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Greece and UK Strengthen Ties: British Foreign Secretary's Visit to Athens - 3rd Annual Review of Greece & UK Strategic Bilateral Framework

Foreign Minister George Gerapetritis hosted his British counterpart, Yvette Cooper, in Athens, on 18 December, marking the first visit of a British Foreign Secretary to Greece in eight years.

“Greece and the United Kingdom are traditional allies and friends. We are linked by historical, cultural, and economic ties. In the current international environment, it is particularly important to further strengthen the foundations laid more than two centuries ago, so that our bilateral relations may grow even stronger and more resilient,” stated FM Gerapetritis, adding that Greece-UK cooperation within NATO and the United Nations Security Council is particularly productive.

Minister Gerapetritis underlined that a cornerstone of Greece-UK relations is the Bilateral Strategic Framework, which was further reinforced during the Third Annual Review held on 3 November between Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Alexandra Papadopoulou and British Minister of State Stephen Doughty. [Read more.](#)



Welcome & Discussion with Kyriakos Mitsotakis, Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic

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Moderator: Clare Woodman, CEO of Morgan Stanley & Co. International Plc and Head of EMEA, Latin America and Canada, Morgan Stanley



Greece's Economic Performance Takes Centre Stage During Prime Minister Mitsotakis' Visit to the UK

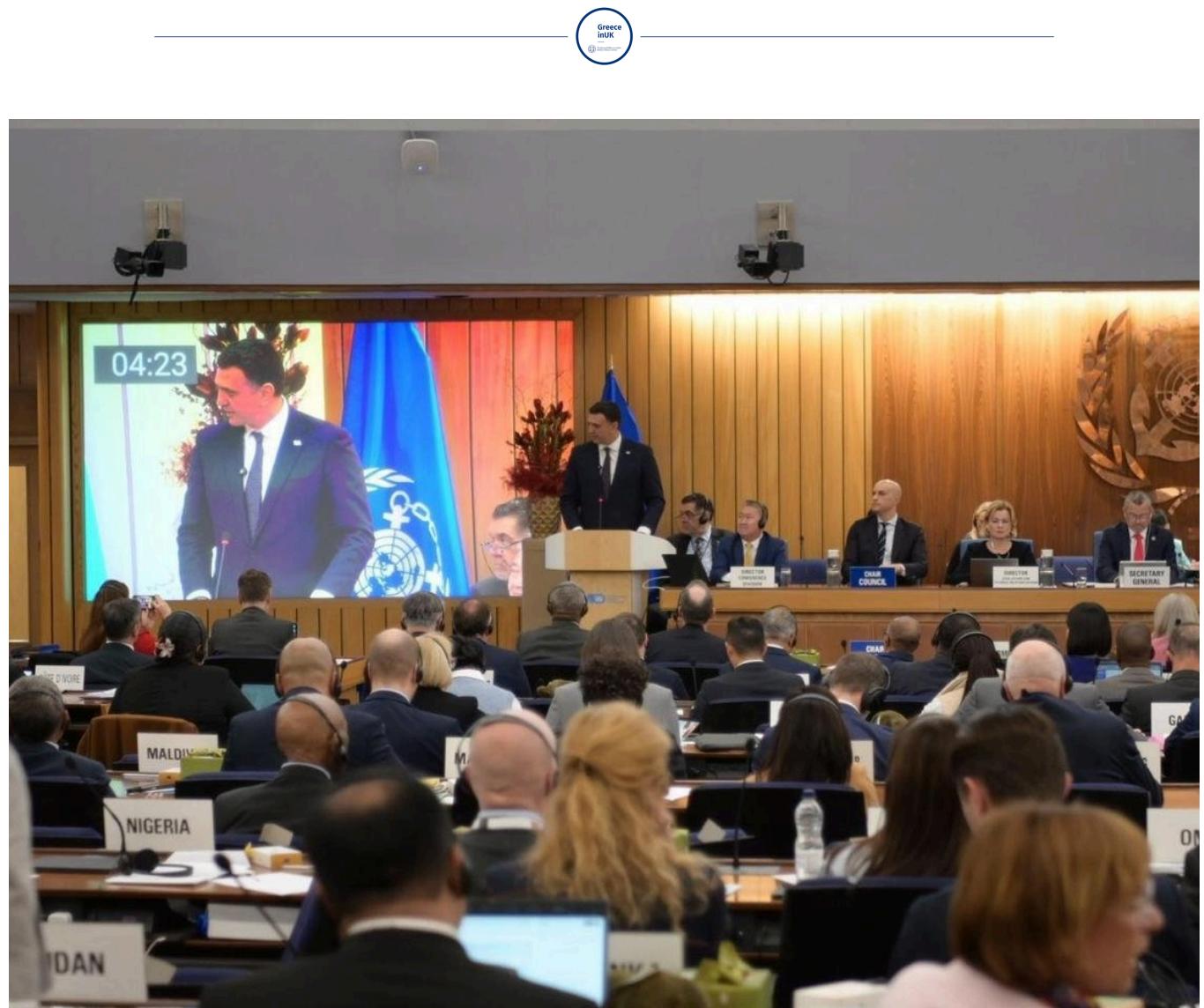
Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis visited the UK on December 1 for a series of engagements, with Greece's strong economic performance in the spotlight. He participated in conversations at the Greek Investment Conference, co-organised every year by Morgan Stanley and the Athens Stock Exchange, and at Oxford University's Blavatnik School of Government, where the Greek economy's success story featured prominently.

