IFC and Greece

Partners in Private Sector Development



OVERVIEW

IFC, a member of the World Bank Group, is the largest global development institution focused on the private sector in emerging markets. Working in more than 100 countries, IFC committed a record \$43.7 billion in own-account investments and mobilization from third parties to private companies and financial institutions in developing countries in fiscal year 2023 (FY23).* Between 2015-2020, at the request of the Greek government, IFC was authorized by its Board to make direct investments in Greece to restore investor confidence and act as a catalyst to mobilize private sector capital. IFC's engagement in Greece ceased at the end of 2020. As of FY23, IFC's long-term committed portfolio with Greek sponsors in emerging markets amounted to over \$12 million, while IFC's long-term committed portfolio in Greece stood at \$53 million.



IFC's Long-Term Investment Portfolio with Global Sponsors in Greece

As of FY23 (ending June 2023), IFC 's long-term investment portfolio with global sponsors amounted to \$53 million.



Mobilization: As of June 2023, Greek FIs held close to \$27 million in IFC Syndicated Loans.

Global Trade Finance Program (GTFP): As of June 2023, IFC had issued 14 guarantees amounting to over \$3 million in favor of Greek confirming banks since the program began in 2005. The most active confirming bank is EFG Eurobank.

*The World Bank Group fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30 of the following calendar year.



Creating Markets, Creating Opportunities

Examples of Successful Cooperation in Greece



Hellas Direct

In January 2018, IFC became a shareholder in Hellas Direct, a pioneering Greek startup in the digital insurance industry. The investment will help to diversify Greece's financial sector and make car insurance available to more Greeks. IFC initially invested €3.5 million in Hellas Direct as part of a €7 million equity offering by the company, and invested an additional €1 million in 2020 to support the company's expansion in Romania. Hellas Direct aims to increase insurance penetration in Greece and Romania and bring further transparency and fairness by reducing commissions and eliminating hidden fees. The project supports IFC's strategy to promote technology-driven innovation in the financial sector by spurring economic growth and fighting poverty.



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