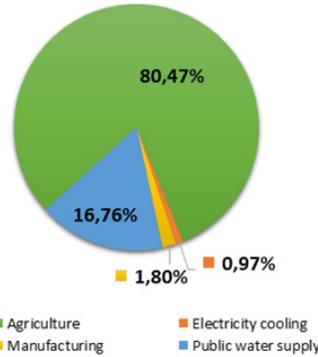
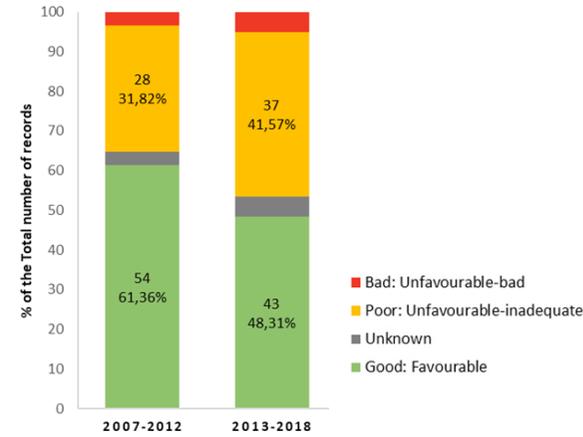




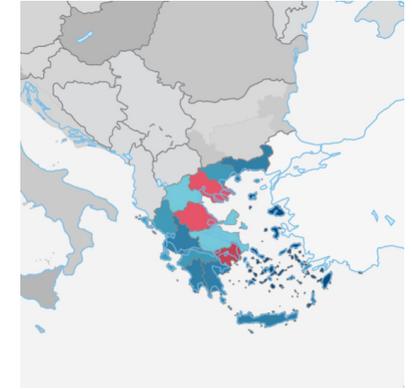
of inhabitants **10.4 million**
 Surface area **130 048 km²**
 GDP per capita **68 pps [1]**
 Significant bodies of water (RBDs) **Aegean Islands; Crete; Western Macedonia; et al**
 Polity **unitary state organised on a decentralised basis**
 Layers of government **central government; 13 regions; 7 decentralised administrations; 325 municipalities**
 Legislative powers at the sub-national level **No**
 Decentralisation index **1.3 (21 out of 27) [2]**
 Water Exploitation Index plus (WEI+) **39.37% (2017) [3]**



Water abstraction per sector in Greece - Source: EEA (2022)



Conservation status for habitats in 2007-2012 and 2013-2018 in Greece - Source: EEA (2021)



Water bodies with less than good ecological status in Greece - Source: EEA (2021)

Main actors responsible for WEFE nexus relevant governance

NEXUS PILLARS

POLICY MAKING

POLICY EXECUTION

Nexus Pillar	Policy Making	Policy Execution
Water	Ministry of Environment and Energy; National Council for Water	Special Secretariat for Water; Regional Water Departments; municipalities
Energy	Ministry of Environment and Energy	regional authorities; municipalities
Food	Ministry of Rural Development and Food	regional authorities; municipalities
Ecosystems	Ministry of Environment and Energy	Natural Environment and Climate Change Agency

WEFE NEXUS PERSPECTIVE

CHALLENGES

- Address the substantial leakages within the water distribution system
- Prevent potential health risks associated with more frequent and severe drought episodes
- Create awareness of the Natura 2000 network and its benefits
- Inform farmers and land managers on how to implement the Natura 2000 and Nitrates Directives
- Support the development of national business and biodiversity platforms

OPPORTUNITIES

- Natural Environment & Climate Change Agency has been established to manage Natura 2000 sites more effectively
- Under its Recovery and Resilience Plan, Greece allocates part of its national budget to clean energy, resilient infrastructure and sustainable agriculture
- Ecosystem assessment developments in Greece are taking place under the umbrella of the LIFE-IP 4Natura project (2017-2025) [4]
- Greece received EU support for 26 LIFE projects focusing on nature and environment in recent years



More information on WEFE nexus governance in the EU

[1] EU purchasing power standard
 [2] <https://portal.cor.europa.eu/divisionpowers/Pages/Decentralization-Index.aspx>
 [3] The threshold for water scarcity is set at > 20%
 [4] <https://edozone.gr/en/>

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