

# 2023

ANNUAL SOCIAL IMPACT REPORT



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## 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, Prodrornos 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



52 years of giving



>€ 450 million the value of Bodossaki Foundation grants from its founding until the present



€ 22,34 million 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, Liechtenstein and Norway and form part of the European Economic Area (EEA) Financial Mechanism, also known as EEA Grants



>12,700 representatives of 1,466 Civil Society organisations and bodies have been trained by Social Dynamo, the NGO hub of the Bodossaki Foundation



>2,600 scholarships 1972 – 2023



> €6.3 million value of corporate grants managed by the Bodossaki Foundation for the benefit of society



>30 foundations from Greece and abroad have joined forces with the Bodossaki Foundation to support public benefit causes

## 4 STRATEGIC PILLARS



PROMOTING EDUCATION



IMPROVING HEALTHCARE



PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT



STRENGTHENING CIVIL SOCIETY

>328,200 beneficiaries

123 scholarships

support of 22 schools with grants

322,843 online visitors viewed lectures on Blod

>4,900 students & >330 teachers beneficiaries

support for 65 students & 15 professionals in technical education

>41,000 beneficiaries

7 projects completed

>76,900 beneficiaries

7 projects completed

>343,900 beneficiaries

74 projects-grants completed

96 organisations benefited from grants

408 organisations benefited from capacity building

## 2023 at a glance

>7,650,000 € total contribution

123 scholarships

>790,100 direct beneficiaries

231 organisations benefitted from grants

408 organisations benefitted from capacity building

\* management of third party funds not reflected in the Foundation's financial statements

# introduction

A stylized illustration of two dark blue silhouettes of people, one at the top and one at the bottom, holding hands. They are set against a background of numerous overlapping, swirling white lines that create a sense of motion and depth. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern.

The Bodossaki Foundation's has a vision of a society of equal opportunities with possibilities and prospects for all. We believe that such a society should include:

- equal access to quality education
- equal opportunities for all to enjoy good health and wellbeing
- the possibility for all to live in a healthy and sustainable environment
- the existence of a dynamic, independent Civil Society which contributes to the improvement of citizens' daily life, the defence of human rights and the promotion of democratic values.

Therefore, the Foundation's grants and programmes contribute to one or more of the above pillars which, taken together, support our vision.

The Foundation monitors and measures the impact of its grants and programmes across all four strategic priorities through a specially designed system. This report gives the main results of this measurement, for the period 1 January - 31 December 2023.

The system is aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The evaluation system includes the following:

