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NON-RESIDENTS ARRIVALS FROM ABROAD: January - March 2016

According to the Frontier Statistical Survey conducted by the Bank of Greece, in the period January-March of 2016, arrivals of non-residents from abroad decreased by 6.2%, compared with the corresponding period of the year 2015.

More specifically, arrivals from Europe, which accounts for the majority of arrivals of non-residents to Greece (82.9%), recorded a decrease of 4.9% in January-March 2016 compared with the corresponding period of 2015, while arrivals from EU Member States recorded a decrease of 9.3%. As regards European countries a significant decrease, in absolute values, is observed in arrivals from Bulgaria (-23.6%), Romania (-36.8%) and Italy (-25.8%) while a significant increase, in absolute values, is recorded in arrivals from Albania (31.7%), Belgium (492.2%), Russia (134.9%) and Poland (69.2%). As far as the rest of the continents is concerned a decrease of arrivals is observed from Asia, in absolute values, with a significant decrease of arrivals from Turkey (-46.6%), while an increase of arrivals is observed from the other continents (Table 1).

The largest contribution regarding the total of arrivals from the European countries, has Bulgaria (20.3%), FYROM (11.7%), Albania (9.1%), Germany (7.2%) and United Kingdom (6.6%) (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 road and by air. The main points of entry which account for the biggest percentage of traffic, by road, are Evzoni (9.1%) and Promahonas (7.8%). As far as the arrivals by air are concerned, the airport of Athens holds the first place with (38.4%) followed by the airport of Thessaloniki (7.0%) (Table 3).

Detailed data for the period January-March of the years 2016 and 2015, 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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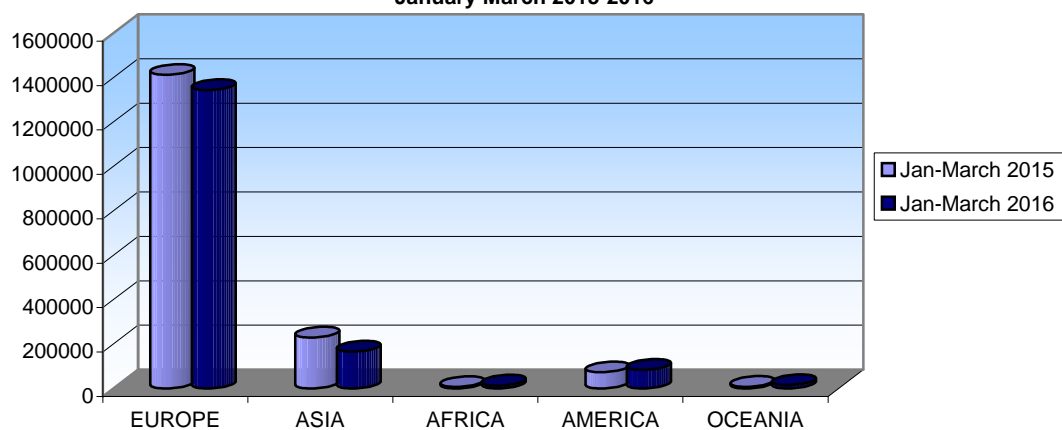
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**Arrivals of non-residents to Greece:
January-March 2015-2016**



