

## in **2022** we progress **together**

ANNUAL SOCIAL IMPACT REPORT



### THE BODOSSAKI FOUNDATION at a glance

The Bodossaki Foundation is a public benefit organisation founded in 1972 to continue the support given to Greek society by its founder, **Prodromos-Bodossakis Athanassiades**.

To advance its vision, the Foundation funds, plans and implements, always with full transparency, accountability and integrity, projects and programmes associated with its four strategic action pillars: promoting education, improving healthcare, protecting the environment and empowering Civil Society. Since its founding it has made available over €450 million to further its aims.

Today the Bodossaki Foundation also acts as a catalyst for fostering a broader culture of contribution in Greek society, by managing resources on behalf of third parties – legators, international organisations, and other major donors – who wish to fund programmes with significant social impact that seek to address critical needs in education, healthcare, the protection of the environment and the empowerment of Civil Society.

Envisioning a society of equal opportunities and prospects for all





the value of Bodossaki Foundation grants from its founding until the present





to support the most vulnerable of our fellow citizens and Civil Society through the programmes 'We are all Citizens', with the Bodossaki Foundation as Fund Operator, and the 'Active Citizens Fund', with the Bodossaki Foundation and SolidarityNow as joint Fund Operators in Greece. The programmes are funded by Iceland, Lichtenstein and Norway and form part of the European Economic Area (EEA) Financial Mechanism, also known as EEA Grants



value of corporate grants managed by the Bodossaki Foundation for the benefit of society



of 1,356 Civil Society organisations and bodies have been trained by Social Dynamo, the NGO hub of the Bodossaki Foundation



from Greece and abroad have joined forces with the Bodossaki Foundation to support public benefit causes











### 2022 at a glance

>6.600.000\* € total contribution



267 donations-grants completed



>**423.083** direct beneficiaries



**220** organisations supported with grants



**550** organisations supported with capacity building activities





>358.350



135 scholarships



**33** schools supported with donations



352.196 online visitors watched lectures on Blod





**5.071** beneficiary school students &



support for **131** students & **61** teachers in technical education





>2.486



**3** projects-actions completed



development of an **Action Plan** for Public Health





2.163



**8** projects-actions completed



development of an **Action Plan** for Environment and Climate





>60.084 beneficiaries



**88** projects-grants completed



176 Civil Society organisations benefited from grants managed by Bodossaki Foundation



**550** Civil Society organisations benefited from their participation in the Social Dynamo programmes of Bodossaki Foundation





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## INTRODUCTION

This report using a specially designed evaluation system to present the results of an impact assessment of the Bodossaki Foundation's programmes and grants for the period January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022.

The system is in line with the Objectives of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

#### THE EVALUATION SYSTEM IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING STEPS:

- 1. Presentation of a 'table of results' of the Foundations' main projects
- 2. Creation of a data collection system from:
  - Relevant questions in the application forms about the Foundation's programmes, grants and scholarships
  - Reports of scholars and beneficiaries of programs and grants
  - Questionnaires completed by scholarship holders during the period of the scholarship
  - Questionnaires sent to a certain number of beneficiaries and fellows after completion of their grant/scholarship



### PROMOTING EDUCATION



he Bodossaki Foundation regularly undertakes initiatives designed to promote education in Greece and to improve and modernise the education system at all levels, thus helping to meet the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (**SDG 4**) to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education.















5.071 pupils & 537 teachers have benefited



supporting **131** students & **61** professionals in technical education

The above are accomplished by granting scholarships, emphasizing excellence and scientific ethics as benchmarks for society, providing grants and equipment to educational institutions, and developing vocational programs for the education and training of both students and professionals.

## 2022

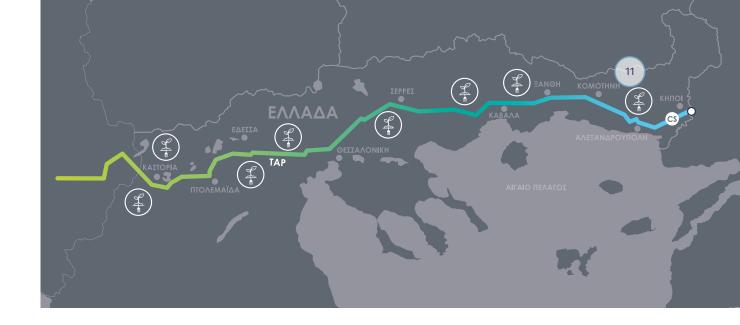
#### **AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS**

To date the Bodossaki Foundation has awarded more than **2.600** for postgraduate studies, doctoral and postdoctoral research in Greece and abroad, with one of the fullest lists of academic disciplines for which scholarships are offered.

## IN 2022 WE AWARDED A TOTAL OF 135 SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2022 the Foundation's **regular Scholarship Programme** for postgraduate and doctoral studies - which has now completed 50 years of ongoing support for outstanding young people with limited financial means – awarded 35 scholarships for postgraduate studies  $\kappa\alpha\iota$  31 scholarships for doctoral research. The **Postdoctoral Scholarship Programme** in memory of Stamatis G. Mantzavinos, serving his goal of promoting scientific research, has for the  $15^{th}$  year in a row awarded 4 postdoctoral scholarships.





The Bodossaki Foundation is collaborating with the **Trans-Adriatic Natural Gas Pipeline (TAP AG)** to support all the local communities in the three regions of Northern Greece through which the Pipeline passes. Thanks to the initiative's education programme, **55** scholarships have been awarded for two of the most distinguished master's programmes in the energy field at international level and standards. **17** scholarships for postgraduate studies in the Greco-Azerbaijani Interinstitutional programme for Natural Gas and Oil Management and Transportation at the University of Western Macedonia, in collaboration with the Azerbaijan State University of Economics.

