The New Market of Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) in Greece

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Public Private Partnerships (PPPs)

Definition:

"any joint venture between a public body and a private company, typically involving the joint ownership of a special purpose vehicle (SPV) established under company law, to work in collaboration on a variety of projects"

The basic facts about PPPs:

- PPPs are not new (UK Privatization scheme in the 80s)
- PPPs, in principle, are a type of Public Procurement (requiring special legislation)
- A "PPP" approach can be seen in conventional types of Public Contracts (e.g. concessions)
- However, PPPs introduce new financial tools and require a new "attitude" by the Public and Private Sector
- Considerable interest about PPPs all over Europe (EC Commission launched a wide debate with the "Green Paper" on PPPs in 2004)
- "PPP" is a generic term: Private Finance Initiatives (PFIs) is one form of PPP – "Procurement of services by private sector that are delivered through public assets"

The basic characteristics of PPPs:

- Contract between a public body and a private entity
- Relatively long duration of the contract
- Private entity either Designs-Builds-Operates (DBO) or Designs-Builds-Finances (DBF) facilities
- Private entity is financed by Private Institutions (agreement may include risk transfer, insurance and "step-in" clauses)
- Public body either pays upon completion of the project or agrees on a concession

The basis features of PPPs:

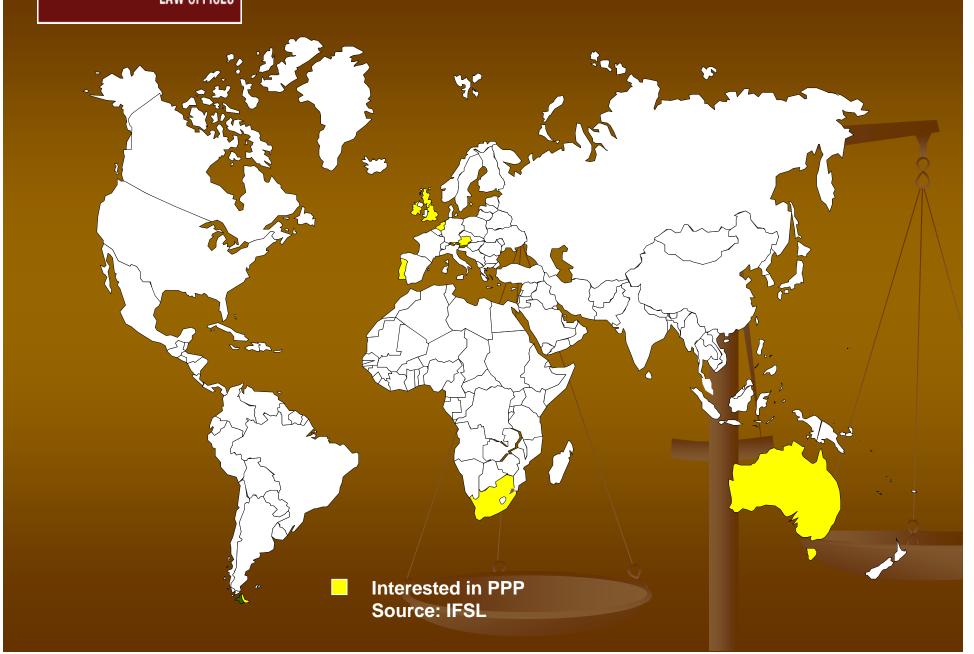
- New Market for provision of Construction & Services
- The financial aspect of PPPs Public Works → Financial Instrument
- Off-Balance Sheet EUROSTAT 11 Feb. 2004
- Allocation of Risks
 Construction Demand Availability Risk
- BankabilitySecondary Market Securitisation
- Insurance
- Value for Money Public Sector Comparator Incentive for Quality

Basic conclusion on PPPs:

