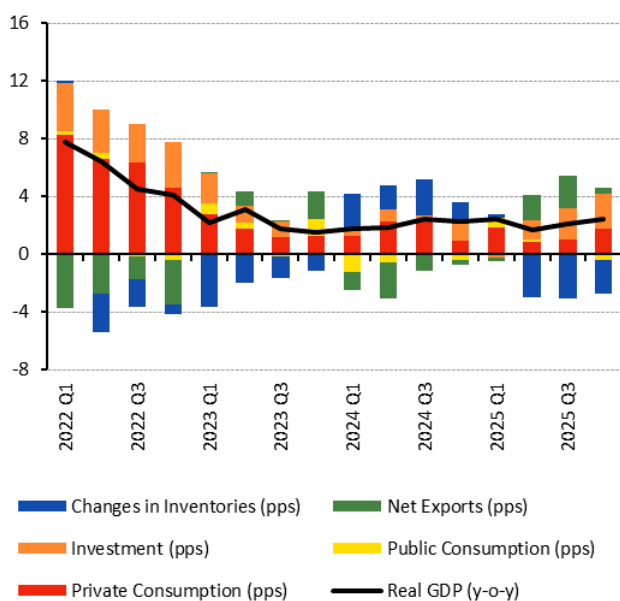
Nominal **disposable income of households strongly increased** by 9.8% y-o-y in 2025:Q4 (+6.8% y-o-y in real terms). For 2025 as a whole, it rose by 5.3% on average mainly due to the positive contribution of labour income (i.e. compensation of employees and self-employed income), while real disposable income of households increased by 1.8%, down from 2.3% in 2024, reflecting the effect of elevated inflation.

**Savings and net capital transfers of the non-financial private sector** increased to 6.4% of GDP in 2025, up from 6.1% in 2024, reflecting improved savings by non-financial corporations (NFCs), while household dissaving stabilized. In particular:

**Household dissaving** remained steady in 2025 (-1.5% of GDP), unchanged from 2024, as the growth rate of disposable income (5.3%) remained close to the expansion of private consumption (5.5%). More specifically, persistent inflationary pressures, elevated consumer spending, and the repayment of tax liabilities and social security contributions exerted downward pressure on household savings, thereby maintaining them in negative territory. Nevertheless, household dissaving showed some improvement compared with its pre-pandemic average of -2.2% of GDP over the period 2016–2019, thanks to the positive contribution of the net capital transfers.

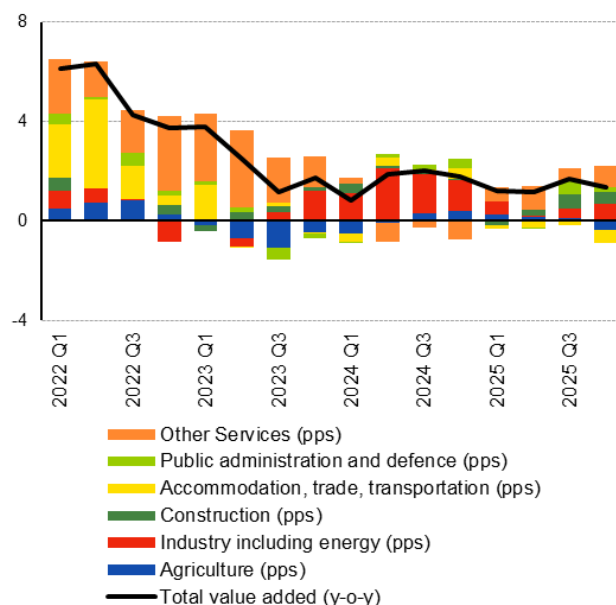
**NFC’s savings (retained earnings)**, comprising net capital transfers, increased to 7.9% of GDP in 2025, up from 7.6% in 2024, slightly exceeding their 2016–2019 average of 7.8% of GDP. This development reflects the strong performance of the tourism, construction, and industrial sectors, as well as the favourable trajectory of the Greek economy within a stable political and macroeconomic environment, supported by grants from the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF).

**Chart 1: Real GDP growth decomposition (percent contribution)**



**Source:** ELSTAT, Quarterly National Accounts, March 2026, and Bank of Greece calculations.

**Chart 2: Gross value added by sector of economic activity (percent contribution)**



**Source:** ELSTAT, Quarterly National Accounts, March 2026, and Bank of Greece calculations.

Table 1.2: Monthly Conjunctural Indicators

	2024	2025	2025						2026			2026
			July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	y-t-d
<b>1. ESI (average=100)</b>	107.3	107.0	108.6	109.7	105.9	107.1	105.6	106.7	105.1	107.6	106.8	106.5
-Consumer confidence	-46.0	-46.1	-47.6	-48.8	-45.6	-47.6	-50.6	-47.0	-50.3	-49.2	-52.5	-50.7
<b>2. Manufacturing PMI (50=no change)</b>	53.6	53.1	51.7	54.5	52.0	53.5	52.7	52.9	54.2	54.4	54.5	54.4
<b>3. Industrial Production, % y-o-y</b>	5.4	2.2	-0.5	-2.1	8.2	2.9	2.6	4.0	5.7	1.8	...	3.6
-Manufacturing Production, % y-o-y	4.0	3.1	0.3	0.0	9.0	3.9	6.5	3.6	1.6	2.9	...	2.3
<b>4. Turnover of enterprises<sup>1</sup>, % y-o-y</b>	5.4	2.5	3.5	-0.1	7.0	3.6	0.0	6.0	-0.03	-1.0	...	-0.5
<b>5. Building permits, % y-o-y</b>	8.7	-2.4	21.6	14.7	5.3	-4.4	14.8	22.2	...	...	...	...
<b>6. Real VAT revenues<sup>2</sup>, % y-o-y</b>	6.4	6.0	3.6	8.9	10.2	4.7	7.6	6.6	2.0	7.8	...	4.6
<b>7. Retail sales volume, % y-o-y</b>	-1.6	2.1	2.2	3.8	-1.7	4.2	0.7	4.7	4.5	...	...	4.5
<b>8. New car registrations, % y-o-y</b>	3.4	5.3	6.8	0.8	20.5	8.8	-1.5	20.0	-3.9	3.3	...	-0.6
<b>9. Services production index (volume), % y-o-y</b>	0.8	14.1	15.2	26.6	18.5	18.3	7.7	0.6	7.6	...	...	7.6
<b>10. Non-residents' arrivals</b>	12.8	6.4	9.6	7.1	3.0	6.8	9.3	49.8	33.3	44.5	...	38.5
<b>11. Travel receipts (nominal), % y-o-y</b>	4.8	9.4	12.0	11.6	-4.6	8.7	29.8	28.0	58.4	83.2	...	70.7
<b>12. Travel receipts (constant)<sup>2</sup>, % y-o-y</b>	2.1	6.7	8.7	8.5	-6.4	6.6	26.7	24.8	54.6	78.4	...	66.4

Sources: European Commission for ESI (Economic Sentiment Indicator) and Consumer confidence, S&P Global for Manufacturing PMI (Purchasing Managers' Index), ELSTAT for Industrial production, Manufacturing production, Turnover of Enterprises, Building permits, Retail sales and New car registrations, Ministry of Finance for VAT revenues, Eurostat for Services production index, and Frontier Survey of the Bank of Greece for non-residents' arrivals and travel receipts.

<sup>1</sup> Monthly data on the turnover of enterprises are available for enterprises obliged to double-entry accounting bookkeeping, while annual data refer to the turnover of enterprises and activities of the economy as a whole.

<sup>2</sup> Data deflated with CPI.

## Soft data stand at high levels pointing to a continuation of growth and remaining above euro area average.

The **Economic Sentiment Indicator (ESI)** fell in March reflecting elevated uncertainty due to the war in the Middle East; expectations receded across all business sectors and consumer confidence sharply declined.

The March **Manufacturing PMI** (Purchasing Managers' Index) registered the highest reading since August 2025, signaling the resilience of the Greek manufacturing sector amid growing headwinds. Growth was supported by expansions in output and new orders due to sustained domestic customer demand. That said, rates of growth softened from February's recent highs amidst greater client uncertainty and contractions in new export orders due to weaker international demand as a result of the war in the Middle East. The impact of the war was also evident in soaring inflationary pressures and a notable moderation in business expectations on future output. In particular, cost pressures in manufacturing intensified amid higher oil, energy and raw material prices, with input prices rising to the greatest extent since June 2022. Output charge inflation also accelerated notably to the fastest rate for almost three-and-a-half years.

## Hard data are overall positive.

**Industrial production**, following its strong performance in 2024, continued on an upward path in 2025 mainly due to the rise in **manufacturing production** which was broad-based (production increased in 17 out of 24 manufacturing sectors), with particularly positive contribution attributed to an increase in the production of the "food" and "chemical products" sectors.

**Industrial production** increased in the January-February 2026 period in y-o-y terms, due to the rise in manufacturing and electricity production.

The **turnover of enterprises** obliged to double-entry accounting book keeping, slightly declined in the January-February 2026 period vs the same period in 2025.

The **volume of building permits** strongly increased in December 2025; in 2025, the volume of building permits declined possibly due to planning and building regulatory uncertainty and high construction costs.

**VAT revenues at constant prices**, which is an encompassing indicator for private consumption, increased

in February 2026. In the first two months of the year, VAT revenues at constant prices rose indicating consumption growth.

The **retail sales volume index** increased in January 2026 pointing to rising consumption.

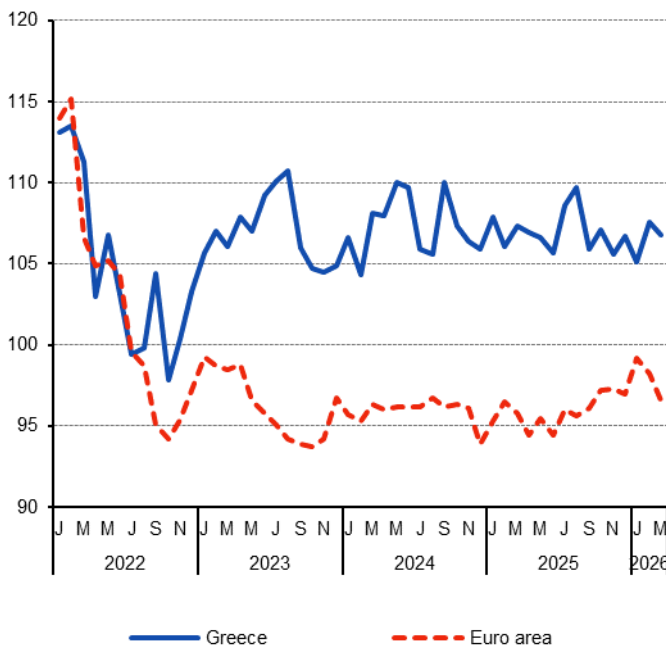
**New private passenger car registrations** increased in February 2026 largely due to a rise in corporate car sales.

Greece recorded an annual increase of 7.6% in the **services production index** in January 2026, outperforming the EU (1.4%) with accommodation and food services leading the way. Specifically, the accommodation and food services sector saw an increase of 23.5% y-o-y in January, compared to -0.3% y-o-y in the EU.

**Travel receipts** (at nominal prices) and **non-residents' arrivals** rose in the first two months of 2026 by 70.7% and 38.5%, respectively, pointing to continued demand beyond the peak summer season. This performance follows a record year for Greek tourism in 2025, when travel receipts reached €23.6 bn (+9.4%) and **non-residents' arrivals** exceeded 43.3 mn travellers (+6.4%). For the current year, leading indicators continue to signal positive signals for Greek tourism, despite the war in the Middle East.

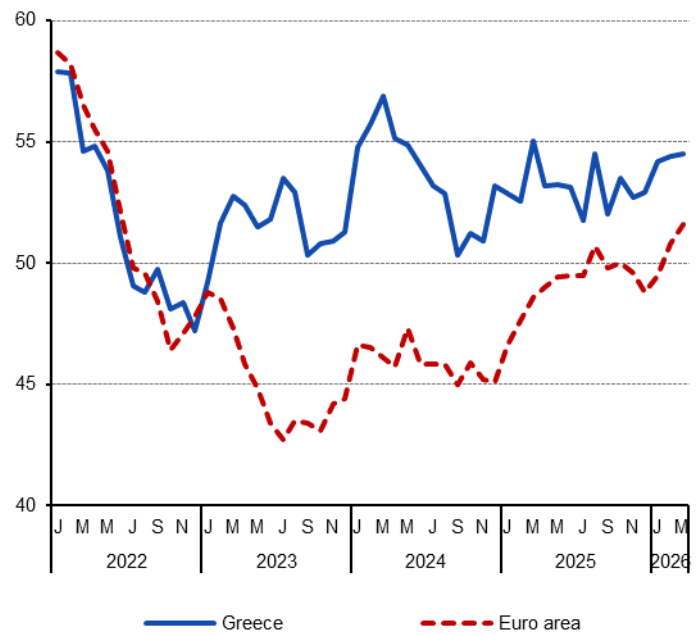
**International arrivals at Greek airports** recorded a 9.7% y-o-y increase in 2026:Q1, while international arrivals at the Athens International Airport surged by 8.5% over the same period (see Chart 8).

**Chart 3: Economic Sentiment Indicator (average=100)**



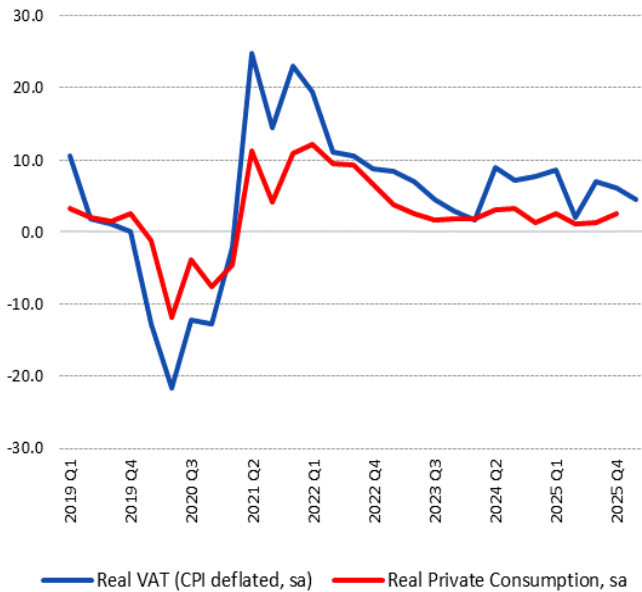
Source: European Commission.

**Chart 4: Purchasing Managers Index (PMI; 50 = no change)**

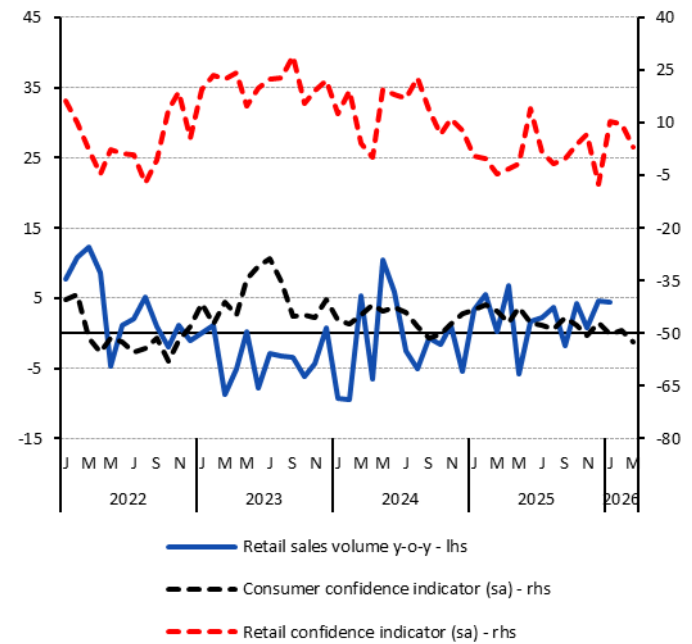


Source: S&P Global.

**Chart 5: VAT revenues and private consumption**  
(annual percentage changes)



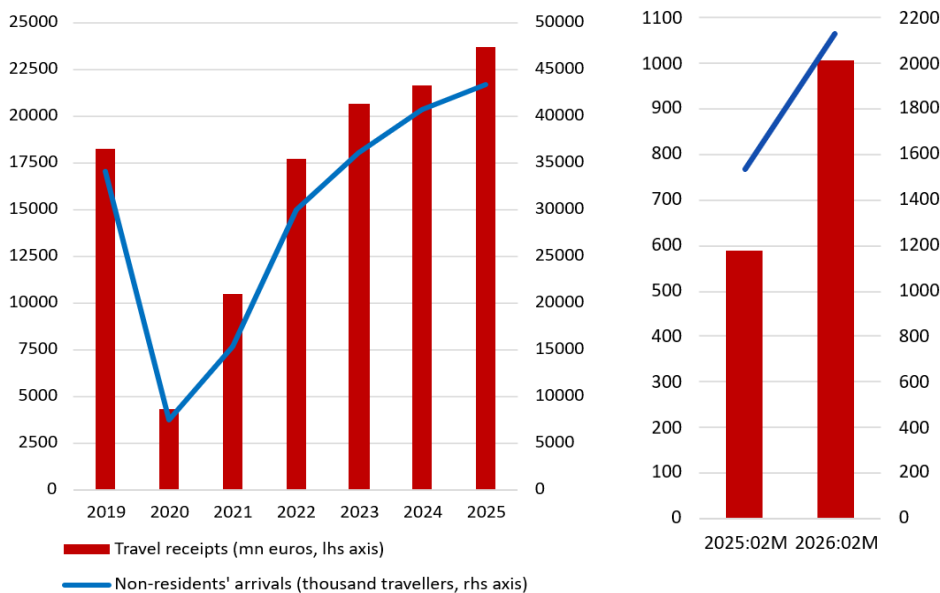
**Chart 6: Retail sales, retail sector confidence and consumer confidence indicators**  
(annual percentage change and balances)



Sources: ELSTAT and Ministry of Finance, State General Accounting Office.

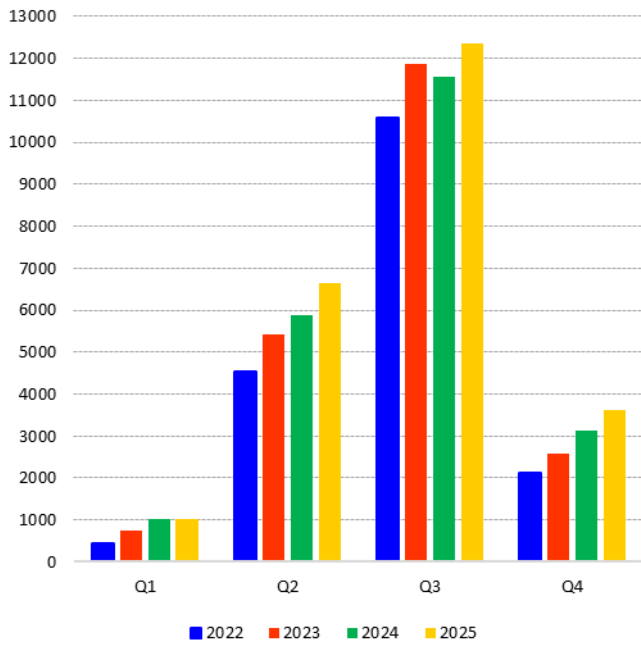
Sources: ELSTAT (for volume of retail sales) and European Commission (for retail confidence and consumer confidence indicators).

**Chart 7a: Non-residents' arrivals and receipts**



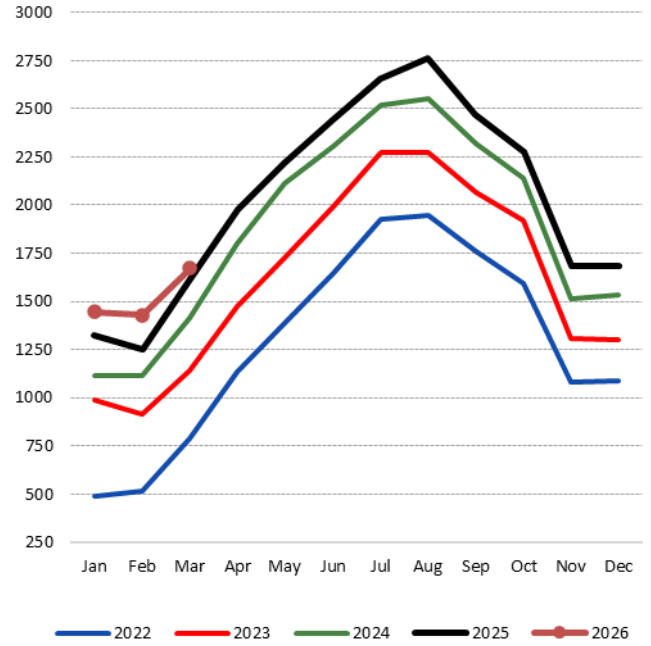
Source: Border Survey of the Bank of Greece.

**Chart 7b: Travel receipts**  
(in mn euros)



Source: Border Survey of the Bank of Greece.

**Chart 8: International arrivals at Athens International Airport**  
(in thousand travelers)



Source: Athens International Airport (AIA).

## 2. PRICES AND REAL ESTATE MARKET

**Table 2.1: Prices**

% y-o-y, nsa data	2024	2025	2025						2026		
			Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
1. HICP Headline	3.0	2.9	3.7	3.1	1.8	1.6	2.8	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.4
- Energy	-1.4	-0.7	0.7	-1.9	-3.7	-3.1	0.3	-1.2	-4.4	-3.4	7.7
- Unprocessed food	3.2	5.8	9.5	6.7	3.4	6.1	6.9	8.5	10.2	12.5	9.9
- Processed food	2.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.0	0.3
2. HICP Core (HICP excl. energy and food)	3.6	3.6	4.3	3.9	2.6	1.9	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.5	2.7
- Non-energy industrial goods	1.7	0.7	1.3	1.0	0.5	-0.2	-0.4	-0.1	1.3	1.8	0.2
- Services	4.4	4.8	5.3	4.9	3.4	2.8	4.7	4.6	4.1	4.3	3.8
3. Producer Price Index - Domestic market	-2.4	2.2	2.1	0.2	-0.4	0.0	0.9	-0.5	-2.1	-0.5	...
4. Imports Price Index	-2.0	-2.8	-2.1	-2.4	0.4	-2.4	-3.3	-5.4	-4.6	-3.2	...

Sources: ELSTAT, EUROSTAT and Bank of Greece computations.

**HICP headline inflation stood at 2.9% on average in 2025, having been shaped mainly by elevated services inflation figures. As headline inflation practically remained unchanged compared to 2024 (3.0%), the inflation differential with the euro area headline inflation widened, since euro area inflation declined in 2025 vs 2024. The same holds for the core inflation differential with the euro area which also widened as core inflation remained at 3.6% in 2025 while that of euro area declined.**

**HICP headline inflation** increased to 3.4% in March 2026 from 3.1% in February. This development is mainly due to the huge increase in energy inflation (7.7% in March from -3.4% in February) as a result of the rise in energy commodity prices due to the war in the Middle East. A minor increase in processed food inflation (0.3% from 0.0%) also contributed to the increase in headline inflation. On the other hand, the declines in the inflation rates of unprocessed food (9.9% from 12.5%), non-energy industrial goods (0.2% from 1.8%) and services (3.8% from 4.3%) offset to a large degree the upward impact of energy inflation and contained headline inflation from increasing to even higher levels.

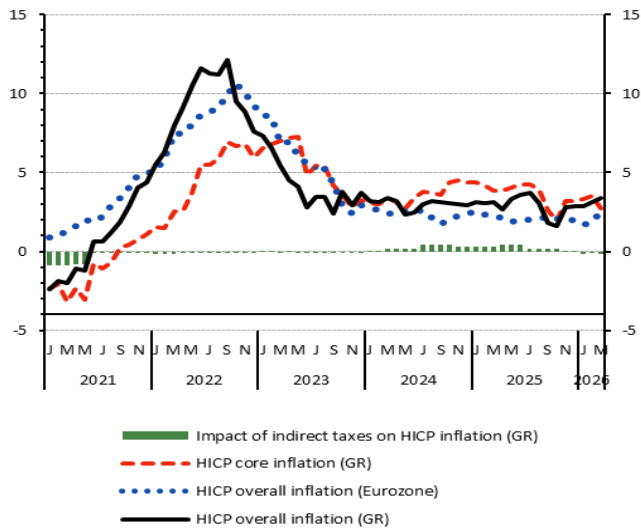
**Core inflation** (HICP excluding energy and food), contrary to headline inflation, declined to 2.7% in March from 3.5% in February because of significant declines in the inflation rates of both of its components, i.e. non-energy industrial goods and services.

**Producer Price Index (PPI) inflation** for the domestic market was -2.1% in January 2026 and slowed to -0.5% in February being in line with developments in energy inflation (-3.8% in February, from -6.9% in January).

**Import price inflation** moved in line with developments in energy inflation. It was -4.6% in January 2026 and slowed to -3.2% in February.

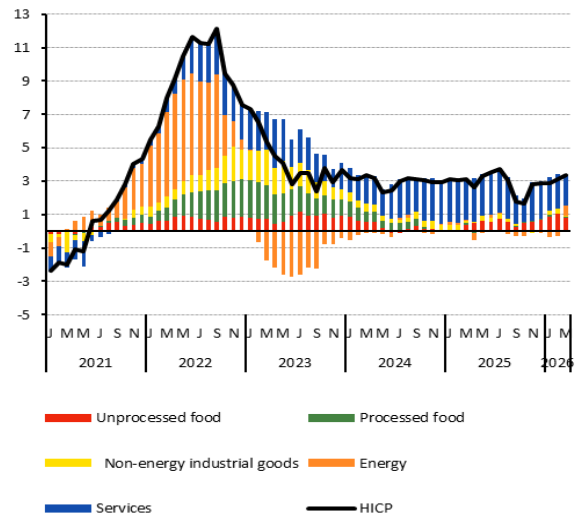
**Domestic price pressures**, as captured by changes in GDP deflator, had started increasing in 2021 and picked up further in 2022 and 2023. Up to mid-2023, unit profits had contributed the largest share of the increase in the GDP deflator showing that firms had managed to pass on cost shocks associated with the surge in energy and other intermediate production prices to final prices. In 2024 and 2025 period, the GDP deflator remained relatively elevated largely on account of the rise in unit labour costs.

