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### ***NON-RESIDENTS ARRIVALS FROM ABROAD: January - September 2015***

According to the Frontier Statistical Survey conducted by the Bank of Greece, in the period January-September of 2015, arrivals of non-residents from abroad increased by 8.6%, compared with the corresponding period of the year 2014.

More specifically, arrivals from Europe, which accounts for the majority of arrivals of non-residents to Greece (88.4%), recorded an increase of 7.9% in January-September 2015 compared with the corresponding period of 2014, while arrivals from EU Member States recorded an increase of 17.1%. As regards European countries a significant increase, in absolute values, is observed in arrivals from Bulgaria (56.8%), Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) (26.1%), Germany (17.8%), United Kingdom (17.5%), Italy (26.1%) and Poland (27.1%), while a decrease in absolute values, is recorded in arrivals from Russia (-62.1%) and Serbia (-26.5%). An increase of arrivals was also recorded from the other continents. A significant increase of arrivals, in absolute values, is recorded from America, with a large contribution of arrivals from USA (3.2%) and from Asia, with a large contribution of arrivals from Turkey (4.5%) (Table 1).

The largest contribution regarding the total of arrivals from the European countries, has FYROM (13.2%), Germany (11.6%), United Kingdom (10.3%), Bulgaria (7.8%), France (6.5%) and Italy (6.0%) (Table 1).

As regards the means of transport and the point of entry, during the aforementioned time period, it is observed that most of the arrivals are by air and by road. As far as the arrivals by air are concerned, the airport of Athens holds the first place with (16.1%), followed by the airports of Iraklio (10.8%) and Rodos (8.2%). The main points of entry which account for the biggest percentage of traffic, by road, are Evzoni (10.3%) and Promahonas (6.9%) (Table 3).

Detailed data for the period January-September of the years 2015 and 2014, respectively, are provided in the attached tables and graphs and these can also be found on the portal of ELSTAT (<http://www.statistics.gr>, Statistics - Industry, Commerce, Services, Transport -Tourism).

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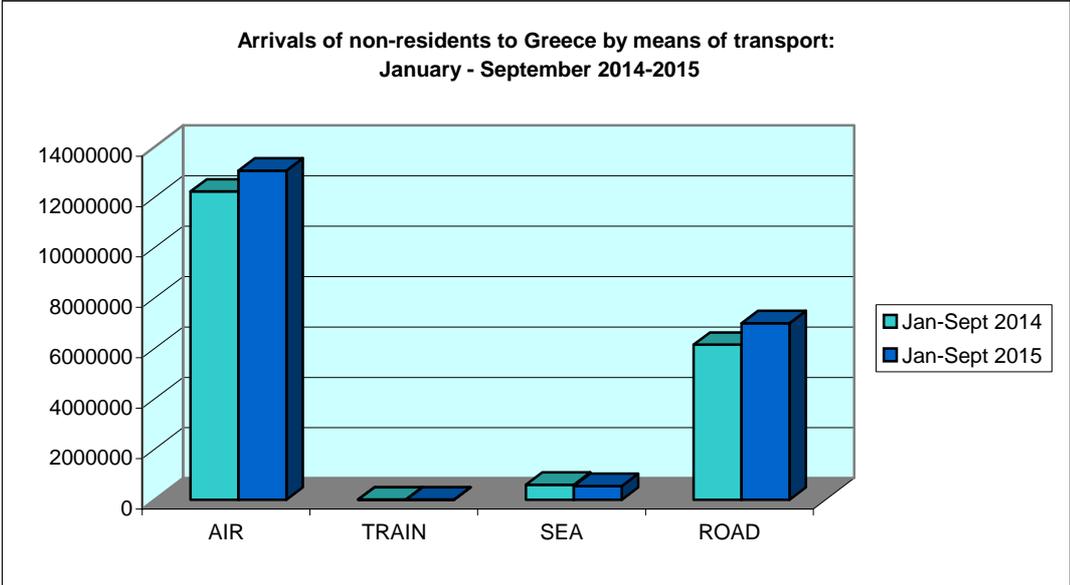
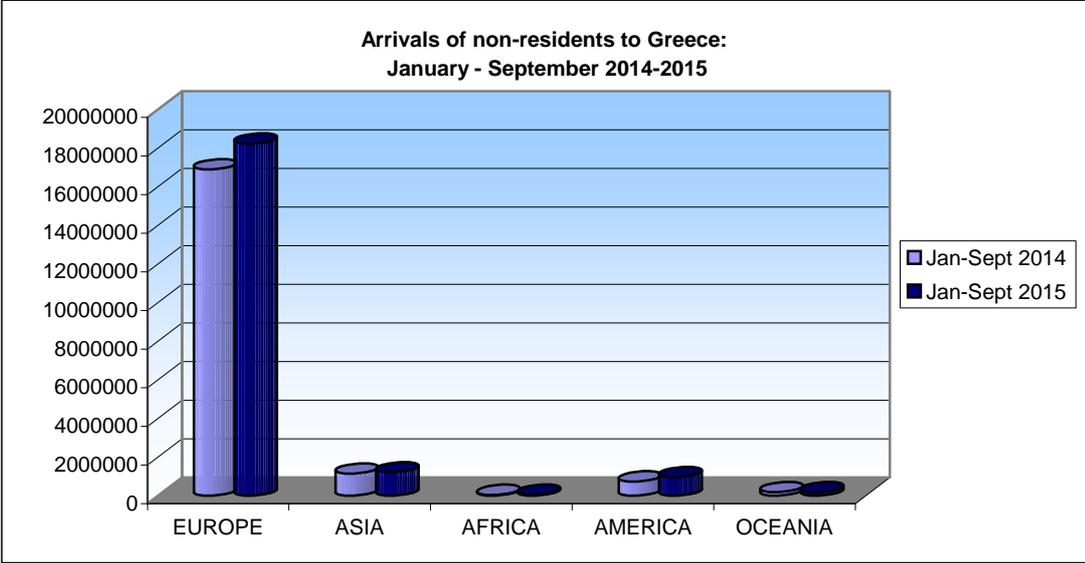
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**Table 1: Arrivals of non-residents from abroad by country of residence: January-September 2015**

