











"Brisk extroverted growth
and geography
make Greece a contemporary gateway to
South-Eastern Europe"

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"All in all, contemporary Greece serves as the
gateway towards all of South-Eastern Europe".



Georges Pauget, Chief Executive Officer
Crédit Agricole S.A

Economy



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growth rate **4.3%**

general budget deficit **2.6%** from 6.9% in 2004

unemployment **9.7%** from 11% in 2004

inflation **2.8%**



Leading position
in south eastern Europe

Gateway:

Leading position in a fast-developing
region of 160 million people



Leading position

in south eastern Europe

- Investments in South-Eastern Europe exceed so far €12b
- Greece is, the leading foreign investor in Albania and FYROM and among the first three in Bulgaria, Romania, and Serbia
- 3,500 Greek businesses currently operate in the area

Banking sector



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National Bank of Greece Group has invested a mere €420m to acquire and build its network in countries like Albania, Bulgaria, Romania, or FYROM.



New Generation of Investments

The Secretariat for Public Private Partnership
is currently evaluating projects that account for
more than **€1.4b**

Direct Passenger Traffic

- ↑ 40% Athens International Airport and countries of the region (since 2002)
- ↑ 77% towards Bulgaria (2004 – 2005)
- ↑ 90% towards the Czech Republic (2004 – 2005)
- ↑ 45% towards Romania. (2004 – 2005)





Trade

22% increase in the total value of exports

Energy Hub

- Creation of the Energy Community of South Eastern Europe
- Political agreement for the creation of the Burgas-Alexandroupolis oil pipeline



Burgas – Alexandroupolis Oil pipeline

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Italy - Greece - Turkey Gas pipeline





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Shipping Sector

- 260 Greek ships currently being built
- €3b Protocol with the European Investment Bank to upgrade our ports
- The largest fleet in Europe and 5th in the world

Tourism



- More than **12 million** tourists every year
- Investments: A London-based company will invest **€1,2b** in Lasithi, Crete
- **377%** increase in tourist traffic from the USA to Greece between 2005 and 2006





Active and responsible international presence



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- Greek Plan for the Economic Reconstruction of the Balkans (€550m)
- Active role at the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization
- Recent Presidency of the United Nations Security Council

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Constructive Approach to regional issues







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