**Chart 9: HICP Inflation**  
(percent, y-o-y)



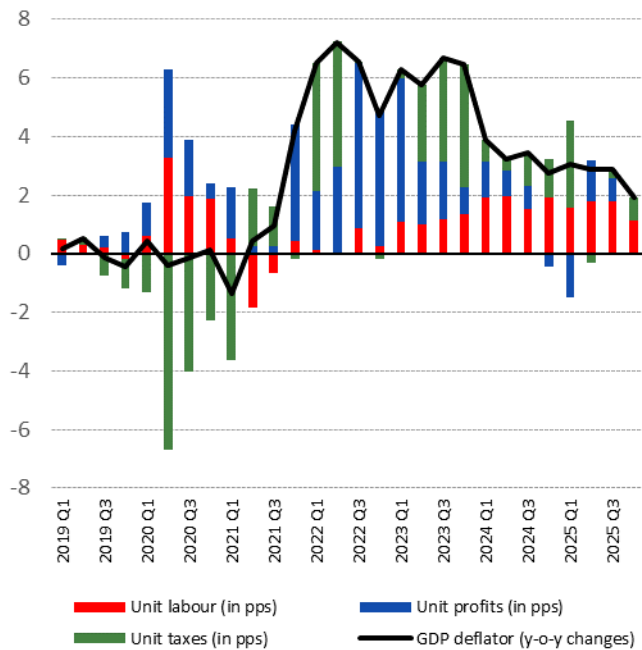
Sources: ELSTAT, Eurostat and Bank of Greece calculations.

**Chart 10: HICP inflation and main contributions**



Sources: ELSTAT, Eurostat and Bank of Greece calculations.

**Chart 11: Domestic price pressures**  
(percent contribution)



Sources: ELSTAT and Bank of Greece calculations.

## Real Estate Market

Table 2.2: Real estate market

% y-o-y	2023	2024	2025	2024		2025		2024				2025			
				H1	H2	H1	H2	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>1. Residential property</b>															
- Apartment prices															
- Total	13.9	9.1	7.8	10.3	8.0	7.7	7.9	10.9	9.8	8.6	7.4	7.4	8.0	8.3	7.6
- New (up to 5 years old)	12.9	10.2	7.4	11.0	9.6	7.7	7.2	11.3	10.6	10.0	9.1	8.1	7.3	7.0	7.4
- Old (over 5 years old)	14.5	8.4	8.1	9.9	7.0	7.7	8.4	10.6	9.3	7.6	6.3	7.0	8.4	9.1	7.8
- Athens	13.9	8.6	6.2	9.9	7.4	6.0	6.5	10.1	9.7	7.9	6.8	5.8	6.3	7.0	5.9
- Thessaloniki	16.6	11.7	9.6	13.0	10.5	10.3	9.0	13.3	12.8	11.2	9.7	10.7	9.9	10.0	8.0
- Residential Investment	22.1	12.9	22.4	-1.4	28.4	8.5	34.0	-6.0	3.3	18.7	39.1	0.4	16.2	26.2	41.2
<b>2. Commercial property</b>															
- Prime office prices	5.9	5.0	-	3.7	6.3	4.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Prime retail prices	7.2	8.8	-	8.4	9.2	5.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Office rents	6.1	1.6	-	1.7	1.6	1.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Retail rents	5.8	6.7	-	6.2	7.2	2.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Sources: Bank of Greece, ELSTAT.

### Real estate prices are still growing.

In 2025, **housing property prices** continued to increase strongly, albeit at a slower pace than in 2024, driven by both external and internal demand.

**Apartment prices** further increased in 2025:Q4 by 7.6% y-o-y. Broken down by property age, in 2025:Q4, a stronger rate of increase was recorded in old apartment prices (over 5 years old) by an average of 7.8% y-o-y, compared with the corresponding increase in new apartment prices (7.4% y-o-y). By geographical area, the average annual growth in Thessaloniki was 8.0% y-o-y and in Athens 5.9% y-o-y.

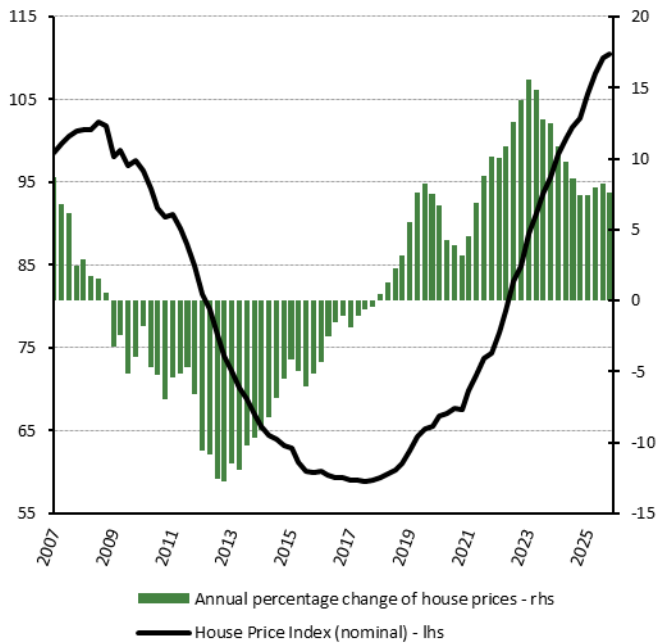
**Residential investment** (ELSTAT data, seasonally adjusted at constant prices) increased by 41.2% y-o-y in 2025:Q4 and stood at 3.9% as a percentage of GDP (see Chart 13).

With **housing affordability** emerging as a critical issue, new government initiatives are currently in progress or have been announced, including: i. “My Home II” program which provides financial support for the acquisition of prime residence from the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) funds, ii. The rent reimbursement program, which provides refund of a single monthly rent to eligible tenants based on income criteria and iii. The intention to redevelop and introduce suitable publicly owned real estate assets to a social housing scheme, with the participation of the private sector.

In 2025:H1, **prime office prices** increased by 4.8% y-o-y and **prime retail prices** increased by 5.2% y-o-y. An increase was also recorded in both office and retail rents, by 1.3% and 2.6% y-o-y, respectively.

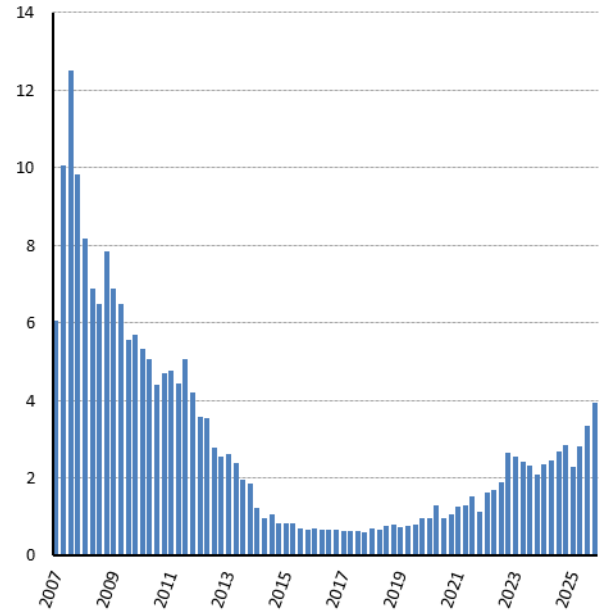
Based on the Commercial Property Market Survey, conducted by the Bank of Greece, in 2025:H2 **prime office yields** ranged between 5.6% and 6.6%, slightly lower compared to the previous half-year, while the corresponding **prime retail yields** ranged between 5.2% and 6.0%.

**Chart 12: House price index**  
(index 2007=100 and y-o-y growth)



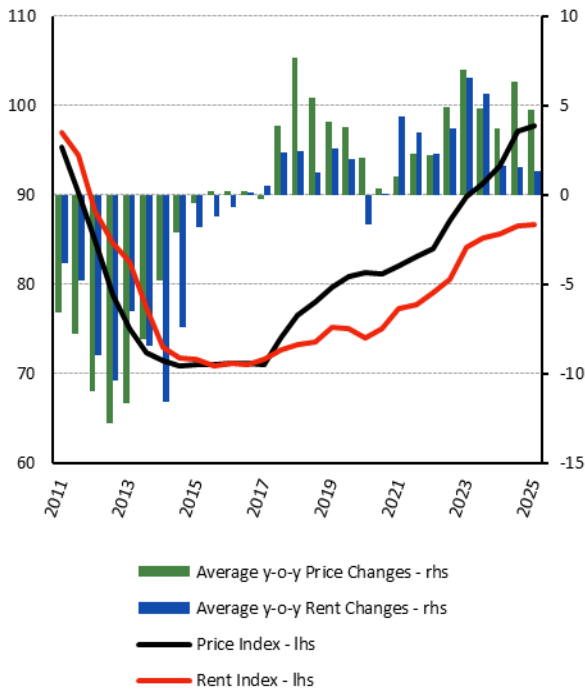
Source: Bank of Greece.

**Chart 13: Residential Investment as % of GDP**  
(seasonally adjusted data at constant prices)



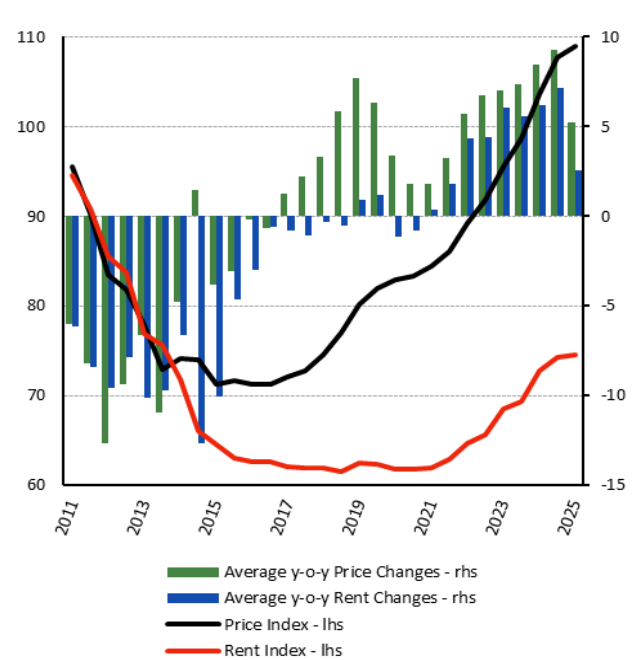
Source: ELSTAT and Bank of Greece calculations.

**Chart 14: Prime office price and all office rent indices**  
(indices 2010=100, and y-o-y growth)



Source: Bank of Greece.

**Chart 15: Prime retail price and all retail rent indices**  
(indices 2010=100, and y-o-y growth)



Source: Bank of Greece.

### 3. LABOUR MARKET AND COSTS

Table 3: Labour market developments

	2025	Q2	2025 Q3	Q4	2026 Q1	Oct	2025 Nov	Dec	Jan	2026 Feb	Mar
<b>1. Labour Force Survey</b>											
- Total employment (% y-o-y)	1.5	1.4	1.8	1.7	...	0.9	3.6	0.8	3.8	3.1	...
- Employees (% y-o-y)	5.6	5.4	5.6	6.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
- Self-employed (% y-o-y)	-5.8	-5.8	-5.3	-5.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
- Part-time employment (as % of employment)	5.5	5.7	5.0	5.3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
- Unemployment rate <sup>1</sup>	8.9	8.6	8.2	8.3	...	8.8	8.4	7.9	7.7	8.5	...
- Long-term unemployed (as % of unemployed)	55.8	57.0	58.7	58.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>2. ERGANI Information System</b>											
- Net dependent employment flows in the private sector (thousands)	77.1	287.4	-32.5	-231.0	...	-120.0	-96.5	-14.5	-18.7	...	...
- Share of part-time and intermittent jobs (% new hirings)	46.5	41.1	50.5	50.7	...	52.6	48.0	50.8	45.6	...	...
<b>3. Registered unemployed (DYPA) (%y-o-y)</b>											
	-6.3	-6.6	-6.6	-7.0	-6.2	-7.8	-7.1	-6.3	-5.9	-5.9	-7.0
<b>4. Employment Expectations Index</b>											
	113.6	116.0	112.7	113.0	114.5	111.7	112.3	115.0	111.6	118.7	113.3
<b>5. Labour Costs</b>											
- Compensation per employee (nominal) (% y-o-y)	3.5	4.1	4.3	1.9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
- Compensation per employee (real) <sup>2</sup> (% y-o-y)	0.1	0.3	0.9	-0.8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
- Labour productivity (% y-o-y)	1.2	0.9	1.0	1.6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
- Unit labour cost (% y-o-y)	2.3	3.2	3.3	0.3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

<sup>1</sup> Monthly and quarterly LFS data are not compatible due to the different survey samples. Unemployment rate on an annual and quarterly frequency is based on non seasonally-adjusted data, while monthly unemployment rate is based on seasonally-adjusted data.

<sup>2</sup> Compensation per employee (real) is deflated by the private consumption deflator.

Sources: ELSTAT (Labour Force Survey and Labour Costs), Ministry of Labour and Social Security (ERGANI Information System), Public Service of Employment - DYPA (Registered unemployed), European Commission (Employment Expectations Index).

#### Labour market developments remain positive, with employment rising and unemployment falling, but there are challenges related to labour market tightness.

**Total employment** rose in 2025:Q4, mainly due to employment growth in construction, retail trade, administrative, support and professional services sectors. Latest monthly Labour Force Survey (LFS) data suggest that employment continued growing in February 2026.

The **unemployment rate** decreased in 2025:Q4 by 1.2 pp compared to 2024:Q4. The share of long-term unemployed increased by 4.5 pp. In February 2026, the unemployment rate (sa) increased compared to the previous month, but it decreased compared to February 2025.

**Dependent employment flows in the private sector** (Ministry of Labour, ERGANI Information System) were positive in 2025 and higher compared to 2024. In January 2026, dependent employment net flows in the private sector were negative due to dismissals in restaurants.

The **number of registered unemployed (DYPA data)** decreased in March 2026 due to a decline in the number of both long-term and short-term unemployed. The number of those receiving unemployment benefits decreased slightly compared to the previous month.

The **Employment Expectations Index** (European Commission) decreased in March 2026 compared to February 2026, due to a deterioration of employment expectations in all sectors.

According to Eurostat, the **tightness in the labour market** depicted signs of easing in the last quarters of 2024 and in 2025, but remained at high levels. In 2025:Q4, the job vacancy rate reached 1.3%, from 1.2% in 2024:Q4. The highest vacancy rates were recorded in construction, and in arts, entertainment and recreation activities.

#### Labour costs are rising.

**Compensation per employee (nsa)** increased by 1.9% y-o-y in 2025:Q4 as compensation of employees increased by 5.2%, while the number of employees (national accounts definition) increased by 3.2%.

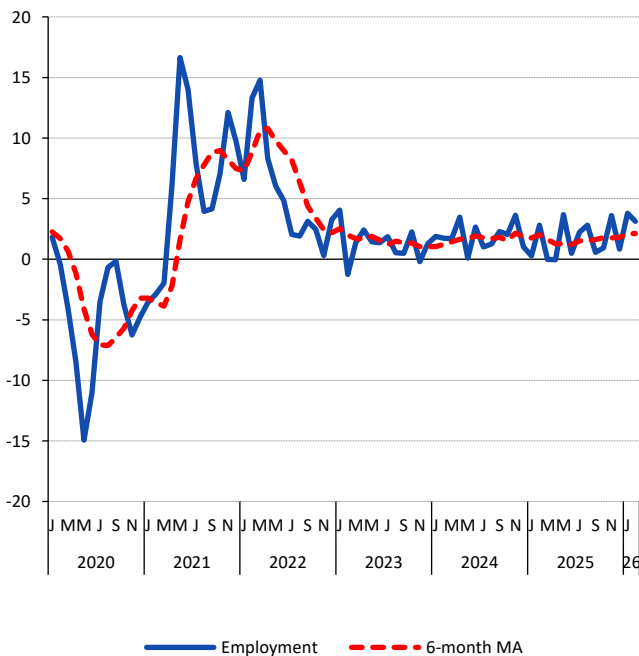
**Real compensation per employee (nsa)** decreased by 0.8% y-o-y in 2025:Q4 as the private consumption deflator increased more than nominal compensation per employee (2.8% and 1.9% respectively).

**Unit Labour Costs (ULC)** increased in 2025:Q4, but at a lower rate compared to the previous quarters of 2025, as nominal compensation per employee decelerated while real labour productivity increased at a higher rate.

**Outlays for the remuneration of employees in the general government** (incl. social security contributions) rose by 3.5% y-o-y in January-December 2025. They had risen by 6.0% in 2024 as a whole.

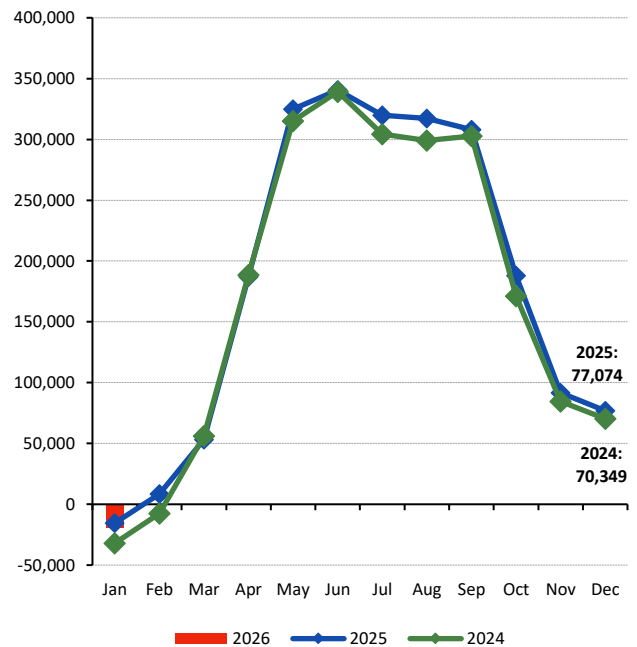
According to annual accounts data from the **ERGANI information system**, the average monthly earnings stood at €1,362.66 in 2025, increasing by 1.5% compared to 2024. Accordingly, the number of employees earning more than €1000 per month increased. In particular, compared to 2024, the number of employees with salaries between €1001-1200 per month increased by 29.2%. Also, reflecting the rise of the minimum wage to €880, the share of employees earning less than €1000 per month (gross) fell to 36.5%, from 46.3% in 2024.

**Chart 16: Employment**  
(y-o-y change)



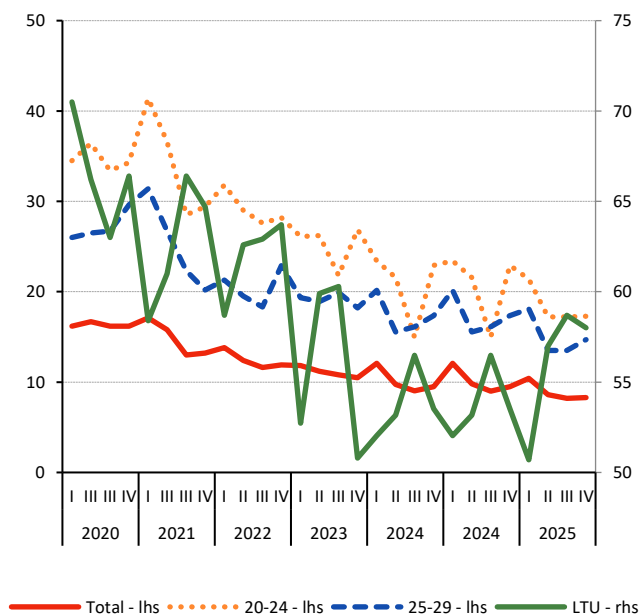
Source: ELSTAT, Labour Force Survey.

**Chart 17: Private sector dependent employment flows**  
(cumulative net flows; in thousands)



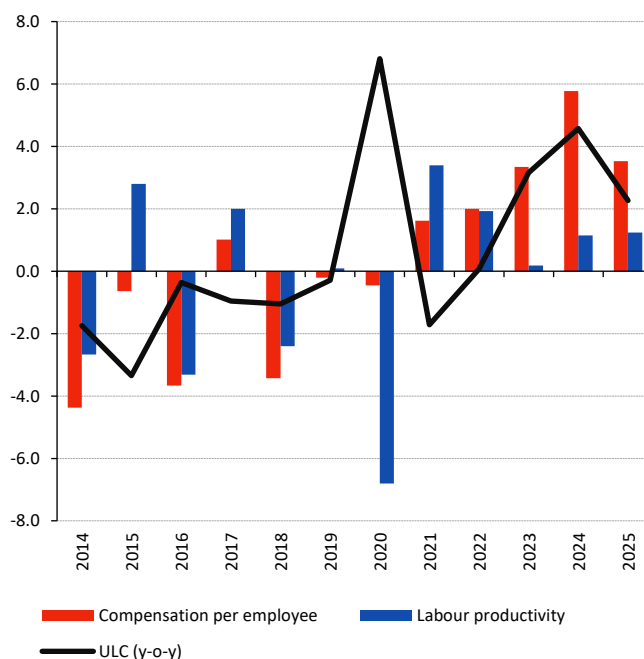
Source: ERGANI.

**Chart 18: Total unemployment rate, youth unemployment rate and share of long-term unemployed (in percent)**



Source: ELSTAT, Labour Force Survey.

**Chart 19: Nominal ULC growth and components**



Source: ELSTAT, National Accounts.

Note: Labour productivity is real GDP (2020 prices) per employed persons. Compensation per employee is compensation of employees divided by the number of employees (national accounts definition).

### Collective wage agreements

**In January 2026, 17 new firm-level agreements were signed**, covering 24,420 employees; of these, 4 agreements provided for wage increases, whereas the rest did not provide for any wage changes.

**In 2025, 208 new firm-level agreements had been signed**, covering 130,669 employees; of these, 80 agreements provided for wage increases, whereas the rest did not provide for any wage changes.

#### Recent selected wage agreements:

In March 2026, three important agreements were signed: **a three-year one for employees in confectionery enterprises** providing for wage increases exceeding 20% on a cumulative basis, **a two-year one for employees in food and tourist enterprises** providing for wage increases of 7% to 20%, and **a one-year one for employees in bakeries**.

In July 2025, **a three-year agreement for employees in private insurance enterprises** provided for a 4.0% wage increase as of 1 Jan. 2025, a 3.0% as of 1 Jan. 2026 and a 2.0% as of 1 Jan. 2027.

In April 2025, **a three-year agreement for banks** provided for increases of 2% as of 1 Jul. 2025, 2.0% as of 1 Dec. 2025, 2.0% as of 1 Dec. 2026 and 2.0% as of 1 Dec. 2027.

In February 2025, **a two-year agreement for hotel employees** provided for a 5% wage increase as of 1 Jan. 2025 and a 3.0% as of 1 Jan. 2026.

## Minimum wages

**The statutory minimum wage rate increased by 4.5% as of 1 April 2026**, bringing the minimum monthly salary to €920. Previous minimum wage increases: in 2025 (6.0%), in 2024 (6.4%), in 2023 (9.4%), in 2022 (9.5%), in 2019 (11%). **Overall, since end-2018, the minimum wage increased by a total of 57.0%.**

**On December 5, 2024, a law was voted that incorporates the European Directive 2022/2041 on adequate minimum wages in the European Union** and introduces a new way of calculating the statutory minimum wage and minimum daily wage. The new calculation method will apply from 2028 and the minimum wage will cover all private and public sector employees. In particular, the minimum wage and the minimum daily wage are adjusted, after consultation conducted every year, based on a rate resulting from the sum a) of the annual rate of change in the consumer price index between July 1 of the previous year and June 30 of the current year for the lower twenty percent (20%) of the household income distribution and b) half of the annual percentage change in the purchasing power of the general wage index over the same time period. Also, the law introduces provisions to strengthen the role of social partners in the wage determination process, as well as regulations to strengthen collective bargaining.

## Labour market policies

From January 1, 2025, **insurance contributions** have been reduced by 1 percentage point (0.5 percentage points in employee contributions and 0.5 percentage points in employer contributions), which will contribute to strengthening the competitiveness of Greek businesses and maintaining jobs.

**The new labour law (L.5239/17.10.2025)** includes provisions aimed at modernizing labour regulations, easy and quick recruitment, reducing bureaucracy, strengthening health and safety at work, strengthening the Labour Inspectorate, harmonizing the Greek labour law with the international conventions of the International Labour Organization (ILO), while various new social security provisions are also included. In particular, among other things, the following are included: a) extension of the possibility of 13-hour employment with one employer and the legalization of overtime in intermittent jobs with a 40% increase in the hourly wage paid, b) simplification of recruitment procedures and possibility of fast-track recruitment for work of up to 2 days, c) possibility of four-day work for working parents for the entire year and distribution of annual leave over several periods of time, d) tax-free parental leave allowance, uniform recognition of insurance time for pregnancy and childbirth allowance and extension of the maternity leave to foster mothers, e) optimization of the operation of the Labour Inspectorate and stricter sanctions for obstructing control by the Labour Inspectorate, f) extension of the exemption of surcharges from insurance contributions.

L.5278/16.2.2026 includes provisions to increase the coverage of employees by collective labour agreements. The main axes of the law are the facilitation of the extension of collective bargaining agreements, the full protection of employees after the expiration of the wage agreement, and the acceleration of dispute resolution procedures through the mediation and arbitration organization (OMED).

