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Hello, my name is Alan Calderon, president of the sustainable mountain development club. My current country is Greece. Though the connections with polio and Greece can be traced back to ancient times, where a Vase from around 480 bc can be seen depicting an old man with possible long term symptoms of polio. There isn't much after that shows strong ties between Greece and Polio. The highest number of people infected with polio according to the WHO was an estimated 35 people in 1996. Also in 1996 was the last polio case recorded in Greece while also being considered polio free since then. Currently Greece faces problems with infrastructure, specifically with transportation, especially when considering the fact that Greece's Landmass is 80% mountains. Quick and stable transportation can be a problem leading to a question on how quick vaccines can be passed to the citizens. The Greek government currently has only one government agency in charge of monitoring and preventing infectious diseases, that being the NPHO, National Public Health Organization. Along with this, Greece also highly encourages, but doesn't force, foreigners and permanent residents to take certain and various vaccines, one of which being the polio vaccine. Now, when talking about a major challenge that could affect Greece in the case of a possible Polio outbreak is their healthcare system. Currently there have been worries in the quality of healthcare in Greece, specifically with being able to reach people afflicted by specific problems, which is mostly caused by bad infrastructure. Greece, though was able to ignore significant casualties from polio, leaves up more questions on the quality of infrastructure and its ability to fight back against polio in the case of any more outbreaks if they were to happen.