

Country Information Guide



Greece

A guide to information sources on the Hellenic Republic, with hyperlinks to information within European Sources Online and on external websites

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General information

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- Greece: [Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#) (Υπουργείο Εξωτερικών)
- Greece: Ministry of Interior: [Secretariat General of Information and Communication](#)
 - [About Greece](#)
- Greece: [Greek National Tourism Organization \(GNTO\)](#)
- Wikipedia: [Greece](#)
- United Kingdom: Foreign and Commonwealth Office: [Greece](#)
- United States: CIA World Factbook: [Greece](#)
- United States: Department of State: [Greece](#)
- BBC News: Country Profile: [Greece](#)
- SearchEnginesoftheWorld: European Search Engines, Directories and Lists: [Greece](#)
- Find websites on Greece through [Google](#)
- The Guardian: World news: [Greece](#)
- Encyclopaedia Britannica: World data: [Greece](#)

Agricultural information

- Greece: [Ministry of Rural Development and Food](#) (Υπουργείο Αγροτικής Ανάπτυξης και Τροφίμων)
- Greece: [National Agricultural Research Foundation](#)
- FAO: [Specialised Country Profiles and Information Systems](#) [choose database]
- FAO: Country profile: Agriculture: [Greece](#)
- European Commission: DG Agriculture and Rural Development: Rural Development Plans 2014-2020: [Greece](#)
- European Commission: European Network for Rural Development: [Country Information](#) [select country]

Competition policy information

- Greece: [Hellenic Competition Commission](#)
- OECD: Competition: [Greece](#)

Culture and language information

- Greece: [Ministry of Culture and Sports](#) (Υπουργείο Πολιτισμού και Αθλητισμού)
- Greece: [Centre for the Greek Language](#)
- European Commission: Languages: Supporting language learning and linguistic diversity: [Regional Languages](#)
- European Commission: DG Education and Culture: [Europe and Culture](#)
- University of the Highlands and the Islands: [European Minority Languages](#)
- SIL International: Ethnologue: Languages of the World: [Greece](#)
- UNESCO: World Heritage Convention: [Greece](#)
- Council of Europe/ERICarts: Cultural Policies in Europe: [Greece](#)

Defence and security information

- Greece: [Ministry of National Defence](#) (Υπουργείο Εθνικής Άμυνας)

Economic information

- ESO: Greece: [Economic situation](#)
- Greece: [Ministry of Finance](#) (Υπουργείο Οικονομικών)
- Greece: [Bank of Greece](#) (Τράπεζα της Ελλάδος)
 - [Annual Reports](#)
 - [Other publications](#)
 - [Statistics](#)
- Greece: [Athens Exchange S. A.](#)
- European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs: [Greece](#)
 - [Stability and Growth Programme 2010](#)
- European Commission: DG Regional Policy: Europe 2020: Measuring performance: Country Factsheets: [Greece](#)
- European Commission: DG Taxation and Customs Union: Taxation and customs duties in [Greece](#)
- International Monetary Fund: [Greece](#) and the IMF
- Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD): Country list: [Greece](#)
 - [Economic Survey of Greece](#) [Latest survey: 2013. Next due: 2015]
- UNIDO: Country information: [Greece](#)
 - [Independent evaluation GREECE: Investment and Technology Promotion Office](#)
 - [Composition and Value of Trade](#)
 - [International Comparisons of Industrial Performance](#)
- UNCTAD/WTO: International Trade Centre: [Greece](#)
- WTO: [Greece and the WTO](#)
- United States: US Commercial Service: Country Commercial Guide: [Greece](#)

Education information

- Greece: [Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs](#) (Υπουργείο Παιδείας Δια Βίου Μάθησης και Θρησκευμάτων)
- European Commission: Education & training: Study in Europe: Higher Education in [Greece](#) [click on map to select country]
- European Commission: Youth Partnership: [Youth Policy in Greece](#)
- Eurydice: Eurypedia - The European Encyclopedia on National Education Systems: [Greece](#)
 - [National System Overviews on Education Systems in Europe \[2011\]](#)
 - [Structures of Education and Training Systems in Europe 2009-2010, Greece](#)
- World Bank: EdStats: [Country Profile](#)
- OECD: Education: [Greece](#)
- Council of Europe/UNESCO: Country profiles: [Greece](#) [offers links to national education authorities and information sites]
- Council of Europe: Cultural Cooperation: Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights: [Greece](#) [Select country from the list]
- UNESCO Institute for Statistics: [Education in Greece](#) [Select country]
- European Education Directory: EuroEducation: [Structure of Educational system in Greece](#)
- Universities in Greece: [topuniversities.com](#) / [4icu.org/gr/](#)
- Nation Master: Education in Greece: [Statistics](#)
- Wikipedia: [Education in Greece](#)