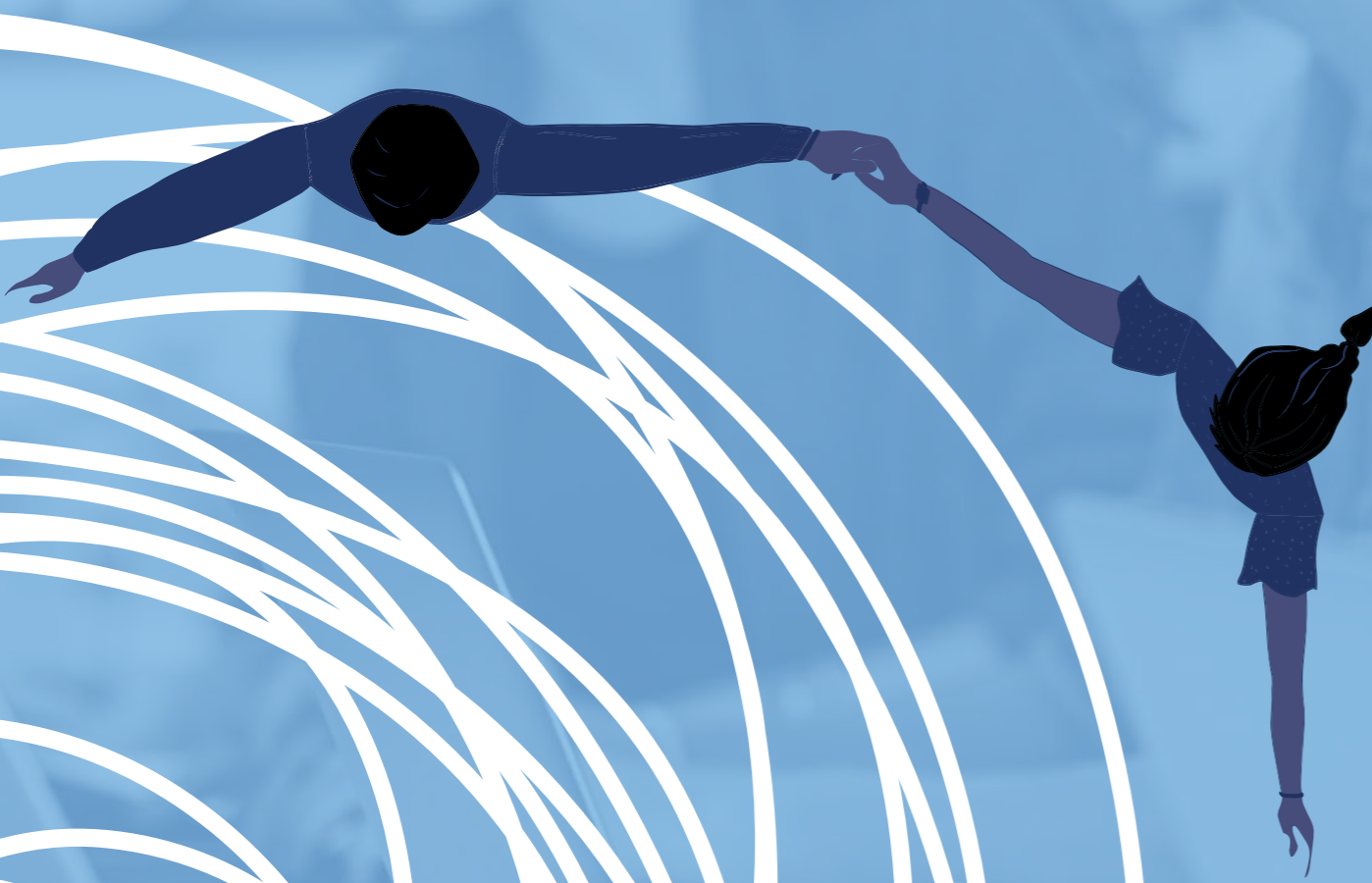
The development of a 'results framework' establishing KPIs for the Foundations main activities, and the collection of data through:

- Application forms for the Foundation's donations, grants and scholarships
- Progress reports from beneficiaries of programmes and grants and scholarship holders
- Satisfaction surveys addressed to grantees and scholarship holders





promoting  
education



> **328,200** beneficiaries



**123** scholarships



**22** schools supported with grants



**322,843** visitors followed lectures on BLOD



**4,927** pupils & **339** beneficiaries

The Bodossaki Foundation consistently undertakes initiatives which promote education in our country, the improvement of the educational process at all levels, and its modernisation, thus contributing to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG 4) to ensure free, equitable and quality education.



## scholarships

The Foundation has awarded more than 2,600 scholarships for postgraduate studies, doctoral research, postdoctoral research in Greece and abroad, as well as for visiting scientists and researchers in a wide range of scientific fields.

IN 2023  
A TOTAL OF 123  
SCHOLARSHIPS  
WERE AWARDED



In 2023, 37 scholarships for postgraduate studies were awarded, including 2 under the title "Elisavet Fotinelli – Ioannis Dimitriou Kritikos Scholarships," along with 18 scholarships for doctoral research. These were part of the 51st Scholarship Programme for postgraduate and doctoral studies in Greece and abroad, which aims to support outstanding young individuals with limited financial means. The Postdoctoral Scholarships Programme in memory of 'Stamatis G. Mantzavinos,' reflecting his commitment to promoting scientific research, was announced for the 16th consecutive year and awarded 4 post-doctoral scholarships in Greece and abroad. Additionally, 1 scholarship was granted for doctoral research at the International Hellenic University under the title "Savas Parastatidis Scholarship."