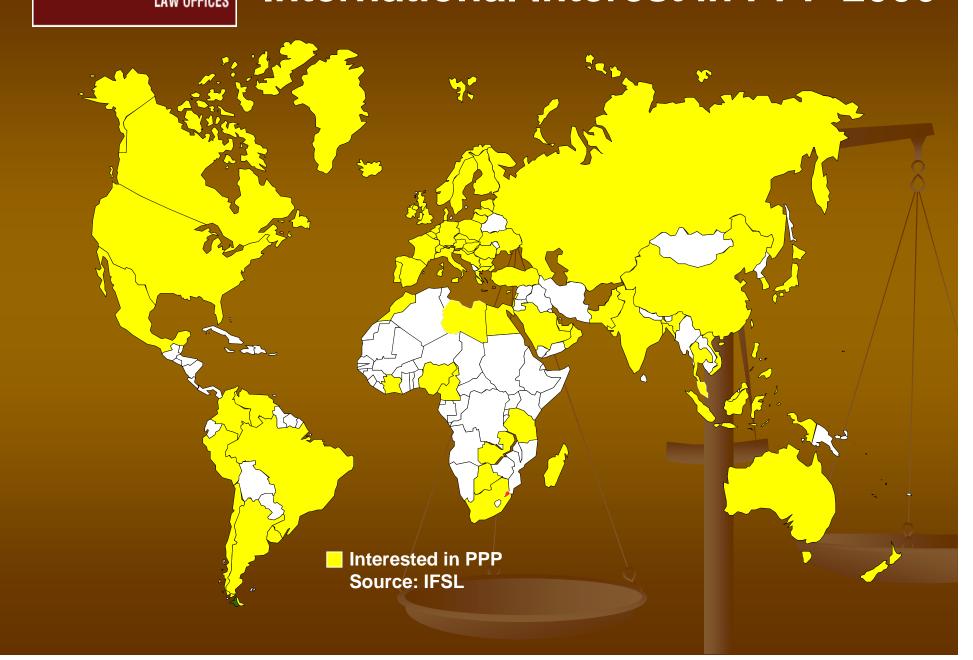
 Public sector:
 Saves money – Value for Money – Allocation of Risks

Private sector:
 Makes money - Access to a new market –
 Investment incentive

International Interest in PPP 1999



International Interest in PPP 2006



Greek Law 3389/2005 on PPPs:

- Abolishes requirement of Parliament ratification
- Adopts new EU Directives on Public Procurement
- Regulates award and contractual scheme of PPPs
- Provides flexibility and allows shared better practice
- Enhances bankability (step-in clauses and securitisation)
- Complies with EUROSTAT regulations

Greek PPP projects in the pipeline:

- Multi-schools projects: 27 Schools in Attica and 31 Schools in Macedonia
 (€ 266 mil. + 20%)
- Prisons projects: 3 prisons facilities in Salonika, Volos and Corinthos (€ 198 mil. + 20%)
- University of Peloponnisos (€ 84 mil. + 20%)
- Courthouse projects: 2 courthouse facilities in Heraklion and Patras (€ 100 mil. + 20%)
- Police facilities project in Attica (€ 36 mil. + 20%)
- Fire department facilities projects: 7 facilities in Salonika, Alexandroupolis, Veria, Lefkada, Giannitsa, Mesolongi & Gargaliani
 (€ 31,5 mil. + 20%)
- International Conference Center in Athens (Paleo Faliro)
 (€ 54 mil. + 20%)
- Municipalities (Article 224 of the New Municipalities Code)

Why invest in PPPs?

- Access to a new market (services & secondary market)
- Private investment (institutional & private investors)
- Project Finance
- Insurance and Risk Transfer

Why is the Government using PPPs:

- Expand of Public Works Private finance, off balance sheet
- Value for money Risk transfer –
 Performance-related reward
- Commercial interest Investments
- Innovation, Efficiency, Quality
- New approach to "Privatization"

The keys to a successful PPP:

- Political support (focus on the public service)
- Proper and complete legislation harmonized with international practice and expertise
- Full and complete legal, financial and technical advice to the public bodies
- A good PPP contract
- A level playing field
- Collaboration

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