## 4. EXTERNAL BALANCES, COMPETITIVENESS

### 4.1 Current account\*\*

	2023	2024	2025	2025	2026	2025	2026
				January - February		February	
<b>Current Account**</b> , bn (%GDP)	-15.3 (-6.8%)	-16.9 (-7.2%)	-14.1 (-5.7%)	...	...	...	...
<b>Goods balance**</b> , bn (%GDP)	-33.1 (-14.7%)	-35.7 (-15.1%)	-33.8 (-13.6%)	...	...	...	...
Exports of goods (% y-o-y)	-8.6	-2.9	-2.5	...	...	...	...
- Exports of non-fuel goods (% y-o-y)	-2.1	0.9	2.5	...	...	...	...
Imports of goods (% y-o-y)	-11.8	1.4	-3.6	...	...	...	...
- Imports of non-fuel goods (% y-o-y)	-1.5	3.8	3.0	...	...	...	...
<b>Real trade in goods flows**</b> (% y-o-y)*							
Real exports of goods (% y-o-y)	-4.0	-2.4	1.9	...	...	...	...
- Real exports of non-fuel goods (% y-o-y)	-5.9	-1.2	4.7	...	...	...	...
Real imports of goods (% y-o-y)	-4.2	2.7	-2.0	...	...	...	...
- Real imports of non-fuel goods (% y-o-y)	-2.7	3.9	2.4	...	...	...	...
<b>Services balance</b> , bn (%GDP)	21.8 (9.7%)	22.7 (9.6%)	22.8 (9.2%)	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.3
Exports of services (% y-o-y)	2.7	4.9	-0.6	-1.7	-0.1	-2.5	1.9
- Travel receipts (% y-o-y)	16.5	4.8	9.4	2.3	70.7	-1.5	83.2
- Transportation receipts (% y-o-y)	-10.4	1.0	-12.0	-4.5	-7.2	-8.3	-4.3
Imports of services (% y-o-y)	-4.3	5.7	-1.5	4.5	-2.1	1.0	1.6
Non-residents' arrivals (% y-o-y)	20.8	12.8	6.4	5.4	38.5	-0.8	44.5
Average expenditure per trip (% y-o-y)	-3.5	-5.0	3.9	-4.0	24.2	-2.9	28.7
<b>Primary income balance</b> , bn (%GDP)	-5.4 (-2.4%)	-6.0 (-2.5%)	-5.2 (-2.1%)	0.0	-0.4	-0.3	-0.5
<b>Secondary income balance</b> , bn (%GDP)	1.3 (0.6%)	2.1 (0.9%)	2.2 (0.9%)	3.1	0.7	-0.2	-0.4
<b>FDI inflows</b> , bn	4.4	6.3	11.9	1.4	3.0	0.9	0.8

\* Exports and imports are deflated by Producer Price Index (PPI) and Imports Price Index (IPI), respectively.

\*\* Data not published due to the postponement of the release of Commercial Transactions of Greece by the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) for the reference month February 2026 (see relevant ELSTAT announcement <https://www.statistics.gr/news-announcements/>).

Source: Bank of Greece, ELSTAT and Bank of Greece calculations.

### In 2025, the current account deficit narrowed notably.

In 2025, the **current account deficit decreased** y-o-y, reflecting improvements in all sub-accounts, and mainly in the balance of goods.

**Real exports of non-fuel goods** increased, while fuel exports declined. Food, beverages and tobacco and, to a lesser extent, chemicals and basic metals contributed to the increase in non-fuel exports.

**Real imports of non-fuel goods** recorded an increase mainly driven by imports of consumer (non-durable) goods as well as transportation equipment. Real imports of fuel declined.

The surplus of the **services balance** posted a small increase because of the improvement in the net travel services balance, which was partly offset by the deterioration in the transport and other services balances.

**Non-residents' (travellers') arrivals and receipts** increased by 6.4% y-o-y and by 9.4% y-o-y, respectively.

The **transport surplus** posted a decrease as freight rates declined in the main sectors in which Greek shipping is active; dry bulk rates fell by 6.9% y-o-y and tanker rates dropped by 1.1% y-o-y, while freight rates (based on the ClarkSea Index) increased by 7.8% y-o-y. The strengthening of the EUR against the USD has also negatively impacted the receipts from sea transport services.

In 2025, **FDI inflows** reached €11.9 bn (4.8% of GDP) including the corporate reorganisation of Metlen Energy & Metals in August 2025. Adjusting for that, FDI inflows remained higher than in 2024 (i.e. 3.1% of GDP in 2025, from 2.6% of GDP in 2024). This growth was driven by an improved domestic environment (i.e. macroeconomic: satisfactory GDP growth; business: digitalization of processes; banking: enhanced resilience). Foreign investments targeted mergers and acquisitions, new shares and real estate. The sectors of the economy which mostly attracted foreign investors in 2025 differ from those in 2024. Beyond manufacturing, electricity and gas supply, information and communication, financial and transportation, foreign investors in 2025 also targeted the construction and wholesale and retail trade sectors. Real estate activities (management and private sales) lost momentum compared to the previous year. The main countries of origin of FDI inflows were Germany, United Kingdom and United States.

It is noted that on 07/04/2026 the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announced the postponement of

the release of data on Greece’s Commercial Transactions for the reference month February 2026<sup>2</sup> that constitute the main source for the compilation of the balance of goods by the Bank of Greece. Thus, the Bank of Greece will not publish data on the balance of goods and, therefore, on the balances that include the balance of goods, e.g. the current account, until the relevant data are released by ELSTAT.

In **January-February 2026**, the surplus of the **services balance** widened, mainly due to an improvement in the travel balance, which was partly offset by a deterioration in the transport balance and the other services balance. **Non-residents’ arrivals** and travel **receipts** increased by 38.5% and 70.7% y-o-y, respectively.

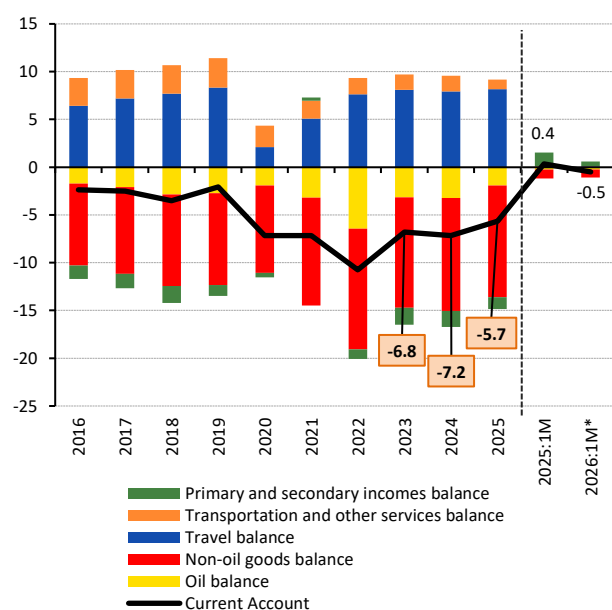
The **transport surplus** posted a decrease, despite the fact that freight rates (based on the ClarkSea Index) increased by 46.4% y-o-y; dry bulk rates increased by 75.5% y-o-y and tanker rates by 126.2% y-o-y.

The **primary income account** posted a deficit instead of a surplus in the respective period of the previous year, while a deterioration was also recorded in the secondary income balance due to a lower inflow from the reallocation of the Eurosystem’s monetary income to the Bank of Greece.

In **February 2026**, the surplus of the **services balance** widened, mainly due to an improvement in the travel balance, which was partly offset by a deterioration in the transport balance and the other services balance. **Non-residents’ arrivals** and travel **receipts** increased by 44.5% and 83.2% y-o-y, respectively.

In **January 2026**, FDI inflows amounted to €2.2 bn and reflect mainly investments in new shares and mergers and acquisitions including UniCredit’s increased stake in Alpha Bank S.A.’s share capital.

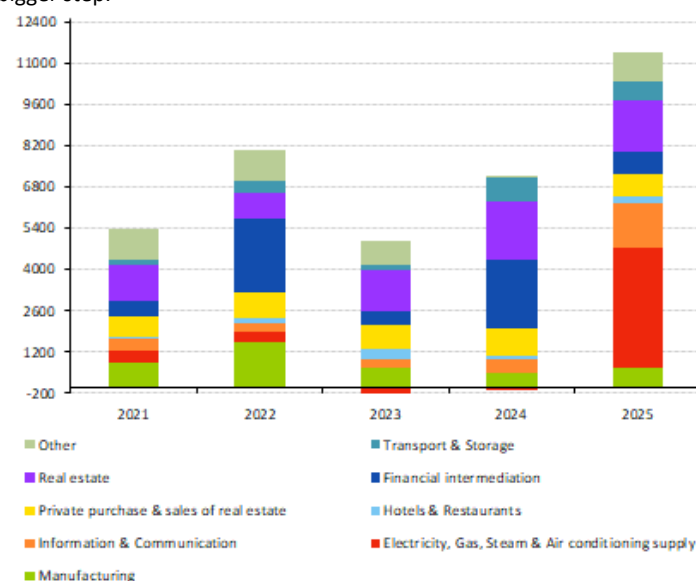
**Chart 20: Components of the current account as % of annual GDP**



**Sources:** Bank of Greece (for BoP statistics) and ELSTAT (for GDP).

\*GDP forecast for 2026: ECB, Macroeconomic Projections, March 2026.

**Chart 21: Non-residents’ Direct Investment flows in Greece by sector of economic activity (mn euros) make the vertical axis with bigger step.**



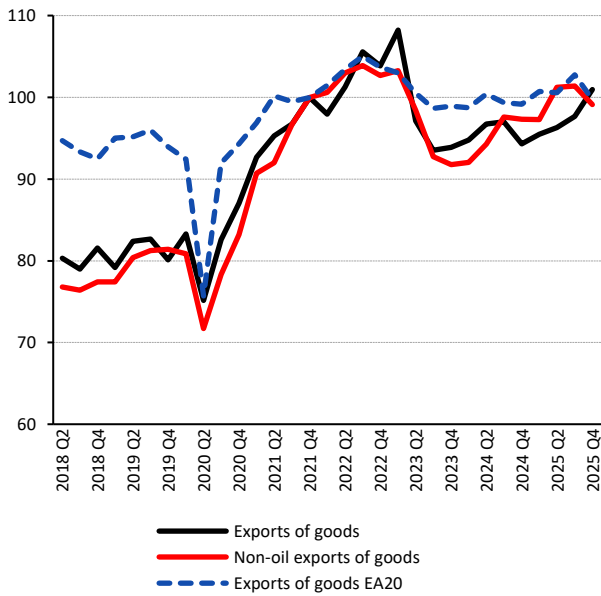
**Source:** Bank of Greece, Statistics Department.

*Provisional data 2025*

Note: The FDI components in the chart do not add up to the total amount of direct investment inflows reported in Table due to the different underlying methodologies.

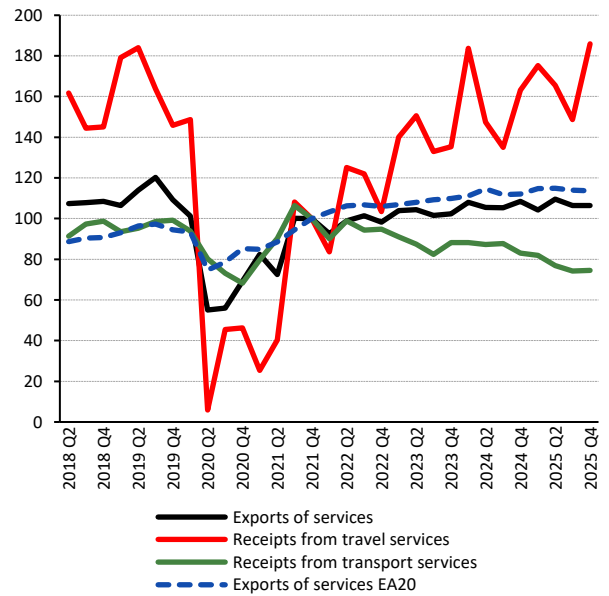
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**Chart 22: Greece's real exports of goods vs. euro area (EA20)**  
(index 2021:Q4=100, sa)



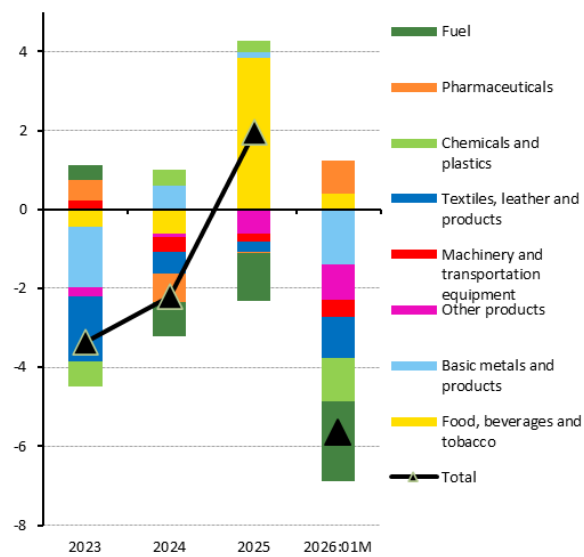
**Sources:** Bank of Greece (BoP statistics) and Eurostat (for EA 20). Bank of Greece calculations.

**Chart 23: Greece's real exports of services vs. euro area (EA20)**  
(index 2021:Q4=100, sa)



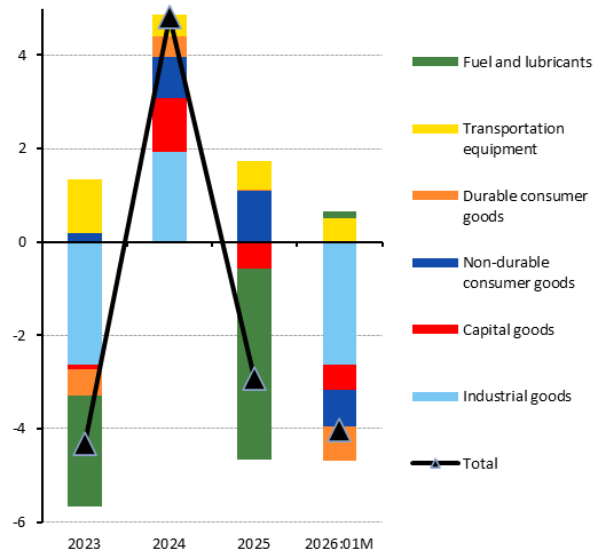
**Sources:** Bank of Greece (BoP statistics) and Eurostat (for EA 20). Bank of Greece calculations.

**Chart 24: Contribution of each sector to total export growth (%) - constant prices**



**Sources:** Eurostat, Comext database and ELSTAT. Bank of Greece calculations.  
Note: Figures shown in the graph may differ from those in Table 4.1 because of different data sources.

**Chart 25: Contribution of each type of use to total import growth (%) - constant prices**



**Sources:** Eurostat, Comext database and ELSTAT. Bank of Greece calculations.  
Note: Figures shown in the graph may differ from those in Table 4.1 because of different data sources.

**Table 4.2: EU funds (mn euro)**

	2023	2024	2025	2025		2026	
				Dec	Jan	Feb	y-t-d
- Structural funds <sup>1</sup>	1777	1704	2040	65.2	751.4	552.3	1303.6
- Farmers' subsidies	2493	1902	2495	80.0	272.7	353.5	626.2
- NGEU							
° Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF)-grants *	3405	1157	3455	...	...	...	...
° Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF)-loans	3793	2327	1781	...	...	...	...

<sup>1</sup> EU Commission Cohesion Open Data Platform

\* including REPowerEU

Sources: EU Commission, Bank of Greece.

## EU funds

In February 2026, Greece received €0.6 bn from **structural funds** and €0.4 bn from **farmers' subsidies**.

The implementation of the **Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2021-2027** has been proceeding, though at a slow pace. According to EU data (as of March 31, 2026), €5.8 bn have been disbursed since the initiation of the programme.

Regarding the **Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF)**, €12.9 bn in grants and €11.7 bn in loans have already been received by Greece since 2021 (NGEU including REPowerEU). On May 2, 2025, Greece received €1.3 bn in RRF grants and €1.8 bn in RRF loans, having completed the related milestones and targets, whereas the sixth payment request for €2.1 bn in RRF grants was disbursed on November 26, 2025. On December 22, 2025, Greece submitted the seventh payment request for €0.9 bn RRF grants and the sixth payment request for €0.3 bn RRF loans, both of which were disbursed on April 23, 2026.

**Table 4.3: Price competitiveness indices (% y-o-y)**

	2024	2025	2025			2026
			Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
HCI NEER <sup>1</sup>	1.8	2.2	2.3	2.9	3.6	3.5
HCI REER-ULCT based competitiveness <sup>2</sup>	0.2	0.2	0.7	1.4	0.0	...
HCI REER-HICP based competitiveness <sup>2</sup>	0.6	1.7	2.2	2.4	2.8	3.6

Source: ECB

1: + appreciation of euro

2: + deterioration of competitiveness

## Domestic Unit Labour Cost (ULC) growth rate remains lower than that of Greece's main trading partners. However, euro's appreciation led to losses in both price and cost competitiveness broad index since 2025:Q2.

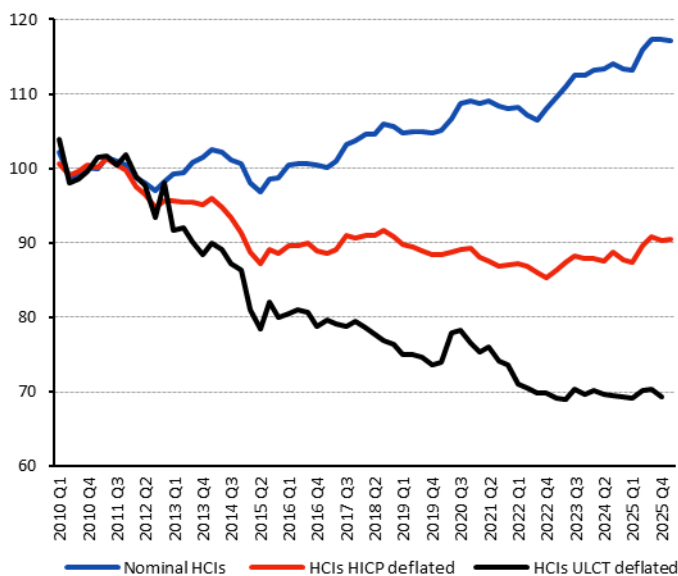
**The nominal effective exchange rate:** Based on ECB Harmonised Competitiveness Indicators (HCIs), the nominal effective exchange rate (NEER) for Greece continued to appreciate further due to the appreciation of the euro up to 2026:Q1.

**Price competitiveness** deteriorated in 2025, as the impact of the significant nominal appreciation of the euro was only partly offset by Greece's lower inflation relative to its main trading partners inside and outside eurozone. The continued appreciation of the euro up to 2026:Q1 in addition to the shift of Greece's inflation resulted to a further deterioration.

**Labour cost competitiveness:** ULC-based competitiveness having improved significantly in 2022-2023, mainly driven by strong gains in productivity relative to Greece's main trading partners, posted a small deterioration in 2024 and 2025, negatively affected by the strong appreciation of the nominal effective

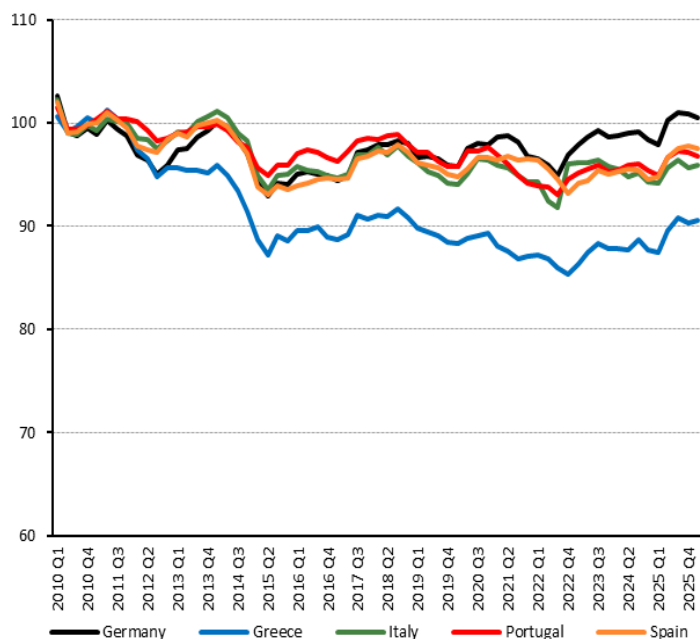
exchange rate. In 2025:Q4, labour cost competitiveness remained stable despite the continued appreciation of the NEER.

**Chart 26: Greece: Price and cost competitiveness indices**  
(index 2010=100; quarterly, period averages)



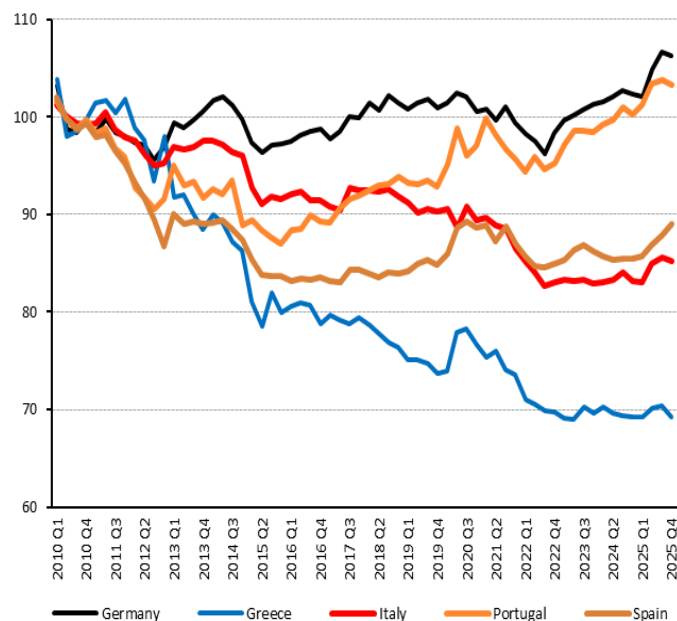
Sources: ECB, Harmonised Competitiveness Indicators (effective exchange rates).

**Chart 27a: Euro area countries: Harmonised consumer price index competitiveness indices**  
(index 2010=100; quarterly, period averages)



Sources: ECB, Harmonised Competitiveness Indicators based on HICP in total economy.

**Chart 27b: Euro area countries: Unit labour cost competitiveness indices**  
(index 2010=100; quarterly, period averages)



Sources: ECB, Harmonised Competitiveness Indicators based on ULC in total economy.

### Non-price or structural competitiveness

Non price/structural competitiveness indices recently published provide a rather positive picture as progress in some areas is evident, namely in the tax wedge front, government performance, business efficiency and digital transformation of the economy.

### Latest publications in composite indices

Indicator	International Organization	Date published	Latest Ranking (Total countries)	Previous Ranking (Total countries)	Positions Moved
<b>World Competitiveness Ranking</b>	IMD	17.06.2025	50 (69)	47 (64)	-3
	Greece's ranking fell by 3 positions along with same magnitude drop in our peer groups ranking. Improvement was recorded in the sub-index of domestic economy (up to 46 <sup>th</sup> from 53 <sup>rd</sup> ) and international investment (up to 52 <sup>nd</sup> from 55 <sup>th</sup> ), while deterioration was recorded in employment (down to 60 <sup>th</sup> from 47 <sup>th</sup> ), productivity & efficiency (down to 50 <sup>th</sup> from 37 <sup>th</sup> ) and attitudes & values (down to 47 <sup>th</sup> from 36 <sup>th</sup> ). According to IMD, <b>the main challenges for Greece</b> now include: the need for reform in the labor market through Vocational Education and Training (VET) policies in order to meet labor shortages and skills mismatches in critical sectors, promote job-generating investments in the manufacturing sector, increase the resilience of the economy, improve the efficiency of justice system (especially by reducing the length of proceedings of commercial disputes), introduce policies that facilitate the twin transition (green and digital) of enterprises, with a special focus on energy and reduce the administrative burden on enterprises.				
<b>Business Ready (former Doing Business)</b>	World Bank	02.01.2026	... (101)	... (50)	...
	Within Business Ready framework, there is no composite indicator and Greece ranks 2nd in regulatory framework pillar, 27th in public services pillar and 45th in the operational efficiency pillar (out of 101 countries). Greece performed strongly on the de jure dimension, however, there are persistent de facto shortcomings in implementation and compliance. Greece ranks above global average in the three dimensions but lags behind its EA peers in the de facto dimension. Greece performed strongly in "Business Entry", mainly due to electronic business registration systems and streamlined incorporation procedures. There is room for improvement in "Business Location", facing challenges in property transfer, gaps in land administration systems and burdensome registration procedures, and "Financial Services", experiencing gaps in credit and collateral information systems and inefficiencies in lending processes, security interest registration and e-payments.				
<b>Tax International Competitiveness Index</b>	Tax Foundation	21.10.2025	23 (38)	26 (38)	+3
	Greece's rank improved by three places and its overall absolute rank raised by 4.1 points as its personal, consumption and corporate taxes ranking improved, while property taxes and cross border tax rules ranking deteriorated. <b>Strengths:</b> The net personal tax rate of 5 percent on dividends is significantly below the OECD average of 24.7 percent; corporate income tax rate of 22 percent is below the OECD average of 24.2 percent; controlled foreign corporation rules in Greece are modest. <b>Weaknesses:</b> Companies are severely limited in the amount of net operating losses they can use to offset future profits; companies cannot use losses to reduce past taxable income; and VAT rate is one of the highest in the OECD applied to one of the narrowest bases, covering only 43 percent of final consumption.				

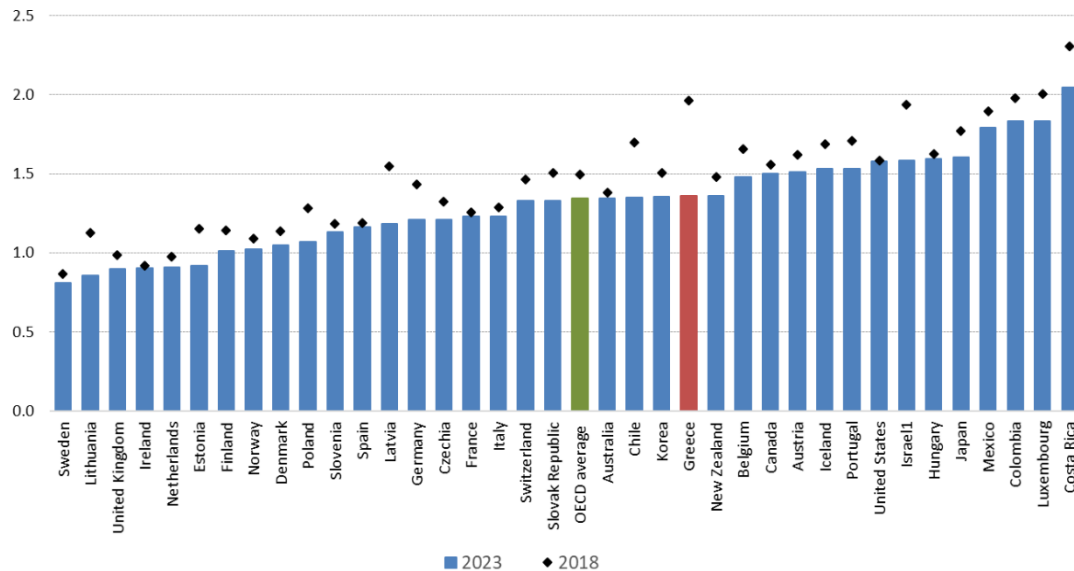
### Latest publications in implementation of reforms

The European Commission in the last **In-Depth review** (May 2025) acknowledges that the Greek authorities continued implementing measures. First, to fight tax evasion and the informal economy, the authorities pursued the interconnection of cash registers and points of sale (POS) terminals with the tax authorities, a 30% reduction of the pensions of employed pensioners, reduction of the social contribution rate by 1 pp. and the introduction of a temporary system that provides for an indirect calculation of an imputed minimum tax base for the self-employed. Moreover, digitalisation of the tax and customs administration and simplification of tax legislation are ongoing. In the judicial sector, progress was achieved through a revision of the judicial map, which can help shorten legal procedures while additional steps have been taken to support the enforcement of legacy NPLs. Moreover, reform of the Hellenic Cadastre (mapping) is also ongoing. However, the report flags several structural challenges. Skills gaps and mismatches, the relatively tight regulations for part-time employment, insufficient supply of child- and elderly care, low labour mobility, and disincentives inherent in the tax and benefit system continue to hamper labour supply. No progress has been achieved with regards to barriers to entry to professional services, and the regulatory framework of retail sector has a margin for improvement.