In addition, in 2023 the Bodossaki Foundation established for the first year the Visiting Research Scientists Scholarship Programme, which supports outstanding students and scientific researchers who are studying, conducting research or are active in Greece and wish to visit universities or research centres abroad for a period of up to 6 months in order to conduct research and learn scientific methodology, modern international research trends and technologies, and then transfer this knowledge to their home country. Seven scholarships were awarded in the course of the programme.



**ERIS DYLGIA**

Scholar 2023 - Postgraduate degree  
'MSc in Emergency Surgery and Trauma, UoA'

*'The scholarship is a tangible recognition of my dedication and continuous effort. It is a unique opportunity to delve deeper into the field of emergency surgery and develop my skills as a physician.'*



**FOTINI PATOUNA**

Scholar 2023 - Master's degree  
'MSc Earth and Environment, Wageningen University'

*'The fact that I managed to get this scholarship means that I have been given the opportunity to pursue my dreams and deepen my knowledge of my chosen field, with the help and guidance of great scientists, and together we will be able to find solutions to key questions.'*



**NIKOS VLACHOGIANNIS**

Scholar 2023 - Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Immunobiology, UoC

*'The postdoctoral research fellowship from the Bodossaki Foundation has made it possible for me to continue carrying out pioneering and competitive research in Greece without any impediment. It means that I will continue to pursue my dreams while remaining in my country.'*



**CONSTANTIS ALEXOPOULOS**

Scholar 2023 - PhD 'PhD Polar Studies, University of Cambridge'

*'The Bodossaki Foundation scholarship allows me to carry out my PhD studies at the University of Cambridge, providing me with important resources for my next research steps, thus allowing me to focus on this challenging project. In addition to the significant financial support, this scholarship also seals the trust that the people of the Foundation have shown in me, enabling me to come closer to realising my dreams. Through this scholarship, I have become a proud member of the Bodossaki Foundation's large group of scholars, taking on the task of continuing its valuable legacy and promoting its vision according the Foundation's values.'*



**CHRISTOS DIMOPOULOS**

Scholar 2023 - Master's degree  
'MSc in Robotics, Systems and Control, ETH Zurich'

*'The award of this scholarship naturally fills me with feelings of gratitude and pride. The moment I received the message with the happy news, I remember being overwhelmed with intense excitement, relief and a deep sense of vindication for my efforts and dedication in my academic career so far. This scholarship, moreover, is not only a financial support, but also a practical recognition of my potential and ambitions, as it motivates me to seize every opportunity that is given to me on my future journey and make the most of it.'*





The survey conducted in 2023 of scholarship holders who recently completed their studies shows that 96.55% of the scholarship holders achieved their immediate goals either in academia or in the labour market within 12 months of graduating from their study programme and the scholarship they received contributed to this.

At the same time, according to the QS World University Rankings 2024, 73% of the Bodossaki Foundation Scholars for the academic year 2023-24 are attending the top 100 universities in the world.

### Testimonials:

*'My heartfelt thanks to the Bodossaki Foundation for supporting my dreams and goals. I will do everything in my power to justify the trust they have placed in me.'*

**MARIA NERANTZAKI**  
Scholar 2018

*'The Bodossaki scholarship for postgraduate studies has given me the chance to develop academically, scientifically and professionally, and acquire the appropriate know-how to find a job abroad (England) and continue my studies at PhD level in the same scientific field.'*

**ELIAS SULEIMAN**  
Scholar 2020

*'Thanks to the scholarship awarded by the Foundation I was able to take a very important step towards my future life and career and for this I will always be grateful.'*

**NIKOLAOS SCHINAS**  
Scholar 2020



The Bodossaki Foundation's cooperation with the **Trans-Adriatic Gas Pipeline (TAP AG)** supports all of the local communities in the three regions of Northern Greece through which the pipeline passes.

