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The Greek Economic Crisis – is the Euro to Blame?

Andreas Hatzigeorgiou

Key points

- Greece joined the Eurozone for political and economic motives since the common currency was considered a tool for deepening European integration.
- Eurostat stated in 2004 that Greek economic data had been manipulated for several years, but there was no significant price correction at the time on long term Greektreasuries.
- Greece’s public debt was accumulated mainly during the 1980s and continued to grow until, by the middle of the 1990s, the 90% debt to GDP threshold had been passed.
- Greece’s structural economic problems go far back in time and are complex, but neither the financial crisis nor use of the euro constitute fundamental causes of Greece’s crisis.


Andreas Hatzigeorgiou, PhD, is an expert in international economics and advisor to Sweden's Minister for Trade and Nordic Cooperation.

Figure 2: GDP and inflation in Greece, 1980–2005

Source: IMF, OECD, Eurostat
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