Analysis by country of residence	January-September		% change	% share	
	2014	2015	2015/2014	2014	2015
<b>I. EUROPE</b>	<b>16,896,305</b>	<b>18,227,445</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>89.0%</b>	<b>88.4%</b>
<b>EUROPEAN UNION</b>	<b>11,205,393</b>	<b>13,120,656</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>59.0%</b>	<b>63.6%</b>
<i>Austria</i>	252,321	302,350	19.8	1.3%	1.5%
<i>Belgium</i>	379,301	436,653	15.1	2.0%	2.1%
<i>Bulgaria</i>	1,031,126	1,617,081	56.8	5.4%	7.8%
<i>France</i>	1,315,563	1,342,262	2.0	6.9%	6.5%
<i>Germany</i>	2,025,542	2,386,963	17.8	10.7%	11.6%
<i>Denmark</i>	212,984	203,209	-4.6	1.1%	1.0%
<i>Estonia</i>	26,612	21,142	-20.6	0.1%	0.1%
<i>United Kingdom</i>	1,807,368	2,123,822	17.5	9.5%	10.3%
<i>Ireland</i>	62,391	65,052	4.3	0.3%	0.3%
<i>Spain</i>	108,053	81,827	-24.3	0.6%	0.4%
<i>Italy</i>	986,904	1,244,836	26.1	5.2%	6.0%
<i>Croatia</i>	16,341	14,849	-9.1	0.1%	0.1%
<i>Cyprus</i>	361,234	373,446	3.4	1.9%	1.8%
<i>Latvia</i>	27,218	29,485	8.3	0.1%	0.1%
<i>Lithuania</i>	53,811	54,479	1.2	0.3%	0.3%
<i>Luxemburg</i>	16,719	19,825	18.6	0.1%	0.1%
<i>Malta</i>	3,567	9,245	159.2	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Netherlands</i>	569,748	570,330	0.1	3.0%	2.8%
<i>Hungary</i>	79,543	130,848	64.5	0.4%	0.6%
<i>Poland</i>	547,689	696,234	27.1	2.9%	3.4%
<i>Portugal</i>	10,572	16,375	54.9	0.1%	0.1%
<i>Romania</i>	456,791	468,782	2.6	2.4%	2.3%
<i>Slovakia</i>	59,974	73,201	22.1	0.3%	0.4%
<i>Slovenia</i>	26,603	23,792	-10.6	0.1%	0.1%
<i>Sweden</i>	307,360	301,388	-1.9	1.6%	1.5%
<i>Czech Republic</i>	321,630	388,621	20.8	1.7%	1.9%
<i>Finland</i>	138,431	124,560	-10.0	0.7%	0.6%
Albania	383,885	378,176	-1.5	2.0%	1.8%
Switzerland	302,861	338,343	11.7	1.6%	1.6%
Norway	235,900	213,188	-9.6	1.2%	1.0%
Iceland	3,528	1,705	-51.7	0.0%	0.0%
FYROM	2,151,751	2,712,295	26.1	11.3%	13.2%
Russia	1,163,687	441,350	-62.1	6.1%	2.1%
Serbia	955,538	702,218	-26.5	5.0%	3.4%
Other European countries	493,762	319,515	-35.3	2.6%	1.5%
<b>II. ASIA</b>	<b>1,142,203</b>	<b>1,203,484</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>5.8%</b>
Japan	17,878	7,397	-58.6	0.1%	0.0%
Iran	560	9,396	1578.6	0.0%	0.0%
Israel	157,440	95,894	-39.1	0.8%	0.5%
China	37,196	39,137	5.2	0.2%	0.2%
Lebanon-Syria	24,990	24,752	-1.0	0.1%	0.1%
S.Korea	11,949	8,689	-27.3	0.1%	0.0%
Turkey	789,544	919,908	16.5	4.2%	4.5%
Other Middle East countries	35,686	44,762	25.4	0.2%	0.2%
Other Asian countries	66,960	53,549	-20.0	0.4%	0.3%
<b>III. AFRICA</b>	<b>37,916</b>	<b>48,169</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
Egypt-Sudan	5,302	19,352	265.0	0.0%	0.1%
South Africa	21,161	22,404	5.9	0.1%	0.1%
Other African countries	11,454	6,414	-44.0	0.1%	0.0%
<b>IV. AMERICA</b>	<b>732,074</b>	<b>958,783</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
Argentina	28,493	29,290	2.8	0.2%	0.1%
Brazil	42,532	56,132	32.0	0.2%	0.3%
Mexico	17,521	11,842	-32.4	0.1%	0.1%
United States	486,783	658,592	35.3	2.6%	3.2%
Canada	120,419	164,545	36.6	0.6%	0.8%
Other American countries	36,327	38,383	5.7	0.2%	0.2%
<b>V. OCEANIA</b>	<b>178,463</b>	<b>179,536</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
Australia	160,529	155,742	-3.0	0.8%	0.8%
Other Oceanian countries	17,933	23,795	32.7	0.1%	0.1%
<b>VI. Arrivals of non-residents</b>	<b>18,986,961</b>	<b>20,617,417</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>ARRIVALS</b>	<b>18,986,961</b>	<b>20,617,417</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Frontier Survey of the Bank of Greece.