Additionally the Bodossaki Foundation has awarded 10 school scholarships to support scholarship programmes at the American Farm School and Anatolia College. The traditional award of scholarships for the American Farm School continued in 2022 with 8 scholarships for students from rural Greek farming families. We also awarded 2 school scholarships for Anatolia College, which since 2014 has been running a programme aimed at integrating the marginalised Pomak minority, which for decades was denied access to modern educational programmes which could further their integration and development.





## STAVROULA YIANNAKOPOULOU scholarship 2021 (MSc) and 2022 (PhD) in Biology, ohann Wolfgang Goethe University Frankfurt am Main

I would like to sincerely thank all the people of the Bodossaki Foundation, who have helped to realise my professional dreams and ambitions, shown faith and trust in my abilities, and willingly and promptly responded to every call for help, giving me practical support at every professional step in this demanding and fascinating world of academia, where I have chosen to offer my industry and service. I sincerely wish and hope that at some point in the future I will be able to repay you for all the good things I have received from you.

### MIHALIS ZERVAS scholarship 1988 (PhD), Full Professor of Optical Fiber Technology (Laser), Southampton University

Without the Foundation's help, my family would not have been able to support me in my studies. The contribution of the Bodossaki Foundation has been significant. It's the feeling of opening a door that you wouldn't otherwise have felt able to approach. For young people it is the first step to achieving what they dream of doing and challenging their limits.

## STEFANOS ARETAKIS scholarship 2008 (PhD), Associate Professor of Theoretical Mathematics, University of Toronto

The scholarship enabled me to do a PhD in Cambridge, England, in 2008. For me this was something magical, much more than just a scholarship. I feel that I owe the existence of my three children to the Foundation.

### CHRISTOS PAPADIMITRIOU scholarship 2010 (Postgraduate), CEO and co-founder, Tessara Therapeutics

After graduation, I was fortunate enough to have my achievements and aspirations recognised by the Bodossaki Foundation. The scholarship and support the Foundation gave for my postgraduate studies within the European programme of Biomedical Engineering, in the Department of Medicine of the University of Patras, was decisive for my future and career. The scholarship awarded to me by the Bodossaki Foundation in 2010 aroused my conviction and passion to use science to have a positive impact on the world. The support I received was career-defining and made me realise that with hard work and determination anything is possible, a lesson that has remained with me to this day and continues to help me to progress.

### PATRITSIA STATHATOU scholarship 2018 (Postdoctoral research), Research Scientist, Georgia Institute of Technology

Arguably my most important achievement to date was receiving a postdoctoral scholarship from the Bodossaki Foundation. Thanks to this I was given the opportunity to realise my biggest dream: to conduct research at one of the world's leading universities, in an incredibly rich, vibrant and constantly evolving environment which never ceases to be a source of inspiration and fulfilment. The scholarship was much more than a purely professional or academic achievement; it was a ticket to a new life, as my stay in Boston and my research activity at MIT over these past two and a half years have opened new horizons in the way I viewed and thought about my research and brought me into contact with people and ideas that have influenced me decisively.



## PROVISION OF GRANTS/ EQUIPMENT TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION

Besides awarding its own grants, the Bodossaki Foundation acts as a catalyst, helping to create a greater spirit of contribution in Greek society, by managing funds from third parties – benefactors, international bodies, companies and other large donors – who wish to finance programmes that address critical needs and have significant social impact.



# IN **2022** WE PROVIDED NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS IN ALL REGIONS OF GREECE

Of these 33 school, 19 were supported by donations from corporations (12 from ELLAKTOR Group, 6 from Deloitte Greece Foundation, 1 from HELLENIQ ENERGY) and 1 by a private donor.



Thanks to the equipment you provided for us, we have been able to use the experimental teaching method in the Natural Sciences Laboratory, which has not only led to the students' mastering the curricular requirements of an education in the natural sciences but also developing their basic abilities. Students are made aware of issues related to the environment and sustainability in a creative and open educational climate, which aims to link scientific achievement with their subsequent professional engagement in agricultural and livestock-raising occupations and with respect for the natural environment. Thus they develop life and learning skills which are vital for everyday existence in a rural municipality like Erymanthos.

Letter from ELENA PAPACHRISTOPOULOU, Director of the Laboratory Centre of Natural Sciences, Patras (Erymanthia Middle School)



The 33 schools comprise: 4 Nursery Schools, 1 Elementary School, 19 Gymnasia/Middle Schools (including 3 with High School classes) and 9 High Schools. They are located in the Peloponnese (9), in Central Macedonia (5), in Attica (5), in Central Greece (4), in Eastern Macedonia & Thrace (3), in Crete (2), in the Ionian Islands (2), in the North Aegean (1), in Western Macedonia (1) and in Thessaly (1). Overall we have provided necessary electronic equipment, high-tech digital class/laboratory equipment, physical science laboratory equipment and heating oil. We have also covered the cost of students participating in competitions:



#### **5.071** school pupils (2,357 of them girls) & **537** teachers

have benefited from this support, which has provided them with all necessary means, including modern tools and equipment, of ensuring that educational courses are conducted properly and effectively.

19 of these schools have been supported through the 'Live Science' uprogramme. The programme was created on the initiative of the Bodossaki Foundation to address the critical lack in many state high schools of necessary modern laboratory teaching equipment for physics, chemistry and biology courses. The grants from the Deloitte Greece Foundation, the ELLAKTOR Group and HELLENIQ ENERGY have made it possible to create natural science laboratories in 19 public high schools in Greece, ensuring that students have the necessary conditions for encountering and becoming inspired by these sciences. The programme has been carried out in collaboration with the Panhellenic Union of Heads of Laboratory Centres for Natural Sciences (PAN.EKF.E.).