The latest release of **OECD's Product Market Regulation indicator** (July 2024, revised in December 2025), which measures the distortions to competition, suggests that Greece noted the greatest

improvement among the OECD members during the period 2018-2023 (see Chart 28). The regulatory framework of Greece is now close to the OECD average, as a result of significant reforms. However, there is considerable room to make the regulatory framework of the professional services (especially for lawyers) and retail sector more competition-friendly (see Chart 29). In addition, the country should consider improving its mechanisms for assessing the impact of new and existing laws and regulations on competition, address its high non-tariff trade barriers and further align the governance of state-owned enterprises with key OECD best practices aimed at ensuring a level playing field with private firms.

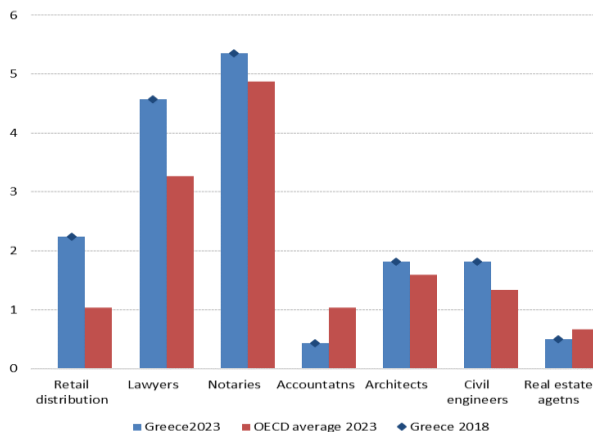
**Chart 28: OECD Product Market Regulation Indicator**



**Source:** OECD, 2024 Product Market Regulation (version revised in December 2025).

**Notes:** The PMR economy-wide indicator measures the regulatory barriers to firm entry and competition in a broad range of key policy areas, ranging from licensing and public procurement, to governance of State Owned Enterprises, price controls, evaluation of new and existing regulations, and foreign trade. The information used to construct the indicator is collected through a questionnaire. Low (high) values suggest few (many) regulatory barriers.

**Chart 29: Regulation in services**



**Source:** OECD, 2024 Product Market Regulation (version revised in December 2025).

**Note:** The professional services indicators cover information on entry requirements and conduct constraints, whereas the retail trade indicators cover a broad set of regulatory issues, ranging from shop opening hours to retail price regulation, and licensing. Low (high) values suggest few (many) regulatory barriers.

## 5. FISCAL DEVELOPMENTS

**Table 5.1: General Government fiscal outlook (% of GDP)**

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
<b>Medium-Term Fiscal Structural Plan 2025-2028</b>						
Primary balance	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	
Net nationally financed primary expenditure (growth rate)	2.6	3.7	3.6	3.1	3.0	
<b>Budget 2026/Multi-Annual Fiscal Programme 2026-2029</b>						
Primary balance	4.8*	4.9*	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7
Public Debt	154.2*	146.1*	138.2	131.7	124.6	119.0
Net nationally financed primary expenditure (growth rate)	-0.2	4.4	5.7	2.9	2.7	2.4

Sources : ELSTAT (\*) and Ministry of Finance.

Notes : (a) The debt projections of the Medium-Term Fiscal Structural Plan (16.10.2024) are not presented as they are not consistent with the methodological change in the recording of public debt introduced in the 2nd EDP Notification of 2024 (22.10.2024).

(b) Net nationally financed primary expenditure is defined as government expenditures minus (1) interest expenditures, (2) programs financed by the EU, (3) national contribution to programs financed by the EU, (4) cyclical elements of unemployment benefit expenditures, (5) one off expenditure and (6) increases in net revenue attributable to discretionary revenue measures.

### The general government outcome in 2025 was confirmed among the highest in the EU and the debt ratio decreased significantly

The 2025 general government balance, as published in the context of the 1<sup>st</sup> EDP notification (22.04.2026), turned to a surplus of 1.7% of GDP, higher than the pre-pandemic level. Also, the **general government primary outcome** recorded a surplus of 4.9% of GDP (marginally higher than 4.8% of GDP recorded for 2024). The debt decreased by €2.0 bn and the debt to GDP ratio decreased by 8.0 pps of GDP (lowest ratio since 2010 and highest decrease among EU27 countries).

### Primary balance overperformance in 2025 is expected to partly carry over in 2026.

According to the **2026 Budget**, a primary surplus of 2.8% of GDP is expected. Furthermore, according to the Multi-Annual Fiscal Programme, steady primary surpluses of 2.7% are foreseen for 2027-2029. Based on the significantly improved fiscal outcome in 2025, these projections are expected to be revised.

### New energy measures do not compromise fiscal sustainability due to strong 2025 performance

To alleviate the effects of the increases in energy prices due to the war in the Middle East, temporary expansionary fiscal measures were announced in March, for April and May 2026, amounting to €0.3 bn (or 0.1% of GDP), which include subsidization of diesel fuel, fertilizers, discounted fares in ferries and transport costs (fuel pass). To offset part of the fiscal cost, a tax rate increase was announced on the profits from online gambling over €100, with an estimated yield of €50 mn for 2026 and €100 mn yearly thereafter. The fiscal expansion due to the announced energy measures for 2026 is thus estimated at €0.25 bn (or 0.1% of GDP). Additional measures amounting €500 mn were decided in April and include an extension of the subsidy for farmers to offset for higher fertiliser costs – 15% off for three months (€26 mn), a permanent increase in targeted income support for low income pensioners (€200 mn), permanent broader eligibility criteria for the residential rent subsidy (€25mn) and one off targeted income support to low income families in June (€240 mn). **The fiscal cost for 2026 is estimated at €800 mn and is expected to be financed mainly by the 2025 fiscal overperformance.**

### RRF funds are being absorbed yet backloading is witnessed

**Absorption:** Greece is progressing well compared to peers regarding the **RRF receipts based** on the successfully completion of the respective **milestones and targets**. On 23 April 2026, the European Commission disbursed to Greece a total of €1.18 bn, corresponding to the 7<sup>th</sup> payment request for grants (€884 mn), and the 6<sup>th</sup> payment request for loans (€294 mn). Overall, Greece has so far received €24.6 bn

from the RRF (€12.9 bn for grants and €11.7 for loans), that is 68% out of the total envelope of €36 bn (above EU average 59%), having successfully completed 53% of the total landmarks.

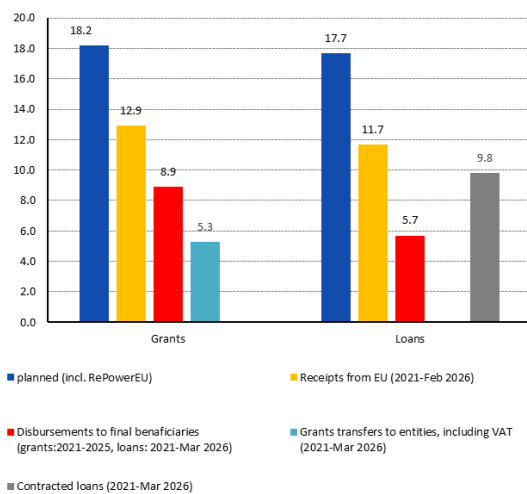
**Execution:** The implementation plan has become more backloaded than originally projected mainly due to administrative burden heavier than originally anticipated, as also witnessed in most EU countries. More specifically:

**Grants:** Out of a total envelope of €18.2 bn, cash receipts from the EU amount to €12.9 bn. Until December 2025, €8.9 bn had been disbursed to the final beneficiaries. Another €5.3 bn had been transferred from the state to other entities inside and outside the general government until March 2026.

**Loans:** Out of a total envelope of €17.7 bn, cash receipts from the EU amount to €11.7 bn. Until March 2026 €5.7 bn had been disbursed to the final beneficiaries. The contracted projects amounted to approximately €9.8 bn in March 2026, while the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2026 was set as the deadline for new contracts.

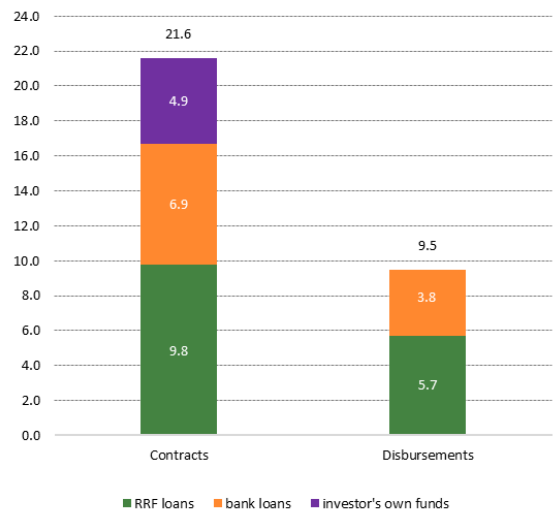
Reform and Investment projects relating to all four pillars of the **National Recovery and Resilience Plan** are in progress. Most notably major projects that have been funded by RRF grants so far concern: household energy upgrades, national reforestation plan, water management, electrical interconnection of islands, electric energy storage facilities, telecommunications (microsatellites network), digital transformation of SMEs, upskilling and reskilling of unemployed, active labor market policies reform, digitalization of education, hospital renovations, primary health care reforms, economic transformation of the Agricultural sector, road safety and construction of central Greece highway.

**Chart 30: RRF funds**  
(€ bn)



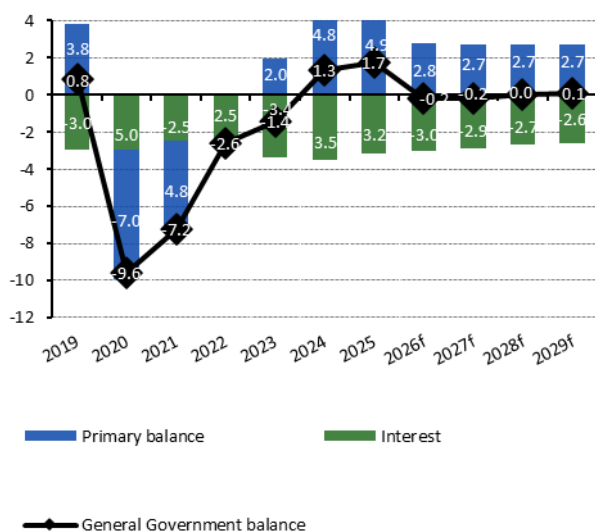
Source: Ministry of Finance, Bank of Greece.

**Chart 31: RRF loans with leverage**  
(€ bn )



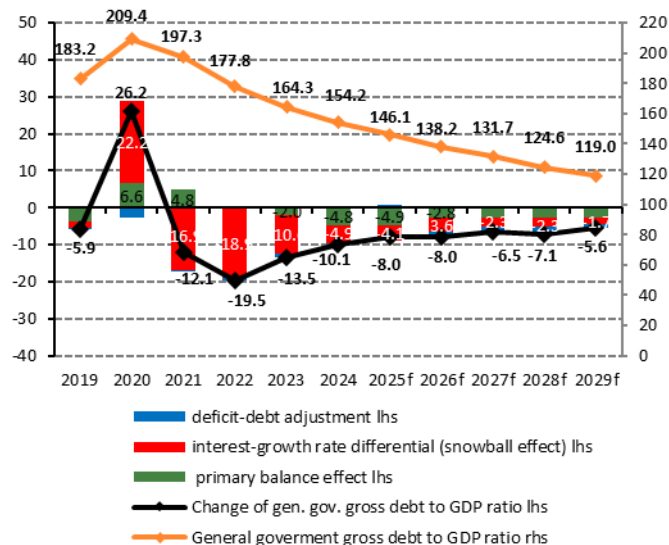
Source: Ministry of Finance, Bank of Greece

**Chart 32: General Government deficit decomposition**  
(% of GDP)



Source: Ministry of Finance (MFP 2026-2029), ELSTAT.

**Chart 33: Gen. Government gross Debt to GDP ratio decomposition**  
(percentage points)



Source: Ministry of Finance (MFP 2026-2029), ELSTAT.

### Annual General Government figures – ESA 2010 (2025) – Improvement and overachievement

**Table 5.2: General Government (% GDP) - ESA 2010**

	Annual			
	2022	2023	2024	2025
Balance	-2.6	-1.4	1.3	1.7
Primary balance	-0.1	2.0	4.8	4.9
Revenue	50.5	48.1	49.4	50.0
Primary expenditure	50.6	46.1	44.6	45.1
Public debt (stock)	177.8	164.3	154.2	146.1
Public debt (stock, million euro)	368,005	369,110	364,965	362,925
General government net debt (stock)*	162.5	149.3	138.8	130.2
General government net debt (stock, million euro)*	336,482	335,486	328,684	323,349
General government cash reserves (EUR mn)*	31,523	33,624	36,281	39,576

Source: ELSTAT, \*PDMA.

According to the 1<sup>st</sup> EDP notification (22.04.2026), **both the general government balance and the primary balance marked an improvement in 2025 relative to 2024**, turning into higher surpluses as a share of GDP and overshooting the annual targets, largely as a result of satisfactory growth in the economy as well as strong tax revenue performance.

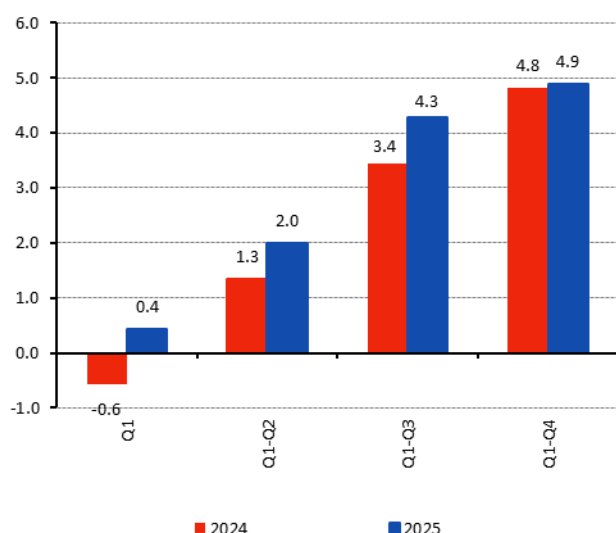
The improvement in the **primary balance in 2025** reflects an increase in the share of revenue (by 0.55 p.p.), marginally exceeding the increase in the share of primary expenditure as a % of GDP (by 0.48 p.p.). Y-o-y, primary expenditure increased by 6.0%, mainly driven by an increase in (a) public investment (17.8%), (b) capital transfers (14.7%) largely due to increased RRF expenditure and the OPEKEPE fine (€427 mn), (c) intermediate consumption (+15.0%), due to higher prices and increased EOPYY payments to public hospitals and (d) social payments (+3.0%) due to pension indexation and pension arrears clearance. In the opposite direction, there was a decrease in subsidies (-2.5%). Revenue also increased y-o-y (+6.1%) due to increased economic activity, price increases, higher public hospital revenue and tax evasion containment due to the various digitalization measures.

The **debt to GDP ratio** decreased to 146.1% in 2025, from 154.2% of GDP in 2024 (lowest since 2010), due to both the denominator effect (higher nominal GDP) and to a lower level of debt.

Given that debt in nominal terms in 2025 came in broadly in line with the 2026 Budget Report, the recorded over-performance in the budget surplus was not used to repay debt but was accumulated in the form of **cash reserves** (increased to €40 bn from €36 bn).

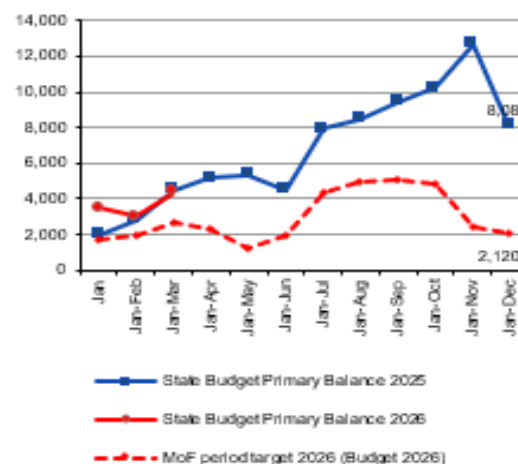
According to PDMA, in 2025, the weighted average maturity of public debt stood at 18.37 years, while the time to next refixing of the debt portfolio at 17.77 years. The cost of debt, as measured by the actual general government debt annual interest payments after swap (cash basis) as a proportion of public debt, stood at 1.33%.

**Chart 34: General government primary balance (quarterly, cumulative) (% of GDP)**



Source: ELSTAT.

**Chart 35: Evolution of State budget primary balance against MoF's period targets in 2024-2025 (EUR mn)**



Source: Ministry of Finance.

### General Government cash fiscal data – In line with the revised annual target in ESA terms.

**Table 5.3: Cash fiscal data**

(% GDP)	2024 Jan-Dec	2025 Jan-Dec	2025 Jan-Mar	2026 Jan-Mar
General Government primary balance	4.9	4.8		
Stock of arrears (€ bn)	3.1	3.2		
State budget primary balance	3.7	3.3	1.8	1.7
State budget primary balance period target	2.0	2.1	0.2	1.0

Source: Ministry of Finance

In the January-December 2025 period, the **primary general government cash outcome** recorded a marginally lower surplus compared to the one achieved in January-December 2024.

In December 2025, the **stock of arrears** (excluding main pension claims) increased by €0.2 bn (mainly in hospitals) compared to December 2024. About 56% of total arrears (excluding tax refunds) originate in

hospitals due to their reporting pre-clawback<sup>3</sup>. Post-clawback, hospital arrears are much lower.

The **State primary balance** in January-March 2026 recorded a surplus (1.7% of GDP), slightly lower than in the respective period in 2025. Compared to the period target (according to the 2026 Budget), the primary balance over-performed by €1.7 bn primarily due to primary expenditure containment and secondarily to revenue overperformance.

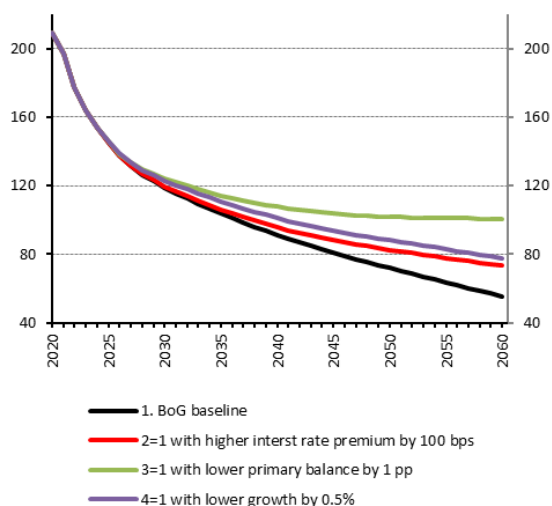
## Financing

According to PDMA's funding strategy for 2026, the Hellenic Republic plans to issue €8 bn in GGBs in 2026. So far in 2026, it has borrowed more than half of this from the capital markets. More specifically, in January 2026, Greece attracted €4 bn from the issue of a 10-year bond with a yield of 3.47%. In February, a further €0.3 bn was raised through the re-opening of the 10-year bond issued in January, with a lower yield of 3.34%. In April, another €0.25 bn was received following another re-opening of the 10-year bond issued in January, with a higher yield of 3.7%.

## Debt Sustainability Analysis - Risks to debt sustainability remain contained in the medium term

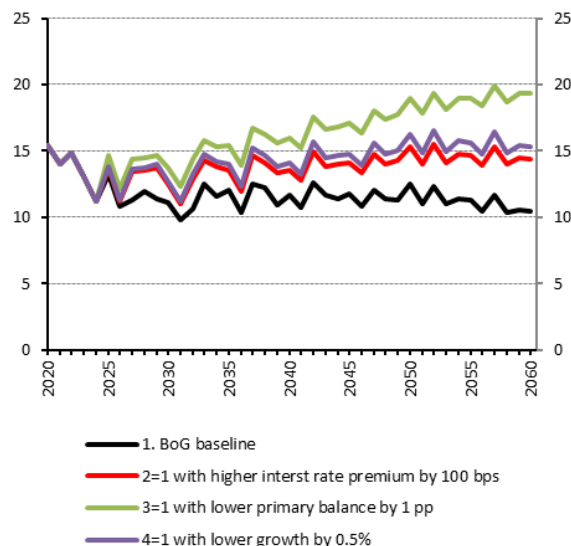
This mainly reflects (i) the highly concessional terms of official sector loans (involving grace periods, long maturities and interest deferrals) comprising the bulk of the accumulated debt stock, (ii) a 100% share of fixed-rate debt of the central government (at end-December 2025) and (iii) a very sizeable cash buffer in excess of 15% of GDP (at end-December 2025). In the longer term, however, sustainability risks remain elevated. As concessional loans get rolled over on market terms, exposure to adverse shocks will increase, demanding firm commitment to fiscal vigilance. Under the baseline assumptions of commitment to fiscal targets and effective utilization of NGEU funds, the debt to GDP ratio remains firmly on a downward trajectory and Gross Financing Needs over GDP stay safely below the 15% and 20% thresholds.

**Chart 36: General Government Maastricht debt**  
(% of GDP)



Source: Bank of Greece.

**Chart 37: General Government Gross Financing Needs**  
(% of GDP)



Source: Bank of Greece.

<sup>3</sup>The clawback mechanism, introduced by the Greek legislator in 2012 as part of the effort to reduce excessive health expenditure weighing on public debt, safeguards the level of public expenditure relating to hospitalization and pharmaceuticals up to a certain pecuniary limit. Essentially, when the respective public spending exceeds the thresholds of the relevant closed budgets, any surplus is 'repaid' by hospitals and pharmaceutical companies to the National Organisation for Healthcare (EOPYY), on the basis of a specific formula. When hospital arrears are reported pre-clawback, they are inflated as they do not take into account the surplus repayment to EOPYY.

## Fiscal Structural Reforms boosted tax revenues

In recent years, a broader, ongoing programme for the **modernisation and digitalisation of public administration** has been implemented, with the aim of enhancing operational efficiency, transparency and tax compliance. In 2024, the measures adopted in this direction included enhanced information exchange between businesses and the Independent Authority for Public Revenue (IAPR) regarding electronic transactions (interconnection of cash registers and POS systems, development of key digital tools and expansion of electronic payments), as well as the presumptive taxation of self-employed professionals.

During 2025, these efforts were further accelerated: the **Digital Customer Registry** was upgraded, **monthly VAT return filing** was extended to self-employed professionals, businesses keeping simplified accounting books and newly established enterprises, and the **mandatory use of the IRIS** system via QR code by all businesses was introduced. At the same time, the universal implementation of **e-Invoicing** was promoted, ensuring the secure and reliable issuance of invoices, and the **Digital Work Card** was extended across the entire economy, contributing to a significant reduction in undeclared and under-declared work. The **Property Ownership and Management Registry** was also launched, facilitating the swift recording and management of real estate, while **new digital tools were introduced to monitor fuel distribution** and the **e-EFKA** system was upgraded, enabling digital cross-checks of data and simplified procedures for fulfilling social security obligations. In addition, new digital procedures for the termination of business activities for companies and self-employed professionals were implemented, and an automated system for imposing fines for late filings was put into operation.

## Pension Control and Payment System – Ilios- Pension expenditure increase in line with the application of indexation rule

In January 2026, total pension expenditure (including expenditure of pension funds classified as outside of general government) amounted to €2.8 bn (1.1% of GDP). This implies a 4.2% increase in pension expenditure vis-à-vis the same period in 2025 and this is the combined outcome of the increase in the number of pensioners, the clearance of pension arrear claims and the application of the main pension indexation rule (also partly to those with a personal difference in their pension amount). Indeed, the average main pension in January 2026 was €866 per month, compared to €840 a year earlier, representing a 3.1% increase, consistent with the annual pension uprating of 2.4% applied to 2026 main pensions. The average auxiliary pension was €196 per month, exhibiting a stable pattern since 2020.

## 6. MONEY AND CREDIT

Table 6.1: Bank deposits

EUR mn	End-of-month stock	Annual flow			Monthly flow <sup>1</sup>			Annual growth rate <sup>2</sup> (%)					
		2026	2023	2024	2025	2025	2026	2023	2024	2025	2025	2026	
	Feb				Dec	Jan	Feb	Dec	Dec	Dec	Dec	Jan	Feb
Private sector <sup>3</sup>	207,523	5,752	8,609	10,411	6,326	-5,184	-445	3.0	4.4	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.6
-NFCs	48,858	324	5,007	5,418	4,060	-4,574	-824	0.7	11.4	11.1	11.1	10.4	11.7
-HHs	154,159	4,984	3,468	5,301	2,471	-756	74	3.5	2.4	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.9

Source: Bank of Greece.

1 Flows are derived from changes in outstanding amounts after offsetting foreign exchange valuation differences and reclassifications.

2 The annual growth rate for month t, is the 12-month growth rate for the period ending in month t. It is calculated as the sum of the monthly flows during the most recent 12 months (including t) divided by the outstanding amount at t-12.

3 Private sector deposits comprise the deposits of domestic households, non-financial corporations, insurance companies and other (non-bank) financial institutions.

