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1. Official Development Assistance (ODA) – International Flows

In the year 2016 OECD/DAC ¹ member states provided Official Development Assistance - ODA amounting to USD 144.9 billion that is 0.32% of their combined Gross National Income (GNI). This amount represents an increase of 10.7% compared to 2015. Net ODA continues to grow and its volume in real terms has doubled since 2000. Part of the increase in 2016 was due to higher in-donor refugee costs.

ODA Allocations

Between 2015 and 2016, ODA for in-donor refugee costs rose from USD 12 billion to USD 16 billion. During the last two years, many DAC members have faced unprecedented inflows of refugees and migrants. Within total net ODA, contributions by DAC countries to multilateral organizations added up to USD 41.8 billion (in 2015 amounted to USD 37.3 billion), of which the amount of USD 13.8 billion was allocated to EU Institutions.

The volume of support for bilateral projects, programmes and technical cooperation amounted to USD 103.2 billion (in 2015 amounted to USD 94.2 billion). Humanitarian aid represented the 12.3% of the total ODA.

Bilateral net ODA to the group of least developed countries reached to USD 39.16 billion in 2016. Net ODA to Africa amounted to USD 50 billion in 2016 of which USD 42 billion was allocated to sub-Saharan Africa. Net ODA to America amounted to USD 11.2 billion, to Middle-East USD 20.1 billion and to Asia USD 43.5 billion. Net ODA to Europe totaled to USD 8.2 billion, with major recipient countries: Turkey (USD 3.6 billion), Ukraine (USD 1.5 billion), Serbia (USD 633 million) and Bosnia and Herzegovina (USD 445 million).

Bilateral Donor Performance

The United States continued to be the largest donor by volume in 2016, with net ODA flows at USD 34.4 billion, representing an increase of 9.6% in real terms over 2015. Its ODA as per cent of GNI also rose from 0.17% in 2015 to 0.19% in 2016. The largest DAC donors by volume, following the United States were: Germany (USD 24.7 billion), the United Kingdom (USD 18 billion), Japan (USD 10.4 billion), France (USD 9.6 billion), Italy (USD 5.1 billion) and Netherlands (USD 5 billion). Denmark, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden and the United Kingdom met or exceeded the United Nations' ODA target of 0.7% of GNI and Germany reached this target for the first time in 2016. The Netherlands' ODA/GNI ratio slipped below 0.7%.

In 2016, net ODA as percentage of GNI was 0.32%, up from 0.30% in 2015. Net ODA rose in twenty-two countries, with the largest increases recorded in Spain (+205.2%), Poland (+56.7%), Greece (+54.7%),

¹ Development Assistance Committee.

Germany (+36.4%), Iceland (+30.5%), Czech Republic (+28.8%), Hungary (+28.8%), Slovenia (+27.5%), Italy (+25.9%), Slovak Republic (+25.5%), and Austria (+22.2%).

For many countries, the increases were due to the impact of in-donor refugee costs. ODA fell in seven countries, with the largest decreases noted in Sweden (-30.8%), Finland (-18.5%), the Netherlands (-13.5%) and Australia (-5.4%).

The largest, non-DAC, donors, according to their ODA flows reports to the OECD are the following:

Turkey (USD 6.5 billion), United Arab Emirates (USD 4.2 billion), Russia (USD 1.3 billion) and Kuwait (USD 1 billion).

2. AGGREGATE OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE OF GREECE

Total Official Development Assistance of Greece (bilateral and multilateral ODA) in 2016 reached to USD 368.53 million (0.19% of Gross National Income, GNI 2016=194,833.57 million USD according to data from the Ministry of Finance) increased relative to 2015 (USD 238.70 million, i.e. 0.12% of Gross National Income).

3. BILATERAL OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE OF GREECE

Total bilateral ODA granted by Greece in 2016 was USD 159.15 million (2015 - USD 71.88 million). Bilateral ODA is provided by various Ministries. The amount of USD 146.61 million was granted for in-donor refugee costs (2015 - USD 59.43 million), USD 1.78 million for scholarships of foreign students in Greece and USD 7,4 million, contribution to the EU Facility for Refugees in Turkey for the 3 million registered Syrian refugees.

