



The President

EUROPEAN UNION



Committee of the Regions

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Dear President Tusk,
Dear President Juncker,

Sunday's Extraordinary EU Council will be critical not only for Greece and the Eurozone, but also for the European Union and the European integration project as a whole. Speculations of a possible exit of Greece from the Eurozone would damage for our citizens, economies and common values.

We expect the Greek Government to be open and implement a concrete plan for sustainable growth and prosperity in Europe.

We, the President and First Vice-President of the European Committee of the Regions are pleading for a sustainable solution for Greece, following an intense debate in our plenary session of 9 July.

Greece's reconstruction presupposes investment, both public and private, as well as the rehabilitation of the investment capacity of its local and regional authorities. This is exactly where the EU should play its role to the full, in a spirit of solidarity but also with Greece's firm assurance that it will face up to its responsibilities.

This would allow the country to return to the solvency path and relaunch its economy, coupled with a clear commitment by the Greek government to undertake the long overdue structural reforms that will safely lead the country out of its spiral of over-indebtedness.

We urge you to do your best to facilitate this solution on Sunday to ensure a sustainable future for the European Union and its citizens.

Yours sincerely,


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