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GR Embassy: GREEK ECONOMY & INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENTS

1. Greek GDP Rises 1.9% in Q2 2026

Greece's economy expanded 1.9% year-on-year in the second quarter, driven by strong private investment growth and rising exports, according to new data from ELSTAT (Hellenic Statistical Authority). Consumer spending and quarter-on-quarter growth also held steady, pointing to continued economic momentum.

FULL ARTICLE: [Greece's GDP up 1.9% in Q2, ELSTAT says](#)

2. News in Brief – August 2026

A roundup of key developments from Greece this month: Mount Olympus joins UNESCO's World Heritage list, tourist arrivals rise 3.8% in the first half, the government plans €13 billion in early debt repayment, and a new €3 billion "Achilles' Shield" defense system is approved. See key figures and stories below.

FULL ARTICLE: [News in brief – August 2026](#)

3. TIF: Measures for the Country's Economic Extroversion and Digital Upgrade

At the Thessaloniki International Fair, Deputy Foreign Minister Haris Theocharis met with Secretary General for International Economic Relations and Extroversion Dimitris Skalkos to highlight the momentum of Greece's economic extroversion.

Foreign direct investment reached €6.9 billion in the first half of 2026, while the new 2026–2030 Extroversion Strategic Plan sets a target of 40% growth in exports and investment by 2030. Particular emphasis was placed on Northern Greece, with the aim of strengthening the international presence of Greek businesses.

FULL ARTICLE: [Statements by Deputy Foreign Minister Haris Theocharis, Secretary General for International Economic Relations & Extroversion Dimitris Skalkos, and Export Credit Greece CEO Nikolaos Vagiannis at a Foreign Ministry Event on the Sidelines of the Thessaloniki International Fair, on the Theme "Extroversion for a Strong Greece" \(Thessaloniki, 04.09.2026\)](#) (in Greek).

4. Greece's 2030 Vision: A Digitally Sovereign Nation

Speaking at the Thessaloniki International Fair, Minister of Digital Governance and AI Dimitris Papastergiou outlined plans for a digitally sovereign, competitive Greece by 2030, centered on the "DAEDALUS" supercomputer, the "PHAROS" AI Factory, and new AI and data center infrastructure aimed at boosting research, innovation, and business. The plan also seeks to attract investment and strengthen Greece's role in shaping EU AI strategy, alongside the newly unveiled "Eugenia" digital assistant program.

FULL ARTICLE: [3rd Meeting of the Government Committee for the Extroversion of the Greek Economy, on the Sidelines of TIF 2026 \(Thessaloniki, 06.09.2026\)](#) (in Greek)

- Read more on Greece's 2030 digital vision [here](#) (in Greek).
 - See also on Eugenia [here](#) (in Greek).
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