As part of the educational programme in this initiative **46 scholarships** were awarded in two of the most prestigious postgraduate degree programmes for studies in the field of energy at an international level and standards.

8 scholarships were awarded for postgraduate studies in the 'Advanced Energy Systems Engineering' programme at the University of Western Macedonia, and 38 scholarships for postgraduate studies in the Greek-Azerbaijani interdisciplinary programme 'Management and Transport of Natural Gas and Oil' at the University of Western Macedonia, in cooperation with the State Economic University of Azerbaijan.



In addition, the Bodossaki Foundation supported the scholarship programmes of the American Farm School and Anatolia College by providing 10 school scholarships. The scholarships traditionally granted since 1972 to the American Farm School continued in 2023 with 8 scholarships for students from rural Greek families. In addition, 2 school scholarships were granted to Anatolia College to assist the social integration of the marginalised Pomak minority, which has been consistently deprived of access to modern educational programs.



## promotion of academic excellence

Prodromos Bodossakis Athanasiadis believed deeply in science and in the potential of the Greek spirit. In 1992, the Foundation established the 'Bodossaki Foundation Science Awards' in order to recognise the creative work of young Greek scientists up to the age of 40, rewarding their consistent and continuous efforts to promote science, honoring their consistent ethos and contributing to the contribution of good role models for Greek society.

To date, 61 outstanding who excel around the world have been honoured with Science Awards, which are awarded every two years. The Science Awards are accompanied by a monetary prize of €20,000 per scientific field, covering **Basic Sciences**, **Life Sciences**, **Applied Sciences/Technology** and **Social Sciences**.



IN THE YEAR 2023, THE SCIENCE AWARDS RECOGNISED THE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE OF 4 YOUNG SCIENTISTS:



### KONSTANTINOS VOGIATZIS

Associate Professor of Theoretical and Computational Chemistry at the University of Tennessee.

He was awarded for his scientific work in developing new computational methods based on quantum chemistry and artificial intelligence to describe chemical processes that promote clean technologies for environmental protection.

*'I am particularly grateful to the Bodossaki Foundation for the recognition of my research work and for the honour of including me in the group of outstanding scientists who have been recognised and awarded this year and in previous years. Through this distinction given to me and my work, a scientific career that started some 17 years ago from the benches and research laboratories of the Greek universities where I studied has been recognised and rewarded. At the same time, this recognition motivates me to make new discoveries in the field of chemistry.'*

### PHILIP STRACK

Professor of Economics at Yale University.

He is honoured for his work in microeconomic theory, particularly the study of how people make decisions and interact in dynamic environments. His research is based on economic theory and behavioural economics and the processes he studies are applicable to a wide range of issues with a direct impact on society.

*'I feel deeply grateful to have been awarded the Bodossaki Foundation's Distinguished Young Scientist Award. The award is a special honour for me, mainly because of the important role that the Bodossaki Foundation plays in Greek society. The resulting recognition has motivated me to continue to study important social issues in the hope of making a positive contribution over time. I sincerely thank the selection committee, my colleagues and my family for their unwavering support and encouragement.'*

### VASSILIS SYNGANIS

Assistant Professor of Management Science and Technology at Stanford University, Department of Management Science and Technology, Department of Computer Science (by courtesy), James and Anna Marie Spilker Faculty Fellow.

He was honoured for his research in the fields of artificial intelligence and machine learning, game theory and algorithm theory, with the ultimate goal of optimal decision making using data. His work contributes to a wide range of fields such as machine learning, econometrics, statistics, learning theory, game theory and mechanism design.

