BILATERAL RELATIONS

Aims:

- WIDENING the extent of COOPERATION between Greece and the Donor States (Iceland, Lichtenstein and Norway)
- CONTRIBUTING to the ACHIEVEMENT of shared results
- INCREASING KNOWLEDGE and mutual understanding

Type of Initiatives:

- Study Visits
- Thematic Trips
- Matchmaking Sessions
- Conferences
- Seminars
- Workshops
- Training Courses

Facts and Figures:

- TOTAL Bilateral Fund AMOUNT SPENT: 203,634€ FOR 50 BILATERAL INITIATIVES
- From NOVEMBER 2013 to FEBRUARY 2017

36 with partners from NORWAY
1 with partners from LIECHTENSTEIN
12 with partners from ICELAND

Implemented by 55 GREEK NGOs

In partnership with 76 ENTITIES from ICELAND LIECHTENSTEIN and NORWAY

NGOS
PRIVATE SECTOR institutions
PUBLIC SECTOR institutions
Impact:

**BROADENED**
their contact networks

**GAINED**
know-how

**DEVELOPED**
best practices and expertise

**DISSEMINATED**
partnership projects with Donor States' organisations

**DISSEMINATED**
knowledge to other Greek civil society representatives

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**In their own words:**

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**“Our visit to Iceland broadened our horizons, enhanced our skills and laid the foundations for future strategic international partnerships.”**

**Equal Society**

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**Youthnet Hellas**

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**“Thanks to the series of seminars held in Athens by the Icelandic activist and Intersex expert Kitty Anderson, we had the opportunity to train our members on issues of terminology, history, and characteristics of Intersex identities and experiences, which is essential for an organization in order to become inclusive and be able to create a safe space for the expression and socialization of intersex individuals.”**

**Colour Youth**

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**“We left Oslo with a renewed vision and ideas that are applicable to a certain way in our facilities as well, [and the] determination to maintain our contacts with the people we met in Kappelveien.”**

**Association of Parents, Guardians and Friends of People with Autism, Rethymno-Crete**

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**“We believe that the exchange of know-how with the representatives of the “Iceland responsible Fisheries” will contribute to inform better the Greek audience on the issue of fishing certifications and to put pressure on suppliers to sell certified products, thus helping to manage fish stocks in Greece more efficiently.”**

**iSEA**

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