

## Greece (The Call for Innovative and Open Government: An Overview of Country Initiatives)

Greece's financial situation calls for a bold fiscal consolidation, through cutting costs in the public sector. In fact, Greece has made a serious reduction in government spending through the general suspension of permanent personnel appointments for 2010, the introduction of the 5-to-1 replacement rule, the additional reduction by 30% of personnel under limited period contractual agreements in relation to 2009 and salary cost reductions (i.e. 12% allowances reduction, reduction/elimination of 13th and 14th wage payment, abolition/reduction of committees' remuneration and overtime compensation) as well as a reduction in operating costs.

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