**Arrivals of non-residents to Greece by means of transport:
January-March 2015-2016**

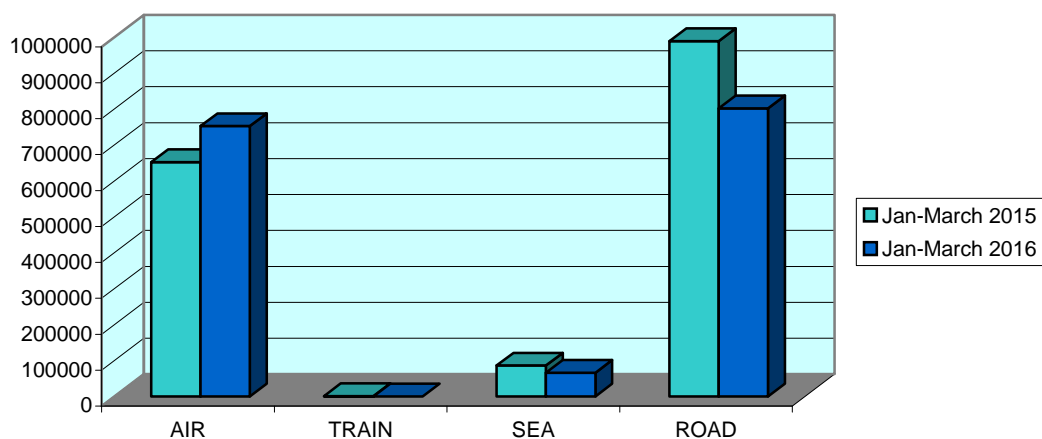


Table 1: Arrivals of non-residents from abroad by country of residence: January-March 2016

Analysis by country of residence	January-March		% change	% share	
	2015	2016	2016/2015	2015	2016
I. EUROPE	1,412,126	1,343,366	-4.9	81.7%	82.9%
EUROPEAN UNION	1,020,707	925,808	-9.3	59.1%	57.1%
Austria	9,301	9,336	0.4	0.5%	0.6%
Belgium	3,171	18,781	492.2	0.2%	1.2%
Bulgaria	430,087	328,498	-23.6	24.9%	20.3%
France	35,973	40,226	11.8	2.1%	2.5%
Germany	111,329	117,478	5.5	6.4%	7.2%
Denmark	2,286	7,416	224.4	0.1%	0.5%
Estonia	0	1,930	-	0.0%	0.1%
United Kingdom	100,868	107,182	6.3	5.8%	6.6%
Ireland	4,583	3,050	-33.5	0.3%	0.2%
Spain	8,854	11,128	25.7	0.5%	0.7%
Italy	79,936	59,278	-25.8	4.6%	3.7%
Croatia	2,156	1,844	-14.5	0.1%	0.1%
Cyprus	70,431	67,968	-3.5	4.1%	4.2%
Latvia	1,680	2,176	29.5	0.1%	0.1%
Lithuania	3,831	578	-84.9	0.2%	0.0%
Luxemburg	836	2,221	165.8	0.0%	0.1%
Malta	760	404	-46.9	0.0%	0.0%
Netherlands	17,703	24,151	36.4	1.0%	1.5%
Hungary	4,501	12,484	177.4	0.3%	0.8%
Poland	15,903	26,915	69.2	0.9%	1.7%
Portugal	5,109	0	-100.0	0.3%	0.0%
Romania	96,156	60,788	-36.8	5.6%	3.8%
Slovakia	888	2,654	198.9	0.1%	0.2%
Slovenia	1,581	763	-51.8	0.1%	0.0%
Sweden	5,768	9,661	67.5	0.3%	0.6%
Czech Republic	4,293	3,421	-20.3	0.2%	0.2%
Finland	2,718	5,476	101.5	0.2%	0.3%
Albania	111,984	147,536	31.7	6.5%	9.1%
Switzerland	28,364	18,911	-33.3	1.6%	1.2%
Norway	3,289	4,377	33.1	0.2%	0.3%
Iceland	0	0	-	0.0%	0.0%
FYROM	195,704	189,629	-3.1	11.3%	11.7%
Russia	8,552	20,090	134.9	0.5%	1.2%
Serbia	23,828	21,687	-9.0	1.4%	1.3%
Other European countries	19,697	15,329	-22.2	1.1%	0.9%
II. ASIA	229,161	165,612	-27.7	13.3%	10.2%
Japan	915	4,502	392.2	0.1%	0.3%
Iran	833	1,703	104.5	0.0%	0.1%
Israel	10,673	7,136	-33.1	0.6%	0.4%
China	10,921	6,173	-43.5	0.6%	0.4%
Lebanon-Syria	3,935	9,171	133.1	0.2%	0.6%
S.Korea	1,150	4,339	277.4	0.1%	0.3%
Turkey	181,748	96,984	-46.6	10.5%	6.0%
Other Middle East countries	9,754	18,986	94.7	0.6%	1.2%
Other Asian countries	9,233	16,617	80.0	0.5%	1.0%
III. AFRICA	6,701	12,891	92.4	0.4%	0.8%
Egypt-Sudan	5,426	6,664	22.8	0.3%	0.4%
South Africa	235	2,818	1101.6	0.0%	0.2%
Other African countries	1,041	3,409	227.6	0.1%	0.2%
IV. AMERICA	72,751	83,792	15.2	4.2%	5.2%
Argentina	4,551	5,394	18.5	0.3%	0.3%
Brazil	6,677	4,867	-27.1	0.4%	0.3%
Mexico	1,980	1,031	-47.9	0.1%	0.1%
United States	47,698	61,477	28.9	2.8%	3.8%
Canada	6,586	7,915	20.2	0.4%	0.5%
Other American countries	5,259	3,107	-40.9	0.3%	0.2%
V. OCEANIA	7,682	15,311	99.3	0.4%	0.9%
Australia	6,458	14,700	127.6	0.4%	0.9%
Other Oceanian countries	1,224	611	-50.1	0.1%	0.0%
VI. Arrivals of non-residents	1,728,421	1,620,971	-6.2	100.0%	100.0%
ARRIVALS	1,728,421	1,620,971	-6.2	100.0%	100.0%

