



# From Vision to Reality: Launching Greece's Transformative Seaplane Network

A comprehensive analysis of the factors shaping Greece's ambitious seaplane transportation network connecting 100 water airports and 200 waterways across the Greek islands.

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Comprehensive Analysis

Complete PESTLE framework applied to Greek seaplane network development



## The Greek Seaplane Opportunity

170

Inhabited Islands

Greece has over 170 inhabited islands requiring better connectivity

1.6M

Island Residents

Permanent population living on Greek islands

35M

Annual Tourists

Visitors to Greece each year seeking island access

13,676

Coastline (km)

Extensive coastline perfect for seaplane operations

## Maldives Success Model: Lessons Learned

The Maldives demonstrates the viability of seaplane operations in island nations. Trans Maldivian Airways operates the world's largest seaplane fleet with 58 aircraft, serving over 300,000 passengers annually.

Key success factors include resort partnerships, premium pricing models, and seamless integration with tourism infrastructure. Average transfer costs of \$400–600 per person generate substantial revenue streams.

Greece can adapt this model to its unique geography, combining scheduled public services with premium resort transfers across 170 inhabited islands.

**58**

Aircraft Fleet

World's largest seaplane fleet

**300K**

Annual Passengers

Demonstrating strong demand





## Political Factors: Stability Drives Investment

### Political Stability

Greece achieved significant political stability since early 2020s, creating favorable conditions for long-term infrastructure projects like seaplanes.

### Private Investment Support

Government initiatives include tax incentives, simplified licensing, and investment-friendly frameworks to attract seaplane operators.

### Public-Private Partnerships

Strategic government encouragement of partnerships between private sector and public authorities for sustainable seaplane operations.

# Economic Recovery Creates Opportunity

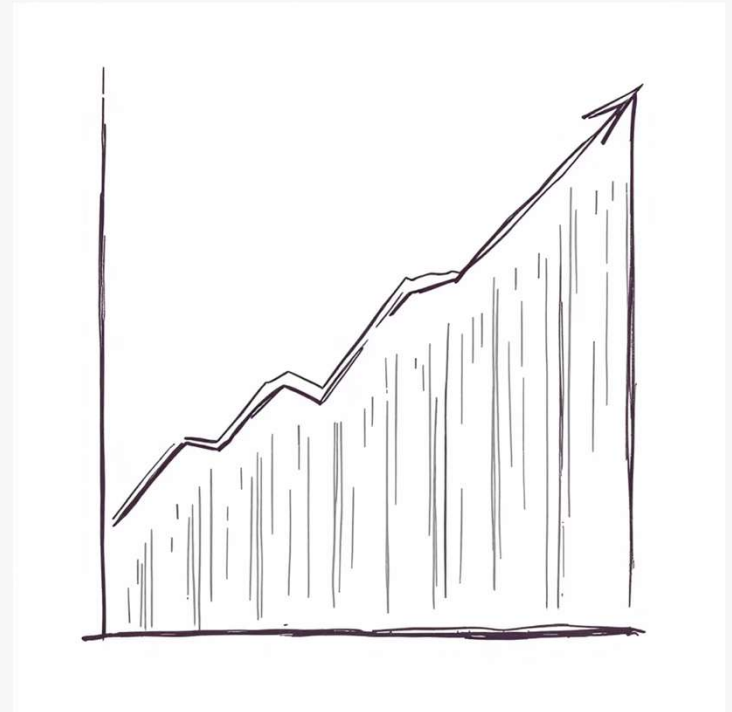
## From Crisis to Growth

Greece overcame the debt crisis and COVID-19 pandemic. The Economist recognized Greece as the top economic performer in 2023 among 35 countries.

Real GDP grew 2.2% in 2023, with continued growth projected at 2.3% for 2024-2025. Investment grade status restored by rating agencies.

## Tourism Boom

International tourism receipts expected to reach EUR 23.16 billion by 2028. Arrivals recovering to pre-pandemic levels with 37.3 million visitors projected by 2028.



EUR 400 million total investment required for complete seaplane network development

# Social Impact: Connecting Communities



## Employment Creation

The seaplane network will create 2,000 direct jobs and 5,000 indirect jobs in tourism-related services across the islands.



## Emergency Services

Enhanced medical evacuation capabilities for island residents, integrating with existing public and private air medical services.



## Improved Connectivity

Addressing transportation challenges for 15% of Greece's population living on islands, especially during off-peak seasons.



## Technology: Modern Aircraft & Innovation

### Selected Aircraft

Greek operators chose proven aircraft: Cessna Caravan (10-14 passengers) and DHC-6 Twin Otter (19 passengers) with turboprop engines running on kerosene.

### Future Electric Seaplanes

Hellenic Seaplanes signed an MoU for 10 electric Noemi aircraft from 2028. Harbour Air successfully tested electric seaplanes with 78 test flights.



### Drone Safety Innovation

5D AeroSafe EU project uses drones and AI for water airport safety inspections, coordinated by Airbus with Greek participation.



## Legal Framework: Clear Path Forward

1

2013: Foundation

Law 4146/2013 established initial guidelines for seaplane operations with unlimited waterway licenses.

2

2018: Simplification

Law 4568/2018 simplified licensing framework, covering safety, traffic responsibility, and international flights.

3

2020: Expansion

Law 4663/2020 introduced three license types, enabled private investment, and allowed operations in tourist areas and ports.

4

Today: Implementation

Clear regulatory framework with HCAA oversight requiring AML, AOC, and ACOL licenses for commercial operations.



## Environmental Considerations



### Minimal Impact

US Army Corps study found no adverse effects on air, water, soil, wildlife, or fisheries. Seaplanes generate only 2-3 inch wake.



### Etesian Winds Challenge

Summer winds in the Aegean Sea peak at 15-17 m/s. Strategies include wind-resistant airports and amphibious backup options.



### Environmental Licensing

Comprehensive framework with Standard Environmental Commitments covering construction, operation, and monitoring requirements.

# Business Model: Multi-Faceted Approach

## Scheduled Flights

Core activity providing regular connectivity between mainland and islands, integrated with existing transport networks.

## Charter Flights

On-demand services for business travelers and tourists seeking flexible, personalized transportation.



## Resort Transfers

Premium services to luxury hotels and resorts using the 200 waterway network for exclusive access.

## Cruise Services

Coordination with cruise operators for premium sightseeing and port-of-call experiences.

## Medical Evacuation

Emergency services complementing existing air medical infrastructure for rapid island-to-mainland transport.



## Future Outlook: Ready for Takeoff



### 2025 Launch

Commercial operations expected to commence with established legal framework and infrastructure in place.



### Electric Transition

Gradual fleet electrification from 2028 onwards, leveraging Greece's renewable energy resources.



### Network Expansion

100 water airports and 200 waterways creating unparalleled connectivity across Greek islands and mainland.

The convergence of political stability, economic recovery, technological advancement, and environmental sustainability positions Greece's seaplane network for transformative success in connecting communities and enhancing tourism.



# Thank You

For your attention and engagement during this comprehensive analysis of Greece's seaplane network development.



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