### **IMPROVING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING**



# SUPPORTING 131 STUDENTS & 61 PROFESSIONALS IN TECHNICAL EDUCATION

The Bodossaki Foundation's main objective is to extend young people's access to educational courses and improve the quality of professional education and training. As a result of the programme carried out with the Trans-Adriatic Natural Gas Pipeline (TAP AG) and completed in 2022 100 students were helped to undertake theoretical and practical training through the creation of an Educational/Training programme at the International Hellenic University for Natural Gas Technology.





A new collaboration with the Hellenic Federation of Enterprises (SEV) also began in 2022, when the **Skills4Jobs** programme was created thanks to the financial support of seven companies, with the Bodossaki Foundation as Major Donor. As a result of this programme **61** professionals were given the opportunity of following and successfully completing professional education and training seminars for **Electrical Automation Engineers and IT Application Technicians**. Ultimately the programme enabled professionals to carry out paid internships at the largest SEV member companies, connecting them to the labour market.

The Bodossaki Foundation has also collaborated with Eurolife FFH to support the work and students of the Stemnitsa State Vocational Institute of Silversmithing. A grant from Eurolife FFH made it possible to purchase equipment and pay for the modernisation of the School's laboratory, while projects designed to improve the educational process and outreach of the State Vocational Institute were also carried out. In 2022 31 students at the Institute benefited directly from the programme.



### DISSEMINATION OF KNOWLEDGE -BODOSSAKI LECTURES ON DEMAND (BLOD)



## **352.196** ONLINE VISITORS ATTENDED LECTURES ON BLOD

The website **blod.gr** (acronym of **B**odossaki **L**ectures **o**n **D**emand) is the only website in Greece – and one of the few internationally – to exclusively broadcast lectures. It was created in October 2011, at the initiative and with the financial support of the Bodossaki Foundation, in line with the Foundation's principal goal of promoting education in Greece. It is a non-profit social welfare initiative, which uses state-of-the-art technology to disseminate knowledge and stimulate intellectual debate in Greece.





Videos are posted on BLOD of selected speeches, lectures and events, drawn from the rich range of intellectual life in our country. The site is a unique 'hub' of intellectual exchange, open to any Internet user wishing to expand his intellectual horizons. BLOD hosts more than 5,000 lectures and talks, given by more than 6,000 speakers. Lectures are grouped into 60 thematic categories and subcategories, while more than 500 scientific and cultural institutions have made their content available to BLOD.

In 2022 BLOD had **484.683** visits from **352.196** users who benefited from viewing **405** new talks on BLOD.























## MPROVING HEALTHCARE



The Bodossaki Foundation supports projects and undertakes initiatives aimed at creating equal access to healthcare, improving services offered by public hospitals and general health, and supporting scientific healthcare research. In this way the Bodossaki Foundation is helping to meet the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 3) of ensuring healthy lives and promoting wellbeing for all.









3 projects completed



development of an **Action Plan** for Public Health

In 2022 a total of 2,486 people benefited from grants, of whom at least 2,040 were women.

## IN 2022 3 PROJECTS WERE COMPLETED

1. Support of the Cancer Immunology and Immunotherapy Centre at the 'Agios Savvas' hospital. The Bodossaki Foundation supported the Cancer Immunology and Immunotherapy Centre (KAAK) of the Department of Immunology at the 'Agios Savvas' hospital in Athens with a grant which has enabled the medical staff to process the results obtained from analyses and to make an active contribution to the design of biomarkers with an important prognostic and predictive role for gynaecological cancers, as well as prostate and lung cancers. In particular, the Bodossaki Foundation has financed the purchase of the software needed to operate the next generation sequencing (NGS) analysers, in order to discover new biomarkers able to provide information on the rapid or slow progress of the cancer and to indicate further intervention.

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#### **KONSTANTINOS BAXEVANIS**

Director of the Department of Immunology, Cancer Immunology and the Immunotherapy Centre, Athens General Anti-Cancer & Oncology Hospital 'Agios Savvas'

The software has greatly contributed to the analysis of results in order to find biomarkers for the prognosis and prediction of the immunotherapies and chemo/radio/hormone therapies offered to patients. These analyses are conducted individually for each patient, in order to determine the appropriate biomarkers for personalised treatment (precision oncology), which will in turn indicate the most effective personalised treatment regimen.



2. Support for the Hellenic Oncology Foundation. Among women worldwide cervical cancer is the fourth most common cancer, with the vast majority (95%) attributable to the human papillomavirus (HPV). The Bodossaki Foundation has supported the Hellenic Oncology Foundation's purchase of a total of 2.000 reagents for performing Pap tests, which are performed with the new liquid-based thin prep method in order to identify the HPV virus. The donation of disposable Pap tests using the new thin prep method has made it possible for the Hellenic Oncology Foundation to offer free examinations to 2,000 women using Pap tests in its mobile and fixed units.

### A. MIRILLAS Administrative Director of the Hellenic Oncology Foundation

Your donation of 2,000 disposable Pap tests using the new liquid-based thin prep method has been vital for our Foundation, since you have made it possible to carry out Pap tests on women using this new method in our mobile and stationary units COMPLETELY FREE.



**3.** Molaoi Nursing Unit Equipment. In response to a request from the Molaoi Nursing Unit the Bodossaki Foundation has covered the cost of remodelling an auditorium in order to install a CT scanner. The use of the CT scanner has qualitatively and quantitatively improved the services provided by the Molaoi Nursing Unit, making it possible for the medical and nursing staff to carry out new tests, as well as dealing with a larger number of cases. During the year in question, 186 people have already benefited.