### Bank deposits on a rising path

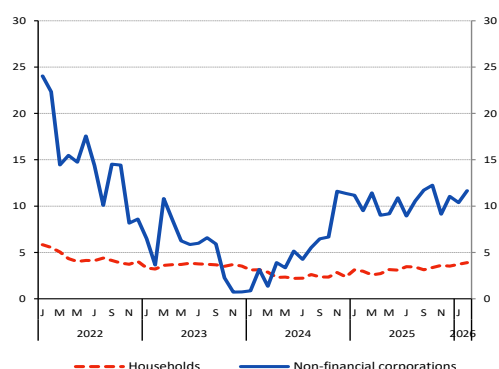
In 2025 and the start of 2026, the annual growth rate of **private sector bank deposits** accelerated overall reflecting rising economic activity and strong corporate bank credit expansion (Table 6.1 and Charts 38 and 39).

In February 2026, **bank deposits** decreased for non-financial corporations (down by €0.8 bn), consistent with the seasonal pattern at the start of the year, but rose slightly in the case of households (up by €0.1 bn).

In more detail, the annual growth rate of **corporate bank deposits** accelerated in February 2026 to stand at a relatively high level (11.7% in February compared with an average growth rate of 5.5% in 2019), while the growth rate of **household deposits** accelerated to 3.9% in February 2026, remaining modest overall (compared to 6.1% in 2019). The low level of deposit interest rates encouraged a significant shift of funds from household deposits into other saving options, such as mutual fund shares, offering considerably higher returns.

Chart 38: Bank deposits

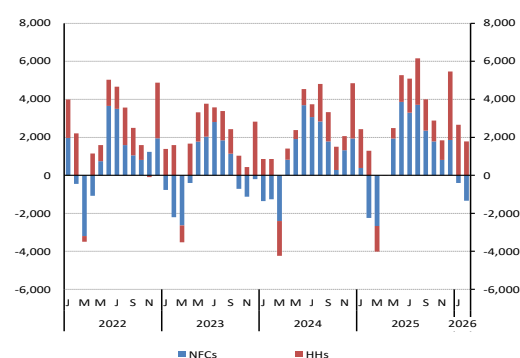
(annual growth rate, %)



Source: Bank of Greece.

Chart 39: Bank deposits

(3-month moving sum of monthly flows, in EUR mn)



Source: Bank of Greece.

Table 6.2: Bank credit<sup>1</sup>

EUR mn	End-of-month stock	Annual net flow <sup>2</sup>			Monthly net flow <sup>2</sup>			Annual rate of change <sup>3</sup> (%)					
		2026	2023	2024	2025	2025	2026	2023	2024	2025	2025	2026	
	Feb				Dec	Jan	Feb	Dec	Dec	Dec	Dec	Jan	Feb
NFCs	81,748	3,739	9,284	8,374	3,297	-1,214	965	5.8	13.8	11.3	11.3	10.9	10.3
HHs	34,442	-771	-210	779	119	-79	28	-2.0	-0.5	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.6
-Housing loans	25,653	-1,049	-734	177	78	-64	12	-3.5	-2.6	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.1
-Consumer loans	8,563	294	528	603	45	-26	19	3.4	6.3	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0

Source: Bank of Greece.

1 Bank credit data do not include the amount of loans provided from public funds in the context of loan co-financing schemes ran by institutions such as the Hellenic Development Bank (e.g. TEPIX III loans or My Home loans) or the RRF, but contain only the commercial bank participation in these loans towards NFCs or households.

2 Net credit flows are meant to capture the provision of new loans minus repayments on outstanding loans. They are calculated from changes in outstanding amounts of bank credit to each sector between month t and t-1, after offsetting variations in outstanding amounts that do not arise from transactions but result from revaluations, exchange rate variations, loan write-offs, loan transfer/derecognition from bank balance sheets in the context of NPL management and statistical reclassifications. The annual net flow is the sum of the 12 monthly net flows during each calendar year.

3 The annual rate of change for month t, is the 12-month rate of change for the twelve-month period ending in month t. It is calculated as the sum of monthly net flows during the most recent 12 months (including month t) divided by the outstanding amount at t-12.

## Robust corporate loan growth – Housing loans starting to recover

**Corporate bank credit** expansion remained strong during 2025 and early 2026 supported both by increased demand and by increased supply of loans in view of the favourable impact of solid economic growth, lower lending rates and supportive public programmes (Table 6.2 and Chart 40).

In February 2026, **bank credit to NFCs** (based on net credit flows, i.e. intending to provide a measure of new corporate credit minus the repayments of outstanding credit) rose by €1.0 bn; still the annual rate of growth decelerated to 10.3% (from 10.9% in January).

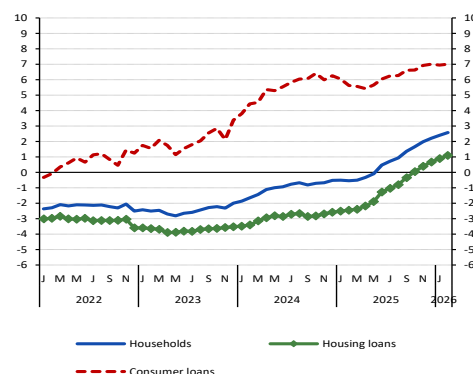
The annual rate of change of **housing loans to households**, which turned positive in November 2025 for the first time since 2010, accelerated somewhat further in February 2026 to reach 1.1% (Table 6.2 and Chart 41). **Consumer bank loans** have been recording continuously positive annual rates of change already since mid-2022. In February 2026, the annual growth rate of consumer loans stood broadly unchanged at 7.0%.

Chart 40: Bank credit to NFCs  
(annual growth rate, %)



Source: Bank of Greece.

Chart 41: Bank credit to households  
(annual rate of change, %)



Source: Bank of Greece.

The above discussion referred to the net flow of bank credit. To describe developments in new loans without taking into account repayments of past loans, it is noted that in 2025, the volume of new business in bank loans to NFCs as measured by the value of **new corporate term loan agreements** amounted to €23.6 bn in total, compared to €24.0 bn in 2024 and €17.0 bn in 2023 (Table 6.3 and Chart 42). Regarding households, the value of **new bank housing loan agreements** rose to €2.1 bn in 2025 compared to €1.4 bn in 2024 and €1.2 bn in 2023 respectively (Table 6.3 and Chart 43).

In January-February 2026, new bank corporate term loan agreements reached €1.7 bn (January-February 2025: €1.9 bn), while new housing loan agreements amounted to €314 mn (January-February 2025: € 201 mn) (Charts 42 and 43).

**Table 6.3: Volume of new business in bank loans: new loan agreements**<sup>1, 2, 3</sup>

EUR mn	2023	2024	2025	2026		
				Dec	Jan	Feb
New bank term loan agreements with NFCs	16,957	23,972	23,583	6,488	640	1,054
of which : to SMEs	4,750	5,945	6,587	1,038	343	463
New bank housing loan agreements with HHs	1,190	1,432	2,144	289	134	180
New bank consumer term loan agreements with HHs	1,294	1,739	1,934	183	137	145

Source: Bank of Greece.

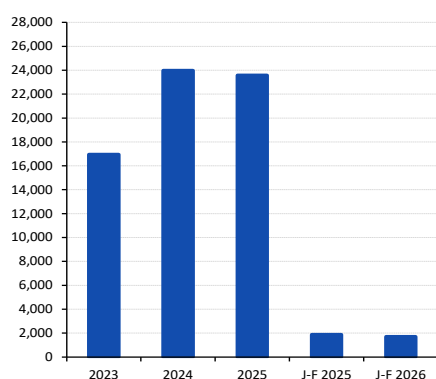
1 New business volume of loans comprises the nominal value of all new loan agreements with a defined maturity (term loans) signed during the month or the whole year between banks and non-financial corporations or households. More specifically, the new business volume of loans is computed from : (i) all financial contracts that specify for the first time the interest rate of the loan and (ii) all renegotiations of existing performing loan contracts. Not included is credit to NFCs and households without a defined maturity (revolving loans, overdraft facilities, credit cards etc.)

2 In contrast to net credit flows, the above data on the volume of new business in bank loans do not incorporate repayments of outstanding loans.

3 Data on the volume of new bank term loan agreements do not include the amounts of loans provided from public funds in the context of loan co-financing schemes ran by institutions such as the Hellenic Development Bank (e.g. TEPIX III loans or My Home loans) or the RRF. Volumes contain only the commercial bank participation in these loans towards NFCs or households.

**Chart 42: New bank corporate term loan agreements**

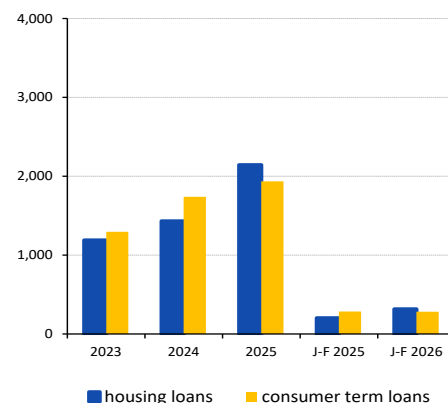
(volume over year/period, EUR mn)



Source: Bank of Greece.

**Chart 43: New bank household term loan agreements**

(volume over year/period, EUR mn)

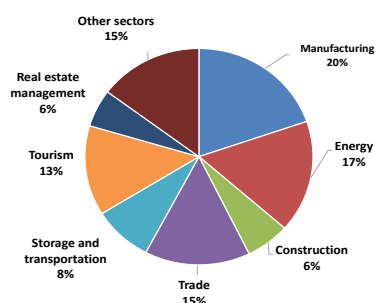


Source: Bank of Greece.

According to the sectoral distribution of the outstanding amount of corporate loans in the **AnaCredit dataset**, as of February 2026, the largest shares in outstanding bank loans are encountered in

manufacturing (20%), energy (17%), trade (15%), tourism (13%) and storage and transportation (8%) (Chart 44).

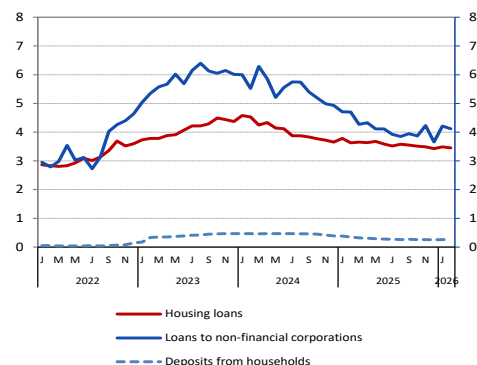
**Chart 44: Sectoral distribution of bank loans to NFCs – February 2026** (percentage share % of each sector in total outstanding amount of bank loans to NFCs)



Source: Bank of Greece, AnaCredit.

Note: AnaCredit is a common dataset with detailed information on individual bank loans in the euro area. Data concern solely loans to legal persons (corporations).

**Chart 45: Bank interest rates** (percentages per annum)



Source: Bank of Greece.

### Bank lending rates broadly stable after declining due to past ECB policy rate cuts

During 2025, **bank lending rates** continued to decline overall in response to the ECB policy rate cuts. Interest rate reductions were larger in the case of new corporate loans compared to new loans to households. In the last months, bank lending rates have broadly stabilised at around 4% for firms and at 3.5% for housing loans to households.

In February 2026, **bank lending rates** declined for new corporate loans (to 4.12%) and less so for new housing loans (to 3.45%) (Table 6.4 and Chart 45).

**Table 6.4: Bank interest rates on new loans\* and deposits**

(end of period, percentages per annum)				2025		2026	
	2023	2024	2025	Dec	Jan	Feb	
Bank lending rate	6.13	5.21	4.21	4.21	4.64	4.57	
-to NFCs	6.01	4.93	3.66	3.66	4.21	4.12	
-to HHs	6.35	5.83	5.47	5.47	5.65	5.60	
-Housing loans	4.37	3.65	3.43	3.43	3.49	3.45	
-Consumer term loans	11.00	10.64	9.95	9.95	10.44	10.33	
Bank deposit rate for HHs	0.47	0.39	0.25	0.25	0.26	0.26	

Source: Bank of Greece.

\*Data on bank loan rates do not reflect the concessionary rates charged by institutions such as the Hellenic Development Bank (e.g. TEPIX III loans or My Home loans) or the RRF, on the part of the loan provided from public funds in the context of co-financing schemes. The loan rate in the Table includes only the interest rates charged by commercial banks on bank participation in these loans.

## Continued support to bank lending from financial instruments and the RRF

During 2022-2026, credit provision to the economy is buoyed by the **resources provided through the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) of the NGEU, and the implementation of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) “Greece 2.0”**. After the approval by the EC of the modified NRRP, total available investment resources reach up to €36 bn, comprising €18.3 bn in grants and €17.7 bn in loans. After the approval of the disbursement of the 6<sup>th</sup> instalment of RRF funds toward Greece, the total inflow of RRF loan funds amounts to €11.7 bn.

As far as **RRF loans** through credit institutions are concerned, signed loan agreements up to February 2026 concerned financing investments with a total budget of €21.3 bn (RRF loans: €9.5 bn, bank loans: €6.9 bn, investors’ own participation: €4.9 bn). Since the start of the implementation of the NRRP in July 2022, the amount of bank loan agreements co-financing RRF projects represents around 10% of total new bank term loan agreements over the same period.

In addition, **financial resources**, partly intermediated through local banks, continue being directed to the economy through financial instruments offered **in the context of various European and national initiatives**. Specifically, the Hellenic Development Bank (HDB), the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Investment Fund (EIF) co-finance, or guarantee loans extended by commercial banks, mostly to non-financial corporations and secondarily to households. In 2025, **bank loan disbursements to NFCs** supported by these financial instruments amounted to almost €4.0 bn (2024: €3.7bn, 2023: €2.0 bn) representing around 20% of total new bank business loans (approx. 40% of new loans to SMEs).

## Survey evidence on financing

**Table 6.5: The euro area bank lending survey: Greek banks**  
(Changes over the past three months - average reply)

	Demand		Terms & conditions		Credit standards		Share of rejections	
	2025:Q3	2025:Q4	2025:Q3	2025:Q4	2025:Q3	2025:Q4	2025:Q3	2025:Q4
Loans to enterprises	3.75	3.50	3.50	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.00	3.25
Loans for house purchase	2.25	3.00	2.50	3.50	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Consumer credit	3.75	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.25	3.00

Source: Bank of Greece.

1 = decreased/tightened significantly    2 = decreased/tightened somewhat    3 = remained unchanged  
4 = increased/loosened somewhat    5 = increased/loosened significantly

## I Bank Lending Survey results for Greece (2025:Q4 compared to 2025:Q3):

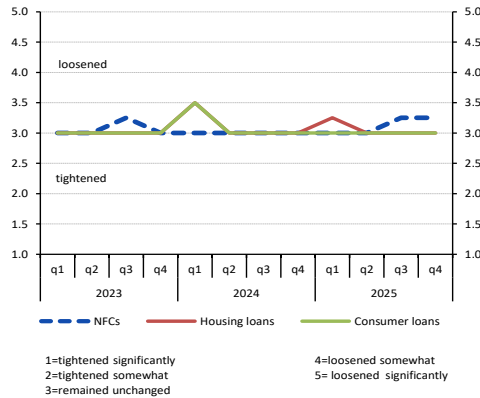
### Easing terms and conditions of housing loans and a further rise in firms’ demand for loans

In 2025:Q4, Greek banks kept loan **credit standards** unchanged for loans to households, but eased standards as well as lending terms and conditions for loans to NFCs, compared to 2025:Q3 (Table 6.5 and Chart 46). Further narrowing of lending margins was reported mainly for average-risk corporate loans, and an easing was mentioned in relation to non-interest rate charges covenants and maturity. Regarding loans to households, overall terms and conditions were eased for housing loans --due to the drop of non-interest rate charges-- but were left unchanged in the case of consumer loans.

Greek credit institutions reported that **demand** for consumer credit and housing loans remained unchanged during 2025:Q4. They assessed that there was an increase in the demand for bank credit by NFCs during 2025:Q4 comparing with the previous quarter (Table 6.5 and Chart 47). The main factors that contributed positively to corporate loan demand included lower interest rates, higher needs of

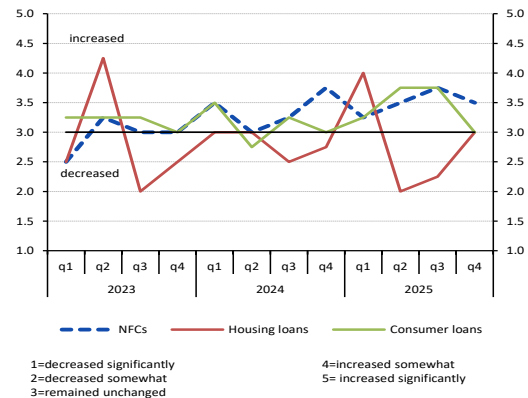
NFCs to finance inventories and working capital, increased needs for debt restructuring, and lower company issuance of debt securities. Furthermore, there was a positive contribution to bank credit demand from firms' lower internal financing sources, higher needs to finance mergers/acquisitions and corporate restructurings, and from competition (amongst banks as well as from non-banks) for NFC loans.

**Chart 46: Change in bank credit standards (average response)**



Sources: Bank of Greece, ECB.

**Chart 47: Change in bank loan demand (average response)**



Sources: Bank of Greece, ECB.

## II Survey on the access to finance of enterprises in the euro area (SAFE results for Greek SMEs): October-December 2025 compared to July-September 2025

**Table 6.6: Survey on the Access to Finance of Enterprises in the euro area: Greek SMEs**  
(net percentage of respondents<sup>1</sup>)

	Needs		Availability		Approval rate <sup>2,3</sup>		Rejection rate <sup>3</sup>	
	2025:Q3	2025:Q4	2025:Q3	2025:Q4	2025:Q3	2025:Q4	2025:Q3	2025:Q4
Bank loans	9	15	2	11	59	53	27	3
Credit lines	22	15	-1	6	67	38	11	6

Source: EC/ECB, SAFE.

<sup>1</sup> Net percentage of respondents is defined as the difference between the percentage of firms reporting that needs/availability of bank loans increased and the percentage of firms reporting a decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Applications satisfied mostly or in full.

<sup>3</sup> As a percentage of firms which applied for bank loan/credit line.

### Greek SMEs report lower lending rates at a time of improved loan demand and supply

The **availability (supply)** of bank credit was seen to have continued to rise compared to the previous survey round. At the same time, SMEs' **needs (demand)** for bank credit have also increased (Chart 48).

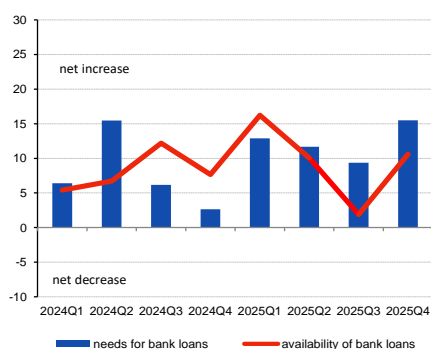
Among the **factors affecting the supply of external financing**, the influence of the general economic outlook has remained negative, while SMEs continued recording a strong positive impact of the factors related to their own creditworthiness (namely firms' specific outlook, capital, and credit history). SMEs continued to report an increase in the willingness of banks to lend as well as in the willingness of trading

partners to provide credit. However, SMEs continued responding that their access to public financial support programmes deteriorated.

**The percentage of firms which applied for a bank loan** rose markedly compared to the previous survey round reaching the highest level ever in the survey (25% from 16%). The most frequently cited reason for not applying for a bank loan was sufficiency of internal funds with the respective share of firms standing at 38% (down from 55%). At the same time firms' discouragement for fear of rejection by the bank rose marginally (9% up from 8%) but remained low overall.

As far as the **outcome of bank term loan applications** is concerned, the rejection rate declined markedly (3% down from 27%), whereas the approval rate (percentage of applications satisfied mostly or in full) experienced a modest decrease (53% from 59%). Regarding **terms and conditions of bank loans**, firms continued to perceive a decline in the interest rate for bank loans (-23% from -24%), suggesting a continued pass-through of past ECB policy rate cuts to bank lending rates (Chart 49). The available maturity and the available size of the loans were also seen to have further improved.

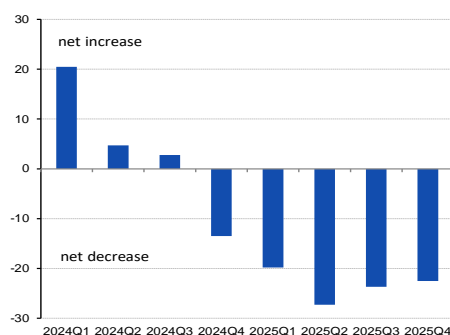
**Chart 48: Change in needs and availability of bank loans to SMEs (net percentage of respondents)**



\* Net percentage is defined as the difference between the percentage of firms reporting that their needs/availability of bank loans increased minus the percentage of firms reporting a decrease.

Source: EC/ECB, SAFE.

**Chart 49: Change in bank lending rates to SMEs (net percentage of respondents)**



\* Net percentage is defined as the difference between the percentage of firms that had applied for bank loans, credit lines etc., reporting an increase in the level of interest rates and the percentage reporting a decrease.

Source: EC/ECB, SAFE.

## 7. FINANCIAL MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

Table 7.1 Government bonds yields

	Levels		Changes (bps)						
	Latest 23/4/2026	19/3/2026	5-weeks	y-t-d	3-months	6-months	12-months	2025	2024
<i>Greek Government Bonds</i>									
GR2y	2.79	2.83	-4	49	33	69	70	10	-18
GR5y	3.11	3.15	-4	45	32	59	54	12	-5
GR10y	3.77	3.80	-3	29	27	48	39	23	17
<i>Euro area bonds</i>									
DE 2y	2.56	2.57	-1	43	43	57	82	4	-31
FR2y	2.71	2.72	-1	45	46	62	81	-2	-18
IT2y	2.78	2.85	-7	56	55	59	72	-23	-54
DE 10y	3.00	2.95	5	14	10	38	51	50	34
FR10y	3.67	3.64	3	11	18	23	43	37	64
IT10y	3.81	3.79	2	29	29	39	18	-1	-18
ES10y	3.47	3.47	0	18	20	31	31	23	7
PT10y	3.43	3.41	2	27	17	41	38	31	6
EA5y ILS	2.33	2.37	-4	55	46	52	61	-5	-20
EA5y-5y fwLS	2.14	2.16	-2	8	3	7	9	4	-25
<i>Spreads</i>									
GR10y-2y (bps)	98	97	1	-20	-6	-21	-32	13	36
GR10y - Bund (bps)	77	85	-8	15	17	10	-12	-27	-16
GR10y - IT10y (bps)	-3	1	-4	0	-1	9	21	24	35

Source: LSEG (London Stock Exchange Group).

Note: EA5y ILS is the Euro 5 Year inflation linked swap rate and EA5y-5y fwLS is the Euro 5 Year - 5 Year forward inflation linked swap rate.

### Market pricing of Greek government bonds follows euro-area developments closely.

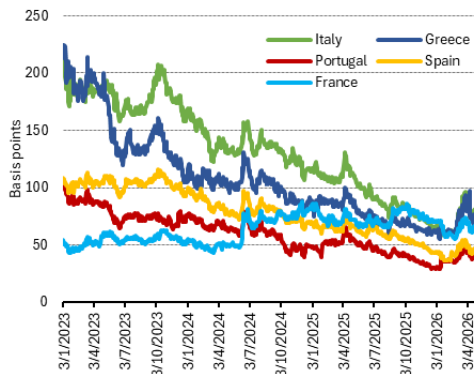
In 2025, Greek government bond (GGB) yields rose in tandem with the rise in other euro area (EA) sovereign bond yields; GGBs fared better than EA benchmark bonds, benefitting relatively more from the portfolio repositioning into EA assets. In 2026-to-date, GGBs have moved broadly in line with EA benchmark bonds, amid geopolitical developments that have led to a re-pricing of inflation risk.

GGB yields fell slightly in the past five weeks, in line with developments in other euro area sovereign bonds; long-term GGB yields fell marginally, although long-term benchmark EA sovereign bond yields moved mildly upwards (Table 7.1 and Chart 50). As a result, the spread on the 10-year GGB over the 10-year German government bond narrowed during the last five weeks close to its bottom historical quartile.

The GGB yield curve moved slightly downwards, compared to five weeks ago, while its slope intensified mildly (Chart 51).

Chart 50: 10-year sovereign bond spreads

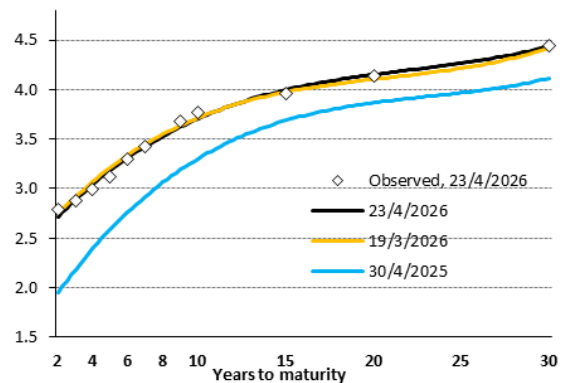
(yield differentials vis-à-vis the Bund in bps; daily data)



Source: LSEG. Latest obs. 23/4/2026.

Chart 51: Greek sovereign yield curve

(yields in % across maturities; BoG's cubic spline model)



Source: Bank of Greece. Latest obs. 23/4/2026.

**Table 7.2 Sovereign credit ratings**

Sovereign credit ratings	Latest		1 January 2025		1 January 2024		1 January 2023	
	Rating	Outlook	Rating	Outlook	Rating	Outlook	Rating	Outlook
Fitch	BBB	Stable	BBB-	Stable	BBB-	Stable	BB	Positive
Moody's	Baa3	Stable	Ba1	Positive	Ba1	Stable	Ba3	Stable
S&P	BBB	Stable	BBB-	Positive	BBB-	Stable	BB+	Stable
M. DBRS	BBB	Stable	BBB (low)	Positive	BBB (low)	Stable	BB (high)	Stable
Scope	BBB	Positive	BBB	Stable	BBB-	Stable	BB+	Positive
Spreads	Latest	2025		2024		2023		
		Average	St. dev.	Average	St. dev.	Average	St. dev.	
Greece	77	76	10	100	10	156	30	
BBB	152	145	15	124	19	130	64	

Sources: Rating agencies, LSEG and Bank of Greece.

Notes: The table reports long-term issuer ratings. The spread of Greece corresponds to the Greek-10y vs German-10y spread; the average spread across BBB-rated sovereigns is calculated vs. the UST-10y, after adjusting for exchange rate risk.

