

Bangladesh-Greece Bilateral Relations

Greece recognized Bangladesh immediately after its independence in 1972. Earlier, Bangladesh maintained its representation to Athens through concurrent accreditation from Cairo initially and later from Rome. At a later stage, Bangladesh – as part of creating diplomatic footprints around the world – established a resident Mission in Athens on 31 July 2009. H.E. Mrs Nahida Rahman Shumona has been serving as Bangladesh Ambassador in Greece since September 2024 (5th resident Ambassador). The Hellenic Republic, on the other hand, is yet to open a Mission in Dhaka. At present their Embassy in New Delhi is concurrently accredited to Bangladesh. H. E. Mrs. Aliki Koutsomitopoulou has recently joined as the Ambassador.

Greece and Bangladesh have established a strong relationship due to their shared democratic values and the presence of a large Bangladeshi diaspora in Greece. This diaspora, mostly in agriculture and hospitality, has expanded cooperation opportunities for both countries. The signing of an MOU on migration and mobility has been a positive development in bilateral relations. As the two countries share common values of democracy, human rights and peaceful coexistence in compliance principles enshrined in the UN charter, they necessarily have commonalities of views on major regional and global issues including migration, counter-terrorism and climate change, global peace and security etc. This has been buttressed by support to each other's candidature in the multilateral for a and cooperation in global platform/ conferences like COP, ASEM, CVF etc. Bilateral relations primarily focus on trade and investment, but due to Greece's financial crisis and its small consumer society, trade is insignificant. Greece's focus on the EU, Turkey, and Balkan region hinders expansion. Despite these constraints, efforts are being made to tap potential in trade and investment.