

# Living & Working in GREECE

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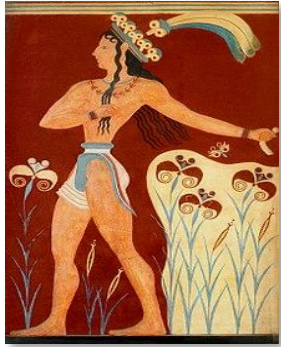
# TOURISM

Tourism as a strategic sector in Greece:

1. One of the top Mediterranean destinations
2. Long historical and cultural tradition



# Historical and Cultural Heritage



# Greece - Fun Fact



The islands are the main characteristic of Greece's morphology and an integral part of the country's culture across the ages. The country includes 6,000 islands and islets scattered in the Greek Seas, of which only 227 islands are inhabited.



# Major Destinations

- Athens – Cultural & urban tourism
- Thessaloniki – City tourism
- Santorini & Mykonos – Luxury & island tourism
- Crete & Rhodes – Family & heritage tourism
- Many many more beautiful islands



# Seasonality

- ✓ April – October (sometimes until November)
- ✓ High summer concentration
- ✓ Efforts toward 12-month tourism model

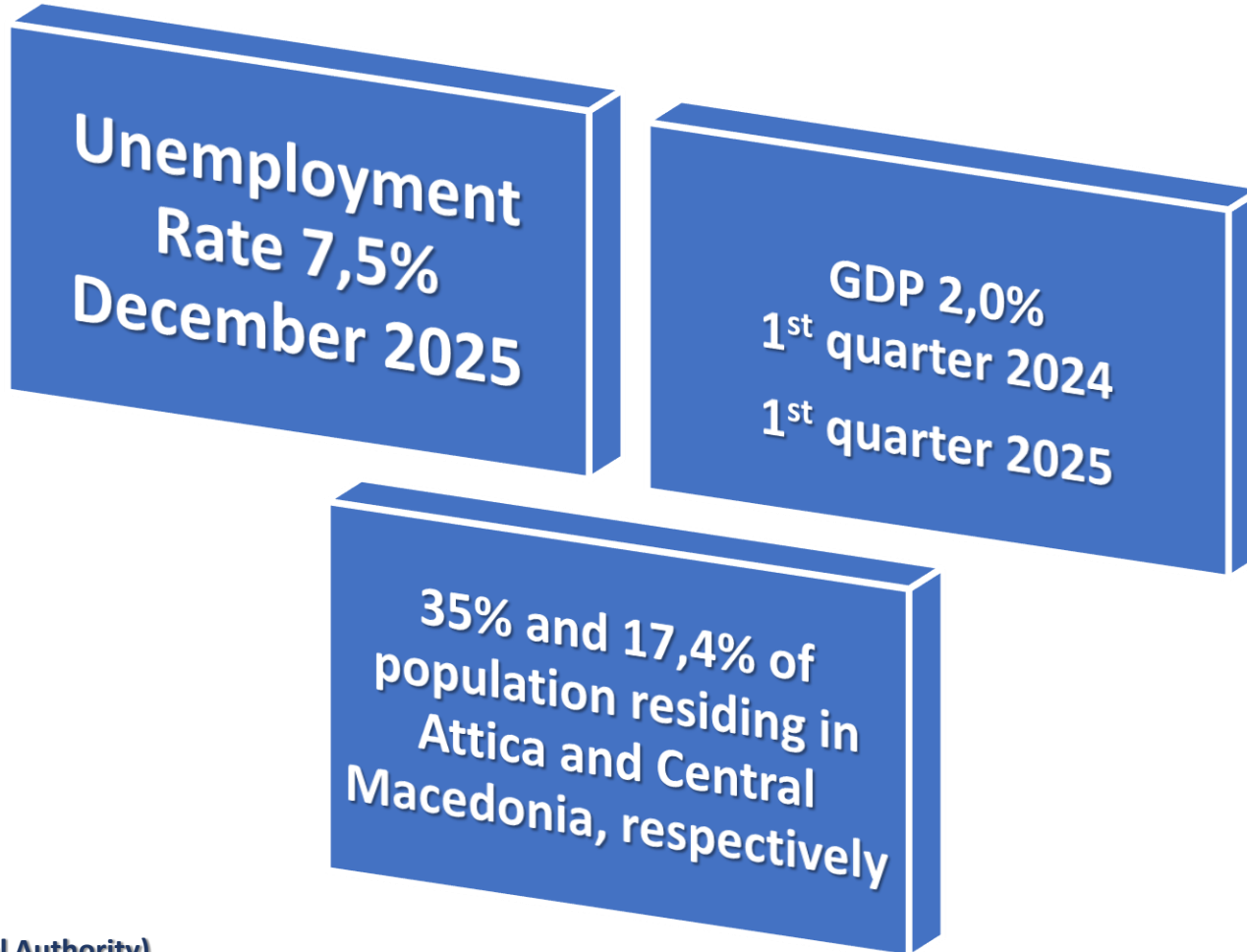


# Types of Tourism

- Cultural & Heritage Tourism
- Beach & Tourism
- Cruise Tourism
- Religious Tourism
- Gastronomic & Eco-tourism



# Employment Figures



(source: Hellenic Statistical Authority)





**1<sup>st</sup> Online Event for Tourism  
(European Online Job Day), 07.02.2024  
“Work in Greece – Filoxenia”**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Seize the Summer with EURES  
(European Online Job Day), 21-22.02.2024**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Online Event for Tourism  
(European Online Job Day), 15.04.2024  
