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## Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis visits London



On a two-day visit to the UK, Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis was welcomed to Downing Street, on Tuesday 3rd December by UK Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer.

Affirming the mutual will to strengthen cooperation, the meeting of the two leaders was an opportunity to give a new impetus to our relationship, said Kyriakos Mitsotakis after their talks, while stressing the importance Greece attaches to Greek- British relations. The leaders discussed the entire spectrum of bilateral cooperation, with emphasis on the economy, shipping, tourism, education and the common challenge of migration. Kyriakos Mitsotakis and Sir Keir Starmer also exchanged views on regional and international issues with emphasis on the latest developments in Ukraine.

The Greek Prime Minister and the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom also discussed coordination between the two countries in view of Greece's tenure as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for the 2025-26 term, as well as EU-UK relations, the bolstering of which Greece supports, particularly in the fields of security and defence.



On December 2nd, PM Mitsotakis participated at the Morgan Stanley and Athens Stock Exchange Greek Investment Conference. In his introductory statement, Greek PM talked about the course of the Greek economy as well as:

- Greece's priorities for the coming years
- Climate change, the green transition and the role of Greece
- Greece's position in the geopolitical field
- The need to strengthen European competitiveness
- The migration issue
- Greece's actions in the field of artificial intelligence

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Greek PM participated also in a special workshop organised by the Tony Blair Institute in London on artificial intelligence and its application in government policies. Present at the workshop and in the discussion on, among others, the practical applications of AI in health, climate crisis, political protection, was Nobel laureate Demis Hassabis (DeepMind) and his team. The meeting was attended by the Minister of Digital Governance Dimitris Papastergiou, the Minister of State Akis Skertsos and the Special Secretary of Foresight Strategy and coordinator of the work of the Advisory Committee on Artificial Intelligence at the Presidency of the Government, Yannis Mastrogeorgiou.

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## Foreign Minister George Gerapetritis meets with British Foreign Secretary, David Lammy



On November 19, Foreign Minister George Gerapetritis was on a visit to London to meet with the British Foreign Secretary David Lammy. At their meeting, the Foreign Ministers discussed all aspects of the Greece-UK relationship, regional and international developments, coordination within the United Nations Security Council, as well as the EU-UK relations. They both agreed that, especially under current adverse circumstances, it is important to enhance cooperation both bilaterally and in international fora.

## Greece enters the UN Security Council 2025-2026



In a proud moment, on January 2nd, Greece raised its flag at the UN Security Council during the Flag Installation Ceremony. Together with Denmark, Pakistan, Panama and Somalia, Greece will serve as an elected UNSC member for the next two years. During his speech at the ceremony, the Permanent Representative of Greece to the UN, Ambassador Evangelos Sekeris said: "Committed to a foreign policy based on principles, values and international law, Greece looks forward to acting as a stabilizing factor, serving as a bridge between the North and the South, the East and the West, while contributing to restoring the true meaning of the principle of the peaceful resolution of disputes".

## The 8th Greek- British Symposium in Thessaloniki, 10-12 October



The annual Greek- British Symposium, in its 8th edition, took place in Thessaloniki, on October 10 -12. Over the course of 3 days, 30 speakers along with 100 participants from Greece and the UK engaged on the theme of 'Global supply chains in an age of geo-political uncertainty – a South Eastern Europe perspective'.

The Symposium was opened by the Mayor of Thessaloniki, Stelios Angeloudis, the Co-Chair of the Greek-British Symposium, Costas Mitropoulos, the British Ambassador to Greece, Matthew Lodge, the Greek Ambassador to the UK, Yannis Tsaousis (via VTC), and Symeon Tsomokos of the Delphi Economic Forum.

The Greek-British Symposium is a bilateral forum organised in partnership with the British Embassy in Greece and the Greek Embassy in the UK, delivered by the Delphi Economic Forum.



