

# Greece



Capital	Athens
Language(s)	Greek
Currency	€uro
Area	131,957 km <sup>2</sup>
Population	11,200 ,000 inhabitants
Population density	81.6 inhabitants/km <sup>2</sup>
GDP (2011)	312 000 millions \$
Car fleet in 2011	6,641,000 vehicles
Length of the road network	40,164 km
Nber of vehicle for 1000 inhabitants	429
Time zone	GMT + 2
Number of persons killed on the road in 2009	1453

Located near the crossroads of Europe and Asia, Greece forms the southern extremity of the Balkan Peninsula in south-east Europe. Its territory includes more than 2 000 islands in the Aegean and Ionian seas, of which only around 165 are inhabited. Mount Olympus is the highest point in the country. Greece is one of the cradles of European civilization, whose ancient scholars made great advances in philosophy, medicine, mathematics and astronomy. Their city-states were pioneers in developing democratic forms of government. The historical and cultural heritage of Greece continues to resonate throughout the modern world - in literature, art, philosophy and politics. Modern Greece has a republican structure based on the constitution of 1975. The 300 members of the single-chamber parliament are elected for a period of four years. The country is divided into 13 administrative regions. More than 50% of Greek industry is located in the Greater Athens area, the main economic sectors being agriculture, tourism, construction and shipping. The best-known contemporary Greeks include the film-maker Kostas Gavras, the Nobel Prize winner Odysseus Elitis and composer Mikis Theodorakis. Greek cuisine is based on goat meat and mutton. Fish dishes are also popular. Olive oil, which is produced in large quantities, adds to the distinctive taste of Greek food.

## ***Automotive expertise in Greece***

It was the 50's when the quantity of circulating vehicles increased in Greece, and therefore the profession of automobile expert started to appear.

In 1978, the Panhellenic Union of Experts (PEP) was founded and exists ever since. The Union has helped our colleagues evolve and prosper.

Through our Union and the Greek Institute of Insurance Studies (E.I.A.S.) we have conducted many seminars with subjects such as automobile damages evaluation, accidents reconstruction, etc.

There are no laws or regulations that rule aour profession, but we adapt and follow the legal limitations that stand for insurance companies.

In the last years, the apraisals/evaluations are made through electronic systems, that facilitate the exeprts' work, depending on the systems chosen by the respective insurance company.

## **Professional Associations**

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