### All rating agencies now assign Greece a rating in investment grade...

The **sovereign credit ratings assigned to Greece** have followed an upward trend for a long period of time, almost uninterruptedly since 2015, resulting in regaining the Investment Grade (IG) in 2023 (see Chart 52). Prudent fiscal policies and robust growth rates, which feed into a declining public debt trajectory culminated in the rating upgrades.

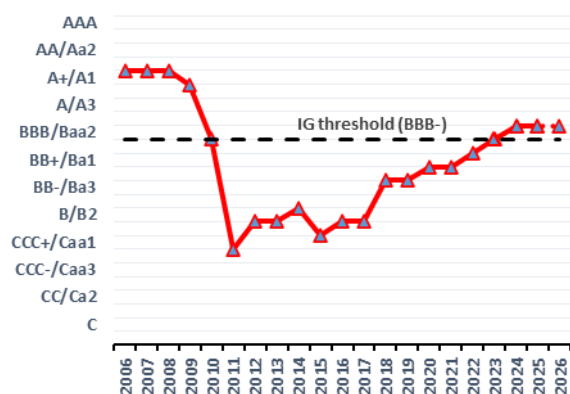
**Greece is presently rated at BBB by S&P, Fitch, Morningstar-DBRS (all with a stable outlook) and Scope Ratings (positive outlook), and at BBB-/Baa3 by Moody's.**

According to the rating agencies, **further upgrades of the sovereign may result** from sustained good economic performance, prudent fiscal policies, a continuation of structural reforms fostering the competitiveness of the Greek economy and a further reduction of banks' stock of non-performing loans (NPLs), with the latter thus moving closer to the EU average.

### ...while GGBs' pricing is favourable compared to other BBB rated sovereign bonds.

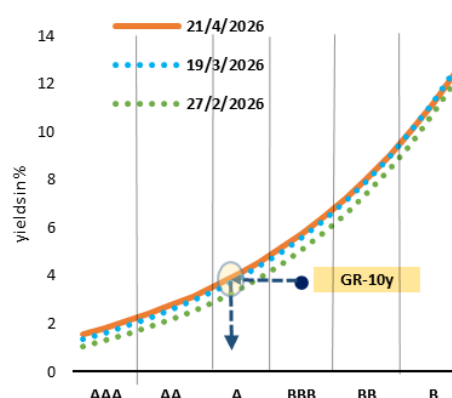
**Markets price Greek sovereign bonds** more favourably than the median of BBB rated sovereign bonds, with the GGB 10-year yield standing firmly in the yield range of single-A rated sovereigns (see Chart 53).

**Chart 52: Greece's sovereign credit rating**  
(highest rating; alphanumeric scale harmonized)



Sources: Rating agencies & Bank of Greece. Latest obs. 23/4/2026.

**Chart 53: Sovereign bond yields per rating categories**  
(yields in %; median per rating; model-implied)



Sources: LSEG; BoG's model. Latest obs. 21/4/2026.

**Table 7.3 Corporate bonds**

	Levels		Changes (bps)						
	Latest 23/4/2026	19/3/2026	5-weeks	y-t-d	3-months	6-months	12-months	2025	2024
GRNFC bonds	3.91	3.94	-3	25	21	55	20	-2	-73
EA BBB-rated NFC bonds	3.81	3.87	-6	26	33	49	37	15	-16
EALiquid HYNFC bonds	6.09	6.37	-28	46	57	62	3	3	-75
<i>Spreads</i>									
GRNFC - EA BBBs (bps)	10	7	3	-1	-12	6	-17	-17	-57
GRNFC - EALiquid HY (bps)	-218	-243	25	-21	-36	-7	17	-5	2

Sources: LSEG, Bank of Greece.

Note: Data on yields of the Greek corporate bonds refer to the yield of the GRNFC bond index of the Bank of Greece (Bloomberg ticker: BOGGRNFC). Data on other euro-area corporate bonds (namely EANFC BBB-rate bonds and EALiquid HYNFC bonds) correspond to the yields of the indices iBoxx EA BBBNFC and iBoxxEALiquid HYNFC bonds, respectively.

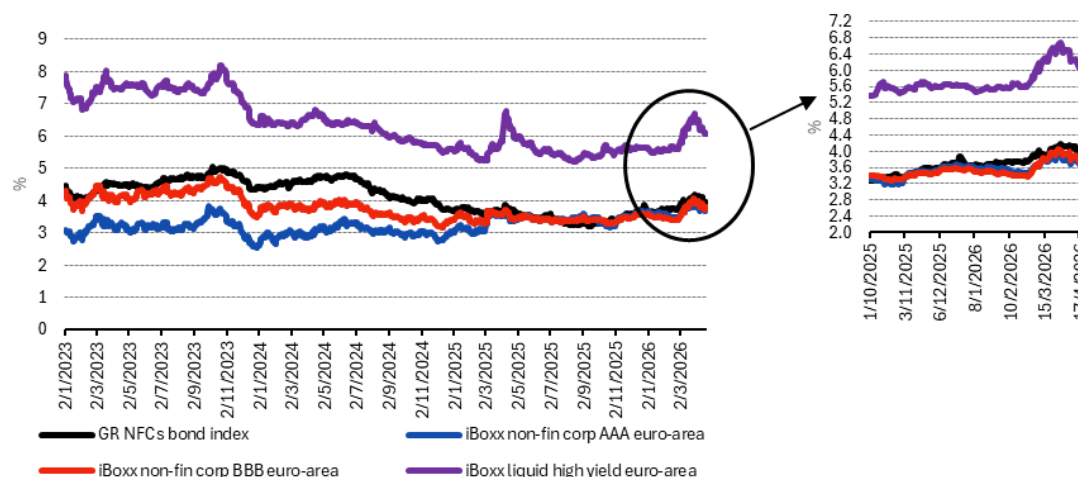
### Large Greek NFCs are sustainably funded by international investors...

**Bonds issued by Greek non-financial corporations (GCBs) have largely followed the developments in other euro-area corporate bonds** (Chart 54). In 2025, Greek companies issued bonds for a total amount of €3.7 bn, raising notably the market-based funding of the non-financial sector companies of the Greek economy (in 2024 total issuances amounted to €2.1 bn). In 2026-to-date, issuance activity has been low (a single bond amounting to €150mn), in line with limited refinancing needs and higher secondary-market yields.

### ...while their market cost of funding is close to that of BBB rated EA NFCs.

**Yields of GCBs** fluctuated, reversing towards the end of the five-week period under review a rise that was seen earlier; the pattern closely followed that of yields on BBB-rated euro-area corporate bonds (see Table 7.3). GCB yields stand very close to those of EA corporate bonds rated at BBB, despite their on average lower rating; moreover, since end-February, GCB yields have increased by less (+15 bps) than euro-area BBB yields (+42 bps).

**Chart 54: GR NFCs bond index & iBoxx indices for EA non-financial corporates**  
(percentage points; daily data)



Sources: Bank of Greece & LSEG. Latest obs. 23/4/2026.

Table 7.4 Stockmarket indices

	Levels		Returns(%)						
	23/4/2026	19/3/2026	5-weeks	y-t-d	3-months	6-months	12-months	2025	2024
<b>ATHEX General Index</b>	2,235	2,077	7.6	5.4	-1.3	11.1	31.1	44.3	13.7
Banks	2,592	2,256	14.9	13.0	-1.4	13.1	61.5	78.4	21.1
Basic Materials	10,490	9,516	10.2	10.1	6.5	43.8	102.6	89.9	3.0
Consumer Discretionary	4,799	4,699	2.1	-17.8	-13.6	-15.2	-15.4	16.0	0.4
Consumer Staples	9,725	9,396	3.5	10.4	10.1	20.7	21.5	31.7	31.5
Energy & Utilities	6,600	6,652	-0.8	-4.0	-6.2	8.9	14.7	38.1	-0.2
Industrials	11,856	10,552	12.4	18.0	4.8	35.3	59.3	40.4	40.9
Real Estate	5,333	5,229	2.0	-5.0	-6.9	-1.6	12.6	15.1	-1.6
Tech & telecommunications	6,787	6,366	6.6	0.2	0.7	4.9	13.0	19.5	11.8
<b>Transaction volume</b> (monthly average, in mn €)	312	350	-10.8	49.1	-3.4	22.2	31.2	47.9	31.7
<b>Euro Stoxx</b>	632	597	5.8	3.2	0.7	5.6	18.8	21.2	6.6
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	7,108	6,606	7.6	3.8	2.8	4.7	32.2	16.4	23.3
<b>MSCI World</b>	4,613	4,307	7.1	4.1	2.4	5.5	30.4	19.5	17.0
<b>GRvolatility(%)<sup>a</sup></b>	1.96	2.25	-13.2	284.4	133.2	111.3	-30.1	-18.5	55.2
<b>GRintraday volatility(%)<sup>b</sup></b>	2.12	2.33	-9.0	187.2	114.4	51.7	-16.7	3.1	-2.4
<b>MSCI World volatility(%)<sup>a</sup></b>	1.05	0.77	36.8	126.4	105.8	49.1	-53.5	-34.4	53.9
<b>VIX</b>	19	24	-19.7	29.2	20.0	18.0	-32.1	-13.8	39.4

Sources: LSEG, S&P Global, Bank of Greece.

a) Volatility measures are standard deviations of daily returns with a fixed monthly rolling window.

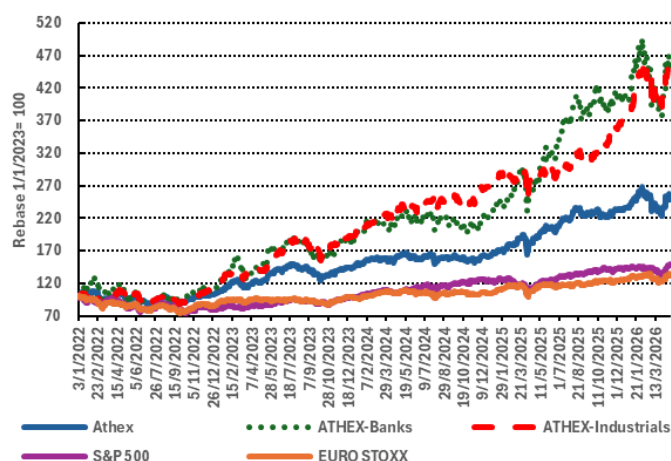
b) Intraday volatility is the range of intraday prices, relative to the closing price.

### Share prices of listed Greek companies posted strong positive returns in 2024 as well as in 2025, in line with the good performance of the economy.

Share prices in the Euronext Athens ATHEX index recorded a strong positive return in 2025, outperforming euro area counterparts, and remained resilient in 2026-to-date despite higher volatility globally (Chart 55).

Share prices of Greek listed companies rose over the past five weeks, broadly in line with developments in other euro area equity markets (see Table 7.4). The increase was broad across sectors, with banks, basic materials and industrials outperforming the general index. Both the ATHEX index and euro area peers' indices are somewhat lower than the levels that were seen before the outbreak of the war in the Middle East (returns since 27 February: ATHEX -1.9%, Euro STOXX -2.9%).

Chart 55: Stock exchange indices



Source: LSEG. Latest obs. 23/4/2026.

## 8. BANKING SECTOR

Table 8.1: Banking sector fundamentals

	Income statement items (in bn euros)						Financial ratios (in %)			
	Net Interest Income		Net Fees & Commissions		Net Trading & other income		NPE		LCR	
	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	Dec 2025	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	Dec 2024
GR banks (SIs & LSIs)	8.7	9.0	2.4	2.1	0.8	0.7	3.3	3.8	200.0	215.2
GR banks (SIs)	8.2	8.6	2.2	2.0	0.7	0.6	3.2	3.6	--	214.6

	Pre-Provision Income		Operating Expenses		Net Income		CET1		MREL	
	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	Dec 2025	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	Dec 2024
	GR banks (SIs & LSIs)	7.3	7.6	4.6	4.3	4.7	4.2	15.2	16.0	--
GR banks (SIs)	6.9	7.3	4.1	3.9	4.5	4.3	15.7	16.7	29.4	28.9

Sources: 1) income statement items, NPE ratio, and CET1 ratio (consolidated data; solo data for NPE ratio of SIs and LSIs): banks' financial statements, ECB, and Bank of Greece, 2) MREL ratio: SRB and banks' financial statements.

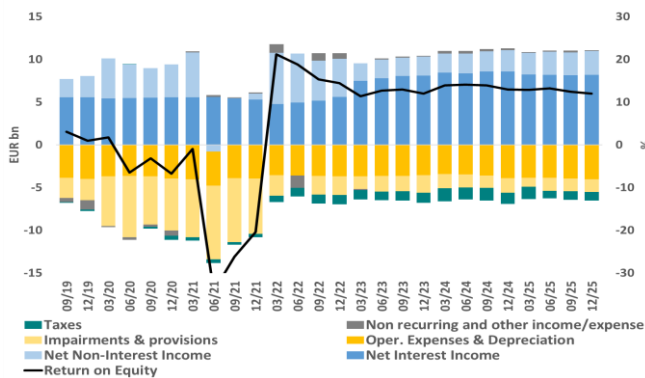
Notes: CET1 ratio is the fully loaded CET1 regulatory capital divided by total risk weighted assets. 'CET1' stands for Common Equity Tier 1, 'NPE' for non-performing exposures, 'SIs/LSIs' for significant/less significant banks, 'MREL' for Minimum Requirement for Own Funds and Eligible Liabilities, and 'LCR' for liquidity coverage ratio.

### Greek banks reported strong results for the full year 2025, despite challenges in the external environment and ECB rate cuts.

According to banks' financial results for 2025, the aggregate net income of the four Greek significant banks totaled €4.5bn (Chart 56), and the return on equity stood at around 12%, underpinned by higher net fees & commissions income, higher trading income as well as a one-off tax gain from the reverse hive-down of a significant bank (Alpha Bank). The strong performance was attenuated by a decline in net interest income, reflecting lower policy rates, and higher operating expenditure, although the overall cost-to-income ratio was broadly unchanged. Loan impairment charges declined, amid a further improvement in bank asset quality.

The capital buffers of significant banks rose in 2025, but the overall CET1 ratio declined modestly due to a relatively larger increase in risk weighted assets, reflecting loan book growth. Banks' capital quality is also expected to benefit from sustained profitability, as banks' plans for an acceleration in deferred tax credit (DTC) amortization materialize. Greek banks' funding and liquidity positions remain solid, and MREL ratios exceed their targets. The aggregate NPE ratio of significant banks dropped modestly, converging further to the EA average (Chart 57).

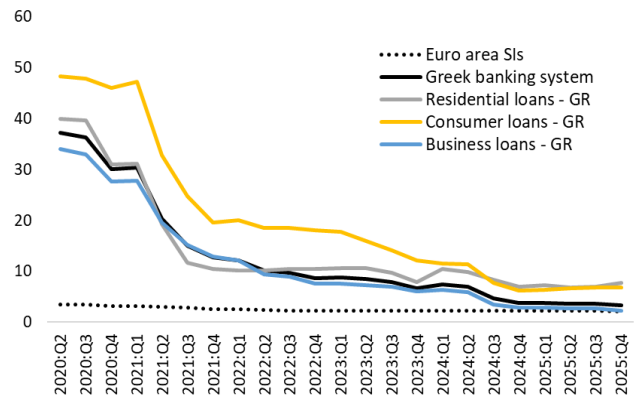
Chart 56: GR banks' profitability  
(EUR bn or percentage points; quarterly data)



Sources: ECB, Bank of Greece & LSEG.

Note: Profitability components in EUR billion and Return on Equity (RoE) in percentages for significant banks.

Chart 57: GR and EA NPE ratios  
(percentage points; quarterly data)



Sources: Bank of Greece & ECB.

**Table 8.2: Bank Ratings and Bonds**

Bank Issuer Ratings	Latest	1 January 2026	1 January 2025	1 January 2024
All Rating Agencies	BBB to BBB+	BBB to BBB+	BBB- to BBB	BB+ to BBB-

Bank Bonds	Bond yields (Levels, %)		Bond yields (changes, bps)				Bond issuances (EUR bn)	
	Latest 23/4/2026	19/3/2026	5-weeks	y-t-d	2025-end	2024-end	2026:3M	2025:3M
GR bank senior bonds	3.50	3.38	12	58	58	17	1.4	0.4
GR bank subordinated bonds	4.18	4.48	-30	31	31	-59	0.9	0.6
EA BBB senior bank bonds	3.59	3.59	0	43	43	31	--	--

Sources: Rating agencies and LSEG. Range of ratings: range of SI's highest long-term rating across rating agencies. For Fitch, S&P, and M.DBRS, the benchmark rating refers to the long-term issuer rating, and for Moody's it refers to the deposit rating.

**...and these developments are reflected in improved bank ratings...**

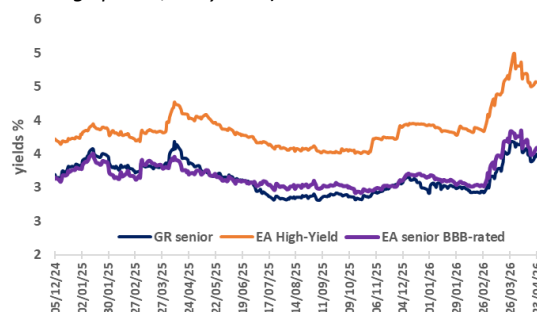
**Credit ratings of Greek banks continue to benefit from the sovereign's upgrades** (see Chart 59). Following rating upgrades for Greek banks in 2025, in **January** S&P revised to positive (from stable) the outlooks of Greek banks citing greater revenue generation capacity and a lower credit risk. In **March**, Moody's changed the outlook for the Greek banking sector to stable (from positive), expecting more modest improvements in medium-term financial performance. In **April**, M.DBRS and Moody's proceeded with further upgrades of Greek banks. After the adoption by the EU Parliament of the Crisis Management and Deposit Insurance (CMDI) reform, Moody's upgraded the long-term deposit rating of Piraeus Bank by one notch to Baa1 and changed the outlooks (Optima Bank: positive, senior unsecured debt of NBG and Eurobank: negative).

**...and resilient market-based cost of funding.**

**Yields on senior bonds issued by Greek banks rose** in the period under review, while those of euro area peers were unchanged (Chart 58).

**Overall, Greek banks' funding costs continue to decline** (see Charts 60 & 61), reflecting the lagged pass-through of lower policy rates to the cost incurred from deposits, as well as a lower cost of interbank borrowing and the effect from credit rating upgrades that lower the cost of new bond issuance.

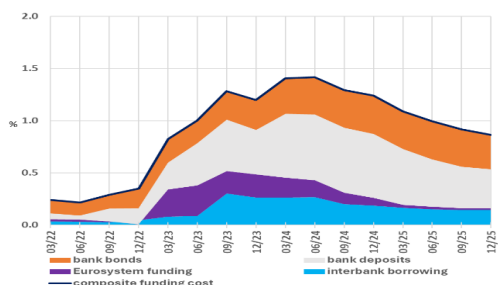
**Chart 58: GR and EA bank bond yields**  
(percentage points; daily data)



Sources: Bank of Greece & LSEG.

**Note:** Blue lines: the weighted average yield of senior bonds issued by Greek systemic banks. Orange (purple) lines: the yields of iBoxx EUR indices of high yield (BBB-rated) bank bonds issued in the euro area. Latest obs. 23/4/2026.

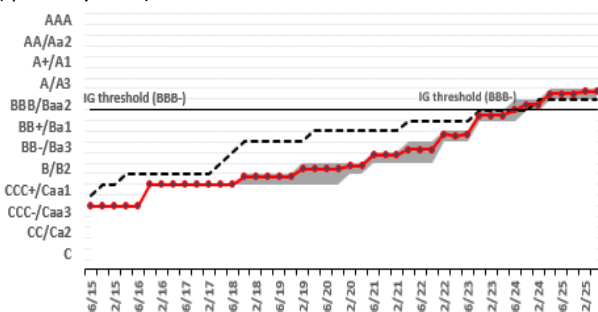
**Chart 60: GR banks' funding costs**  
(percentage points; quarterly data)



Source: Bank of Greece.

**Note:** The composite funding cost is the weighted average cost of individual cost components, with weights capturing their share in the funding mix.

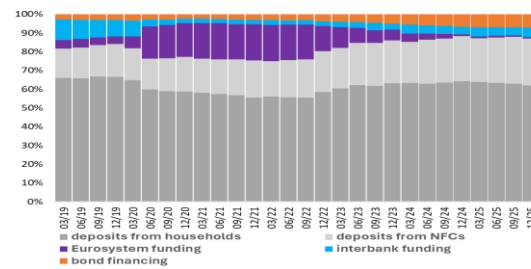
**Chart 59: GR banks' issuer ratings**  
(quarterly data)



Sources: LSEG, credit rating agencies.

**Note:** The chart shows the highest end-of-quarter rating of systemic banks by Moody's, S&P, Fitch, M. DBRS and Scope, as well as the Greek sovereign credit rating. For Moody's it refers to the deposit rating, while for the rest to the long-term issuer rating.

**Chart 61: GR banks' funding composition**  
(percentage points; quarterly data)



Source: Bank of Greece.

**Note:** Banks' liability structure is built out of banks' funding components.

## ANNEX: ADDITIONAL CHARTS AND TABLES

### ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

	2022					2023					2024					2025				
	2022	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2023	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2024	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2025	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>Private consumption</b>	9.3	12.2	9.5	9.3	6.6	2.3	3.9	2.5	1.6	1.8	2.4	1.8	3.2	3.2	1.4	2.0	2.6	1.2	1.4	2.5
<b>Public consumption</b>	0.0	1.0	2.0	-0.8	-2.0	2.8	3.8	2.0	-0.9	5.7	-2.6	-6.0	-2.9	0.9	-1.9	0.3	3.5	0.8	-0.3	-2.2
Gross fixed capital formation	22.1	25.6	21.9	18.9	21.7	6.5	13.7	7.7	7.0	-0.2	4.5	2.8	5.3	1.6	6.6	8.9	-1.3	7.7	13.2	14.0
Dwellings	60.1	38.4	39.7	29.0	145.4	22.1	58.2	47.3	25.9	-19.1	12.9	-6.0	3.3	18.7	39.1	22.4	0.4	16.2	26.2	41.2
Other construction	13.8	20.5	15.4	12.6	7.8	13.8	13.2	12.0	13.2	16.6	8.1	14.9	8.7	3.2	6.2	8.3	-2.5	9.8	17.7	8.5
Equipment	23.1	43.1	24.5	23.5	18.1	0.5	4.9	1.9	7.6	-1.6	0.8	0.3	9.3	-7.1	-1.5	6.9	3.8	11.3	5.3	20.6
<b>Domestic demand</b>	9.0	11.5	9.6	8.5	7.0	3.0	5.3	3.2	1.9	2.2	1.8	0.5	2.3	2.5	1.5	2.8	2.1	2.2	2.9	3.5
Exports of goods and services	6.2	10.3	11.3	2.8	1.2	2.2	4.4	0.1	2.8	1.5	1.0	-0.3	2.1	1.1	0.9	1.7	1.3	1.1	1.5	2.7
Exports of goods	3.4	5.8	3.9	1.8	2.3	0.5	7.1	-2.4	0.1	-2.6	-1.2	-6.9	2.8	-0.1	-0.4	3.0	3.1	-0.5	2.4	7.1
Exports of services	9.3	20.5	22.5	2.4	-3.7	4.0	5.9	0.9	4.1	5.3	3.2	3.7	1.9	3.5	3.8	0.4	-0.4	2.5	0.4	-1.1
Imports of goods and services	10.9	19.0	16.3	6.0	8.0	0.0	3.6	-2.0	2.2	-2.9	4.8	2.5	7.5	3.5	1.5	-1.3	1.7	-3.1	-3.9	1.1
Imports of goods	13.1	19.7	18.9	9.8	5.7	-1.4	0.8	-5.3	1.5	-2.6	4.2	2.7	9.7	2.6	2.1	-2.1	1.1	-4.7	-5.0	0.6
Imports of services	4.4	13.6	4.6	-7.7	9.9	5.0	13.2	8.2	2.6	-2.2	6.4	4.2	5.0	12.4	4.3	1.0	3.7	1.1	-1.9	1.3
<b>Real GDP at market prices</b>	5.5	7.7	6.5	4.5	4.1	2.1	2.2	3.1	1.8	1.5	2.1	1.8	1.8	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.4	1.7	2.1	2.4

**Source:** ELSTAT (quarterly national accounts March 2026, provisional data).

**Note:** annual national accounts data are non-seasonally adjusted, while quarterly national accounts data are seasonally adjusted.