*'The Bodossaki Prize is of particular importance to me and one of the greatest honours I have received in my career. It is a prize that has been awarded to scientists in the past who have been a role model and inspiration to me throughout my scientific career. It is also a special honour because I know the number of excellent young Greek scientists in the field of artificial intelligence. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the Bodossaki Foundation for this award.'*

### EDWARD CHOUGHANI

Associate Professor of Cancer Biology, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Associate Professor of Cell Biology at Harvard University Medical School.

He was honoured for his work in developing technologies to understand how metabolism mechanisms regulate physiological processes. His research seeks to exploit the newly discovered mechanisms of metabolites in the development of new treatments for metabolic, inflammatory and metastatic diseases.

*'It is a great honour for me to receive the Bodossaki Foundation's Scientific Award, mainly because of the brilliant Greek scientists with whom I share this distinction. I am particularly grateful to the Bodossaki Foundation for recognising the importance of scientific discovery and contributing to its promotion.'*



## provision of grants/equipment to improve the quality of education

The Bodossaki Foundation, in line with its efforts to improve Greek universities, gives financial support to the ‘Translational Engineering in Health and Medicine’ Postgraduate Programme of the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering of the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA) and the collaboration of NTUA with Columbia University in the field of Biomedical Science and Engineering for the award of scholarships to cover travel expenses, equipment, software and laboratory consumables.



IN 2023 WE DONATED THE EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL DONATIONS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN **22** SCHOOLS IN 8 GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS IN GREECE

*With the equipment donated, a large number of experiments can be conducted. Students do not simply watch the experiment as uninvolved observers, but are involved in the process, actively participating and using instruments, making it easier to gain an understanding of abstract concepts and the explanation of difficult subjects at the same time.*

**(LETTER)  
KALLIROI HALIORI**



The support given to the 22 schools benefited:

**2,829 students** (of whom at least 1,009 girls) & **224 teachers**, facilitating their work with all the means and modern tools & equipment needed to make classes run smoothly and productively.

These are 3 Kindergartens, 4 Primary Schools, 12 Secondary Schools, 2 High Schools and 1 Arts School, 8 in Attica, 4 in North Aegean, 4 in Eastern Macedonia & Thrace, 2 in Western Macedonia, 1 in Epirus, 1 in the Southern Aegean, 1 in the Peloponnese and 1 in the Ionian Islands.

The grants covered the cost of necessary electronic equipment, high-tech digital classroom/laboratory equipment, science laboratory equipment, heating oil and the cost of participating in educational activities.



12 of these schools have been supported by the ‘**Experience Science**’ project. The programme was created at the initiative of the Bodossaki Foundation to address the critical shortage of modern laboratory equipment needed for the teaching of physics, chemistry and biology in many state secondary schools. The grants of the Deloitte Greece Foundation and Allianz Greece during 2023 made it possible to install science laboratories in 12 public high schools in Greece, ensuring the appropriate conditions for the essential experience and stimulation of 1,885 students (of whom at least 631 girls) with the sciences. The project is jointly implemented with the Panhellenic Association of Heads of Natural Science Centres.





### Support of the Panhellenic Student Science Experiment Competition and participation of winners in the European Science Experiment Olympiad 2023

The Bodossaki Foundation supported the Panhellenic Association of Heads of Natural Science Centres in organising the Panhellenic Student Competition for the selection of the two teams who represented Greece in the European Olympiad of Experimental Science (EOES) 2023, which took place in Riga, Latvia.

The grant covered the costs of the national competition held in Athens and Thessaloniki, as well as the participation costs of the winners, the Naxos High School and the model High School of Agioi Anargyroi, Attica, in the European competition.

The European Olympiad of Experimental Science (EOES) is an experimental competition involving teams of three students aged up to 17 years old, with special abilities in Physical Chemistry or Biology. The aim of the competition is to promote the experimental teaching of science and to engage students in a meaningful way with scientific methodology to solve real-life problems.