In recent years, Greece has achieved a remarkable economic rebound,

with growth above the European average, rapid debt reduction, and rising investor confidence. The Prime Minister highlighted fiscal responsibility and a pro-growth, investment-led agenda as key drivers, outlined the reforms behind these results, shared his vision for the future, and emphasised the importance of connecting macroeconomic success to citizens.

On foreign policy, he underscored Greece's strategic role in the EU, its role also as a regional energy hub, while discussing broader geopolitical and policy matters.

At Oxford, a new scholarship was announced, enabling students from Greece to pursue a Master of Public Policy at the Blavatnik School.





Greece's Maritime Minister in London for the 34th IMO Assembly - Greece Re-elected to the IMO Council for 2026–2027

On 28 November Greece was re-elected to the International Maritime Organization Council (Category A) for the 2026–2027 biennium, receiving a historic high of 153 votes! As a founding member of the IMO and a leading maritime nation, Greece will continue working closely with IMO partners to find practical solutions to today's global shipping challenges.

Greece's Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy Vassilis Kikilias visited London for the 34th regular session of the International Maritime Organization - IMO Assembly, convened to elect the IMO Council and approve the Organization's work programme and budget.

In the margins of the Assembly, Minister Kikilias met with colleagues from China, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the USA to discuss cooperation in shipping. He also hosted counterparts from Cyprus, Italy, and Malta for a working lunch, reaffirming a shared Mediterranean approach on the challenges and priorities of global and European shipping.





9th Greek-British Symposium with Greek Defence Minister as Keynote Speaker

From 9–11 October 2025, the 9th Greek-British Symposium took place in Cambridge, bringing together over 30 policymakers, business leaders, and experts from Greece and the UK to debate "Greece and the United Kingdom – Partners in an Age of Uncertainty." Discussions focused on strengthening bilateral ties amid global shifts, covering geo-economics, defence, health tech, and "new energy".

The annual Symposium, aimed at deepening Greece-UK relations, is delivered under the guidance of a Steering Committee in partnership with the Delphi Economic Forum, and with support from the Greek Embassy in London, the British Embassy in Athens, and the British Council.

Greek Defence Minister Nikos Dendias delivered the keynote speech, joined by remarks from Ambassador Yannis Tsaousis, UK Ambassador Matthew Lodge, Co-Chairs Costas Mitropoulos and Lord Maude of Horsham, and Greek and British parliamentarians: Angelos Syrigos,

Alberto Costa (Chair of the APPG on Greece), and Christos Staikouras (Chair of the Greece-UK Friendship Group).

During his stay in the UK, Minister Dendias also visited the Imperial War Museum Duxford, attended a briefing at the UK Maritime Trade and Operations Centre, and paid tribute to the fallen and veterans of the D-Day landings – including Greek Navy officers – at the D-Day Story Museum and Normandy Memorial Wall.