“Work in Greece II”**

**4<sup>th</sup> Online Event for Construction  
(European Online Job Day), 16.12.2024  
“Work in Greece III”**

**5<sup>th</sup> Seize the Summer with EURES  
(European Online Job Day), 20.03.2025**



# Promising financial sectors

## Digital Economy



## Healthcare Services



Agricultural and Eco-Tourism (snail-farming, mushroom and truffle, aromatic and medicinal plants)



## Tourism Sector



Technical Sector  
Occupations in  
Constructions and Industry



# EURES Shortages & Surpluses

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## Labour shortages and surpluses in Europe

Find out more about labour shortages and surpluses from 2024 in the report [here](#), or use the interactive dashboard below and explore the data yourself.

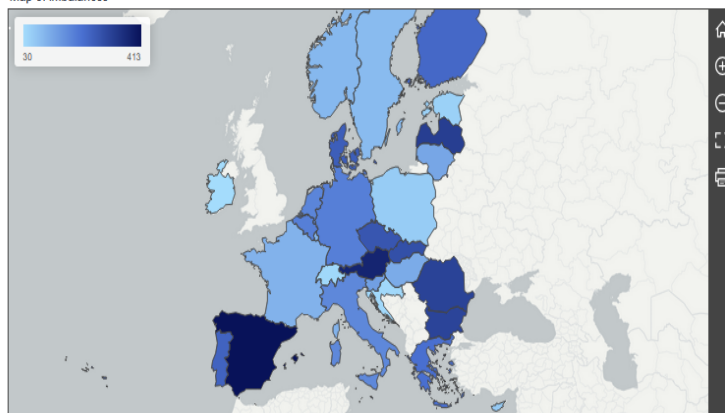
For a glossary of terms, the dashboard manual and reports related to labour shortages and surpluses, please scroll down or [click here](#).

## Shortages and surpluses dashboard 2024 (EN)

The dashboard is based on data collected for European Labour Authority (2025), EURES report on labour shortages and surpluses 2024, which compiles administrative data from public employment services (PES) and data from other sources as submitted by the EURES National Coordination Offices.

Contributors used different methodologies and data sources available at national level.

Map of imbalances



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Shortages / Surpluses

EURES Advisors  
Let us know if you have any questions.



