



Seminar

“DEVELOPMENT OF NETWORKS BETWEEN CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS FOR THE PROMOTION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS)”

Goals of the Seminar:

- Strengthening networking and cooperation among civil society organisations participating in the 5 working groups of the project.
- Dissemination of results of the work of the 5 project working groups (presentation of the strategy papers, drafted by the groups, on selected issues related to the promotion of SDGs and sustainable development in Greece).
- Exchange of best practices for civil society networking and promotion of the SDGs with the help and guidance of ICHR, the project partner from Iceland, and networks in Greece.

Target Group

25 civil society organisations and informal groups from all over Greece, which participate in the project's working groups.

Wednesday 3 May - Thursday 4 May 2023

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SEMINAR PROGRAMME

Day 1, Wednesday, 3 May 2023, 16.00 – 19.00

- 16:00** **Welcome / Purpose of the Seminar**
Dimitri A. Sotiropoulos, Professor, NKUA; Senior Research Fellow, ELIAMEP;
Project Coordinator, *‘Civil Society network in the Context of the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals in Greece’*
- 16:20** **Presentation of the Project**
Eugenia Vathakou, Director, MERIMNA; Research Associate, ELIAMEP
- 16:40** **Best practices from Iceland on civil society networking for empowering civil society and promoting the Sustainable Development Goals**
Rut Einarsdottir, Vice Chair, Icelandic Human Rights Centre
- 17:00** **Q & A**
- 17:15** *Coffee break*
- 17:30** **Roundtable discussion**
- «Hellenic SDG People Scorecard 2022»
Konstantinos Machairas, President of the Hellenic Platform for Development;
Member of Organization Earth
- “In Action for a better world. ALL TOGETHER we create a better world!”
Chrysoula Exarchou, President, QualityNet Foundation
- «The SDSN Global Climate Hub: Co-designing Climate Neutrality Pathways»
Phoebe Koundouri, Professor, Athens University of Economics and Business;
Professor, Technical University of Denmark
- Moderator: Asteris Houliaras**, Professor, University of the Peloponnese;
Advisory Committee, ELIAMEP
- 18:15** **Discussion**
- 18:30** **Presentation of the Working Groups’ results**
- “Lobbying in Greece and the importance of the participation of Civil Society in the decision-making procedures”
Stefanos Loukopoulos, Director, Vouliwatch – Coordinator of the PARTNERSHIP group
(15’ presentation & 15’ discussion)
- Moderator: Eugenia Vathakou**
- 19:00** **End of the first day**

Day 2, Thursday 4 May 2023, 10.00 – 14.00

10:00 **SDG 5 in Iceland, a “gender equal country”**
What a “gender equal country” means in facts/numbers, the role of NGOs in this achievement, challenges and selected good practices
Rut Einarsdottir, Vice Chair, Icelandic Human Rights Centre

10:30 **Discussion**

10:45 **Presentation of the Working Groups’ results (ctd.)**

«Ίση και ισότιμη πρόσβαση στις Κοινωνικές Υπηρεσίες. Πόσο εφικτό είναι στην πράξη στην Ελλάδα;»

Nicholas Spetsidis, Projects Coordinator, Union of Women Associations of Heraklion Prefecture– Coordinator of the PEACE & JUSTICE group

Theodosis Geltis, Τμήμα Εθελοντισμού, ΕΔΠΑ – Co-Coordinator of the PEACE & JUSTICE group

(15’ presentation & 15’ discussion)

«Δικτύωση Οργανισμών της Κοινωνίας των Πολιτών & Στόχοι Βιώσιμης Ανάπτυξης στην Ελλάδα | Υγεία & Ανισότητες»

Vassiliki Ntzoufra, Due Diligence Officer, DESMOS – Coordinator of the PEOPLE group

(15’ presentation & 15’ discussion)

«There is no Planet B»

Socrates Grigoropoulos, Rodopi Ecological Group – Coordinator of the PLANET group

Vicky Arali, Immortaliting – Co-Coordinator of the PLANET group

(15’ presentation & 15’ discussion)

«Skills: Challenges and Proposals from Civil Society»

Fay Orfanidou, Director, Katheti – Coordinator of the PROSPERITY group

(15’ presentation & 15’ discussion)

Moderator: Dimitri A. Sotiropoulos

12:45 **Coffee break**

13:00 **Presentation of the newly established ‘Association of Small and medium-sized Civil Society Organisations’**

Michalis Vasilakis, Advocacy Manager, HIGGS

13:15 **Discussion**

13:30 **Recap – Next steps**

Eugenia Vathakou, Director, MERIMNA; Research Associate, ELIAMEP

13:45 **Concluding remarks**

Asteris Houliaras, Professor, University of the Peloponnese; Advisory Committee, ELIAMEP

Lunch