

GREEK EXPORTING ACTIVITY, TRADE DYNAMICS AND COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGES IN COMPARISON WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES

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ABSTRACT

For many years the Greek current account balance proved to be negative, giving an undeniable message that the Greek economy imports more than what exports to foreign markets. The keystone of a prosperous and developed economy, of course is the international trade and consequently, a continuous negative current account balance has bad effects and to other macroeconomic variables, such as GDP, inflation, unemployment etc. This paper, after a brief reference to the current situation of Greek imports and exports, attends to distinguish these sectors that have the potential to contribute to the increase of exports. More specifically, with the implementation of the RCA- Revealed Comparative Advantage index we try to find out which of the Greek sectors have comparative advantage in the trade both with EU countries and Balkans and therefore, the balance of these sectors is expected strongly positive.

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