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-March 2016

Analysis by country of residence	AIR	RAILWAY	SEA	ROAD	TOTAL
I. EUROPE	555,790	188	61,370	726,018	1,343,366
EUROPEAN UNION	499,928	188	53,095	372,598	925,808
Austria	8,419	0	517	399	9,336
Belgium	17,929	0	453	399	18,781
Bulgaria	4,412	159	18,613	305,314	328,498
France	39,091	0	1,135	0	40,226
Germany	105,488	0	7,442	4,547	117,478
Denmark	6,112	0	0	1,304	7,416
Estonia	1,930	0	0	0	1,930
United Kingdom	103,213	0	3,969	0	107,182
Ireland	2,809	0	241	0	3,050
Spain	10,865	0	263	0	11,128
Italy	49,833	0	9,445	0	59,278
Croatia	1,359	0	0	484	1,844
Cyprus	67,352	0	617	0	67,968
Latvia	2,176	0	0	0	2,176
Lithuania	578	0	0	0	578
Luxemburg	2,221	0	0	0	2,221
Malta	404	0	0	0	404
Netherlands	22,112	0	2,039	0	24,151
Hungary	9,308	0	1,917	1,259	12,484
Poland	15,772	4	2,159	8,980	26,915
Portugal	0	0	0	0	0
Romania	8,207	25	4,286	48,270	60,788
Slovakia	2,654	0	0	0	2,654
Slovenia	763	0	0	0	763
Sweden	9,661	0	0	0	9,661
Czech Republic	1,782	0	0	1,640	3,421
Finland	5,476	0	0	0	5,476
Albania	840	0	0	146,696	147,536
Switzerland	15,479	0	3,432	0	18,911
Norway	4,377	0	0	0	4,377
Iceland	0	0	0	0	0
FYROM	407	0	250	188,971	189,629
Russia	18,631	0	431	1,027	20,090
Serbia	5,923	0	2,593	13,172	21,687
Other European countries	10,206	0	1,569	3,554	15,329
II. ASIA	85,324	0	4,542	75,746	165,612
Japan	4,502	0	0	0	4,502
Iran	1,703	0	0	0	1,703
Israel	7,136	0	0	0	7,136
China	6,794	0	0	0	6,794
Lebanon-Syria	9,171	0	0	0	9,171
S.Korea	4,339	0	0	0	4,339
Turkey	16,696	0	4,542	75,746	96,984
Other Middle East countries	18,986	0	0	0	18,986
Other Asian countries	15,996	0	0	0	15,996
III. AFRICA	12,891	0	0	0	12,891
Egypt-Sudan	6,664	0	0	0	6,664
South Africa	2,818	0	0	0	2,818
Other African countries	3,409	0	0	0	3,409
IV. AMERICA	83,333	0	459	0	83,792
Argentina	5,394	0	0	0	5,394
Brazil	4,867	0	0	0	4,867
Mexico	1,031	0	0	0	1,031
United States	61,018	0	459	0	61,477
Canada	7,915	0	0	0	7,915
Other American countries	3,107	0	0	0	3,107
V. OCEANIA	15,311	0	0	0	15,311
Australia	14,700	0	0	0	14,700
Other Oceanian countries	611	0	0	0	611
TOTAL ARRIVALS	752,649	188	66,371	801,764	1,620,971