Table 2: Arrivals of non-residents from abroad by country of residence and means of transport: January-September 2015

Analysis by country of residence	AIR	RAILWAY <sup>(1)</sup>	SEA	ROAD	TOTAL
<b>I. EUROPE</b>	<b>11,535,743</b>	<b>5,036</b>	<b>495,717</b>	<b>6,190,949</b>	<b>18,227,445</b>
<b>EUROPEAN UNION</b>	<b>10,454,027</b>	<b>1,909</b>	<b>452,514</b>	<b>2,212,207</b>	<b>13,120,657</b>
Austria	285,583	3	11,898	4,865	302,350
Belgium	432,256	0	4,397	0	436,653
Bulgaria	22,629	1,357	71,586	1,521,509	1,617,081
France	1,296,199	0	37,315	8,749	1,342,262
Germany	2,144,680	105	78,557	163,621	2,386,963
Denmark	202,568	0	640	0	203,209
Estonia	20,068	0	0	1,074	21,142
United Kingdom	2,102,299	0	14,377	7,147	2,123,822
Ireland	64,043	0	1,009	0	65,052
Spain	77,614	0	4,213	0	81,827
Italy	1,081,062	0	162,632	1,142	1,244,836
Croatia	11,439	0	2,575	834	14,849
Cyprus	372,503	0	942	0	373,446
Latvia	24,538	3	581	4,363	29,485
Lithuania	48,583	2	2,720	3,175	54,479
Luxemburg	19,452	0	373	0	19,825
Malta	8,711	0	534	0	9,245
Netherlands	556,123	0	12,721	1,486	570,330
Hungary	98,222	23	5,839	26,763	130,848
Poland	610,217	76	2,876	83,065	696,234
Portugal	11,681	3	1,139	3,552	16,375
Romania	88,661	319	19,763	360,039	468,782
Slovakia	67,362	5	174	5,661	73,201
Slovenia	10,600	0	11,760	1,431	23,792
Sweden	295,473	4	2,654	3,257	301,388
Czech Republic	377,407	8	732	10,474	388,621
Finland	124,054	0	507	0	124,560
Albania	8,875	5	766	368,529	378,176
Switzerland	311,255	0	27,088	0	338,343
Norway	211,917	0	1,271	0	213,188
Iceland	1,705	0	0	0	1,705
FYROM	262	2,276	2,157	2,707,599	2,712,295
Russia	405,704	22	5,307	30,317	441,350
Serbia	31,123	633	1,305	669,156	702,218
Other European countries	110,874	190	5,309	203,141	319,515
<b>II. ASIA</b>	<b>350,474</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>38,877</b>	<b>814,121</b>	<b>1,203,484</b>
Japan	7,212	0	185	0	7,397
Iran	6,472	0	540	2,385	9,396
Israel	95,015	0	878	0	95,894
China	39,137	0	0	0	39,137
Lebanon-Syria	24,610	0	142	0	24,752
S.Korea	8,535	0	153	0	8,689
Turkey	74,760	10	36,502	808,636	919,908
Other Middle East countries	44,762	0	0	0	44,762
Other Asian countries	49,970	2	477	3,100	53,549
<b>III. AFRICA</b>	<b>47,541</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48,169</b>
Egypt-Sudan	19,156	0	196	0	19,352
South Africa	21,971	0	433	0	22,404
Other African countries	6,414	0	0	0	6,414
<b>IV. AMERICA</b>	<b>950,832</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,877</b>	<b>1,074</b>	<b>958,783</b>
Argentina	28,075	0	1,215	0	29,290
Brazil	56,096	0	37	0	56,132
Mexico	11,842	0	185	0	12,027
United States	654,555	0	4,036	0	658,592
Canada	163,197	0	1,163	0	164,360
Other American countries	37,068	0	241	1,074	38,383
<b>V. OCEANIA</b>	<b>177,104</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,432</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>179,536</b>
Australia	154,501	0	1,240	0	155,742
Other Oceanian countries	22,603	0	1,192	0	23,795
<b>TOTAL ARRIVALS</b>	<b>13,061,694</b>	<b>5,048</b>	<b>544,531</b>	<b>7,006,144</b>	<b>20,617,417</b>

Source: Frontier Survey of the Bank of Greece.

<sup>(1)</sup> From May 2014 onwards, the railway connection of Greece with foreign countries was re-established, therefore the data are not comparable with the data of the corresponding period of the year 2014.