Berlin Process Meetings 2025 in London: Greece Participates in the Forum on the Future of the Western Balkans

On October 22, Greek Foreign Minister George Gerapetritis represented Greece at the Berlin Process 2025 Summit on the Western Balkans, hosted in London by UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer. Minister Gerapetritis joined leaders and counterparts from across Europe to discuss strengthening regional security, tackling irregular migration, and boosting regional economic growth.

'Greece is always advocating for achieving progress in the Western Balkans' accession process and is at the forefront of initiatives, today more than ever', stated the Minister after his participation in the Summit (Read the full statement [here](#)).

Following a bilateral meeting with his UK counterpart Yvette Cooper, the Minister also met with North Macedonia PM Hristijan Mickoski, Kosovar PM Albin Kurti, Regional Cooperation Council SG Amer Kapetanovic, and OSCE SG Feridun Sinirlioğlu.

On October 16, Greece's Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Harry Theoharis, was in London to participate in the Berlin Process 2025 Western Balkans Economy Ministers' Meeting. In the margins of the ministerial conference, Deputy Minister Theoharis held a bilateral meeting with the UK Secretary of State for Business and Trade Peter Kyle, reaffirming Greece and UK's commitment to further strengthening economic and trade cooperation bilateral ties.

Greece's Minister of Citizen Protection, Michalis Chrisochoidis, participated in the Berlin Process 2025 Western Balkans Interior Ministers' meeting in London, on October 14–15. During his visit, Minister Chrisochoidis held a substantive bilateral meeting with UK Home Secretary Shabana Mahmood, reaffirming the shared commitment of Greece and the UK to close cooperation in addressing illegal migration and organised crime.





Greece Shines at WTM London 2025 as Tourism Minister Highlights Growth and Strategic Vision

With Greece continuing to attract strong interest from British travellers this year, Greek Tourism Minister Olga Kefalogianni visited the UK from 4–6 November to attend World Travel Market (WTM) London, highlighting the country's tourism growth and strategic development plans.

At a "Greece Insights" event, Minister Kefalogianni underlined Greece's rise to one of the world's top ten destinations, thanks to strategic planning and targeted investment. The session also featured presentations by Attica Region Governor Nikos Hardalias and Bettany Hughes.

During her visit, the Minister took part in the Tourism Ministers' Summit, joined a roundtable hosted by UK Minister Stephanie Peacock, held bilateral meetings with international counterparts, and met leading UK aviation and travel industry figures, further reinforcing Greece's position as a premier global tourism destination.



A Historic Moment for Greece and the Eurozone: Greece's Finance Minister Elected Eurogroup President

On 11 December Greece's Finance Minister, Kyriakos Pierrakakis, was elected President of the Eurogroup for a 2.5-year term.

His election marks a historic moment for both Greece and the Eurozone, reflecting international recognition of Greece's progress and underscoring its remarkable transformation into one of the euro area's strongest-performing economies.

Greek President Constantine Tassoulas and Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis welcomed the decision, describing it as a moment of pride for the nation.

Following his election, Kyriakos Pierrakakis emphasized that his priority in the coming years will be to preserve the Eurogroup as a forum defined by unity and a shared sense of purpose. Read his full statement [here](#).

About a month earlier, on November 14, the Finance Minister visited the London School of Economics (LSE) to deliver a lecture on Greece's

economic and digital transformation. The event was co-hosted by the Hellenic Observatory Centre for Research on Contemporary Greece and Cyprus and the Hellenic Bankers Association (HBA) UK.



Strengthening Greek-British Business Connections in London

This winter, London emerged as a dynamic hub for Greek enterprise, as the Embassy hosted two high-impact business delegations from Greece to the UK—highlighting women's entrepreneurship and strategic partnership opportunities in infrastructure and construction.

Central to this initiative was a groundbreaking three-day Business Mission of Greek Women Entrepreneurs (17–19 November), the first all-women delegation of its kind from Greece to the UK. Jointly organised by the

Embassy and the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce (BHCC) on the occasion of International Women’s Entrepreneurship Day, the mission showcased the transformative power of collaboration, innovation and female leadership.