## Tourism Minister Olga Kefalogianni visits London for the World Travel Market 2024



Greece's Tourism Minister Olga Kefalogianni travelled to the UK to attend World Travel Market - WTM London (5-7 November 2024) and had a series of meetings, media interviews and engagements to boost cooperation with partners from across the world, set out Greece's work and policies to drive sustainable tourism and promote Greece as a year-round destination.

With Greece being this year's Premier Partner at the world's most influential travel and tourism event, Olga Kefalogianni officially inaugurated the 2024 World Travel Market London, where Greece enjoyed a strong presence with 81 participating co-exhibitors at the Greek Stand.

On the sidelines of WTM, the Minister of Tourism held important bilateral meetings with her counterparts from a number of different countries. The talks focused on strengthening cooperation in the tourism sector with the aim of promoting a common tourism policy and development, as well as strengthening the Greek candidacy for the post of Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO), for which Mr Harry Theocharis is a candidate.



During her stay in London, the Minister held also a meeting with her counterpart, Department for Culture, Media and Sport Minister Sir Chris Bryant. The meeting's agenda focused on the strengthening and deepening of tourism cooperation between Greece and the UK, while special emphasis was placed on a tourism memorandum currently being developed and scheduled to be signed as part of a number of bilateral agreements.

### Attica Region Governor, Nikos Hardalias, visits London



On November 6, Greek Embassy welcomed at its premises the Attica Region Governor, Nikos Hardalias, who was on a visit to the UK to promote the Greater Athens Region as a leading world destination at the World Travel Market London. Nikos Hardalias had the opportunity to meet with representatives of Greek Diaspora associations in the UK and discuss with them issues of mutual concern, in an event hosted by the Deputy Head of Mission, Ambassador Ms Ioanna Kriebardi.

## Ambassador Yannis Tsaousis visits Scotland, 27-29 October



On 27-29 October, Ambassador Yannis Tsaousis travelled to Scotland for meetings to boost Greek-Scottish ties and drive forward our cooperation across a range of areas, including energy, trade, technology and culture.

In Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen, vibrant Greek communities and a growing number of Greek businesses contribute to Scotland's society and economy. The Greek Ambassador had the opportunity to meet with leaders and representatives from several of them.

Ambassador Tsaousis met with:

- The Scottish Government's Cabinet Secretary for External Affairs, Angus Robertson, to discuss all aspects of the Greek – Scottish relationship and identify future cooperation areas and concrete projects.
- The Lord Provost of Edinburgh, Robert Aldridge, the Lord Provost of Aberdeen, David Cameron, and Aberdeen City's Councillors and the City Development & Regeneration leadership team.
- Representatives and members of the Greek communities and Greek schools of Aberdeen, Edinburgh & Glasgow and offered Greek books.
- Professor Niels Gaul, AG Leventis Chair in Byzantine Studies, and Lecturers in Modern Greek Studies at the University of Edinburgh.



During his visit, Ambassador Tsaousis

- gave talks on Applied Diplomacy at the International School of the Scottish Government and at the University of Edinburgh.
- visited and was given an overview of the premises and the projects undertaken at:
  - a. The facilities of textiles manufacturer and part of Greek Thrace Group, Don & Low, in Forfar.
  - b. The Greek section of the McDonald Road Library of Edinburgh Council Libraries, where he donated Greek books.
  - c. The National Robotarium at Heriot-Watt University -UK's centre for #robotics and #AI.
  - d. The Energy Transition Zone #ETZ in Aberdeen - a renewable energy hub.



## "Allied Histories: A Greek-British perspective of the 'Great War'"

### Event and Exhibition at the Hellenic Residence to mark Remembrance Day



On the anniversary of the end of the First World War, the Embassy of Greece in London commemorated Remembrance Day with an event entitled "Allied Histories: a Greek-British perspective of the 'Great War'", which took place at the Hellenic Residence on 11 November. The event was accompanied by an exhibition of artefacts and objects relating to the British presence on the Macedonian front.

