



## Press Release

### Alpha Bank contributes to the restoration of the Schinias Olympic Rowing Centre, supporting Greek athletes on the road to the 2028 Olympic Games

*The Group CEO, Vasilios Psaltis, together with the Presidents of the Hellenic Olympic Committee and the Hellenic Rowing Federation, carried out an on-site inspection of the upgrade works currently under way, budgeted at Euro 1 million*

The Schinias Olympic Rowing Centre becomes fully operational again, thanks to an investment of Euro 1 million by Alpha Bank, which is restoring an iconic national sports facility and enhancing training conditions for Greek athletes on the road to the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games.

As Gold Sponsor of the Hellenic Olympic Committee and Grand Sponsor of the Hellenic Rowing Federation, the Bank has chosen to make an iconic sports venue fully operational again, significantly improving training conditions for male and female athletes as they strive for competing in the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games. The progress of the works was presented during a visit by the CEO of Alpha Bank Group, Vassilios Psaltis, in the presence of the President of the Hellenic Olympic Committee, Isidoros Kouvelos, and the President of the Hellenic Rowing Federation, Vasilis Polymeros.

#### Works of great significance for Greek sports

In the last few years, the Schinias Olympic Rowing Centre has been facing major problems that were impeding the athletes' training and limiting the venue's operational capability. Alpha Bank has financed an extensive restoration program that represents an investment totaling Euro 1 million, covering the entire venue—from the rowing lake to the athletes' accommodation and training areas—and consisting of the following:

- restoration and cleaning of the rowing lake, including replacement and maintenance of the floating facilities,
- technical works in four buildings, comprising repairs and improvements to waterproofing,
- upgrading of the athletes' accommodation and training areas,
- improvements to the living and safety conditions.

These improvements are the first step in addressing the venue's long-standing problems and restoring the conditions for the Rowing Centre's safe and efficient use to modern-day standards. This initiative goes well beyond the scope of a sponsorship, as it involves the restoration of national infrastructure facility and the establishment of the conditions required for athletic training.

The Schinias Rowing Centre is a national sports facility built with public funds as part of the preparations for the 2004 Athens Olympic Games and forms part of the country's collective investment in sports. Its restoration goes hand in hand with the responsibility for preserving and making the most of this Olympic heritage, so that it can continue to support the next generations of Greek athletes and to remain a site of interest open to visits by the public.

As part of the event, the journalists and guests present were given a tour of the renovated facilities, visited the accommodation quarters and the pontoons, and had the opportunity to meet the athletes of the National Rowing Team.



The **CEO of Alpha Bank Group, Vassilios Psaltis**, made the following statement: *“At Alpha Bank, we believe that progress is built with hard work and team spirit—two values that we share with the people in the world of sports. As part of our strategic partnership with the Hellenic Olympic Committee and the Hellenic Rowing Federation, we are supporting our athletes’ preparation for the 2028 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. At the same time, we are also helping to upgrade national infrastructure facilities, such as the Schinias Rowing Centre, which we are restoring to full working order after a prolonged period of neglect. We share a common goal: to support those whose efforts make us proud. Because their success is synonym to progress for the whole country.”*

The **President of the Hellenic Olympic Committee, Isidoros Kouvelos**, said: *“Today is a glorious day, because the National Olympic Rowing Centre is brought back to life and is operational once again. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to this effort. I would also like to extend my warmest thanks to Alpha Bank, because without its support we would not have been able to carry out this long-term project, and I hope that Greek rowers will now have a proper place to stay. Because, as you know, they live here for 300 days every year, and until today they were living in appalling conditions. Now that everything has improved, I believe our athletes will enjoy much better living conditions.”*

For his part, the **President of the Hellenic Rowing Federation, Vasilis Polymeros**, pointed out the following: *“Today is a historic day for the Olympic Rowing Centre. In the 21 years since 2004, when the Rowing Centre enjoyed its moment of glory during the Olympic Games, nothing had been done. At the Rowing Federation, we have tried to keep the Centre going. So today, the Hellenic Olympic Committee, together with Alpha Bank, are stepping in to breathe new life into the Rowing Centre, so that we can enjoy even greater successes in the sport. Equally important for the Hellenic Rowing Federation is that a major organization, a major bank, Alpha Bank, will be our sponsor for the remaining three years leading up to the 2028 Games. We would like to warmly thank them warmly for their sponsorship and we are confident that we will make them proud by the end of this three-year period.”*

**Olympic gold medalist Stefanos Ntouskos** said: *“Today is a big day for Greek rowing. For those of us who have spent so many years looking for someone to join us on this difficult journey from training right through to the Games, this is a huge step. Alpha Bank is helping restore this gem to its former glory, and I believe that its support is an invaluable contribution to our effort to be successful for our country and for all Greeks.”*

**Olympic bronze medalist Milena Kontou** added: *“We are all extremely excited to finally see this beautiful space being renovated. It was a dream, especially for us rowers, to see this setting become even more beautiful and the building more functional, and we are already seeing the first results of the works, which encourage us to focus even more intensely on our training.”*

**Zoi Fitsiou, also an Olympic bronze medalist**, said: *“For us, this partnership of the Olympic Committee and Alpha Bank is like a dream come true. The Olympic Rowing Centre is a beautiful place, and it is no coincidence that it is a protected site. We are absolutely delighted to see it reborn today and the facilities gradually blending into this beautiful landscape. This is a very positive development for all of us.”*

## **Our champions on the road to the Los Angeles 2028 Games**

During the visit, the CEO of Alpha Bank met with members of the National Rowing Team, a team with a significant record of international distinctions. Among them were Stefanos Ntouskos, Olympic gold medalist in the men’s single sculls at the Tokyo 2020 Games and 2026 World Champion, the Olympic bronze medalists at the Paris 2024 Games Antonis Papakonstantinou, Zoi Fitsiou, Petros Gkaidatzis and Milena Kontou, as well as the young champion Evangelia Anastasiadou, who finished 6th at the Paris 2024 Games. He also had the opportunity to speak with Gianni Postiglione, the team’s coach and the man who breathed new life into Greek rowing.



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The upgrading of the infrastructure facilities at Schinias creates the conditions that allow our athletes to continue their training at a venue that does justice to their performance levels.

Alpha Bank will continue to invest in upgrading the infrastructure facilities and supporting the Greek male and female athletes throughout the Olympic cycle leading up to the Los Angeles 2028 Games, actively assisting them in their journey towards success. This commitment reflects the Bank's role as an active supporter of the national effort and is fully aligned with its purpose, which is to enable progress in life and business for a better tomorrow.