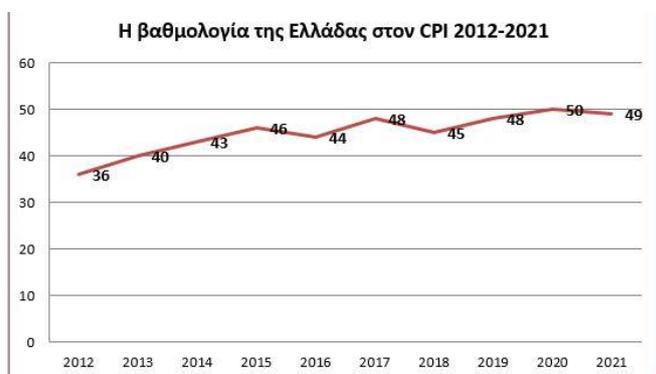


## 2021 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI): Greece improves position - The best performance during the last 10 years for our country

Greece's position in the 2021 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) shows a clear improvement, according to the recent Report (25.01.2022) of the NGO Transparency International (TI). Our country, has been showing great resilience to the challenges and the new issues raised due to the pandemic. Therefore, Greece has occupied the best position of the last 10 years and is ranked 58th among 180 countries.

### Greece's CPI Score 2012-2021



Πηγή: [Transparency International](https://www.transparency.org)

Greece, scored 49 points this year (i.e. 2021), has its second-best performance, for the period 2012-2021, after last year's performance of 50 points. The last two years were the best for our country from 2012 until today.

It is pointed out that the TI official 2021 Report includes Greece among the countries that have recorded the most important progress in the world: «*Significant improvers in the past decade also include ..... and Greece (49, up from 36 in 2012), who have reaped the rewards of anti-corruption reforms*».

(Source: Transparency International, CPI 2021 For Western Europe & European Union: Trouble Ahead for Stagnating Region, <https://www.transparency.org/en/news/cpi-2021-western-europe-european-union-trouble-ahead-for-stagnating-region>).

According to the Report, Greece is among the European countries that **have significantly improved their position in the CPI over the last 10 years**. It should be noted that this indicator (CPI) reflects the level of perception of corruption



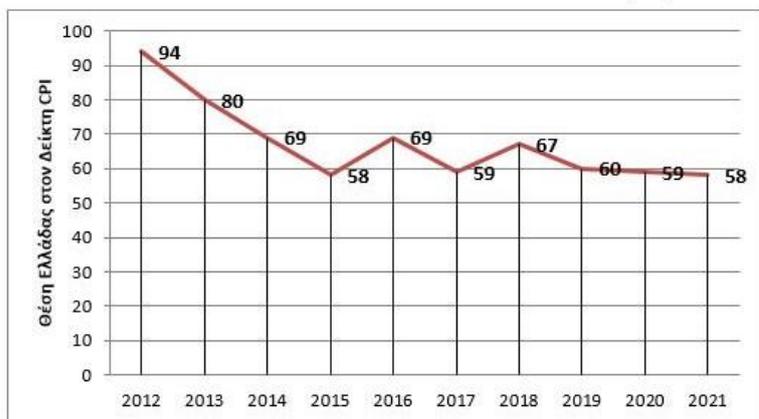
in 180 countries all around the world, using a scale of zero to 100, where zero indicates highly corrupted countries and 100 very transparent.

The progress that our country has achieved the last two years acquires even a greater value when it is compared to the performance of other 'success stories' countries of the EU, which in their vast majority present a worrying stagnation.

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### ***Greece's Improves CPI position during the last 10 years***

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Πηγή: Transparency International

The unprecedented pandemic has exacerbated corruption incidents internationally (e.g. health mask scandals), as in several European countries, many anti-corruption/anti-fraud measures have been weakened during the health crisis. According to the TI Report, the pandemic has shown that no country is immune to corruption. European countries such as Switzerland,

Austria, Belgium, Spain and Cyprus dropped from 1 to 4 points in their score compared to 2020.

In addition, the Report refers to the export of corruption from EU member states to other parts of the world (*Transparency International Report: "... exporting corruption to other parts of the world"*). Even countries that were traditionally positioned at the top of the world rankings, today they show signs of stagnation or even deterioration in their indicators (e.g. Canada - 10 points, Australia - 12 points), as a result of the scandals revealed during the pandemic and also the urgent need for immediate and rapid decision-making to deal with the health crisis.

In the 2021 Report, TI particularly emphasizes on the progress of countries in the decade 2012-2021. It is indicative that some of the countries whose performance has significantly decreased in the last 10 years include Venezuela, Canada, Cyprus, Lebanon, Liberia, Luxembourg, Turkey, the USA and Hungary. In contrast, the countries whose performance has significantly improved in the last 10 years, apart from Greece, are, among others, Austria, Belarus, China, Estonia, Italy and South Korea. Also, the countries that received the lowest score from the first comparable year (2012) are, among others, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Hungary, Israel, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Turkey (*Source: Transparency International Armenia,*

*2021 Corruption Perceptions Index reveals a decade of stagnating corruption levels amid human rights abuses & democratic decline, <https://transparency.am/en/cpi>).*

Greece's positive performance for the second consecutive year, in the midst of new issues related to the pandemic, demonstrates country's constant commitment to strengthen the mechanisms for combating fraud and corruption. In any case, this improvement does not allow for any complacency. The national effort for further strengthening mechanisms and suppression of corruption continues with intensive pace. Country's national aim focus in approaching the position of the European countries with better performance, having as good practices the OECD and European Union's countries, which have been proven effective in tackling corruption.

Greece is implementing a series of innovative anti-corruption reforms to enhance public accountability and transparency with measurable results and a clear vision for the coming years. These reforms include the National Anti-Corruption Action Plan (NACAP) 2022-2025 and emblematic legislative initiatives such as Law 4795/2021 on the "Internal Control System and the Integrity Advisor" and Law 4829/2021 on the "Regulation of Lobbying".

In this framework, the National Transparency Authority, has managed not only to effectively mitigate the serious risks caused by the pandemic, but also to implement its strategic plan, creating a dynamic and innovative independent Authority mandated to enhance transparency, combat corruption and develop a zero - tolerance to corruption culture across the Greek society.

At the same time, NTA invests in the development of solid alliances with important European and international anti-corruption and anti-fraud networks, building on peer learning initiatives to identify what works and why in the fight against corruption to develop evidence-based policies to enhance integrity, promote accountability and strengthen people trust in government and public institutions.