Employment information

- Greece: [Ministry of Labour and Social Security](#) (Υπουργείο Εργασίας και Κοινωνικής Ασφάλισης) [in Greek]
- Greece: Greek General Confederation of Labour: [Institute of Labour](#) (INE) [in Greek]
- OECD: Key Employment Statistics: [Greece](#)
- European Industrial Relations Observatory On-line: [Greece](#)
- Federation of European Employers: Pay and Working Conditions Across Europe: [Greece](#)
- European Trade Union Institution: Worker Participation: National Industrial Relations: [Greece](#)

Energy information

- Greece: [Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change](#) (Υπουργείο Περιβάλλοντος, Ενέργειας και Κλιματικής Αλλαγής)
- Greece: [Center For Renewable Energy Sources And Saving \(CRES\)](#)
- European Commission: DG Energy: Market Observatory and Statistics: [Energy Figures by Country](#)
- European Commission: DG Energy: [National Renewable Energy Action Plan](#) [select country]
- International Energy Agency: [Greece, more information](#)
 - [Energy Policies of IEA Countries, Greece \[2011\]](#)
- International Energy Agency: Statistics by country: [Greece](#)
- United States: Energy Information Administration: [Greece](#)
- Nation Master: Country profile: [Greece](#)

Environmental information

- Greece: [Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change](#) (Υπουργείο Περιβάλλοντος, Ενέργειας και Κλιματικής Αλλαγής)
- European Environment Agency: [Data and maps](#)
- European Environment Information and Observation Network (EIONET): Country information sources: [Greece](#)
- European Environment Information and Observation Network (EIONET): State of the Environment Reporting Information System (SERIS): [Greece Profile](#) [select country]
- European Commission: DG Environment: LIFE: [Greece](#)
- FAO: Specialised Country Profiles: [Greece](#)
- FAO: Food Security and Safety: Country Profiles: [Greece](#)
- FAO: Forestry Department: Country Information: [Greece](#)
- FAO: Water Management: Country Information: [Greece](#)
- OECD: Environment: [Greece](#)
- European Network of the Heads of Environment Protection Information: [Greece](#)
- Greenpeace: [Greece](#)
- European Environmental Bureau: Members: [Greece](#)

European policies and relations with the European Union

- Greece: Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Foreign Policy: [Greece in the EU](#)
- Greece: Ministry for Development, Competitiveness and Shipping: [NSRF 2007-2013](#)

- Greece: [Bank of Greece \(Τράπεζα της Ελλάδος\)](#)
 - [The euro](#)
 - [Single Euro Payments Area \(SEPA\)](#)
 - [Monetary Policy and Eurosystem](#)
 - [Research and Publications](#)
 - [Annual Report](#)
- European Union: Member Countries: [Greece](#)
- European Union: Europe Direct Network: [Greece](#)
- European Parliament: Parliament information office in: [Greece](#) [select country]
- European Commission: Representation in [Greece](#) [in Greek]
- European Commission: Enterprise Europe Network: [Greece](#)
- European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs: [Greece](#)
- European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs: [Greece and the Euro](#)
- European Commission: DG Regional Policy: Cohesion policy 2014-2020: [Greece](#)
- European Commission: DG Agriculture and Rural Development: Rural Development Policy 2014-2020: [Greece](#)
- European Investment Bank: Finance Contracts Signed in: [Greece](#)
- European Investment Bank: Finance contracts signed: 2005-2011: [Greece](#)
- European Parliament: Information Office: [Greece](#) [in Greek]
- Council of Europe: Member States: [Greece](#)
- OECD: Permanent delegation to the OECD: [Greece](#)