The delegation took part in a rich programme of networking, B2B meetings and institutional engagements. Three high-value events hosted at the Hellenic Residence addressed funding, business development and entrepreneurship; fostered a dynamic Greek–Arab exchange in cooperation with the Arab British Chamber of Commerce; and culminated in a landmark celebration of Women’s Entrepreneurship Day, attended by around 100 representatives from UK-based women’s networks. Meetings at the UK Parliament, the Guildhall and with leading institutions further strengthened Greek–British business ties, while a visit to Highgrove Gardens explored the intersection of sustainability, education and traditional crafts.

Building on this momentum, a second delegation—organised by the Embassy on 10–11 December—targeted opportunities in infrastructure, construction and housing, engaging academic, government and industry leaders in exploring partnerships aligned with UK priorities. The programme included a discussion with Professor Priti Parikh, Director of UCL’s Bartlett School of Sustainable Construction (BSSC), and faculty members, as well as a business event organised in cooperation with Enterprise Greece, the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce (BHCC), and the D Group, exploring infrastructure opportunities in the UK market.

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Frieze London - Celebrating Greek Contemporary Creativity and Culture at the Hellenic Residence in London

On 15 October, a special evening was hosted at the Hellenic Residence to highlight Greece's vibrant presence at this year's Frieze London and to celebrate Greek art and culture.

The event, honoured by the presence of Ms Mareva Grabowski-Mitsotaki, was co-organised with the General Secretariat for Greeks Abroad and Public Diplomacy in the context of Frieze London, and co-hosted by Secretary General Ms Maira Myrogianni and Ambassador Yannis Tsaousis.

The programme included an exhibition of selected artworks generously provided by The Breeder and Kalfayan Galleries.



Septemvriana: 70 Years On – Voices, Memories, History at the Hellenic Residence in London

On 16 December we gathered at the Hellenic Residence in London to commemorate this year's 70th anniversary of the tragic events of September 1955 in Istanbul. During a poignant evening, eyewitness testimonies, academic insights, and archival materials brought to life the experiences of those affected, highlighting the resilience of the Greek community and the importance of preserving historical memory.

The event, organised by the Embassy in partnership with the Association of Constantinopolitan Greeks in the UK (ACGUK), was opened by Ambassador Yannis Tsaousis and ACGUK President Panos Anagnostopoulos, with remarks from Mrs Niki Beales and Mr Kriton Krimitsos, who both witnessed the events, as well as Dr. George Vassiadis, Dr. Nicholas Williams, and Dr. Gonul Bozoglu.

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Visit of Ambassador Yannis Tsaousis to Oxford

On 21 November, Ambassador Yannis Tsaousis visited Oxford and held an introductory meeting with Lord Mayor Louise Upton to discuss potential future cooperation.

Later on, as part of his ongoing *Applied Diplomacy* talk series and under the theme *Crises and Opportunities in Diplomacy*, he shared with the students of St Antony's College, University of Oxford career insights and practical examples of how applied diplomacy can strengthen relations and mutual understanding between states. The Ambassador thanked Dr Othon Anastasakis, Director of the European Studies Centre and SEESOX, and

George Hadjipavlis, EastMed Programme Coordinator for organising a great exchange with bright students.



Ambassador's Applied Diplomacy Talk Series: Engaging with the UK Student Community

In November and December 2025, the Ambassador's Applied Diplomacy talk series featured two sessions with students from prominent academic institutions.

On 10 November, students from the King's College London Diplomacy Society, Hellenic Society, and International Relations Society participated in an engaging discussion with Ambassador Yannis Tsaousis. The conversation focused on Greece's foreign policy and its priorities as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council for the 2025–2026 term.

On 8 December, it was a great pleasure to host the students of the Queen Mary Diplomacy & Foreign Affairs Society and the European Affairs Institute of the University of Westminster. Ambassador Tsaousis shared with the students career insights and practical examples of how applied diplomacy contributes to resolving crises, using the tools it offers to navigate today's volatile geopolitical landscape.