**Table 3: Arrivals of non-residents from abroad by means of transport and entry station: January- September 2015**

Station of entrance		January - September		% change	% share	
		2014	2015	2015/2014	2014	2015
<b>I. AIR</b>		<b>12,236,169</b>	<b>13,061,694</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>64.4%</b>	<b>63.4%</b>
1	Athens	2,640,882	3,310,385	25.4%	13.9%	16.1%
2	Zakynthos	502,730	529,111	5.2%	2.6%	2.6%
3	Iraklio	2,254,138	2,228,993	-1.1%	11.9%	10.8%
4	Thessaloniki	876,611	880,600	0.5%	4.6%	4.3%
5	Kerkyra	961,881	975,496	1.4%	5.1%	4.7%
6	Kos	887,983	870,590	-2.0%	4.7%	4.2%
7	Rodos	1,712,804	1,688,656	-1.4%	9.0%	8.2%
8	Santorini	274,442	304,009	10.8%	1.4%	1.5%
9	Chania	771,838	801,443	3.8%	4.1%	3.9%
10	Other stations	1,352,860	1,472,411	8.8%	7.1%	7.1%
<b>II. RAILWAY <sup>(1)</sup></b>		<b>5,785</b>	<b>5,048</b>	<b>-12.7%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
1	Promachon (Serres) <sup>(2)</sup>	0	0	-	-	-
2	Railway stations (non-sampled)	5,785	5,048	-12.7%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>III. SEA</b>		<b>595,829</b>	<b>544,531</b>	<b>-8.6%</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>2.6%</b>
1	Igoumenitsa	322,393	296,302	-8.1%	1.7%	1.4%
2	Kerkyra	22,398	19,578	-12.6%	0.1%	0.1%
3	Patra	182,601	166,023	-9.1%	1.0%	0.8%
4	Other stations	68,438	62,629	-8.5%	0.4%	0.3%
<b>IV. ROAD</b>		<b>6,149,179</b>	<b>7,006,144</b>	<b>13.9%</b>	<b>32.4%</b>	<b>34.0%</b>
1	Evzoni (Kilkis)	1,935,457	2,131,152	10.1%	10.2%	10.3%
2	Kakavia (Ioannina)	200,951	214,055	6.5%	1.1%	1.0%
3	Kipi (Evros)	416,942	495,749	18.9%	2.2%	2.4%
4	Promachon (Serres)	1,121,353	1,429,602	27.5%	5.9%	6.9%
5	Road stations non-sample	2,474,475	2,735,586	10.6%	13.0%	13.3%
<b>TOTAL STATIONS</b>		<b>18,986,961</b>	<b>20,617,417</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Source:** Frontier Survey of the Bank of Greece.

<sup>(1)</sup> From May 2014 onwards, the railway connection of Greece with foreign countries was re-established, therefore the data are not comparable with the data of the corresponding period of the year 2014.

<sup>(2)</sup> For the particular period of time there was no sampling for this station.

## Explanatory Notes

<b>Arrivals in Greece of non-residents from abroad</b>	The data on non-residents arrivals in Greece from abroad derive from the "Frontier Survey", which is conducted by the Bank of Greece and collects, among other, the aforementioned data. These data are used by the Hellenic Statistical Authority under a "Memorandum of Cooperation", for the production of three tables for non-resident arrivals, by country of citizenship, means of transportation and entry station.
<b>Legal framework</b>	Since 2003, the Bank of Greece, for the needs of the balance of payments, is being conducting a monthly sample "Frontier Survey" to estimate the travel expenses of non-residents in Greece and the corresponding Greek expenditure abroad. This survey is the source of the data of non-resident arrivals in Greece.
<b>Reporting period</b>	January - September 2015
<b>Availability Results</b>	The data are published four months after the reference quarter.
<b>Definitions</b>	- <u>Resident of Greece</u> is: 1. Every person, regardless of nationality, residing or intends to reside for at least one year in Greece 2. Each entity that has its headquarters in Greece and foreign entities that are established and operating in Greece - <u>Non-resident</u> , is any individual or entity that is not residing in Greece. These concepts of residents and non-residents have merely a statistical content and adopt the definitions proposed by the United Nations (System of National Accounts - SNA 2008) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF - Handbook for the compilation of the balance of payments, 6th edition, 2009).
<b>Methodology</b>	Frontier Survey is a sample survey of incoming (non-residents) and outgoing (residents) travellers, with main objective to estimate the travel expenses of non-residents in Greece and that of residents abroad, on a monthly basis. The data are collected from interviews conducted at the end of the journey, that is during the departure of non-residents from Greece and the return of residents from abroad. In addition to the interviews, it is recorded the number and the residence of travellers entering and leaving the borders. The survey covers the movement of travellers, outgoing and incoming, at every type of border station (airports, ports, road and rail border points). The methodology of the "Frontier Survey" is presented in detail in the Economic Bulletin of the Bank of Greece: Issue 27, July 2006, p. 71-119. " Wherever necessary, the data have been rounded to the next final digit. Thus, a slight difference may be noted between the sum of the figures and their total.
<b>References</b>	More information about the non-resident arrivals in Greece can be found on the portal of the Hellenic Statistical Authority ( <a href="http://www.statistics.gr">http://www.statistics.gr</a> , Statistics - Industry, Commerce, Services, Transport -Tourism).