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### Note

#### About regions in Greece

In application of the 1997 Law on Decentralised Government, Greece is divided into 13 regions. These entities form devolved units of the central state administration.

Having their own budget and civil service, they are run by a general secretary (genikos grammateas), who is appointed by the President of the Republic upon recommendation of the Prime minister and with the consent of the government.

The general secretary is the head of all the region's services and can be considered the executive body of the regional administration as well as being the representative of the central government in the region. The general secretary presides over a regional council (periferiako simvoulío) which is the decision-making body of the region. It is composed of the prefects in the region, a representative of each urban municipality and rural community in the region, and representatives of the regional branches of various organisations





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