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### KONSTANTINOS KORONIOS Deputy Director of the Laconia General Hospital – Molaoi Nursing Unit

There were examinations which previously we were unable to carry out in the Radiology Laboratory of the Molaoi Nursing Unit due to the lack of a CT scanner, which necessitated the transfer of patients to the Sparta Nursing Unit (75 km away); these are now regularly carried out in our Nursing Unit.



### ACTION PLAN FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

In addition to awarding grants, the Bodossaki Foundation has also been involved in the 1821-2021 Initiative. In April 2022, the Foundation inaugurated the Action Plan for Public Health at the Athens Concert Hall, under the auspices of Her Excellency the President of the Republic Katerina Sakellaropoulou. The Plan proposes the building blocks of a modern Public Health System, and sets out the conditions for their implementation. The prioritised proposals could constitute a strategic road map ending in 2030. The project is not related to the healthcare service delivery system, but rather to cross-sectoral policies, services and activities associated with sickness prevention and health promotion, the protection and monitoring of health in the general population, and crisis management. A 50-member Scientific Group was established to create a Public Health Action Plan, which was produced after 18 months of non-profit work and dialogue with academic and professional communities and associated scientific, political and social bodies. International developments were also considered. The elements of the Plan were drawn up in line with the Public Health functions of the WHO and the latest ideas around health and wellness interventions and governance. The Plan places great emphasis on the right to health, equality and sustainability and proposes four main areas for consideration and activity in a systematic effort to improve Public Health: the political, the scientific, the strategic and the operational.





## 3 PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT



The Bodossaki Foundation was one of the first non-profit institutions in Greece to turn its attention to the protection of the environment, defending ecological equilibrium and giving prominence to projects aimed at mitigating the effects of the climate crisis, preserving biodiversity and ensuring the sustainability of our ecosystem. Since its establishment it has

used its own funds to support environmental projects, while in recent years it has joined forces with third parties to carry out associated programmes.

The Foundation has in this way helped to pursue the United Nations **SDG 13** 'Take immediate action to combat climate change' and **SDG 15** 'Protect, restore and promote the sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage the forests, combat desertification, reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss'.







>**2.163** beneficiaries



Sprojects have been carried out



development of an **Action Plan** for the environment and climate

In 2022 a total of eight grants/programmes were carried out, resulting in at least **2163 direct beneficiaries of grants**, mainly in the regions of Attica, Peloponnese, Western Greece, Eastern Macedonia and Thrace, Central Macedonia, Central Greece and Thessaly.

### RESTORATION PROJECTS FOR FIRE-AFFECTED AREAS

After the severe forest fires which have assailed our country in recent years, it was resolved in 2022 to devote particular attention to supporting initiatives dedicated to the renewal of fire-affected areas and the prevention of forest fires. **Five** associated grants were provided in 2022.

1. Reconstruction Plan for Northern Evia following the 2021 fires, through urban planning measures. The disastrous consequences of the 2021 fire in Northern Evia requires a radical reformation of the way the area is currently organised. The necessary holistic approach can only be achieved through urban planning. As a result it was deemed necessary to prepare two separate studies for the Special Urban Plans of the Municipalities of Istiaea-Edipsos and Mandoudi-Limni and Agia Anna. 'Diazoma' undertook to carry out the studies, while the Bodossaki Foundation contributed to covering the production costs, thereby actively contributing to urban planning in the area.

**2.** Support for the residents of the Municipalities of Ancient Olympia and Pyrgos affected by the fires of August 2021, with the purchase of animal feed to support their livestock farming.

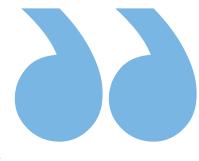




**3.** Planting of trees to restore the Olive Groves of Ancient Olympia destroyed by the fires of 2021. The Foundation participated in the Arete Fund's international initiative to plant thousands of olive trees, in order to address a part of the far-reaching destruction. Without this substantial contribution, thousands of small farmers and their families would be deprived of their livelihood and this historic region would still be suffering huge damage as a result of the climate crisis.

### YANNOS GRAMMATIDES Founder of the Arete Fund Project, Honorary President of the Hellenic-American Chamber of Commerce

With your help we have completed a very important project. Among other things, we have shown the power of private initiative. We have shown that where there is a will there is also a way. The name of your Foundation engraved on the imposing column in the centre of Ancient Olympia will henceforth forever bear witness to the importance of your contribution.



### **4.** Projects for the restoration of the natural environment in Eastern Attica.

In 2022, projects supported by The Coca-Cola Foundation, in collaboration with the Bodossaki Foundation, for the restoration and protection of both natural and man-made environments in the affected areas of Eastern Attica, in collaboration with the non-profit organisation 'Institute Group', were completed for the World Environmental Alliance 2004+' and the relevant agencies. During this period, tree planting actions were carried out, audiovisual information and awareness material was created and 120 children visited the natural environment restoration sites, while 132 teachers were trained in environmental education.





## IOANNIS STAMOULIS Major General in the Hellenic Fire Service, Head of the Administrative Support Branch of the Fire Service HQ

These two new water trucks will improve the operational efficiency of the Fire Brigade, guaranteeing in the best way possible the safety and protection of citizens, their property and the natural wealth of the country.

**5.** Donation of two Fire Engines to the Hellenic Fire Brigade. In partnership with Coca-Cola Hellenic, the Bodossaki Foundation has supported the work of the Fire Department by donating two four-wheel-drive water trucks, each with a capacity of 500 litres of water, helping to meet the requirements of the Istiaia Fire Service in Evia.





### OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROJECTS

#### Recording the Flora and Fauna of the National Garden

Because of the importance of the National Garden, both as a historical monument and as a botanical garden, it was considered necessary to produce a record of its flora and fauna, which was carried out by the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. The National Garden is the oldest botanical garden in Greece, and the richness of its flora, combined with its location in the centre of Athens, make it a unique oasis of biodiversity. The flora is unique, and its wild fauna, although limited, is of particular importance as a long-isolated subset of the wider fauna of Attica. As one of the few extensive green areas within the city, it has been classified as a so-called 'urban island': an area within a modern metropolis which has preserved its natural characteristics.

#### **Continuation of the Smart Agriculture programme**

The innovative **Smart Agriculture Programme** is the result of a collaboration between the Bodossaki Foundation, AB Vassilopoulos and the American Farm School, to support Greek primary production. The Programme introduces new technologies at the service of Greek primary production and is an important step in the development of smart agriculture in Greece. Thanks to the installation of 12 state-of-the-art telemetry devices in selected areas of our country, producers have access to accurate real-time information displayed on a map, using a computer and smart devices. This enables them to make informed decisions based on important meteorological and soil factors. In 2022 the equipment was upgraded using appropriate software to maximise benefits to local producers. The areas selected include agricultural produce of great importance to the local and national economy. Telemetry devices were installed in vineyards in the areas of Kavala, Kilkis and Messinia, olive groves in Messinia and Halkidiki, estates for kiwifruit production in Pieria and the Pinio Delta, grazing land in Elassona and Xanthi, while also supporting areas of animal feed production.

#### The revival of the village of Kyparissi in Laconia

Antonis Giuzelis, later known as Tony Julius, left his small village of Kyparissi in Laconia at the beginning of the 20th century, in search of a better future in the United States, but he never forgot his own roots. He loved his birthplace so much that he left most of his fortune in an endowment to support the lives of its inhabitants in perpetuity. Today his memory lives on among the villagers, thanks to his endowment, the **Tony Julius Fund**, which since 2011 has been managed by the King Baudouin Foundation (KBFUS) with the support of the Bodossaki Foundation. A series of projects and initiatives are carried out with full transparency, in order to safeguard and continuously improve the villagers' quality of life.

The most important project in the village has been the opening of climbing paths, thanks to which the tourist season has been extended to last from April to November, with dozens of climbers from all over the world coming to Kyparissi in spring and autumn and helping to boost the village's economy. The projects continued in 2022 with the purchase of mobility apparatus allowing accessibility to the sea for people with disabilities, the purchase of medical equipment for the local clinic, the creation and lighting of the Agios Georgios path, and the upgrading of education at the local school with the hiring of much-needed additional teaching staff.



### ACTION PLAN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

In November 2022, the Bodossaki Foundation, as part of its participation in the '1821-2021 Initiative' and under the auspices of Her Excellency the President of the Republic, Katerina Sakellaropoulou, unveiled the **Action Plan for the Environment and the Climate until 2030** until 2030. The Action Plan has been developed to cover seven principal areas, focusing on the main environmental challenges facing our own and the next generation:

- 1. Climate stability
- 2. Conservation of biodiversity
- 3. Freshair
- 4. Healthy soil and clean waters
- 5. Circular economy and the conservation of natural resources
- 6. Human health and the state of the environment
- 7. Active Civil Society

Each section presents the current available data and makes suggestions for improving our national progress in these areas, with the goal of creating a coherent and effective environmental and climate policy. These proposals together form a package of 10 critical reforms of a horizontal nature, which aim to release our greatest national strengths in order to achieve a climate-neutral and ecologically sustainable future.





## STRENGTHENING CIVIL SOCIETY



The Bodossaki Foundation seeks to promote the consolidation of Greek Civil Society along two pathways. The first is the awarding of grants to support Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), while the second is the provision of capacity building services to Civil Society Organisations through Social Dynamo.

Both pathways contribute to achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including the goals of reducing inequality within and between countries (**SDG 10**), creating safe, resilient, sustainable cities and human settlements (**SDG 11**), promoting peaceful and inclusive societies, providing access to justice for all and building inclusive institutions at all levels (**SDG 16**) as well as improving the ways of implementing and revitalising the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development (**SDG 17**).















88 projects/grants have been completed



176 Civil Society
Organisations have
benefited from grants
managed by the
Bodossaki Foundation



**550** Civil Society Organisations have benefited from participating in the Social Dynamo programmes of the Bodossaki Foundation



# 4. Awarding of grants to Civil Society Organisations

In pursuit of the first pathway, the Foundation provides grants to Civil Society Organizations using its own funds as well as third party funds.



34 from the Grants Programme of the Bodossaki Foundation
30 from the 'Points of Support' programme, with the participation
of 8 different Institutions
22 of these grants were from the

in collaboration with different companies and individuals

Active Citizens Fund programme of EEA Grants

These 88 grants benefited a total of 176 organisations, of which 88 were implementing organisations, 25 were partners in the funded projects and the remaining 63 organisations benefited directly as intended beneficiaries of the projects. **In total, at least 58,421 people benefited** from Civil Society grants (based on 28 of the 64 grants for which data is available).

Overall the 88 grants were awarded in 11 different regions of Greece: Attica (54.5%), Peloponnese (10.2%), Central Macedonia (7.9%), Western Greece (4.5%), Ionian Islands (4.5 %), Thessaly (3.4%), Crete, Southern Aegean, Eastern Macedonia-Thrace (from 2.7%), Northern Aegean (1.5%).

# BODOSSAKI FOUNDATION GRANTS PROGRAMME

During 2022, 34 grants were awarded to Civil Society Organisations, benefiting at least 2,357 people, of whom 1,033 were women and girls.