Source: Frontier Survey of the Bank of Greece.

Table 3: Arrivals of non-residents from abroad by means of transport and entry station: January-March 2016

Station of entrance		January - March		% change	% share	
		2015	2016	2016/2015	2015	2016
I. AIR		651,991	752,649	15.4%	37.7%	46.4%
	1 Athens	531,560	621,867	17.0%	30.8%	38.4%
	2 Zakynthos	0	0	-	0.0%	0.0%
	3 Iraklio	0	0	-	0.0%	0.0%
	4 Thessaloniki	111,636	113,577	1.7%	6.5%	7.0%
	5 Kerkyra	0	0	-	0.0%	0.0%
	6 Kos	0	0	-	0.0%	0.0%
	7 Rodos	0	0	-	0.0%	0.0%
	8 Santorini	0	0	-	0.0%	0.0%
	9 Chania	0	0	-	0.0%	0.0%
	10 Other stations	8,795	17,204	95.6%	0.5%	1.1%
II. RAILWAY		804	188	-76.7%	0.0%	0.0%
	1 Promachon (Serres) ⁽¹⁾	-	-	-	-	-
	2 Railway stations (non-sampled)	804	188	-76.7%	0.0%	0.0%
III. SEA		86,117	66,371	-22.9%	5.0%	4.1%
	1 Igoumenitsa	45,614	35,081	-23.1%	2.6%	2.2%
	2 Kerkyra	0	0	-	0.0%	0.0%
	3 Patra	31,276	24,179	-22.7%	1.8%	1.5%
	4 Other stations	9,227	7,111	-22.9%	0.5%	0.4%
IV. ROAD		989,508	801,764	-19.0%	57.2%	49.5%
	1 Evzoni (Kilkis)	124,190	147,196	18.5%	7.2%	9.1%
	2 Kakavia (Ioannina)	61,247	66,283	8.2%	3.5%	4.1%
	3 Krystallopigi ⁽²⁾	-	55,318	-	-	3.4%
	4 Kipi (Evros)	80,583	53,794	-33.2%	4.7%	3.3%
	5 Promachon (Serres)	284,978	126,200	-55.7%	16.5%	7.8%
	6 Road stations non-sample	438,511	352,973	-19.5%	25.4%	21.8%
TOTAL STATIONS		1,728,421	1,620,971	-6.2%	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Frontier Survey of the Bank of Greece.

⁽¹⁾ For the particular period of time there was no sampling for this station.

⁽²⁾ Sampling at this point of entry, was carried out for the first time in January 2016, therefore it is not possible to compare with the corresponding period of the year 2015.

Explanatory Notes

Arrivals in Greece of non-residents from abroad	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.
Legal framework	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.
Reporting period	January - March 2016
Availability Results	The data are published four months after the reference quarter.
Definitions	<p>- <u>Resident of Greece</u> is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">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 <p>- <u>Non-resident</u>, is any individual or entity that is not residing in Greece.</p> <p>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).</p>
Methodology	<p>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.</p> <p>The survey covers the movement of travellers, outgoing and incoming, at every type of border station (airports, ports, road and rail border points).</p> <p>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. "</p> <p>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.</p>
References	More information about the non-resident arrivals in Greece can be found on the portal of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (http://www.statistics.gr , Statistics - Industry, Commerce, Services, Transport -Tourism).