**EOES**   
European Olympiad of Experimental Science



The **STEAMing the Future** programme run by **Anatolia College** aims to improve the digital skills and critical thinking skills of 14-18 year-old students, primarily in the wider Xanthi region, while also informing them about future professions in fields associate with STE(A)M, i.e. Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Furthermore, it seeks to promote gender equality in STE(A)M professions: **303 students** (of whom 114 were girls) from more than **100 schools** across Greece have participated in face-to-face and online courses which have been run during the course of the project.

'**Young Business Talents**' is a hands-on management programme with a business simulator for young entrepreneurs, in which **1,715 students** (831 of whom were girls) from general and vocational secondary schools and **115 teachers** from **4 schools** in 23 prefectures took part. 263 students and 53 teachers from 48 schools in 20 prefectures competed in the final. The aim of the programme is to familiarise students with concepts related to business operations, as well as to develop essential and administrative skills which are valuable assets for effectively meeting the demands of any profession.



## improving vocational education and training

The Bodossaki Foundation's main objective is to improve young people's access to education and improve vocational education and training (VET).



SUPPORT FOR  
65 STUDENTS  
& 15 TECHNICAL  
TRAINING  
PROFESSIONALS



In line with this, the Bodossaki Foundation covered the full cost of Greece's participation in WorldSkills Europe, the first National Competition of Technical Vocations with the participation of 16 outstanding students from Vocational High Schools and Vocational Training Institutes (IEKs) with the support and patronage of the General Secretariat of Vocational Education, Training, Lifelong Learning and Youth of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs as an official member of WorldSkills Europe, as well as the participation costs of the winners of the National Competition and the members of the Greek delegation in the European Euroskills 2023 Competition. The aim of the initiative is to improve and amplify the profile of Vocational Education and Training in Greece.

In the European Euroskills 2023 competition in Gdansk, Poland, Greece was represented by 3 students from Greek vocational schools and IEKs in the specialties of Web developer, Electrical Installations and Networks Technician and Mechatronics Technician.



In its support of vocational education, the Bodossaki Foundation has also collaborated with Eurolife FFH to support the work and students of the Stemnitsa Vocational Training Institute.

The grant from Eurolife FFH covered the cost of purchasing new equipment and modernising the School's silver- and goldsmithing laboratory, while at the same time projects were implemented to consolidate the Institute's educational process and outreach. In 2023, 47 students from the Institute benefited directly, and the local community of Stemnitsa indirectly.

EUROLIFE FFH

A FAIRFAX Company



Also, in 2023, as part of the Foundation's thematic call for funding proposals to support Vocational Education and Training (VET), funding was approved for three projects:

- **'Circular Thinking - Applying Design Thinking and the Circular Economy in Vocational Education and Training'** to be run in 2024 by **Science Communication** and its partner the Complex Systems & Service Design Laboratory, Department of Product & Systems Design Engineering, **University of the Aegean**.
- Supporting VET: Pupils of VET schools develop cross-cutting skills for their present and future and connect to the labour market' implemented by **The Tipping Point NPO** in 2024.
- The **Skills4Jobs** programme of the ASSOCIATION OF THESSALIAN ENTERPRISES & INDUSTRIES (ATEI), co-funded by the Bodossaki Foundation, was designed for electrical automation technicians in Thessaly. In order to provide the human resources with the knowledge and skills required by modern, organised and outward-looking enterprises and to link young people with the labour market, ATEI drew on research conducted in its member companies and developed a programme which includes developments in modern technical skills by IVEPE-SEV, with a combination of theoretical and practical training tailored to the needs of industrial enterprises, the development of soft skills, consultancy and mentoring, as well as employment for a period of at least six months with competitive wages in SEV member companies in the wider Attica region.

The programme was developed in line with the successful methodology and model of the Skills4Jobs project implemented in 2022 by SEV, and co-funded by the Bodossaki Foundation as part of a 3-year collaboration. In 2023, 15 Technical and Technological Education and Training graduates (EPAS, EPAL, IEK and former TEI), up to 35 years of age, with little or no previous experience in Thessaly, were beneficiaries of the programme.