	2022					2023					2024					2025				
	2022	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2023	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2024	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2025	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>Agricultural sector</b>	14.6	11.9	18.1	21.9	6.4	-14.1	-4.2	-15.8	-23.4	-11.6	0.5	-13.2	-2.4	8.5	10.9	1.0	7.0	4.5	3.1	-9.3
<b>Industry and construction</b>	2.0	7.4	3.3	0.0	-2.6	2.9	-1.0	0.3	3.7	8.4	10.1	9.2	13.8	9.8	7.6	3.9	2.0	1.7	5.3	6.3
Industry	0.7	5.0	3.7	0.2	-5.4	2.3	0.3	-2.1	2.5	8.6	10.6	7.9	15.2	10.9	8.4	2.6	3.6	0.2	2.5	4.4
Construction	12.0	25.5	0.3	-1.4	21.0	7.0	-9.1	19.0	12.6	7.7	6.4	18.3	4.4	2.6	2.5	12.8	-8.2	11.9	25.8	20.1
<b>Services</b>	5.2	6.1	6.5	4.6	4.5	3.1	5.5	4.1	1.9	1.3	0.0	-0.2	-0.4	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.5	0.8	1.1	0.7
Trade, hotels and restaurants, transport	7.7	9.8	16.4	5.9	1.6	1.4	6.0	-0.2	0.4	-0.1	0.9	-1.4	1.2	0.7	1.9	-1.2	-0.6	-1.3	-0.9	-2.3
Information & communication	14.3	7.8	12.4	17.0	17.4	2.6	9.9	5.2	-2.6	0.6	8.1	6.5	6.8	9.8	7.2	2.8	0.7	2.4	3.8	4.6
Financial services	-1.0	-6.5	-8.4	-2.2	13.3	9.7	9.6	15.6	12.2	4.0	-1.6	3.0	-1.8	-2.1	-1.2	5.0	2.6	4.4	5.5	5.5
Real estate related services	1.7	3.1	1.0	0.7	2.1	5.1	5.3	6.5	5.7	3.0	-4.1	-1.5	-4.3	-5.5	-5.1	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5
Professional services	16.0	10.5	13.3	13.1	24.0	7.8	16.4	12.7	3.6	2.8	-1.2	-1.9	-3.3	3.7	-2.4	2.7	4.6	4.9	-0.4	2.3
Public admin	1.5	1.9	0.6	2.6	1.0	-0.4	0.9	1.0	-2.5	-1.1	1.0	-0.2	0.9	0.9	2.2	0.9	0.0	-0.2	2.8	1.0
Arts and recreation	8.3	36.7	11.4	7.2	-1.4	6.5	-1.2	6.4	4.9	9.1	3.3	5.7	1.9	4.8	1.3	2.7	0.7	5.5	1.1	5.0
<b>Value added at basic prices</b>	5.1	6.1	6.3	4.3	3.8	2.3	3.8	2.5	1.2	1.7	1.7	0.8	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.7	1.4
Taxes on products	9.2	16.4	7.2	6.3	7.9	-3.5	-8.4	-4.7	3.1	-5.3	2.7	2.9	9.3	-4.1	4.5	6.0	7.5	4.4	6.8	5.3
Subsidies on products	14.2	-33.9	-18.7	58.8	96.3	-16.1	12.1	-36.8	-17.8	-21.3	-14.8	-18.0	42.7	-45.5	-4.5	-4.7	-22.2	8.0	36.7	-36.0
<b>GDP at market prices</b>	5.5	7.7	6.5	4.5	4.1	2.1	2.2	3.1	1.8	1.5	2.1	1.8	1.8	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.4	1.7	2.1	2.4

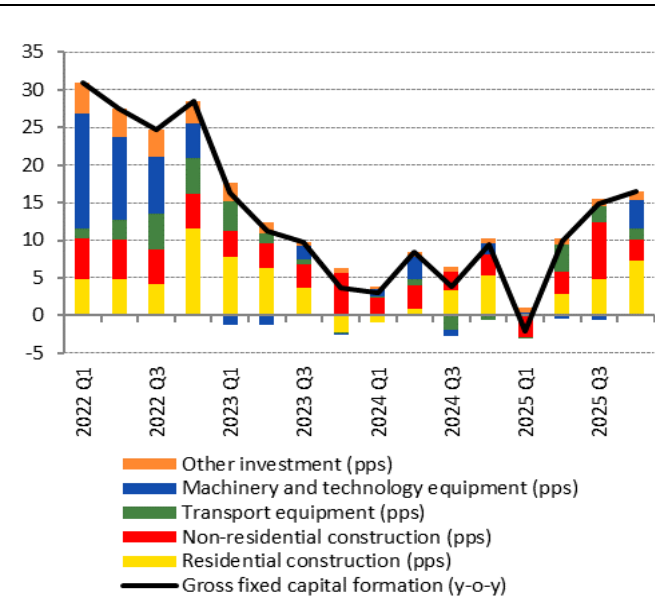
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<b>Table 3: Projections for Greek GDP by international organizations</b>					
Percentage changes compared to a year earlier	Release date	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026f</b>	<b>2027f</b>
<b>OECD</b>	Dec 2025	2.1	2.1	2.2	1.8
<b>European Commission</b>	Nov 2025	2.1	2.1	2.2	1.7
<b>IMF</b>	Apr 2026	2.3	2.1	1.8	1.7
<b>Consensus</b>	Apr 2026	2.1	2.1	2.0	1.8

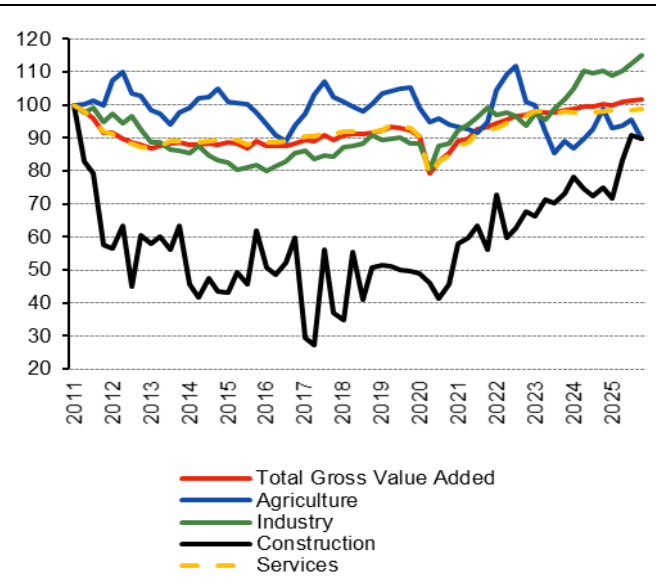
**Sources:** OECD (OECD Economic Outlook, December 2025), European Commission (European Commission, European Economic Forecast, Autumn 2025, November 2025), IMF (World Economic Outlook, April 2026), Consensus Economics (Consensus Forecasts, April 2026).

**Chart 1: Decomposition of gross fixed capital formation by investment component (contribution)**



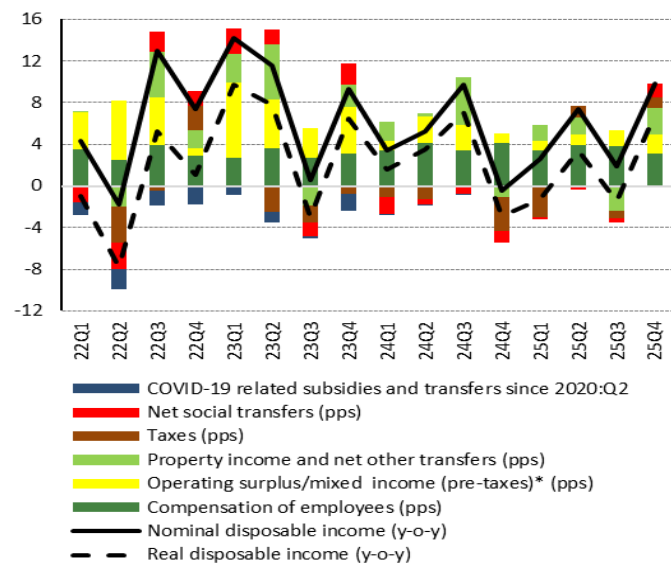
**Source:** ELSTAT, National Accounts (provisional, nsa data, at current prices), March 2026.

**Chart 2: Real gross value added by economic activity (index: 2011:Q1=100)**



**Source:** ELSTAT, National Accounts, March 2026.

**Chart 3: Household disposable income growth and components (percent contributions)**

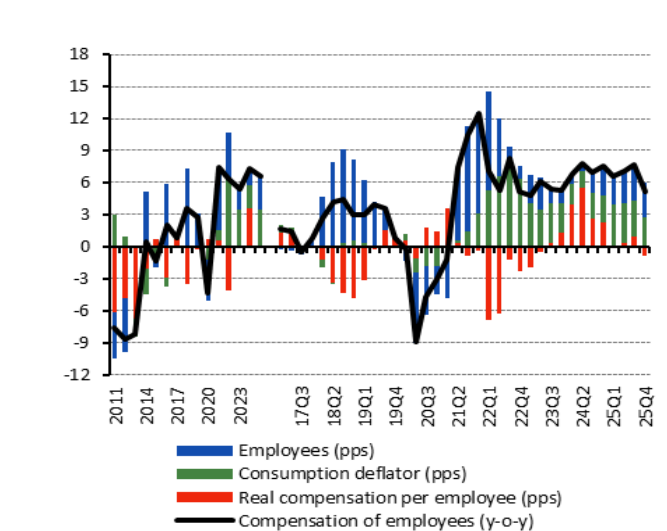


**Source:** ELSTAT, quarterly non-financial accounts of institutional sectors and Bank of Greece calculations.

Note: Taxes = Current taxes on income, wealth + Taxes on production and imports (including ENFIA).

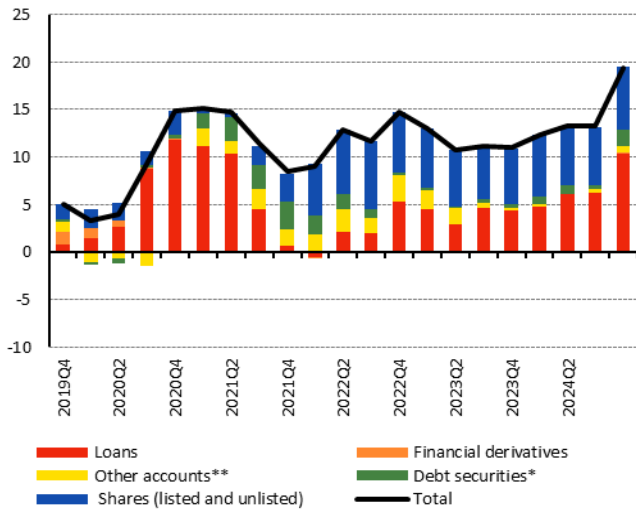
\*Excluding exceptional subsidies and transfers from general government to deal with COVID-19 since 2020:Q2.

**Chart 4: Compensation of employees growth and components (percent contributions)**



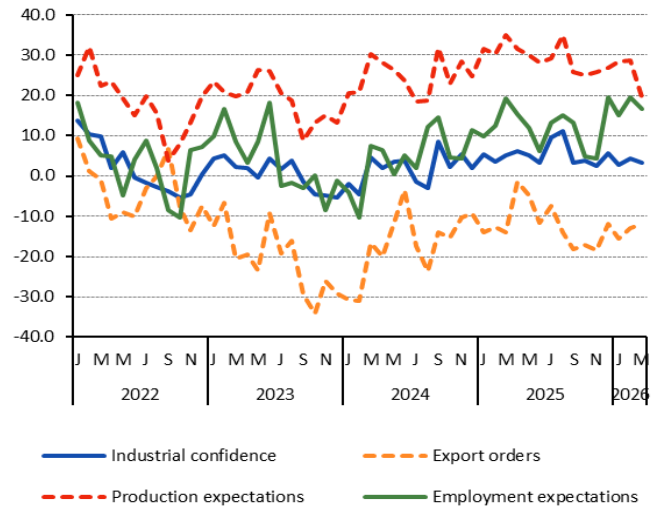
**Source:** ELSTAT, National Accounts, March 2026.

**Chart 5: External financing of Non-Financial Corporations by instrument**  
(flows, 4 quarter moving sum, EUR bn)



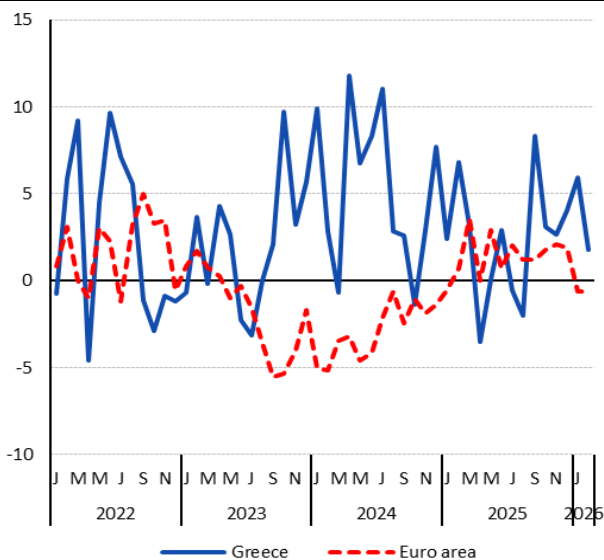
**Sources:** ECB (SDW), Bank of Greece, Financial Accounts.  
\*Does not include corporate bonds issued by Greek companies' subsidiaries residing abroad. In the period Dec. 2012-Oct. 2020 the gross (net) amount of these bond issues stood at around €10.8 (5.5) bn.  
\*\*Includes trade credit and advances and other accounts receivable/payable.

**Chart 6: Industrial confidence, production, employment and export orders**  
(balances; sa data)



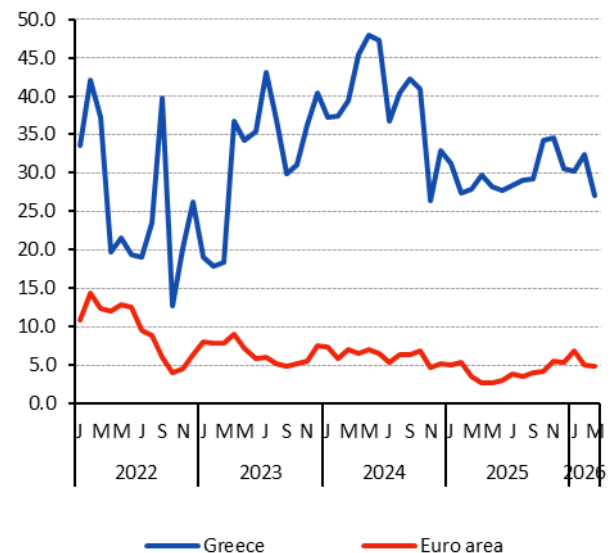
**Source:** European Commission (business and consumer surveys).

**Chart 7: Industrial production**  
(annual percentage change of industrial production index)



**Source:** Eurostat.

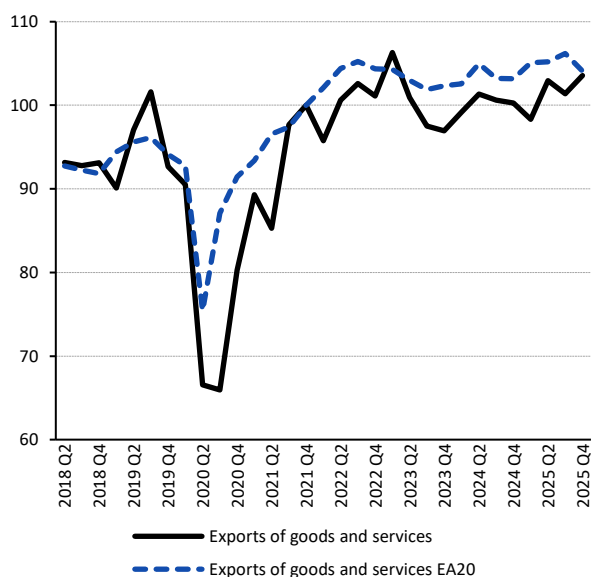
**Chart 8: Greek and Euro Area Services Confidence Indicator** (balance)



**Source:** European Commission (business and consumer surveys).

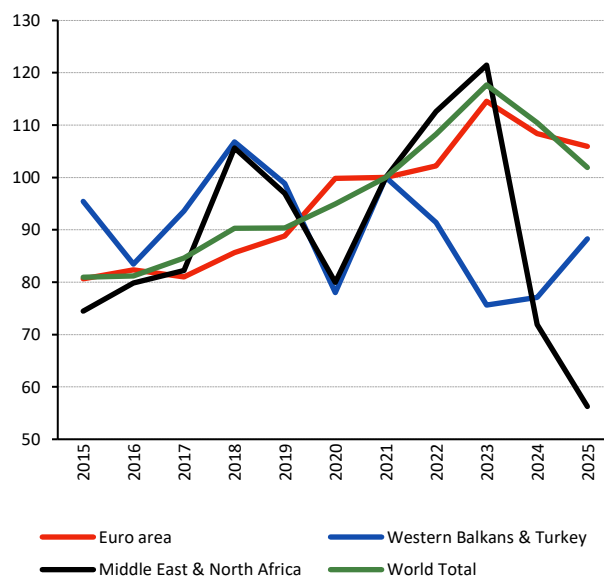
## EXTERNAL BALANCES, COMPETITIVENESS

**Chart 9: Greece's real exports of goods and services vs. EA20**  
(index 2021:Q4=100, sa)



**Sources:** Bank of Greece (BoP statistics) and Eurostat (for EA 20). Bank of Greece calculations.

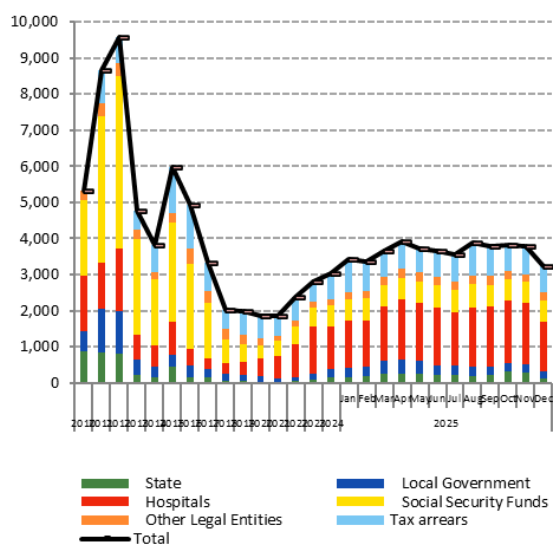
**Chart 10: Greek goods export market shares**  
(Imports from Greece as percentage of world imports; Index 2021=100)



**Source:** IMF - International trade in goods (by partner country) database. Bank of Greece calculations.

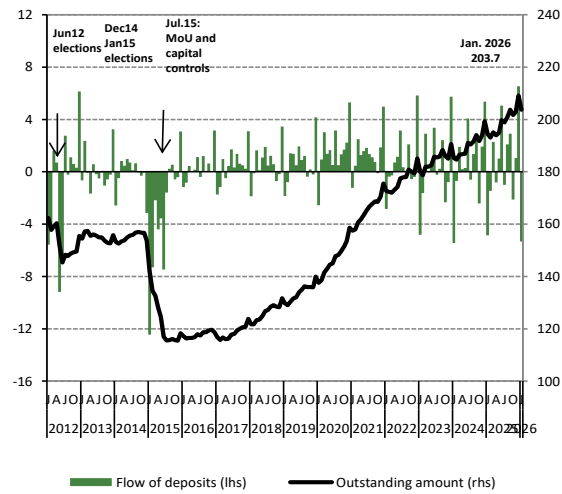
## FISCAL

**Chart 11: General Government stock of arrears (incl. tax arrears)**  
(EUR mn)



**Source:** Ministry of Finance.

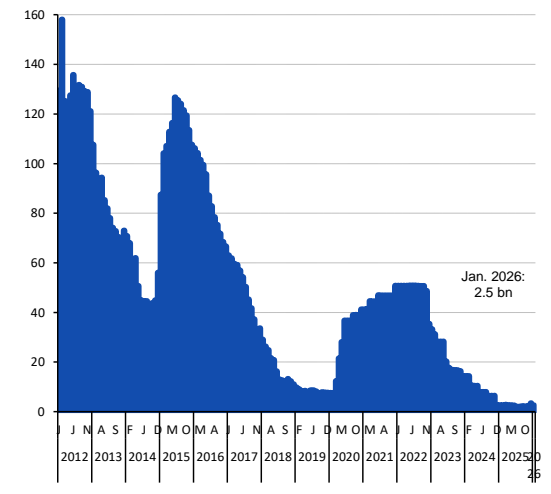
**Chart 12: Bank deposits\* of non-financial corporations and households (in EUR bn)**



\*As of December 2016, deposits held in the Consignment Deposits and Loan Fund by the private sector (€4.2 bn) were excluded from the outstanding amount of bank deposits, as the institution has been reclassified from the financial sector to the general government sector. The net flows of deposits are not affected by such reclassifications.

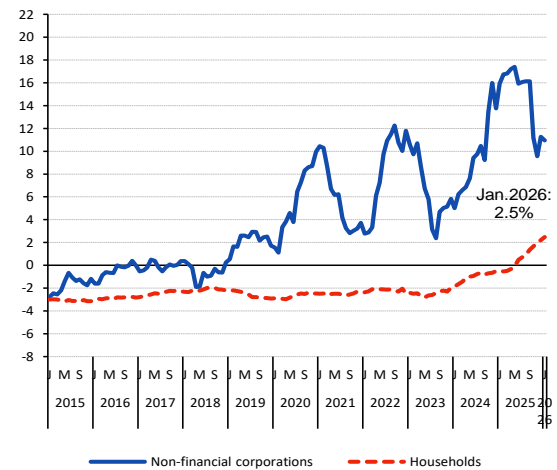
Source: Bank of Greece.

**Chart 13: Central bank financing to Greek commercial banks (in EUR bn, end of month)**



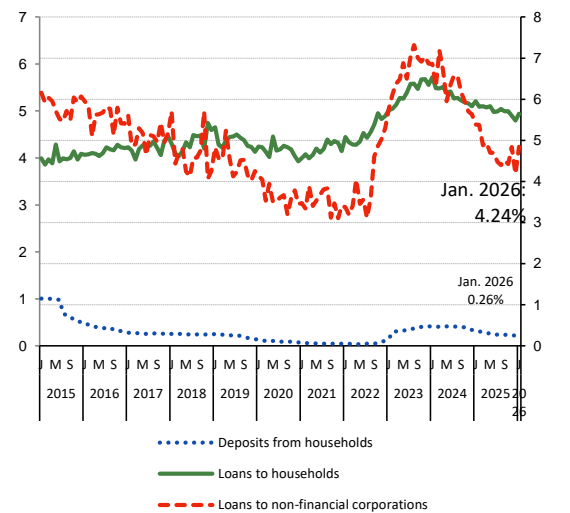
Source: Bank of Greece.

**Chart 14: Bank credit to non-financial corporations and households (annual percentage change %)**



Source: Bank of Greece.

**Chart 15: Bank interest rates of new loans and deposits to euro area residents (annual percentages, weighted averages of interest rates on the various loan and deposit categories)**



\* Before June 2014 interest rates agreed in the context of most loan modifications were recorded as interest rates on new lending. As of June 2014, interest rates, if set below market conditions, in the context of loan modifications in response to financial distress of the borrower, are no longer reflected in the series for the bank lending rate.

Source: Bank of Greece.

**Table 1: Main macroeconomic indicators for Greece**

										This update: 24 April 2026, Next update: 15 May 2026					
			2023	2024	2025	25Q2	25Q3	25Q4	26Q1	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26
<b>1. Economic activity</b>															
Real GDP	ELSTAT	%y-o-y	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.7	2.1	2.4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Real government consumption	ELSTAT	%y-o-y	2.8	-2.6	0.3	0.8	-0.3	-2.2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Real private consumption	ELSTAT	%y-o-y	2.3	2.4	2.0	1.2	1.4	2.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Real gross fixed capital formation	ELSTAT	%y-o-y	6.5	4.5	8.9	7.7	13.2	14.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Real exports of goods and services	ELSTAT	%y-o-y	2.2	1.0	1.7	1.1	1.5	2.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Real exports of goods</i>		%y-o-y	0.5	-1.2	3.0	-0.5	2.4	7.1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Real exports of services</i>		%y-o-y	4.0	3.2	0.4	2.5	0.4	-1.1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Real imports of goods and services	ELSTAT	%y-o-y	0.0	4.8	-1.3	-3.1	-3.9	1.1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Real imports of goods</i>		%y-o-y	-1.4	4.2	-2.1	-4.7	-5.0	0.6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Real imports of services</i>		%y-o-y	5.0	6.4	1.0	1.1	-1.9	1.3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Contribution to GDP growth (in GDP pts)</i>															
Domestic demand (incl. inventories)			3.2	2.0	3.0	2.3	3.1	3.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Net exports			0.8	-1.7	1.2	1.8	2.3	0.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Changes in inventories			-2.0	1.9	-2.1	-3.0	-3.0	-2.3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Economic Sentiment Indicator	EC		107.0	107.3	107.0	106.4	108.1	106.5	106.5	107.1	105.6	106.7	105.1	107.6	106.8
Consumer confidence indicator (% balance)	IOBE/EC		-40.0	-46.0	-46.1	-45.5	-47.3	-48.4	-50.7	-47.6	-50.6	-47.0	-50.3	-49.2	-52.5
Industrial confidence indicator (% balance)	IOBE/EC		0.6	1.8	5.4	4.8	7.9	3.9	3.4	3.7	2.5	5.6	2.7	4.2	3.2
Industrial production (total industry)	ELSTAT	%y-o-y	1.9	5.4	2.2	-0.2	1.8	3.2	...	2.9	2.6	4.0	5.7	1.8	...
Retail sales (total including fuel)	ELSTAT	%y-o-y	-3.3	-1.6	2.1	0.7	1.5	3.2	...	4.2	0.7	4.7	4.5	...	...
<b>2. Prices and costs (annual % changes)</b>															
HICP	ELSTAT	%y-o-y	4.2	3.0	2.9	3.2	2.9	2.4	...	1.6	2.8	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.4
GDP deflator	ELSTAT	%y-o-y	6.3	3.2	2.8	2.9	2.9	1.9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Profits (gross operating surplus)	ELSTAT	%y-o-y	6.9	3.1	2.6	4.7	3.8	2.4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Real compensation per employee*	ELSTAT	%y-o-y	-0.1	3.6	0.1	0.2	0.6	-0.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unit labour costs, whole economy**	ELSTAT	%y-o-y	3.2	4.6	2.3	2.8	2.7	0.8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Compensation per employee		%y-o-y	3.3	5.8	3.5	3.9	4.0	2.3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labour productivity		%y-o-y	0.2	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Import price index (ind.goods)	ELSTAT	%y-o-y	-12.3	-2.0	-2.8	-5.1	-1.4	-3.7	...	-2.4	-3.3	-5.4	-4.6	-3.2	...
Export producer prices index (ind. goods)	ELSTAT	%y-o-y	-9.0	-1.5	-5.6	-9.4	-5.2	-4.1	...	-4.5	-1.8	-5.8	-7.3	-4.6	...
Industrial producer prices (total excl.constr.)	ELSTAT	%y-o-y	-6.5	-2.4	2.2	5.6	0.6	0.1	...	0.0	0.9	-0.5	-2.1	-0.5	...
Residential property prices	BOG	%y-o-y	13.9	9.1	7.8	8.0	8.3	7.6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Commercial property prices: Retail	BOG	%y-o-y	7.2	8.8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Commercial property prices: Office	BOG	%y-o-y	5.9	5.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>3. Labour market developments</b>															
Unemployment rate (% of labour force)(nsa)	ELSTAT		11.1	10.1	8.9	8.6	8.2	8.3	...	8.6	8.1	8.3	8.7	9.6	...
Total employment (nsa)	ELSTAT	%y-o-y	1.3	2.0	1.5	1.4	1.8	1.7	...	0.9	3.6	0.8	3.8	3.1	...
Employees	ELSTAT	%y-o-y	0.4	2.3	5.6	5.4	5.6	6.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hourly labour earnings (nsa)***	ELSTAT	%y-o-y	6.0	5.4	8.2	10.3	8.1	8.3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>4. Balance of payments (BOG-Current Prices)</b>															
Exports of goods and services****	BOG	%y-o-y	-3.3	1.0	-1.5	-2.6	-1.9	1.1	...	3.0	0.3	-0.3	-7.1	...	...
<i>Exports of goods****</i>		%y-o-y	-8.6	-2.9	-2.5	-7.3	-3.9	3.8	...	7.2	1.5	2.6	-10.6	...	...
<i>Exports of services</i>		%y-o-y	2.7	4.9	-0.6	1.9	-0.6	-1.7	...	-0.5	-1.3	-3.9	-2.0	1.9	...
Exports of G&S as a percentage of GDP	BOG		44.1	42.3	39.7	40.9	45.6	35.6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Imports of goods and services****	BOG	%y-o-y	-10.1	2.4	-3.1	-6.2	-5.3	-1.2	...	-3.2	-5.2	4.6	-7.0	...	...
<i>Imports of goods****</i>		%y-o-y	-11.8	1.4	-3.6	-7.2	-6.0	-1.0	...	-4.0	-5.5	6.6	-7.5	...	...
<i>Imports of services</i>		%y-o-y	-4.3	5.7	-1.5	-3.1	-3.3	-2.1	...	-1.0	-4.4	-1.0	-5.5	1.6	...
Imports of G&S as a percentage of GDP	BOG		49.1	47.8	44.1	44.0	39.4	44.6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Current account balance (eur bn)****	BOG		-15.3	-16.9	-14.1	-3.5	1.4	-7.0	...	-1.1	-2.1	-3.9	-1.3	...	...
as a percentage of GDP			-6.8	-7.2	-5.7	-5.7	2.1	-11.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>5. Credit and financial indicators</b>															
M3 (broad money, without currency in circulation)	BOG	%y-o-y	2.6	5.5	5.7	7.4	6.4	5.7	...	4.8	4.2	5.7	5.6	5.7	...
Credit to the private sector	BOG	%y-o-y	3.6	8.9	7.9	10.5	10.7	7.9	...	7.8	7.2	7.9	7.6	7.4	...
Euro short-term rate €STR	ECB		3.2	3.6	2.2	2.2	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
10-year government bond yield (%)	Reuters	%y-o-y	3.3	3.1	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.7	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.7
Stock prices: ATHEX Composite Index	ASE	%y-o-y	39.1	13.3	45.6	33.0	40.1	45.6	22.5	44.3	49.5	45.6	49.4	41.7	22.5
<b>6. General government finances (% of GDP)</b>															
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	ELSTAT	cumulative	-1.4	1.3	1.7	0.4	1.9	1.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Primary balance (surplus (+), deficit (-))	ELSTAT	cumulative	2.0	4.8	4.9	2.0	4.3	4.9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Consolidated gross debt	ELSTAT	cumulative	164.3	154.2	146.1	148.4	148.1	146.1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

National Accounts variables on an annual frequency are based on non-adjusted annual data. National Accounts variables on a quarterly frequency are seasonally adjusted by ELSTAT. National Accounts based definitions for employment. Confidence indicators are net percentage balances of positive and negative replies to each situation described by the variable.