Most of the grants were awarded through the Foundation's **Open Grants Programme**, created in 2022. The Open Grants Programme is designed to meet the immediate and urgent needs of non-profit organisations, remaining open for applications throughout the year. Other grants were awarded to continue successful projects which had previously been funded through other programmes, such as the Active Citizens Fund. One of these is the **'Experiential Workshop: Seniors & Digital Transactions'** project, which was designed by the Consumer Workers' Union of Greece with the aim of directly improving the quality of life of senior citizens and helping to safeguard their income and property.

The project included eight two-day experiential workshops aimed at familiarising Senior Citizens with the use of financial products, services and procedures. The 153 participants in the experiential workshops were trained in necessary basic digital skills, acquiring knowledge and expertise for carrying out online banking and online shopping on their own. The project was implemented in six Greek cities: Athens, Lamia, Larissa, Nafpaktos, Katerini and Veria.



Active Citizens of Larissa -AROGI- SOCIAL CARE BODY Association of Intersex Volunteers Group of Zakynthos -Athens University of Economics and Business • Benaki Museum\* Cerebral Palsy Greece/Open Door -Child and Creation - Association -Cyclades Preservation Fund -Diazoma\* -European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) Alumni Association E.V. Greek America Corps -Greek Runners' Association -Greek Youth Symphony Orchestra -Hellenic Pasteur Institute -International Culture Relations- NGO Ladies' Union of Drama Le Théâtre Grec de Genève-Theatre Group Merimna, support for children and families in sickness and death Mission 'Anthropos' -Panhellenic Association of Disabled Citizens Pasta Parga -Piraeus Association of Parents, Guardians & Friends of Persons with Disabilities Primary School Parents and Guardians Association and Galata Nursery School Social Grocery of the Municipality of Ithaki Social Grocery of the Municipality of Mytilini Social Grocery of the Municipality of Mytilini Social Grocery of the Municipality of Thermo Social Grocery, Subsidy Provision Structure, Municipality of Zakynthos The 'Albert Cohen Corfu' Association Union of Working Consumers of Greece

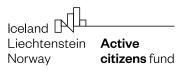


World Human Forum

# 'ACTIVE CITIZENS FUND' PROGRAMME

The Active Citizens Fund programme for Greece, amounting to €15 million, is financed by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway and forms part of the European Economic Area (EEA) financial mechanism for the period 2014 - 2021, known as EEA Grants.

The programme aims to promote and strengthen the resilience of civil society and to highlightits role in promoting democratic processes, improving citizens' participation in society and defending human rights. The Active Citizens Fund's grant for Greece is jointly administered by the Bodossaki Foundation and SolidarityNow.







By the end of 2022, **168** Civil Society Organisations had been awarded grants to carry out **119** projects aimed at:

Empowering vulnerable groups
 Strengthening the advocacy and supervisory role of Civil Society
 Strengthening citizens' participation in public affairs
 Promoting human rights
 Promoting gender equality and combating gender-based violence
 Developing cooperation networks between Civil Society organisations
 Awarding organisational grants for the strategic development of Civil Society organisations

All organisations receiving funding from the programme participate in **capacity building**, activities organised by Social Dynamo throughout the implementation period of the programme (section 4.2).



# **PROJECT TITLE**

# **IMPLEMENTING BODY**

Action for a living wood in the Kleisova lagoon	Messolonghi by Locals
Action plan for recording hate speech by organisations in the Racist Violence Incident Recording Network	SIGNAL – Researching and confronting the far right NPO
AGORA youth cultural diplomacy forum	Greek Institute of cultural diplomacy
Ask an Economist	The e square project
Children's rights' defenders groups	Eliza - Society Against Child Abuse
Creation of 17 Quality Lending Libraries 'gia sena' in : a. 11 Primary Schools with Roma students b. 6 Schools within detention facilities	Hellenic Book Club
Dikaioma - Online Legal Database for the codification of legislation relating to the rights of persons with autism and related training of the public and private sectors	Association of parents, guardians and friends of people with autism in Larissa
e-TALOS: Advocacy mechanisms for elderly patients with chronic diseases and their caregivers	PUBLIC AID ASSOCIATION FOR THE SUCCOR AND CARE OF THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED – 'FRODIZO'
Festival of queer approaches	Black box
GIVING ACCESS TO HEALTH AND MEDICINE FOR ALL	Médecins du monde - Greek Delegation
Heraklion Survival Map, Crete	Sea of Solidarity NPO

# **PROJECT TITLE**

# **IMPLEMENTING BODY**

Human rights for beginners 2	New Wrinkle
Improving transparency and accountability in the funding of forest fire prevention and suppression with the participation of civil society	World Wildlife Fund - WWF Greece
Legal Aid Observatory	Hellenic League for Human Rights
Legends of Disability	Challedu
My Rights!	Velos Youth
RePower	GREEK PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE
Social Empowerment of the Senegalese	Association of Senegalese in Athens
Support and empowerment of socially vulnerable groups for access to health and medicine	GIVMED
Support of women suffering from cancer with comprehensive training and psychosocial support of their caregivers	Association of Women with Breast Cancer 'ALMA ZOIS' Achaia Prefecture
We demand change! Training in human rights advocacy	Amnesty International - Greek Section
Wise Greece Academy	Wise Greece