**SKILLS  
4JOBS**



## spreading knowledge Bodossaki lectures on demand (blod)

The website **blod.gr** (the acronym of Bodossaki Lectures on Demand) is the only one in our country – and one of the few internationally – which exclusively hosts lectures. It was created in October 2011 on the initiative and at the expense of the Bodossaki Foundation and forms part of the Foundation's primary objective to promote education in Greece. It is a non-profit social contribution, which aims to use modern technology to disseminate knowledge and intellectual debate in Greece.



**322,843**  
**ONLINE VISITORS**  
FOLLOWED  
LECTURES ON BLOD

**BLOD**

### BODOSSAKI LECTURES ON DEMAND

BLOD features selected video recordings of talks, lectures and events, drawn from the whole spectrum of intellectual life in Greece. The site is a unique 'hub' of intellectual debate, open to any internet user who wishes to broaden his or her horizons. BLOD hosts more than 6,000 lectures and speeches by more than 7,000 speakers. The lectures are divided thematically into 37 categories, and more than 500 scientific and cultural institutions have entrusted BLOD with their content.

In 2023 BLOD received **457,924** visits from **322,843** users who benefited from viewing **394** new lectures on BLOD.





# improving healthcare



>41,000 beneficiaries

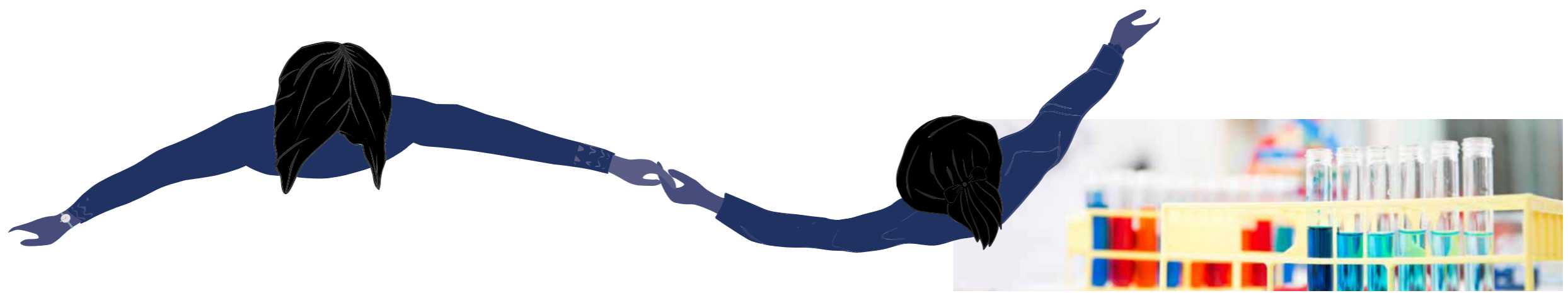


7 projects completed

For the Bodossaki Foundation, health is a central pillar of action, a prerequisite, indicator and outcome of a prosperous and sustainable society, as defined among the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals. In this light, we proceeded in 2023 with a multi-themed framework of initiatives related to support of the National Health Service, the joint areas of health and education, mental health, the particular importance of preventative health and the care of vulnerable groups. In this way, the Foundation contributes to the achievement of UN SDG 3 for good health and wellbeing for all.



IN 2023  
7 PROJECTS  
WERE  
COMPLETED



## supporting the Greek National Health Service

### Support of the Intensive Care Unit in the Burns Unit of the 'G. Papanikolaou' General Hospital of Thessaloniki.

The Bodossaki Foundation believes strongly in the importance of equal access to quality health services and contributes as much as it can to achieving this goal. In 2023 we again supported the work of the Intensive Burns Treatment Unit (ICU) of the 'G. Papanikolaou' General Hospital of Thessaloniki, by providing a grant for the installation of a new floor with antimicrobial properties, which meets modern operating standards and allows for patients in wheelchairs to be moved without difficulty.