Geographic information and maps

- European Union: How the EU works: [Greece map](#) [select country]
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations: [Greece map](#)
- University of Texas: Perry Castañeda Library Map Collection: [Greece Maps](#)
- Maps of the World: [Greece](#)
- Lonely Planet: [Map of Greece](#)

Health information

- Greece: [Ministry of Health and Social Solidarity](#) (Υπουργείο Υγείας και Κοινωνικής Αλληλεγγύης) [in Greek]
- European Union: Your Europe: Citizens: Health: National contacts in [Greece](#)
- European Commission: DG Health & Consumers: Public health: Healthcare: [Trustworthy websites on "Healthcare"](#)
- World Health Organisation: [Greece](#)
- World Health Organisation: Countries: [Greece](#)
- World Health Organisation: European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies: Health System Reviews: [Greece](#)
- European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA):
 - Drug treatment profiles: [Greece](#)
 - Legal Profile: [Greece](#) [Select country]
 - Country Overview: [Greece](#)
 - National drugs strategies: [Greece](#)
 - [Legal Topics Overview](#): [Select country]
- OECD: Health: [Greece](#)

Human rights information

- Greece: [National Commission for Human Rights](#)
- United Nations: Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights: [Greece](#)
- Council of Europe: European Social Charter: [National Reports](#) [Select country]
- Council of Europe: European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance: Report on [Greece](#)
- Council of Europe: Venice Commission: [Greece](#)

- Committee for Refugees: [Europe](#)
- Human Rights Watch: [Greece](#)
- Reporters Without Borders: [Greece](#)
- Amnesty International: Greece: Annual Report 2013: [Greece](#)
- USA: State Department:
 - 2013 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices: [Greece](#)
 - 2012 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices: [Greece](#) [select country]
- USA: State Department:
 - International Religious Freedom Report for 2013: [Greece](#)
 - International Religious Freedom Report for 2012: [Greece](#) [select country]
- The UN refugee Agency: Country Information Collection: [Greece](#)
- The International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights: [Greece](#)
- Council of Europe: European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT): State documents and visits: [Greece](#)
- European Court of Human Rights:
 - Country profiles: [Greece](#)
 - [Country fact sheets 1959-2010 - European Court of Human Rights](#)
 - [Violation by Article and By State 1959-2013](#) [select country]
 - [Statistics on Judgments by State 1959-2010](#)

Intellectual property information

- Greece: [Industrial Property Organisation](#) (O.B.I.)
- World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO): Member States: [Greece](#)
 - [Collection of laws and documents](#) [via search engine]
- IP Menu: [Greece](#)
- European Patent Office: Patent Information Centre: [Greece](#)

Investment information

- Greece: [ELKE](#) (Hellenic Centre for Investment)
- United States Commercial Service: Doing business in [Greece](#)
- United States: OPIC: [Greece](#)
- United Nations Information Centre: [Statistical Data Bases](#)
- United Kingdom: UK Trade & Investment: Country Profile: [Greece](#)
- World Bank: [Greece](#)
- OECD: Investment: [Greece](#)
- OECD: Industry and Entrepreneurship: [Greece](#)

Justice and home affairs information

- Greece: [Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights](#) (Υπουργείο Δικαιοσύνης, Διαφάνειας και Ανθρωπίνων Δικαιωμάτων)
 - [Organisation of the Greek Penitentiary System](#)
 - [Legislation](#)
 - [Prevention and Control of Crime](#)
- Greece: [Ministry of Interior](#) (Υπουργείο Εσωτερικών)
 - [National Elections](#)
 - [Municipal & Prefectural elections](#)
 - [EU Elections](#)
- European Commission: DG Justice: Data Protection: [Greece](#)
- Council of Europe: European Commission for Democracy through Law: Documents on [Greece](#)
- Council of Europe: Group of States against Corruption (GRECO): [Evaluation and Compliance Reports](#) [Select country]
- United States: Law Library of Congress: Law online: [Greece](#)

- International Constitutional Law (ICL): [Greece](#)
- OECD: Bribery and Corruption: [Greece](#)