Categorizations of bilateral aid according to OECD/DAC statistical directives:

Aid Allocation by Geographical Region (in USD):

- Europe: 9.36 million
- Africa: 0.81 million (Sub-Saharan Africa 0.2 million)
- America: 0.15 million
- Asia: 0.57 million
- Unallocated: 148.25 million (including, inter alia, in-donor refugee costs in Greece)

Aid Allocation by Main Recipient Countries (in USD):

- Turkey: 8.23 million
- Albania: 0.62 million

- Egypt: 0.24 million
- Tunisia: 0.22 million
- West Bank and Gaza Strip: 0.16 million
- Ukraine: 0.15 million
- Algeria: 0.14 million
- Serbia: 0.13 million
- Democratic Republic of Congo: 0.11 million
- Lebanon: 0.08 million

Aid Allocation by Type (in USD):

- Contributions to specific programmes and funds managed by International Organizations: 8.31 million
- Projects/programmes: 0.03 million
- Experts and other technical co-operation: 1.12 million
- Scholarships to students from developing countries studying in Greece: 1.78 million
- Administrative cost: 1.30 million
- In-donor refugee costs: 146.61 million

Aid Allocation by Sector (in USD):

- Social Infrastructure and Services: 1.28 million
 - Education: 1.13 million
 - Health: 0.09 million
 - Other social infrastructure and services: 0.06 million
- Cross-cutting: 2.00 million
 - General environmental protection: 0.26 million
 - Diverse: 1.74 million
- Humanitarian assistance: 7.96 million
(EU Facility for the 3 million Syrian Refugees in Turkey: 7.4 million)
- In-donor refugee costs: 146,61 million
- Administrative cost: 1.30 million

4. MULTILATERAL OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE OF GREECE

Total multilateral ODA granted by Greece in 2016 amounted to USD 209.38 million (2015 – USD 166.82 million). Multilateral ODA is provided by line Ministries which, depending on their subject and competences, provide funds for international development purposes via International Organizations. These Organizations support developing countries and provide assistance in emergency situations. Total flows granted by Greece to EU institutions for foreign development assistance amounted to USD 191.45 million. Greece’s contribution to the European Development Fund (EDF) amounted to USD 61.42 million. ODA amounting to USD 12.98

million was also granted through the United Nations system mainly to UNDPKO (USD 4.52 million), WHO (USD 2.21 million), FAO (USD 1.59 million), UNESCO (USD 0.87 million), UNFCCC (USD 0.14 million), UNECE (USD 0.07 million), while the amount of USD 4.94 million was granted to other International Organizations or Institutions (Black Sea Trade and Development Bank, International Organization for Migration etc.).

TOTAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE RESOURCE FLOWS (YEAR 2016)

In USD million

Type of Aid	2016	
Bilateral (ODA)	159.15	0.08%GNI
Multilateral (ODA)	209.38	0.11%GNI
TOTAL (a)	368.53	0.19%GNI

Note: GNI 2016: USD 194,833.57 million (source: Ministry of Finance)

5. HELLENIC AID ACTIVITIES

Events and Meetings

- Meeting "THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS", 17 March 2016
A meeting was organized with a wide participation of representatives of all Ministries aiming at the coordination of the public administration for the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Special Event "PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DIALOGUE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS" 26 May 2016
A meeting was organized with the participation of more than 100 representatives of Ministries, the General Secretariat of the Government, the Hellenic Parliament, Independent Authorities and the private sector, with the central theme of mobilizing multilateral partnerships and effective public-private partnerships to achieve Sustainable Development Goals, on the basis of United Nations General Assembly Resolution 70/1, "Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" (September 2015), which highlights the important role of the private sector in the implementation of SDGs.

- Meeting on "MAPPING AND PRIORITIZATION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS" , 20 September 2016

A meeting was organized on the implementation of the SDGs, with the participation of all Ministries, by providing guidance on mapping and prioritization of the Goals / Targets, on the recording of the initial actions and on the evaluation and monitoring mechanism for the progress made in achieving the SDGs.

Participation in Development Cooperation Ministerial Councils, ACP-EU Council, OECD/DAC High Level Meeting and other International Fora

Informal Meeting of Ministers for Development Cooperation (Amsterdam, 1 February 2016).

OECD/DAC High-Level Meeting (Paris, 18-19 February 2016).

Meeting of Directors-General of Development Cooperation (Brussels, 25-26 April 2016).