\* Deflated with private consumption deflator.

\*\* Eurostat definition.

\*\*\* ELSTAT "Index of Wages" for the total economy excluding agriculture and private households.

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Table 2: Key indicators for Consumption in Greece											This update: 24 April 2026, Next update: 15 May 2026					
			LTA	2023	2024	2025	25Q2	25Q3	25Q4	26Q1	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26
<b>1. Private consumption</b>			2001-2008													
1.1 Private consumption	ELSTAT	% y-o-y	4.5	2.3	2.4	2.0	1.2	1.4	2.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>2. Disposable income of households and NPISH</b>			2001-2008													
2.1 Disposable income of households and NPISH (current prices)	ELSTAT	% y-o-y	6.8	8.5	4.5	5.3	7.4	1.9	9.8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2.2 Real disposable income of households and NPISH	ELSTAT	% y-o-y	3.5	4.8	2.3	1.8	3.4	-1.5	6.8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>3. Retail sales sub-indices</b>			2005-2008													
3.1 General index	ELSTAT	% y-o-y	4.3	-3.3	-1.6	2.1	0.7	1.5	3.2	...	4.2	0.7	4.7	4.5	...	...
3.1.1 General index (excluding automotive fuel)	ELSTAT	% y-o-y	3.0	-2.1	-0.8	3.5	2.3	2.7	4.8	...	5.9	2.5	5.9	6.7	...	...
3.1.2 Food-beverages-tobacco	ELSTAT	% y-o-y	3.8	-1.3	0.7	3.2	3.4	1.3	3.5	...	3.5	0.6	6.2	9.8	...	...
3.1.3 Clothing-footwear	ELSTAT	% y-o-y	-0.6	0.9	-1.0	-2.4	-8.0	-4.6	3.6	...	10.0	0.5	1.2	-3.0	...	...
3.1.4 Furniture, elct and household eqpt.	ELSTAT	% y-o-y	5.2	2.4	-10.6	6.3	3.2	6.7	10.1	...	9.3	9.2	11.5	8.6	...	...
3.1.5 Books, stationery, other goods	ELSTAT	% y-o-y	2.0	-0.6	-2.9	7.9	7.6	7.5	9.4	...	12.8	7.6	8.6	9.4	...	...
3.2 New private passenger cars	ELSTAT	% y-o-y	-1.3	16.5	3.4	5.3	8.0	9.5	8.2	5.9	8.8	-1.5	20.0	-3.9	3.3	17.8
<b>4. Bank credit</b>			2003-2008													
4.1 Loans to househds for consumption purposes (nsa)	BOG	% y-o-y	24.2	3.4	6.3	7.0	6.0	6.6	7.0	...	6.6	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.0	...
<b>5. VAT Receipts</b>			2003-2008													
5.1 In current prices	MoF	% y-o-y	7.3	9.2	9.3	8.7	4.4	10.1	8.6	...	6.8	10.2	9.4	4.6	10.7	...
5.2 In constant prices	MoF	% y-o-y	3.9	5.5	6.4	6.0	2.0	7.2	6.2	...	4.7	7.6	6.6	2.0	7.8	...
<b>6. Confidence indicators</b>			2003-2008													
6.1 Consumer confidence	IOBE/EC	ind	-26.8	-40.0	-46.0	-46.1	-45.5	-47.3	-48.4	-50.7	-47.6	-50.6	-47.0	-50.3	-49.2	-52.5
<b>Present conditions</b>																
6.2 Major purchases at present	IOBE/EC	ind	-45.0	-52.9	-52.4	-52.0	-52.3	-53.2	-54.1	-56.9	-53.2	-58.8	-50.4	-56.2	-57.5	-57.0
6.3 Statement on fin. situation of hsh.	IOBE/EC	ind	-1.2	-3.6	-3.3	-2.4	-3.9	-1.6	-3.2	-0.9	1.2	-5.9	-5.0	-0.6	0.3	-2.4
<b>Past 12 months</b>																
6.4 Financial situation over last 12 months	IOBE/EC	ind	-30.1	-45.5	-48.7	-47.2	-47.4	-49.1	-49.8	-48.9	-50.1	-51.2	-48.1	-49.0	-47.7	-50.0
6.5 Price trends over last 12 months	IOBE/EC	ind	68.9	85.3	83.2	74.2	71.5	76.0	78.2	79.2	81.5	76.6	76.4	79.6	78.5	79.6
<b>Next 12 months</b>																
6.6 Financial situation over next 12 months	IOBE/EC	ind	-20.8	-35.6	-43.2	-41.9	-41.6	-42.8	-43.9	-48.6	-44.2	-45.0	-42.6	-46.4	-46.6	-52.7
6.7 General economic situation over next 12 months	IOBE/EC	ind	-28.3	-35.4	-47.2	-47.8	-45.0	-48.6	-52.1	-56.1	-54.7	-51.5	-50.1	-55.4	-54.0	-58.8
6.8 Price trends over next 12 months	IOBE/EC	ind	30.2	27.2	32.8	32.7	34.1	36.0	32.0	44.2	36.0	30.2	29.9	38.6	40.8	53.2
6.9 Unemployment expectations over next 12 months	IOBE/EC	ind	43.0	13.7	18.5	15.7	10.7	16.8	22.5	19.2	25.6	20.4	21.5	18.2	18.8	20.5
6.10 Major purchases over next 12 mn.	IOBE/EC	ind	-28.0	-43.4	-44.8	-47.4	-47.7	-48.8	-47.9	-49.2	-41.6	-54.7	-47.4	-50.4	-48.5	-48.7
6.11 Savings over next 12 months	IOBE/EC	ind	-45.9	-64.3	-66.4	-66.7	-66.6	-66.0	-68.9	-68.4	-67.5	-70.8	-68.3	-68.7	-68.9	-67.7

Confidence indicators are net percentage balances of positive and negative replies to each situation described by the variable. For all indices except for those referring to the unemployment rate and prices, a higher value suggests an improvement.

Table 3: Key indicators for Investment in Greece											This update: 24 April 2026, Next update: 15 May 2026					
			LTA	2023	2024	2025	25Q2	25Q3	25Q4	26Q1	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26
<b>1. Gross fixed capital formation</b>	ELSTAT	%y-o-y	3.7	6.5	4.5	8.9	7.7	13.2	14.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1.1 Equipment			9.6	0.5	0.8	6.9	5.9	4.5	14.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1.2 Construction			1.4	16.8	9.9	13.8	12.3	21.2	21.9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>2. Public Investment Programme (nsa)</b>	BOG	%y-o-y	...	1.6	18.9	9.7	38.8	50.9	5.7	...	0.6	-26.2	22.1	-41.9	-25.8	...
<b>3. Capital goods production index (nsa)</b>	ELSTAT	%y-o-y	-4.3	7.6	2.1	6.8	7.0	13.6	2.7	...	-1.7	4.8	4.3	-3.4	-1.9	...
<b>4. Capacity utilization-capital goods industry (nsa)</b>	IOBE/EC	Ind	77.0	71.0	75.1	74.8	73.7	71.1	79.8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>5. Cement Production (nsa)</b>	ELSTAT	%y-o-y	-1.8	0.5	7.6	-5.6	-0.8	-9.3	-8.8	...	-3.1	-20.4	-1.5	-15.3	-13.3	...
<b>6. Construction production index (nsa)</b>	ELSTAT	%y-o-y	-5.9	9.6	19.9	2.5	5.6	3.3	3.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>7. Construction confidence indicator (sa)</b>	IOBE/EC	bln	-19.3	0.6	7.0	15.6	18.3	19.2	12.2	24.1	7.5	13.3	15.8	20.8	30.0	21.4
7.1 Evolution of current overall order books			-37.9	-38.7	-13.7	1.4	-3.5	19.7	-2.4	12.7	-6.0	-2.4	1.1	4.4	24.0	9.8
7.2 Employment expectations over the next 3 months			-0.7	39.8	27.7	29.7	40.1	18.8	26.8	35.4	21.0	29.0	30.4	37.2	36.0	33.0
<b>8. New construction permits (nsa)</b>	ELSTAT	%y-o-y	-1.9	15.9	8.7	-2.4	-0.1	13.9	9.3	...	-4.4	14.8	22.2	...	...	...
<b>9. Housing loans (nsa)</b>	BOG	%y-o-y	22.2	-3.5	-2.6	0.7	-1.3	-0.3	0.7	...	0.0	0.4	0.7	1.0	1.1	...
<b>10. Credit to non-financial corporations over 1 year (nsa)</b>	BOG	%y-o-y	25.8	6.4	15.2	11.0	17.5	17.4	11.0	...	11.1	9.1	11.0	10.6	10.1	...
*LTA over the period 2004-2008																
Confidence indicators are net percentage balances of positive and negative replies to each situation described by the variable.																

Table 4: Key indicators for Industry in Greece											This update: 24 April 2026, Next update: 15 May 2026					
			LTA	2023	2024	2025	25Q2	25Q3	25Q4	26Q1	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26
<b>1. Gross value added (at 2020 prices)</b>			2001-08													
1.1 Industry (Mining-Manufacturing-Electricity)	ELSTAT	%y-o-y	2.0	2.3	10.6	2.6	0.2	2.5	4.4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>2. Industrial production</b>			2001-08													
2.1 General index	ELSTAT	%y-o-y	132.4	1.9	5.4	2.2	-0.2	1.8	3.2	...	2.9	2.6	4.0	5.7	1.8	...
2.1.1 Manufacturing			-0.9	3.5	4.0	3.1	2.1	3.1	4.6	...	3.9	6.5	3.6	1.6	2.9	...
2.1.2 Mining-quarrying			-0.6	14.4	-2.3	8.0	2.2	5.4	20.3	...	-2.3	-1.7	71.1	-16.1	-8.4	...
2.1.3 Electricity			1.0	-5.5	12.1	-1.8	-10.9	-3.2	-3.4	...	-0.3	-11.9	2.4	22.5	-1.4	...
2.1.4 Water supply			1.4	0.0	4.6	-1.4	-2.4	-1.7	-3.1	...	-6.4	-1.2	-1.5	-3.4	-1.0	...
2.1.a Energy			0.8	-2.8	8.5	-2.3	-13.0	-1.9	0.5	...	3.5	-5.0	3.2	16.1	-6.4	...
2.1.b Intermediate goods			-0.6	-0.5	4.9	3.9	5.4	3.8	3.2	...	3.5	4.0	2.1	-3.6	3.0	...
2.1.c Capital goods			-4.3	7.6	2.1	6.8	7.0	13.6	2.7	...	-1.7	4.8	4.3	-3.4	-1.9	...
2.1.d Durable consumer goods			-3.2	10.9	8.6	5.6	1.1	5.6	12.6	...	19.5	3.7	14.0	20.3	-8.7	...
2.1.e Non-durable consumer goods			0.0	5.5	3.9	2.9	3.2	0.7	4.7	...	2.4	7.5	4.5	4.7	6.1	...
<b>3. Industrial turnover (at current prices)</b>			2001-08													
3.1 Total market	ELSTAT	%y-o-y	7.3	-3.6	1.8	0.3	-2.6	2.9	1.9	...	0.0	0.0	5.6	-5.2	-4.6	...
3.1.1 Domestic market			9.3	-1.7	3.9	2.9	2.1	5.6	1.3	...	-2.3	0.3	6.2	-2.6	-4.7	...
3.1.2 Non-domestic market			3.9	-6.4	-1.6	-4.3	-10.7	-2.2	2.8	...	4.3	-0.5	4.6	-9.4	-4.4	...
3.1.2.1 Euro area			7.9	3.5	-5.5	3.4	-1.0	4.9	8.3	...	11.7	-10.5	27.1	-9.1	-2.0	...
3.1.2.2 Non-euro area			1.7	-11.9	0.9	-9.0	-16.8	-6.3	-0.5	...	-0.3	6.3	-6.9	-9.7	-6.2	...
<b>4. Industrial confidence indicator</b>			2003-08													
4.1 Industrial confidence	IOBE/EC	ind	-0.4	0.6	1.8	5.4	4.8	7.9	3.9	3.4	3.7	2.5	5.6	2.7	4.2	3.2
4.1.1 Production expectations			22.6	18.9	24.5	29.5	29.9	30.0	25.9	25.5	25.0	25.8	26.8	28.3	28.7	19.5
4.1.2 Order books			-11.7	-10.7	-9.7	-4.2	-3.9	0.8	-4.5	-8.6	-5.8	-5.1	-2.6	-6.9	-8.7	-10.2
4.1.3 Stocks of finished products			12.2	6.4	9.5	9.3	11.6	7.1	9.5	6.9	8.2	13.0	7.4	13.4	7.5	-0.3
4.2 Employment expectations	IOBE/EC	ind	-3.6	4.0	4.5	12.1	11.1	13.8	9.6	17.0	4.9	4.2	19.6	15.0	19.6	16.5
4.3 Export order books	IOBE/EC	ind	-15.0	-20.5	-17.0	-12.1	-6.0	-13.2	-15.7	-13.4	-17.0	-18.4	-11.8	-15.5	-12.9	-11.9
4.4 Factors limiting the production (% of firms answering "none")	IOBE/EC	bln	57.3	41.5	33.0	43.8	42.6	39.5	46.7	45.0	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>5. Capacity utilization</b>			1990-08													
5.1 Capacity utilization	IOBE/EC	Ind	76.1	74.8	77.7	78.1	79.1	78.1	78.4	76.3	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>6. Purchasing managers index (PMI)</b>			1999-08													
6.1 PMI	S&P Globc	Ind	52.6	51.6	53.6	53.1	53.2	52.7	53.0	54.4	53.5	52.7	52.9	54.2	54.4	54.5
6.1.1 Output			54.9	53.4	54.0	53.1	53.6	52.5	52.3	54.7	53.0	52.0	51.7	54.5	55.4	54.1
6.1.2 New Orders			53.7	51.9	53.3	53.0	54.0	53.4	51.7	54.6	52.8	50.2	52.1	54.0	55.2	54.6
6.1.3 Stocks of finished goods			47.8	46.9	47.9	48.7	48.5	48.2	49.7	50.3	49.5	49.9	49.7	49.2	50.7	51.0
6.1.4 Employment			50.6	52.2	53.2	54.8	55.1	53.8	55.4	54.6	55.0	56.0	55.4	55.0	54.7	54.2
6.1.5 Suppliers' delivery times			48.4	48.9	43.0	46.3	48.5	45.6	44.6	44.4	44.3	44.3	45.2	43.7	47.4	42.2
6.2 New Export Orders			53.5	50.5	52.2	50.0	49.8	48.5	49.4	48.8	49.7	48.5	50.1	50.3	48.5	47.7
6.3 Future Output			...	63.9	65.0	64.7	65.1	61.0	64.4	64.5	64.2	63.9	65.2	67.6	66.8	59.1

Table 5: Key indicators for Services in Greece											This update: 24 April 2026, Next update: 15 May 2026					
		LTA	2023	2024	2025	25Q2	25Q3	25Q4	26Q1	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	
<b>1. Gross value added (2020 prices)</b>		2001-2008														
1.1 Tertiary sector	ELSTAT % y-o-y	4.5	3.1	0.0	0.8	0.8	1.1	0.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
<b>2. Turnover indices (curr.prices)</b>		2005-2008														
2.1 Wholesale trade	ELSTAT % y-o-y	10.8	-2.2	-7.2	1.4	-0.3	1.5	0.2	...	-0.4	-2.8	3.5	...	...	...	
2.2 Tourism (accmd & food serv.activities )	ELSTAT % y-o-y	...	9.8	7.5	33.1	34.0	42.0	30.4	...	39.5	25.5	19.5	...	...	...	
2.3 Transport	ELSTAT % y-o-y															
2.3.a Water transport	% y-o-y	6.3	1.7	5.3	3.2	5.8	-3.0	3.0	...	-1.0	-2.1	13.0	...	...	...	
2.3.b Land transport	% y-o-y	16.4	15.8	7.7	3.0	1.7	1.0	-1.3	...	-0.1	-2.6	-1.2	...	...	...	
2.3.c Air transport	% y-o-y	7.0	22.6	48.2	-2.8	-6.9	-6.3	-5.7	...	-3.5	1.9	-15.7	...	...	...	
2.4 Telecommunication	ELSTAT % y-o-y	2.5	5.5	-0.5	1.8	-5.7	4.3	7.4	...	14.7	6.1	3.2	...	...	...	
2.5 Legal-accounting activities and management consultancy services	ELSTAT % y-o-y	10.1	6.9	4.6	8.3	17.2	4.3	3.4	...	7.8	4.8	0.2	...	...	...	
2.6 Travel agencies and other activities	ELSTAT % y-o-y	12.7	24.1	10.5	2.7	4.1	2.8	1.1	...	12.7	-4.4	-12.4	...	...	...	
<b>3. Bank credit</b>		2003-2008														
3.1 Loans to sole proprietors	BOG % y-o-y	...	-1.3	0.7	-1.2	-0.3	-0.8	-1.2	...	-0.4	-0.8	-1.2	-1.6	-1.8	...	
<b>4. Confidence indicators</b>		2003-2008														
4.1 Retail trade confidence indicator	IOBE/EC ind	17.2	21.3	12.7	0.7	3.1	0.0	1.1	7.7	4.0	6.7	-7.4	10.3	9.6	3.2	
4.1.1 Present business situation	ind	25.6	47.4	25.0	10.1	15.1	3.2	13.2	21.9	1.0	22.9	15.6	29.5	23.3	13.0	
4.1.2 Volume of stocks	ind	14.1	10.3	18.7	22.2	20.3	22.7	27.4	21.2	13.0	16.3	53.0	25.5	16.5	21.7	
4.1.3 Expected business situation	ind	40.0	26.8	32.0	14.3	14.5	19.6	17.5	22.4	24.0	13.5	15.1	26.9	21.9	18.4	
4.2 Services confidence indicator	IOBE/EC ind	18.2	31.6	39.5	29.9	28.6	28.9	33.1	29.9	34.2	34.6	30.6	30.2	32.4	27.1	
4.2.1 Assessment of business situation over the past 3 months	ind	17.5	28.2	35.5	30.0	24.8	29.7	35.7	31.6	33.7	41.2	32.3	30.8	33.4	30.7	
4.2.2 Evolution of demand over the past 3 months	ind	17.2	31.4	42.4	28.1	28.5	26.0	36.0	30.9	40.0	37.6	30.3	32.9	33.3	26.6	
4.2.3 Evolution of demand expected over the next 3 months	ind	20.0	35.2	40.6	31.6	32.4	31.0	27.7	27.1	28.8	25.1	29.2	26.8	30.5	24.0	

**Table 6: Business and consumer surveys (balances, seasonally adjusted data)**

											This update: 24 April 2026, Next update: 15 May 2026					
		LTA	2023	2024	2025	25Q2	25Q3	25Q4	26Q1	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	
<b>1. Economic sentiment indicator</b>		2003-08														
Economic sentiment indicator	IOBE/EC	104.9	107.0	107.3	107.0	106.4	108.1	106.5	106.5	107.1	105.6	106.7	105.1	107.6	106.8	
Industrial confidence indicator	IOBE/EC	-0.4	0.6	1.8	5.4	4.8	7.9	3.9	3.4	3.7	2.5	5.6	2.7	4.2	3.2	
Retail confidence indicator	IOBE/EC	17.2	21.3	12.7	0.7	3.1	0.0	1.1	7.7	4.0	6.7	-7.4	10.3	9.6	3.2	
Services confidence indicator	IOBE/EC	18.2	31.6	39.5	29.9	28.6	28.9	33.1	29.9	34.2	34.6	30.6	30.2	32.4	27.1	
Construction confidence indicator	IOBE/EC	-14.5	0.6	7.0	15.6	18.3	19.2	12.2	24.1	7.5	13.3	15.8	20.8	30.0	21.4	
Consumer confidence indicator	IOBE/EC	-26.8	-40.0	-46.0	-46.1	-45.5	-47.3	-48.4	-50.7	-47.6	-50.6	-47.0	-50.3	-49.2	-52.5	
Employment expectations index	IOBE/EC	102.8	114.0	113.9	113.6	116.0	112.7	113.0	114.5	111.7	112.3	115.0	111.6	118.7	113.3	
<b>2. Industrial confidence indicator</b>																
Production expectations	IOBE/EC	22.6	18.9	24.5	29.5	29.9	30.0	25.9	25.5	25.0	25.8	26.8	28.3	28.7	19.5	
Order books	IOBE/EC	-11.7	-10.7	-9.7	-4.2	-3.9	0.8	-4.5	-8.6	-5.8	-5.1	-2.6	-6.9	-8.7	-10.2	
Stocks of finished products	IOBE/EC	12.2	6.4	9.5	9.3	11.6	7.1	9.5	6.9	8.2	13.0	7.4	13.4	7.5	-0.3	
Purchasing managers index (PMI)	MARKIT	52.1	51.6	53.6	53.1	53.2	52.7	53.0	54.4	53.5	52.7	52.9	54.2	54.4	54.5	
<b>3. Retail confidence indicator</b>																
Present business situation	IOBE/EC	25.6	47.4	25.0	10.1	15.1	3.2	13.2	21.9	1.0	22.9	15.6	29.5	23.3	13.0	
Volume of stocks	IOBE/EC	14.1	10.3	18.7	22.2	20.3	22.7	27.4	21.2	13.0	16.3	53.0	25.5	16.5	21.7	
Expected business situation	IOBE/EC	40.0	26.8	32.0	14.3	14.5	19.6	17.5	22.4	24.0	13.5	15.1	26.9	21.9	18.4	
<b>4. Services indicator</b>																
Business situation over the past 3m.	IOBE/EC	17.5	28.2	35.5	30.0	24.8	29.7	35.7	31.6	33.7	41.2	32.3	30.8	33.4	30.7	
Demand over the past 3m.	IOBE/EC	17.2	31.4	42.4	28.1	28.5	26.0	36.0	30.9	40.0	37.6	30.3	32.9	33.3	26.6	
Expected demand over the next 3m.	IOBE/EC	20.0	35.2	40.6	31.6	32.4	31.0	27.7	27.1	28.8	25.1	29.2	26.8	30.5	24.0	
<b>5. Construction confidence indicator</b>																
Order books	IOBE/EC	-33.4	-38.7	-13.7	1.4	-3.5	19.7	-2.4	12.7	-6.0	-2.4	1.1	4.4	24.0	9.8	
Employment expectations	IOBE/EC	4.5	39.8	27.7	29.7	40.1	18.8	26.8	35.4	21.0	29.0	30.4	37.2	36.0	33.0	
<b>6. Consumer confidence indices</b>																
Financial situation over next 12 mnths	IOBE/EC	-20.8	-35.6	-43.2	-41.9	-41.6	-42.8	-43.9	-48.6	-44.2	-45.0	-42.6	-46.4	-46.6	-52.7	
Gen. econ. sit. over next 12 mnths	IOBE/EC	-28.3	-35.4	-47.2	-47.8	-45.0	-48.6	-52.1	-56.1	-54.7	-51.5	-50.1	-55.4	-54.0	-58.8	
Savings over next 12 months	IOBE/EC	-45.9	-64.3	-66.4	-66.7	-66.6	-66.0	-68.9	-68.4	-67.5	-70.8	-68.3	-68.7	-68.9	-67.7	
Unemployment over next 12 months	IOBE/EC	43.0	13.7	18.5	15.7	10.7	16.8	22.5	19.2	25.6	20.4	21.5	18.2	18.8	20.5	

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