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Strategic cooperation between the Hellenic Growth Fund and the OECD to strengthen the resilience of the country's critical infrastructure

Cooperation Roadmap signed by the Hellenic Growth Fund and the OECD during an international workshop focusing on the resilience of Greek ports

The signing of a Cooperation Roadmap between the Hellenic Growth Fund and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) marks the launch of an important partnership to strengthen the resilience of critical infrastructure in Greece. The OECD is one of the leading international organizations promoting evidence-based public policies and developing international standards and guidelines.

The 30-month cooperation aims to develop expertise and strengthen the operational capabilities of the professionals responsible for the resilience of the critical infrastructure within the Hellenic Growth Fund's portfolio.

The roadmap was signed by **Panagiotis Stamboulidis**, Deputy CEO of the Hellenic Growth Fund, and **Jack Radisch**, representing the OECD, during a two-day international workshop organized on 5 and 6 November by the Hellenic Growth Fund's Project Preparation Facility (PPF), in cooperation with the OECD.

The workshop was addressed by the Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy, **Vassilis Kikilias**; the Minister of Digital Governance, **Dimitris Papastergiou**; the Vice-President of the European Investment Bank, **Ioannis Tsakiris**; the competent Secretaries General, **Spyros Papageorgiou** and **Manos Koutoulakis**; and the CEO of the Hellenic Growth Fund, **Yannis Papachristou**. Representatives of institutional bodies, experts, and executives from international organizations and port authorities in Greece and abroad also participated.

Discussions focused on the impact of geopolitical tensions, extreme weather events, natural disasters, energy disruptions and cyber threats on critical infrastructure, with particular emphasis on risk management, emergency prevention and the climate resilience of ports. The international experience shared by experts from countries such as the United States, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands highlighted the importance of cooperation and the exchange of expertise.

Panagiotis Stamboulidis, Deputy CEO of the Hellenic Growth Fund, referred to the Fund's new approach to utilizing the assets in its portfolio, with the aim of transforming them into drivers of growth and creating value for local communities. He also presented the expanded remit of the PPF, which is now taking an active role in preparing interventions to strengthen the resilience of the country's critical infrastructure, from ports and airports to energy facilities.