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Economic and Commercial Report for December 2016

- On 5 December, the **Eurogroup** approved short term relief measures for the Greek debt. On 14 December, the European Stability Mechanism (ESM) discontinued the implementation of the short-term debt relief measures due to the announcement of the Greek Government to give one-off Christmas bonus to low-income pensioners and the suspension of the value-added tax rise for the eastern Aegean islands for one year. The issue will be discussed in the next Eurogroup meeting on 12 January 2017.
- According to the Ministry of Finance, the **State Budget Execution for the January to November of 2016** showed a primary budget surplus amounting to €7,416mil (€3,863mil higher than the target). The net revenues showed a rise of €1,501mil higher than the target and amounted to €47,942mil. The State Budget expenditures decreased by €2,373mil compared to the target and amounted to €45,919mil.
- According to the Bank of Greece (on 8 December) the European Central Bank agreed to reduce the **emergency liquidity assistance** (ELA) by €0.2billion from €50.9billion to €50.7billion.
- On 22 December **European Investment Bank** (EIB) sanctioned a €1billion credit line to Greek banks. The first €400million will be given to Alpha Bank, Eurobank, National Bank of Greece and Piraeus Bank equally. The remaining €600million will be given in 2017-2018. The funds will be used to provide loans to small and medium-sized businesses in agriculture, tourism, manufacturing, services and other sectors in order to promote youth employment.
- The **total imports** in October 2016 amounted to €4,086.4million recording a decrease of 5.3% compared with October 2015. The **total exports** in October 2016 were €2,343.4million with an increase of 4.8% compared with October 2015. The **trade deficit** in October 2016 was €1,743.0million recording a drop of 16.1% compared with October 2015. (www.statistics.gr)
- The **Consumer Price Index** (CPI) in November 2016 decreased by 0.9% compared to November 2015 and decreased by 1.2% compared with October 2016. (www.statistics.gr)
- The **Production Index in Industry** (IPI) in October 2016 increased by 6.8% compared with October 2015. (www.statistics.gr)



- The Overall **Turnover Index in Industry** (both domestic and non-domestic market) in October 2016 decreased by 2.8% and 9.7% compared with October 2015 and September 2016 respectively. (www.statistics.gr)
- The **Greek Merchant Fleet**, for vessels of 100 GRT, in October 2016 increased by 0.3% compared with October 2015. The gross tonnage of the Greek Merchant Fleet, for vessels of 100 GRT and over, in October 2016 increased by 0.6% compared with October 2015. (www.statistics.gr)
- The **unemployment rate**, in the third quarter of 2016, was 22.6% compared to 23.1% in the second quarter of 2016 and 24% in the same quarter of 2015. The number of employed (3,736,715 persons) increased by 0.9% and 1.8% compared with the second quarter of 2016 and third quarter of 2015 respectively. The number of unemployed (1,092,589 persons) decreased by 1.8% and 5.9% compared with the second quarter of 2016 and third quarter 2015 respectively.



Total Greek trade and its growth in services

COMMERCIAL SERVICES' BALANCE

(In million €)

	January-October (preliminary data)		
	2014	2015	2016
Commercial Services' Balance (I-II)	17,184.1	16,220.1	14,526.2
I. Exports	27,742.4	25,547.6	22,587.7
Transportation Services	13,002.8	13,686.9	13,111.0
Travel Services	10,912.4	8,699.5	6,376.5
Other Commercial Services	3,827.3	3,161.2	3,100.1
II. Imports	10,558.3	9,327.5	8,061.5
Transportation Services	1,709.3	1,704.1	1,792.8
Travel Services	5,157.3	4,680.5	3,643.7
Other Commercial Services	3,691.7	2,942.9	2,624.9

Source: Bank of Greece

MERCHANDISE TRADE BALANCE

(In million €)

	January-October (preliminary data)				
	2014	2015	% change 2015/2014	2016	% change 2016/2015
I. Exports of goods	22,373.9	20,695.9	-7.5%	20,130.7	-2.7%
II. Imports of goods	40,888.9	34,849.4	-14.8%	33,555.6	-3.7%
Trade Balance (I-II)	-18,515.0	-14,153.5		-13,424.9	

Source: Bank of Greece

GREEK MERCHANDISE TRADE

January-October 2016 (In Euro million)

	2015	2016	% change 2016/2015
A. Imports			
I. Ship imports included	36,216.0	36,214.0	0.0%
II. Ship imports excluded	34,725.9	34,353.5	-1.1%
III. Petroleum products excluded and ship imports included	27,239.1	29,109.5	6.9%
B. Exports			
I. Ship imports included	21,517.6	20,920.5	-2.8%
II. Ship imports excluded	21,398.7	20,823.6	-2.7%
III. Petroleum products excluded and ship imports included	15,174.8	15,361.2	1.2%
C. Trade Balance Ship imports included (=B.I-A.I)	-14,698.4	-15,293.5	4.0%
D. Trade Balance Ship imports excluded (=B.II-A.II)	-13,327.2	-13,529.9	1.5%
E. Trade Balance Petroleum products excluded and ship imports included (=B.III-A.III)	-12,064.3	-13,748.3	14.0%

Preliminary data

Source: Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT). Data processed by Export Research Centre (KEEM)

