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Visit of Johannes Hahn to Athens: meeting with Lucas Papademos, Greek Prime Minister

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Johannes Hahn, Member of the EC in charge of Regional Policy, travelled to Athens from 13 to 14 December 2011 to discuss actions to improve and speed up the use of structural funds to create growth and jobs. During this visit the list of priority projects to be financed from EU funds which has been drawn up since Commissioner Hahn's previous visit to Greece in September, has been expanded to more than 180 projects to be implemented by the end of the current funding period in 2015. These projects represent an overall investment volume of 11.5 billion euro and will lead to the creation of between 90.000 and 108.000 new jobs in Greece. He met with Horst Reichenbach, Head of the Task Force of the EC in charge of providing technical assistance to Greece, Evangelos Venizelos, Greek Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Ioannis Magriotis, Greek Vice-Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Networks, and Lucas Papademos, Greek Prime Minister. He also visited two EU co financed projects and participated in the in the Annual Conference of the Presidents of the NSRF Monitoring Committees, organized by the Greek Ministry for Economy. Johannes Hahn made a statement to explain the relevance of his visit.

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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
10:00:00	Title	00:00:05
10:00:05	Exterior views of the Ministry for Finance in Athens (2 shots)	00:00:10
10:00:15	Johannes Hahn, Member of the EC in charge of Regional Policy, walking in the hall	00:00:06
10:00:22	Horst Reichenbach, Head of the Task Force of the EC in charge of providing technical assistance to Greece, walking in the hall	00:00:05
10:00:27	Round table with Johannes Hahn, Horst Reichenbach and Evangelos Venizelos, Greek Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance	00:00:04
10:00:32	Evangelos Venizelos	00:00:04
10:00:37	General view of the round table	00:00:05
10:00:42	Ministry for Infrastructure, Transport and Networks in Athens (2 shots)	00:00:13
10:00:56	Johannes Hahn shaking hands with Ioannis Magriotis, Greek Vice-Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Networks	00:00:04

10:01:00	General view of the round table with Johannes Hahn and Ioannis Magriotis (4 shots)	00:00:18
10:01:18	Soundbite (in ENGLISH) by Johannes Hahn: the outcome of this meeting in September was that we have established a list of priority actions which in the meantime consists of more than 180 projects, and I have to say by the end of the year more than 9 of them will be finished with an investment amount of more than 100 millions. So for the moment I am happy, but I would like to have further acceleration of implementation. This is exactly the task of my visit now to have a close follow-up of everything.	00:00:32
10:01:51	Lucas Papademos, Greek Prime Minister, receiving Johannes Hahn	00:00:06
10:01:58	Lucas Papademos posing for the picture with Johannes Hahn	00:00:08
10:02:06	Lucas Papademos and Johannes Hahn	00:00:06
10:02:12	Round table with Lucas Papademos and Johannes Hahn	02:00:00

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