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VOLUNTEERING IN GREECE REGULATION AND SUPPORT



THE GREEK LAW ON VOLUNTEERING



In Greece there is no definition by law for volunteering and volunteers. The only available definition comes from the Hellenic Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations and states that: Volunteering is the willing commitment of an individual to work without pay for a fixed or indefinite period of time for the general good of society. Any legal disputes that arise in relation to volunteers or voluntary organizations are generally dealt with on a case-by-case basis.
<http://www.opengov.gr/ypes/?p=2455>



NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NGOS AND VOLUNTEERING

As part of the state effort to promote and strengthen volunteerism, several activities have been carried out. The most important are:

- In June 1999, the Greek Parliament by law established a framework for cooperation between international non-governmental organizations and the state.
- The development of volunteering is one of the priorities of the Ministry of Health and Welfare. In this context, Law 2646/98 was passed in 1998, which deals with the promotion of volunteering initiatives to the elderly, offering them the opportunity to play an active role as volunteers and to promote volunteering services in the field of welfare. In addition, a department has been established in this Ministry that focuses on volunteering and non-governmental organizations and is responsible both for the promotion and implementation of voluntary programs and for their evaluation and funding.
- The General Secretariat for Youth implements special volunteering programs, open to young people aged 18-30.
- The Department of International Development and Cooperation of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs in collaboration with the Greek Doctors Without Borders and the organization KESSA DIMITRA have created the first humanitarian portal (www.anthropos.gr), which is connected with the implementation of the program "Society in Internet for the Promotion of Volunteering" and aims to strengthen volunteering and improve the role of Greek non-governmental organizations.



REGISTER OF VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS - A PUBLIC RECORD OF VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS

As a voluntary organization you are eligible to access certain public funds which are not accessible for organizations not listed in the register.

<https://www.civilprotection.gr/el/mitroo-ethelontikon-organoseon>

AWARD AND RECOGNITIONS FOR VOLUNTEERING

Greek volunteers receive UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award in 2016 in Geneva



SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTEERING:



MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, NGO DEPARTMENT STRONGLY SUPPORTS

the following programs:
education and training programs for volunteers, volunteering in public institutions, volunteering in public educational programs.
www.ypes.gr

GREEK NETWORK OF VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS

The purpose of the program is to strengthen the capacity of voluntary organizations for the development of quality volunteering, the development of their organizational structure and the acquisition and dissemination of their knowledge and skills in the field of volunteering.

<http://www.ethelon.org/>



REGIONAL HUBS FOR NGOS

GlobalGiving is a nonprofit that supports other **nonprofits** by connecting them to **donors** and **companies**. Global Giving supports over 28 non profits in Greece. There aren't any

FINANCIAL BENEFITS FOR SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED

There is no legal provision regarding the reimbursement of volunteers' expenses in Greece. Volunteers depend solely on organizations to cover the costs of their volunteer work. When the volunteer provides full-time work, the costs may include food, accommodation and general living expenses.

<https://www.eiead.gr/>



DATA FOR 2019:

4168

voluntary organizations and organizations with a voluntary program

10 HOURS/WEEK

per person

32.000

total number of volunteers



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