<sup>\*</sup> Grants are listed in alplabetical order

Iceland Liechtenstein Active
Norway citizens fund

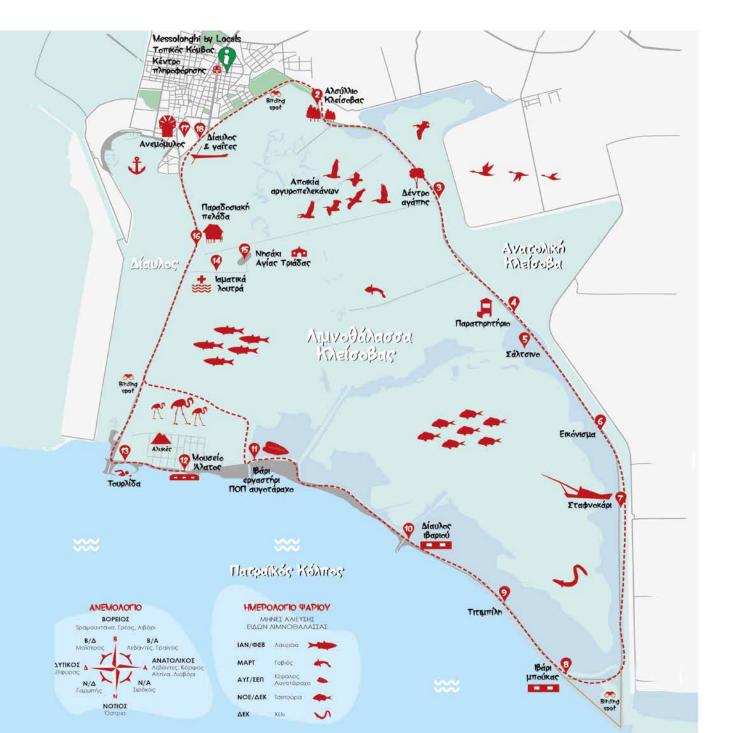
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The following are representative examples of the projects in question:

The project 'Action for a living wood near the Kleisova lagoon' was carried out by the organisation 'Messolonghi by Locals', focusing on restoring the wood near the Kleisova lagoon. Thanks to the participation, cooperation and motivation of citizens and agencies, prominence was given the importance of the Kleisova wood, as a walking route where people could come into direct contact with nature in this internationally important wetland in the Messolonghi-Aitolikos lagoon. The project prompted discussion among the local community on issues relating to the lagoon's degradation, the creation of new ideas about ways of solving environmental problems, as well as activity that would bring positive change to the city. 121 volunteers were mobilised to take part in various initiatives, culminating in a clean-up of the Kleisova wood.



The GREAT Budgeting project, run by ActionAid Hellas in partnership with the Women's Centre of Karditsa, the Municipality of Karditsa and the Municipality of Athens, aims to supply implementation bulletins for the recent legislation regarding the inclusion of gender responsiveness in public budgets, with best practice, tools and suggestions at the local government level. It is the first pilot programme in Greece to integrate a gender perspective into public budgets, introducing an innovative methodology which has brought together different collaborative governance tools for determining citizens' needs and recording local problems. In total, 142 people participated in two local groups in Athens and Karditsa, the majority of them women and, in the case of Athens, residents of Kolonos from vulnerable social groups. Additionally, 266 people, representatives of NGOs and local government bodies, were trained in employing practices and tools to improve supervision of local government budgets, by incorporating the tools and good practices developed and published by ActionAid in the 'Guide to gender analysis and drawing up of public budgets' and in the 'Guide to conclusions, Good Practices and development of tools for their practical application'. Together with a policy text entitled 'The Road to **Equality is Through Gender Budgeting**' with policy recommendations, these guides were sent to the Ministries of Finance and the Interior, the General Secretariat for Demographic and Family Policy and Gender Equality, the Central Union of Greek Municipalities and local municipal authorities.

The 'Ask an Economist' project, implemented by the 'E Square project', was designed to improve financial literacy in Greece. Despite the short duration of the project (6 months), 648 people stated that their understanding of these issues increased after attending open discussions held with prominent Greek Academics.

# 'POINTS OF SUPPORT' PROGRAMME

In 2022, the Foundation took over coordination of the 'Points of Support' programme. The programme is designed for small Civil Society organisations in Greece, helping them to carry out original small-scale projects with maximum social impact, improve their organisational structures and develop capacity building which will contribute to their sustainability.



# ZHMEIA ΣΤΗΡΙΞΗΣ POINTS OF SUPPORT

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SMALL GRANTS, BIG IDEAS

















Eight foundations took part in the 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle of the Programme: the Bodossaki Foundation, the John S. Latsis Foundation, the TIMA Foundation, the Captain Vassilis & Carmen Constantakopoulos Foundation, the Anastasios G. Leventis Foundation, the Athanasios K. Laskaridis Foundation, the Costas M. Lemos Foundation and the Non-profit Foundation for Social and Cultural Work (KIKPE). Grants were awarded for a total of thirty (30) projects, which last for up to six months and are divided between the following different thematic areas:

Social integration of people with disabilities (JOHN S. Latsis Nonprofit Foundation)

Support for senior citizens (TIMA Public Beneficial Foundation)

Support for vulnerable groups
(Non-profit Foundation for Social and Cultural Work KIKPE)