Living and working information

- Greece: Government Portal Ermis: [My needs](#)
- European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working conditions: [Homepage](#)
- European Commission: DG Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion: EURES: Living & Working: [Greece](#)
- European Commission: DG Press and Communication: [Your Europe](#) [Find factsheets with specific information on individual Member States]
- European Working Conditions Observatory (EWCO): National Surveys: [Greece](#)
- JustLanded.com: [Greece](#)
- Foreign & Commonwealth Office: Travel and Living Abroad: [Greece](#)
- United States: State Department: Bureau of European & Eurasian Affairs: Country reports: [Greece](#)

Media information

- Greece: Secretariat General of Information & Communication: [Media](#)
 - Press Offices of: [Public Authorities, Ministries and Political Parties](#)
 - [Greek Media Unions and Associations](#)
 - [Press Foundations](#)
- European Journalism Centre (EJC): Media Landscape: [Greece](#)
- European Newspaper Publishers Association: [Greece](#)
- European Broadcasting Union (EBU): [Broadcasting organisations](#) [select country]
- Guardian News & Media Ltd: World News Guide: [Greece](#)
- Newslink: European newspapers: [Greece](#)
- ABYZ News Links: Europe Newspapers and Newsmedia: [Greece](#)
- Radiomap.eu: [Greece](#)
- Political Resources on the Net: [Greece](#)

Political information (including Elections)

- ESO: Greece: [Political situation](#)
- Greece: [The Constitution of Greece](#)
- Greece: [Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights](#) (Υπουργείο Δικαιοσύνης, Διαφάνειας και Ανθρωπίνων Δικαιωμάτων)
 - [Organization of the Penitentiary System](#)
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 - [International Organizations and the Ministry of Justice](#)
- Greece: [Secretariat General of Communication and Information](#)
 - [Political System and Elections](#)
- Greece: [Hellenic Parliament \(Βουλή των Ελλήνων\)](#)
- Greece: [Hellenic Government \(Ελληνική Κυβέρνηση\)](#) [in Greek]
- Greece: [Prime Minister \(Πρωθυπουργός\)](#)
- Greece: [Presidency of the Hellenic Republic \(Προεδρία της Ελληνικής Δημοκρατίας\)](#)
- Greece: [Ministry of Interior \(Υπουργείο Εσωτερικών\)](#)
 - [National Elections](#)
 - [Municipal and Prefectural Elections](#)
 - [EU Elections](#)
- Wikipedia: Politics of [Greece](#)
- Wikipedia: Elections in [Greece](#)
- International Foundation for Electoral Systems: Election Guide: [Greece](#)

- ESO: Greece: Political situation: [Elections](#)
- Parties and Elections in Europe: [Greece](#)
- United States: Law Library of Congress: Law online: [Greece](#)
- OECD: Public governance: [Greece](#)
- OECD: Regulatory reform: [Greece](#)
- Robert Schuman Centre For Advanced Studies: [Observatory on Political Parties and Representation](#)
- International Constitutional Law (ICL): [Greece](#)
- Political resources on the web: [Greece](#)

Public management information

- Greece: [Ministry of Interior \(Υπουργείο Εσωτερικών\)](#)
 - [Regional Administration-Local Management](#)
- Greece: [Information Society \(I.S.\)](#)
- OECD: Public governance: [Greece](#)
- PSI Navigator (Directory and search engine for the public sector information of Europe): National reports: [Greece](#)

R&D information

- Greece: [Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change](#) (Υπουργείο Περιβάλλοντος, Ενέργειας και Κλιματικής Αλλαγής)
 - [Green Growth](#)
 - [Energy](#)
 - [Regional Planning and Urban Development](#)
- European Commission: DG Enterprise: Community Research and Development Information Service: [Greece](#)
- European Commission: DG Research and Innovation: Research 2004-2009: [Greece](#)
- European Commission: [Innovation Union Competitiveness Report 2011](#) [click on map to select country]
- European Commission: [Innovation Union progress at country level 2014](#)
- OECD: Innovation: [Greece](#)
- OECD: Science and technology: [Greece](#)
- OECD: Green growth and sustainable development: [Greece](#)

