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**to the Commission**

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Subject: Growth and job creation in Greece

What Greece most needs is hope, which can only be delivered through growth and job creation. This can only be achieved if the economic model that has lead Greece into the crisis fundamentally changes.

An annual World Bank report[[1]](#footnote-1) ranks countries according to the regulations that enhance business activity and those that constrain it (screening regulations affecting the life of a business). Compared to last year, Greece’s position has deteriorated (from 60 to 61). Moreover, the impressive fiscal adjustment made in recent years is largely based on tax increases and a reduction in growth-enhancing investment. Structural reforms have been approved but are usually not implemented.

1. What priority measures could the Commission and the Greek authorities take to facilitate the creation of businesses and jobs?

2. Would the Commission envisage working with the Greek authorities on a ‘standardised’ and ‘ready-to-use’ tool-kit – going beyond the Points of Single Contact – that would speed up the administrative process and give the legal certainty that creating a business requires? This could be complemented by guarantees provided by the EU, such as through EFSI if appropriate.

1. WB Doing Business 2017: Equal Opportunity for All”, October 2016 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)