

It is a slow day in a little Greek Village.

The rain is beating down and the streets are deserted. Times are tough, everybody is in debt, and everybody lives on credit.

On this particular day a rich German tourist is driving through the village, stops at the local hotel and lays a 100Euro note on the desk, telling the hotel owner he wants to inspect the rooms upstairs in order to pick one room in which to spend the night.

The owner gives him some keys and, as soon as the visitor has walked upstairs, the hotelier grabs the 100Euro note and runs next door to pay his debt to the butcher.

The butcher takes the 100Euro note and runs down the street to repay his debt to the pig farmer.

The pig farmer takes the 100Euro note and heads off to pay his bill at the supplier of feed and fuel.

The guy at the Farmers' Co-op takes the 100Euro note and runs to pay his drinks bill at the taverna.

The publican slips the money along to the local prostitute drinking at the bar, who has also been facing hard times and has had to offer him "services" on credit.

The hooker then rushes to the hotel and pays off her room bill to the hotel owner with the 100Euro note.

The hotel proprietor then places the 100Euro note back on the counter so the rich German will not suspect anything.

At that moment the German comes down the stairs, picks up the 100Euro note, states that the rooms are not satisfactory, pockets the money, and leaves town.

No one produced anything - No one earned anything -  
However, the whole village is now out of debt and looking to the future with a lot more optimism.

And that, Ladies and Gentlemen, is how the Greek government hopes to fix its economic problems.