The Greek Ambassador, Yannis Tsaousis, spoke about the important symbolism of the day, highlighting the commitment between Greece and the UK at crucial moments in world history. Lecturer in Modern Greek History at Royal Holloway, University of London, Mr Paris Papamichos Chronakis, and Professor of Modern and Contemporary European History at University College London, Ms Heather Jones, underlined the Greek-British alliance during the World War I, focusing on the political relations



of the time and the presence of the British Army in Thessaloniki. The High Commissioner of Canada in London, Mr Ralph Goodale, recited the poem "In Flanders Fields", one of the most famous poems about the World War I. To close the event, actress Angeliki Petropetsioti read an excerpt from the chapter "The Secret Poppy" from the iconic novel "Life in the Tomb" by Stratis Myrivilis, accompanied by British artist Noonie Minogue on the cello. The central theme of both readings was the red poppy, a symbol in UK of remembrance for the fallen.

After the event, guests were given a guided tour of the exhibition, which featured a number of objects, some never before seen in the UK, from the collection of retired Colonel Vassilios Nikoltsios, part of which is on display at the War Museum of Thessaloniki. The exhibition, which remained open to the public on the following day, introduced visitors to the stories 'told' by the objects themselves, narrating the common stories and sacrifices of Greek and British soldiers in Greece during the World War I, and highlighting the historical links between Greece and the UK.



## An evening with Angelos Postecoglou in London



On Monday, November 4, Greek Embassy has joined forces with Australian High Commission in the United Kingdom and Tottenham Hotspur for a beautiful evening to honour Greek-Australian football great and Spurs head coach Ange Postecoglou at the Australia House in London. A prominent figure of the Greek-Australian community, Ange Postecoglou exemplified how the Greek Diaspora in Australia further enriches the strong relationship between Greece and Australia, and, at the same time, how deep our connections with the UK run in sports and across the board.

Alongside our shared commitment to common values and our long-standing friendship, people like Ange Postecoglou bring our three nations even closer together, Ambassador Yannis Tsaousis said in his remarks at the event. Testifying to the power of football to unite, people from Greece, Australia, and UK came together in a fully packed event at the Australia House to celebrate those links. Among them, many members of the Greek-Australian community in London and high-level guests, including Greek Tourism Minister Olga Kefalogianni, and UK Minister of State for the Cabinet Office, the Rt Hon Nick Thomas-Symonds, Secretary of State for Wales the Rt Hon Jo Stevens, and Minister of State for Trade Policy and Economic Security, the Rt Hon Douglas Alexander.



## 1st Greek Youth Diaspora Symposium



Young members of the Greek Diaspora from 16 countries across 4 continents convened for the first time in Athens on November 27-28, 2024, at the "Hellenic Cosmos" Cultural Center. The occasion marked the inaugural Greek Youth Diaspora Symposium, "Diaspora Dialogues: Connecting Young Voices Around the World", organized by the General Secretariat for Greeks Abroad and Public Diplomacy. This newly established Conference, alongside existing hosting programs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, aims to create a lasting platform for dialogue and cooperation among young Diaspora members and between them and Greece.

A key highlight was the launch of the Youth Diaspora Ambassadors initiative. These young representatives will have the mission to promote Greek culture and values through targeted actions and initiatives. Participants had the opportunity to discuss issues facing their generation, such as cultural identity, arts, professional development, and youth's role in shaping a more fair and cohesive society. The initiative forms part of the Greek government's Strategic Plan for the Greek Diaspora 2024-2027, recently presented at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the presence of Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis.



## Applied Diplomacy talk series by Ambassador Yannis Tsaousis

As part of his talk series on Applied Diplomacy, Ambassador Yannis Tsaousis had a productive and engaging discussion through his interaction with the students of the University of Westminster, the Hult International Business School MFIN and the King's College London Diplomacy Society focusing on practical issues in diplomacy through a solutions-oriented approach.



Best wishes for a  
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New Year!  
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