Support of child-related projects

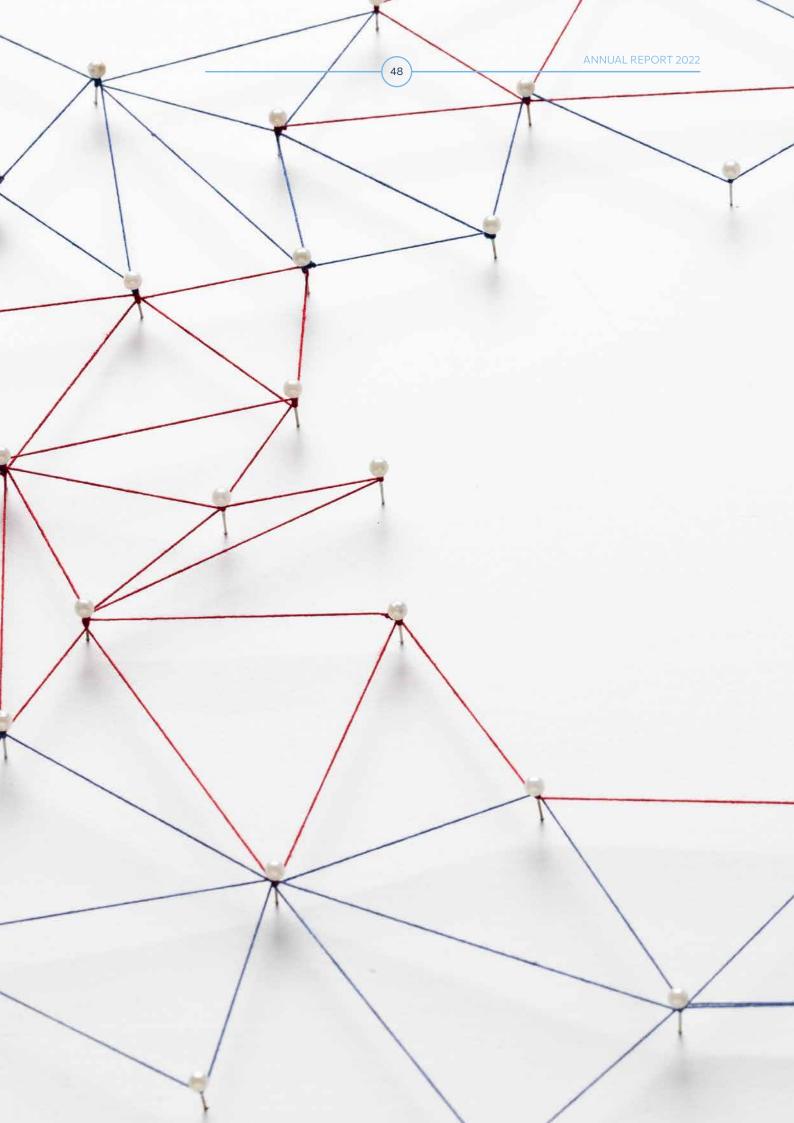
- Child and health (Captain Vassilis & Carmen Constantakopoulos Foundation)
- Children and the environment (A. G. Leventis Foundation)

Support for environmental protection projects

- Protection of marine and coastal ecosystems (A.K. Laskaridis Charitable Foundation)
- Protection of forest and other terrestrial ecosystems (Costas M. Lemos Foundation)

As a result of the 30 projects, all carried out within 6 months, a total of **6,965** people benefited directly, and **10,520** indirectly. Among the intended beneficiaries of the projects were students, senior citizens, disabled people, teachers, social welfare professionals, mental health patients and volunteers.

As well as funding, the programme offers participating organisations the opportunity to take part in capacity building activities, provided free of charge by the Bodossaki Foundation through Social Dynamo (section 4.2).



# 4.2 Provision of capacity building services to Civil Society Organisations through SOCIAL ■YNAMO

The development of a strong and independent Civil Society which can act and intervene alongside the state in order to improve the everyday lives of ordinary citizens, the defence of human rights and the consolidation of democratic values, is one of the Bodossaki Foundation's strategic goals. To further these aims, Social Dynamo was founded in 2017 with the aim of offering comprehensive support to Civil Society bodies. Today, six years since its foundation, it has come to serve as a national reference body in matters associated with the organisational development of Civil Society organisations, offering:

## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN ATHENS, THESSALONIKI AND

**ONLINE**, providing a monthly programme of open training sessions on specific topics relating to organisational development, which are free of charge and freely available to every Civil Society organisation in Greece.

## PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR EXECUTIVES OF ORGANISA-

**TIONS:** team mentoring by a network of more than 50 pro bono mentors who offer free mentoring and executive coaching with the cooperation of the Hellenic Coaching Association, and consulting on a wide range of topics including legal issues and accountancy and tax issues.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR NETWORKING** and community development.

**THEMATIC 6-MONTH CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMMES** in groups of organisations with a shared interest, designed to meet the needs of organisations active in the same areas of social intervention.

**SPECIAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES** for those working with programmes using third-party funds (Active Citizens Fund, Points of Support).

### In 2022:

**550** Civil Society organisations participated in Social Dynamo activities.

**80** training sessions were carried out, with **1,663** participants.

206.5 hours of mentoring / coaching / counselling sessions were given.

A 6-month Empowerment and Hospitality Programme was run for 15 environmental organisations from all over Greece, in collaboration with the Cyclades Preservation Fund, the Ionian Environment Foundation and the Argolic Environment Foundation. These organisations received an online empowerment programme based on training activities relating to issues of NGO organisational development, as well as environmental issues in particular, based on a relevant needs survey that had preceded it as well as on the full range of Social Dynamo's services.

The third of a total of four cycles of the special capacity development programme for organisations that have received a grant from the Active Citizens Fund was implemented, with the participation of 29 organisations. The empowerment programme includes 90 hours of training in organisational development issues: Good Governance and Transparency, Strategic Planning, Funding Diversification (CSR, crowd-funding, proposal writing and income generation), NGO Management, Human Resources and Volunteer Management, Communication, Programme Management, Advocacy Skills, Research Skills, Building Synergies and Networking. In addition, the organisations had access to Social Dynamo's mentoring and executive coaching and consulting services.

The special capacity development programme has started for the 30 Civil Society organisations which received funding in the 5th round of the 'Points of Support' programme.





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