The 2nd Greek Youth Diaspora Symposium Held in Athens (November 25–28)

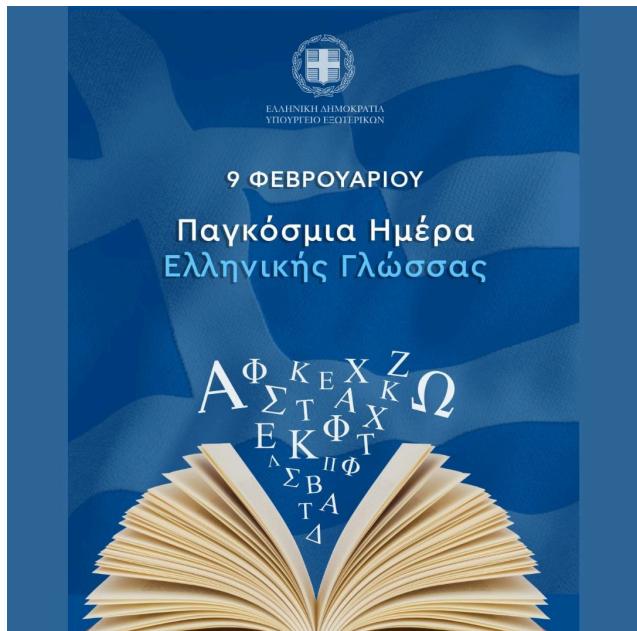
The 2nd Greek Youth Diaspora Symposium took place in Athens from November 25–28, bringing together young Greeks from 31 countries across five continents to share ideas shaping the future of Hellenism. Organised by the General Secretariat for Greeks Abroad and Public Diplomacy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Symposium offered a dynamic platform for dialogue, networking, and collaboration.

Building on the inaugural event's success, this year's discussions focused

on Culture & Identity, Innovation (AI/Tech), Sustainability, and Social Cohesion, exploring contemporary challenges and opportunities for the global Greek community. The event also announced the new Youth Ambassadors for 2025–2026. [Addressing the Symposium](#), Foreign Minister George Gerapetritis urged participants, as tomorrow's leaders, to embrace their heritage, keep Greece in their hearts, act as ambassadors of Hellenism, and uphold its values and culture worldwide.

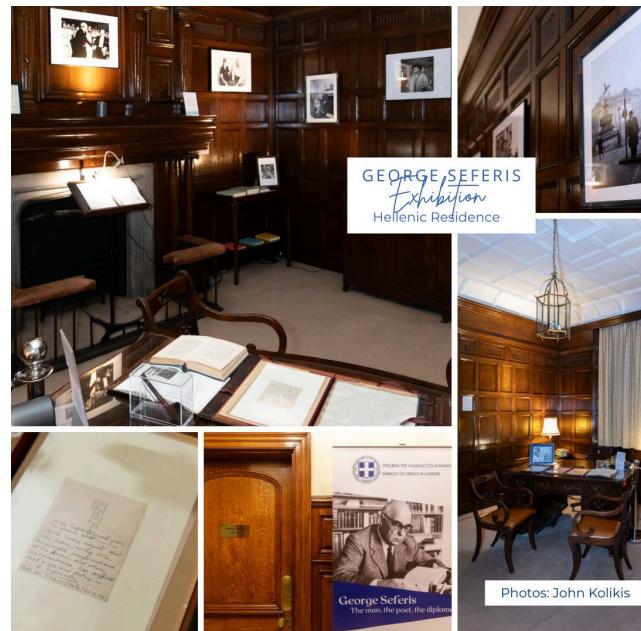


News and Updates



UNESCO Declares February 9 as World Greek Language Day

On November 12, 2025, at the 43rd UNESCO General Conference in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, UNESCO unanimously proclaimed February 9 as World Greek Language Day. This landmark decision recognises the Greek language's unique contribution to global cultural heritage, celebrating over 3,000 years of



#SeferisInLondon: Start the New Year by visiting our permanent exhibition!

The Embassy's permanent exhibition "George Seferis: The Man, the Poet, the Diplomat" will be open on 15 and 22 January 2026 at the Hellenic Residence. Free entry – registration required. [Click [here](#) to book.] Further dates for 2026 will be shared on the

unbroken continuity and its universal, timeless influence on science and culture. Read more [here](#) and [here](#).

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