# Most wanted occupations

- ❖ Spa Managers - Spa Assistants - Spa Therapists
- ❖ Receptionists/Front Office Agents and Customer Service in general
- ❖ Cooks, Chefs, Sous Chefs, Barmen/Barwomen,
- ❖ Baristas, Waiters/sses and Assistants
- ❖ Helpers in all kind of enterprise functions (Cleaning Personnel, Workers)
- ❖ Tour Guides
- ❖ Life Guards
- ❖ Guest Relation Managers
- ❖ Customer Service Representatives
- ❖ Fitness Instructors
- ❖ Night Auditors
- ❖ Groom / Boy
- ❖ Weddings & Events Specialists
- ❖ Pool Attendants
- ❖ General Duties Maintainers / Electricians / Plumbers



# Working Conditions: salary and wages

Legal minimum gross salaries since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025:

for the Employee status the minimum salary is 880,00 € (gross)

for the Worker status the minimum salary is 39,30 € (gross) per day

- The salary depends on academic background, previous work experience, expertise, working hours, shifts, overtime, as well as employment on Sundays and public holidays
- In many sectors apply collective agreements, while the negotiation between the employer and the potential employee prevails when in favor of the latter.



# Living Cost: accommodation

## Rented accommodation:

2 bedroom Flats:	400-500 € per month
Houses:	500-700 € per month
Small Rooms:	300 € per month



The prices depend on the region, age, condition, equipment, proximity to public transport or other places of interest.

# Living Cost: prices

Cigarettes	4,00 €
Loaf of bread	1,20 -1,50 €
Unleaded petrol	2,00 €
Cup of Coffee	3,00-3,50 €
Domestic beer 0,5lt	4,00 €
Glass of wine	6,00 €
Chocolate bar	2,00 €
Milk 1lt	1,20 €
Water (0.33 lt/bottle)	0,50 €
Pizza	8,00 €
Cinema ticket	8,00 €
90 min trip bus/metro ticket	1,20 € (Athens)
70 min trip metro ticket	0,60 € (Thessaloniki)
Meal in a inexpensive restaurant	10,00 -12,00 €



# Before moving to Greece: Checklist

## Get your documents ready

A valid passport or ID card is mandatory for living and working in Greece.

Visa is not required for EU Citizens.



## Issue a European Health Insurance Card




The European Health Insurance Card is a free card that gives access to medically necessary state-provides healthcare during a temporary stay in any of the 27 EU Member States, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway, Switzerland and the UK, under the same conditions and at the same cost (free in some countries). To be eligible for the card, you must be insured under the Public Health insurance scheme.



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## Get your documents ready

The periods of insurance and employment may be certified using the Portable Document PDU1 – SED U002. It is a certificate provided about the periods of insurance and employment used for the provision of unemployment subsidies in another EU Member State.



It is possible on the basis of Regulation (EC) No. 883/2004 and Implementing Regulation (EC) No. 987/2009, as applicable, the Transfer / Export of Regular Unemployment Allowance for a period of three months to another State – Member of the E.U. in order to give the opportunity to the unemployed of an EU Member State. to look for work in another EU Member State, if they wish.  
(PDU2 – SED U008)



# How to apply for a job



Employment offices manage the national registry of Unemployment and provide counseling, mentoring or other Employment services. (<http://www.dypa.gov.gr/en>)



The formal European network of public employment services through which mobility is encouraged. ([https://eures.europa.eu/index\\_en](https://eures.europa.eu/index_en))



Private Employment Agencies certified by the Ministry of Labour and Social Security may provide similar quality services.



# Applying for a job



A standard type EUROPASS CV with a photograph included is quite efficient.

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## The CV must:

- be short and to the point. It should not in any case be longer than 2 pages.
  - be written in English or the language demanded by the job offer.
  - mention any previous work experiences.
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## Most wanted skills

- ✓ Able to cooperate and work in teams
- ✓ For maritime, tourism and industry: flexible in working hours & shifts
- ✓ For customer service: communication skills
- ✓ Able to work in multicultural environment



# How to contact the EURES Network

- EURES portal: <https://europa.eu/eures/portal/um/search-for-advisers?lang=en>
- EURES Chat (every Friday 11.00-13.00 CET): [https://eures.europa.eu/eures-services/chat-eures-advisers\\_en](https://eures.europa.eu/eures-services/chat-eures-advisers_en)
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