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Historical Background

Political Framework



- 1 January – 30 June 2014: The 5th Hellenic Presidency
 - Greece emerging from the economic crisis
 - Fiscal consolidation and remarkable reforms in every sector
 - Rising euroscepticism, unacceptably high unemployment
 - European Parliament elections in May –Time for the great debate on the future of Europe



Presidency Priorities



- Growth and Job Creation
- EU and Eurozone Integration
- Borders, Mobility and Migration
- EU Comprehensive Maritime Policy

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For Growth and Job Creation



Growth and Job Creation

- Boost the real economy, restore sustainable growth
- Create jobs, fight unemployment
- Promote synergies in sectors that create jobs (transport, shipping, tourism, innovation)
- Improve financing conditions for investments, projects, SMEs



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For EU and Eurozone Integration



EU and Eurozone Integration

- Promote Banking Union
- Improve economic governance
- Working further on the Deposit Guarantee Scheme Directive



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For a Policy on Mobility, Migration and Border
Protection



Mobility, Border Protection and Migration



- Immigration flows place burden on member states at EU's external borders.
- Combating illegal migration @ trafficking in human beings.
- Manage migration flows
- Facilitate mobility as a tool for growth



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For an Integrated EU Maritime Policy



Integrated EU Maritime Policy



- Integrated maritime policy
- Maritime security strategy
- Blue Growth
 - Maritime and Coastal Tourism
 - Alternative Energy sources
- Maritime Spatial Planning
- Maritime Transport





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