



Press Release

Alpha Bank, Eurobank, National Bank of Greece and Piraeus Bank support EKAB

Two fully equipped helicopters are being deployed to strengthen modern air ambulance services across the country

With a **donation of Euro 2 million** to the Ministry of Health for covering the services of the National Medical Emergency Service (EKAB), **the four systemic banks (Alpha Bank, Eurobank, National Bank of Greece and Piraeus Bank)** are helping strengthen air ambulance services throughout Greece during the summer months of 2026.

This sponsorship supports a current initiative of the Ministry of Health and, more specifically, EKAB, to enable it to promptly respond to medical emergencies, carrying out missions in difficult transport conditions, particularly during the summer months when demand is higher.

The Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Hellenic Bank Association, Giorgos Zanias, speaking on behalf of the four donor banks, made the following statement: *“Protecting human life is our top priority. With this new donation, the four systemic banks are joining forces to support the work of the Ministry of Health and of EKAB, making a substantial contribution to the operational readiness of the latter, especially in areas where time of the essence when it comes to saving a life. This initiative affirms, once again, the banks’ commitment to backing initiatives with a strong social impact. Whenever the public and private sectors work together toward a common goal, they can achieve tangible results for the benefit of all citizens.”*

The Minister of Health, Adonis Georgiadis, made the following statement: *“The expansion of EKAB’s air ambulance transport fleet with two fully equipped helicopters is a particularly significant addition to the National Health System and, above all, to the safety of citizens and of visitors to our country. During the summer months, when demand increases significantly, the ability to transport critically ill patients promptly and safely can prove crucial in saving lives. I would like to warmly thank the four systemic banks—Alpha Bank, Eurobank, National Bank of Greece and Piraeus Bank—for their valuable donation to the National Health System. This initiative demonstrates in practice that when the public and private sectors work together toward a common goal, they can deliver meaningful solutions that strengthen public health and save lives. At the Ministry of Health, we are consistently working to strengthen EKAB by investing in modern resources, equipment and people, so that every citizen, in every corner of Greece, has access to immediate and high-quality pre-hospital emergency care. This is our commitment—and we are fulfilling it every day through concrete actions.”*

The project was officially handed over today at Megara Civil Airport, in the presence of **the Minister of Health, Ad. Georgiadis, the Deputy Minister of Health M. `**, the **CEOs of Alpha Bank, V. Psaltis, and Eurobank, F. Karavias, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Bank of Greece, G. Chardouvelis, the CEO of Piraeus Bank, Chr. Megalou, the President of EKAB, G. Charalambous, and the acting General-Manager of the HBA, H. Apalagaki.**

Under the terms of the relevant agreement, two state-of-the-art Leonardo AW139 helicopters are to be made available, fully equipped for air ambulance missions and manned by specialist crews, to operate under the operational coordination of EKAB, covering the needs of mainland and island Greece.



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The initiative is being implemented after a relevant request from the Minister of Health, Adonis Georgiadis. The HBA, representing the four donor banks, undertook the donation's coordination and implementation, in accordance with the applicable regulatory framework.