Regional and local information

- European Commission: Eurostat: [Eurostat Regional Yearbook 2013](#)
- Committee of the Regions: Greece Regions: Europe in my Region: [Greece](#) [in Greek]
- Council of Europe: [The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities](#)
 - Greece: [National Delegation](#)
- OECD: Regional rural and urban development: [Greece](#)
- European Regions Research & Innovation Network: ERRIN Members: [Greece](#) [select country]
- Hellenic Regions-Peripheries
 - Administration of Attica
 - [Attica Periphery](#)
 - Administration of Central and Eastern Macedonia-Thrace
 - [East Macedonia and Thrace Periphery](#)
 - [Central Macedonia Periphery](#)
 - Administration of Epirus and Western Macedonia
 - [Epirus Periphery](#)
 - [West Macedonia Periphery](#)

- Administration of Thessaly and Sterea Ellada
 - [Thessaly Periphery](#)
 - [Periphery of Sterea Ellada](#) (Central Greece)
- Administration of Peloponnese, Western Greece and the Ionian Islands
 - [Peloponnese Periphery](#)
 - [West Greece Periphery](#)
 - [Ionian Islands Periphery](#)
- Administration of the Aegean
 - [Northern Aegean Periphery](#)
 - [Southern Aegean Periphery](#)
- Administration of Crete
 - [Crete Periphery](#)
- Wikipedia: [Regions in Greece](#) / [Administrative Divisions in Greece 2011 \(Peripheries\)](#)

Social information

- Greece: [Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs \(Υπουργείο Εργασίας και Κοινωνικής Ασφάλισης\)](#) [in Greek]
- European Commission: DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion: Your rights in [Greece](#)
- European Commission: MISSOC Secretariat: [Organisation of Social Protection](#) +
- European Commission: MISSOC Secretariat: [Social Protection of the Self-Employed](#) +
- Council of Europe: Social Cohesion Research and Early Warning
- OECD: Documentation on Greece
 - [Education](#)
 - [Employment](#)
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 - [Health](#)
 - [Bribery and Corruption](#)
- OECD: Social and Welfare Issues: [Greece](#)
- European Commission: Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion: EU Social Security Coordination:
 - [Unemployment](#)
 - [Pensions](#)
 - [Family Benefits](#)
 - [The European Health Insurance Card](#)
 - [Planned Medical Treatment](#)
- United States: Social Security Online: Research and program description about [Greece](#)
- United States: Social Security Online: Social Security Programs Throughout the World: [Greece](#) [2014]
- UNICEF: [Greece](#)

Statistical information

- Greece: Bank of Greece: [Statistics](#)
- Greece: [Hellenic Statistical Authority \(EL.STAT.\)](#)
 - [Statistical Database](#)
 - [Digital Library](#)
 - [Publications Catalogue](#)
- United Nations: Statistics Division: Country Profiles: [Greece](#)
- European Commission: Eurostat: Country profiles: [Greece](#) [select country]
- European Commission: Eurostat: [Regional Yearbook 2014](#)
- European Commission: Eurostat: [Statistical Book 2013 \(Key Figures on Europe\)](#)

- OECD: Country Statistical Profile: [Greece](#) [select country]
- World Bank: Data: [Greece](#)
- UNESCO: Institute for Statistics: [Greece](#) [select country]
- Nation Master: Statistics on [Greece](#)

Tourism information

- Greece: [Greek National Tourism Organization \(GNTO\)](#)
- Guardian Newspaper Ltd.: Guardian Travel: [Greece](#)
- Lonely Planet: [Introducing Greece](#)
- Rough Guides: [Greece](#)
- Tripadvisor.co.uk: [Greece](#)
- The Telegraph: [Greece](#)

Transport information

- Greece: [Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Networks](#) (Υπουργείο Υποδομών, Μεταφορών και Δικτύων)
- Greece: [National Railway](#)
- European Commission: DG Mobility & Transport: Statistics: [Statistical pocketbook 2014](#) [Select country]
- European Commission: DG Mobility & Transport: Road safety Country Overview: [Greece](#) (2012)
- European Commission: DG Mobility & Transport: Road Safety Development: [Greece](#) (2010)

Weather information

- Greece: [Hellenic National Meteorological Service \(HNMS\)](#)
- BBC: Weather Centre: [Greece](#) [Select country]
- BBC Weather Centre: Climate Guide and five day weather forecast: [Greece](#)

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