ACP-EU Joint Ministerial Council Meeting (Dakar, 28-29 April 2016).

Council of Ministers for Foreign Affairs/Development (Brussels, 12 May 2016).

Active participation in the entire United Nations process -18 months duration- for the World Humanitarian Summit (Istanbul, 23-24 May 2016).

OECD/DAC High Level Meeting (Paris, 1-2 June 2016)

Informal Meeting of Ministers for Development Cooperation, (Brussels, 12 September 2016).

Meeting of Directors-General of Development Cooperation (Brussels, 17-18 November 2016).

Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs/Development (Brussels, 28 November 2016).

Second High-Level Meeting on Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (Nairobi, November 30 - December 1, 2016).

Overall High-Level Medium-Term Evaluation of the Istanbul Program of Action for the Least Developed Countries (Antalya, 27-29 May 2016).

One-day Ministerial Conference for the Least Developed Countries organized by the UN (Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States) and the Population Fund (26 May 2016).

Working Parties of the Council of the European Union, UN Second Committee and Development Cooperation Committee (DAC)/ OECD

1. Active participation in the Working Groups of the Council of the EU:
 - COHAFA (Council Working Party on Humanitarian Aid and Food Aid)
 - CODEV (Council Working Party on Development Cooperation) and the Joint Meetings of the three Working Groups in charge of the SDGs, namely CODEV, CONUN and WPIEI (Global).
 - ACP (African, Caribbean and Pacific Working Party).
2. Active participation in the work of the UN Economic and Financial Second Committee, which is responsible for economic, social and environmental issues. During the UN General Assembly sessions in October - November, 45-50 draft Decisions were negotiated. Our country was actively involved in the submission of positions for the draft resolutions of the 71st UN General Assembly. In addition, it followed the work of the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) Ministerial Segment under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) (New York, 11-20 June 2016).
3. Active participation in the various meetings and follows up the work of DAC/OECD: High Level Meeting (Paris, 1-2 June 2016), Senior Level Meeting (Paris, 10-11 October 2016), Monthly Regular Meetings, Working Group on Statistics and Temporary Working Group on Refugees.

Return of Unused Balance from a Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Caribbean Community Climate Change Center

The Hellenic Republic signed in 2008 in New York, a five-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC), pertaining to financing of programs and projects to combat climate change impact in specific areas in the Caribbean region. The Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre is a regional institution based in Belize and established specifically to address the impact of climate change.

The Memorandum was ratified by the Greek Parliament and published in the Government Gazette (Law 3977/2011/GG 131A). Greece had agreed to contribute to the CCCCC four million Euros, within a four-year period. Greece made a contribution of three million Euros in 2009 and of an additional sum of one million Euros the same year, as a donation, over and above its financial commitments.

The Center has implemented eleven programs in various Caribbean island states totaling USD 3.1 million. The CCCC submitted four new programs

worth USD 2.2 million for approval in July 2016, following the termination of the MoU. Hellenic AID requested the return of the unallocated amount of USD 2.5 million due to the termination of the five-year MoU. In 2016, after several months of negotiations and consultations with the CCCCC, the process of reimbursement of the unallocated amount of USD 2.5 million (EUR 2.3 million) was initiated.

Hellenic Aid NGO Registry

Hellenic Aid continued the process of updating (contact details, representatives, new boards, statutes etc.) of the Special Registry of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs).

Evaluation of Programs

In 2016, Hellenic Aid continued evaluations, research and audits of uncompleted bilateral development and humanitarian assistance programs/projects of the 2002-2010 period. It issued eight imputation Ministerial Decisions for return of funds from specific NGOs and provided relevant information to the Inspection and Judicial Authorities.

Contributions to Publications of International Organizations

1. Contribution to the Report prepared by the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs on the activities developed in Greece for Global Citizenship within the framework of the Global Education Network - Europe Network.
2. Contribution to the OECD publication "Better Policies for Sustainable Development 2016 - A New Framework for Policy Coherence."

Assistance to Inspection and Judicial Authorities

Hellenic Aid provided relevant information to competent Inspection and Judicial Authorities for cases of NGOs registered in the Special Registry, in the framework of ongoing investigations about funding of programmes.

Other Activities

- Preparation of dossiers on various development issues for informing members of the European Parliament
- Completion of EU and UN questionnaires/surveys on development issues.