#### CALLIOPE KAKDERI

Dr Civil Engineer  
Head of the Technical Services Department  
'G. Papanikolaou' General Hospital of Thessaloniki

*'The replacement of the outdated floor in the Intensive Burns Treatment Unit of the 'G. Papanikolaou' General Hospital of Thessaloniki has made a significant contribution to ensuring that conditions in the hospital meet with current standards and specifications for modern specialised hospital units, increasing the safety of staff and visitors to the Unit, as well as improving the therapeutic environment and overall image of the Unit.'*



### Supporting the work of the Nursing Department of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

With the principal aim of contributing to better patient care in the Nursing Department of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, the Foundation made a grant for the purchase of medical equipment for the intensive care unit.

## the value of Health Education

### Supporting the Eginitio University Hospital.

The Laboratory of Cellular Neuro-immunology is located in the Eginitio University Hospital of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and has a long tradition of providing clinical services, and undergraduate and postgraduate education and research in the field of Neurological Diseases. In 2023 the Bodossaki Foundation contributed to the unit's crucial work with a grant to cover the purchase of lab equipment for the recently refurbished laboratory.

### Supporting the Department of Midwifery of the University of Western Macedonia.

Recognising the huge impact education has on health, the Foundation has proceeded with the purchase of a special tele-education platform (software) for students of the Department of Midwifery of the University of Western Macedonia, who due to the COVID-19 pandemic could not receive training at the Bodosakio Hospital (Ptolemaida) in 'cardiotocography in the delivery room'.

#### DIMITRIOS PAPOUTSIS

Assistant Professor  
Department of Obstetrics, University of Western Macedonia

*'At present we find ourselves in a pioneering environment. The training platform purchased has been instrumental in gaining valuable experience in childbirth safety.'*



## health and vulnerable groups

**Supporting the 24-hour telephone line for medical advice and psychological support provided by the 'Jenny Karezi' Palliative Care Unit of the Medical School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.**

In 2023, the Bodossaki Foundation gave effective support to the 'Jenny Karezi' Palliative Care Unit of the Medical School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens by providing funds to support the Unit's 24-hour telephone line for medical advice and psychological support. Palliative Care is a therapeutic approach, which seeks to improve the quality of the lives of patients threatened by a chronic disease. The goal of the 24-hour telephone line services is to provide:

1. A better quality of life for patients who make use of the telephone line
2. An improvement in the quality of services provided by the call centre.
3. Medical monitoring of patients.

### KYRIAKI MYSTAKIDOU

Head of the 'Jenny Karezi' Palliative Education Unit  
Professor of Palliative Care, School of Medicine,  
University of Athens, Greece

*'On behalf of the entire team of the 'Jenny Karezi' Palliative Care Unit, the Medical School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and, most importantly, the patients and families whose lives you have touched, I wish to express our sincere thanks.'*



## the institution of the Personal Physician - Primary Health Care -

**Exclusive supporter of the information campaign of the institution of the 'Personal Doctor'.**

The improvement of Public Health is at the heart of the Foundation's strategic objectives. The Foundation therefore responded to the invitation of the Ministry of Health to support the communication promotion to encourage citizens to register for the 'Personal Doctor' initiative, which focuses on continuous care for disease prevention, health promotion, early diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation, and palliative care.

More specifically, the grant is related to the creation and devising of publicity messages, the production of printed and audiovisual promotional material, the promotion on both national television and online media of the audiovisual material in order to disseminate the campaign communications and the outdoor advertising.

### MARIOS THEMISTOCLEOUS

Secretary General for Primary Health Care 2020-2023

*'Over 4.7 million citizens have already registered with a Personal Doctor. 450,000 appointments are already made every month.'*

*'We would like to thank the Bodossaki Foundation for the Personal Doctor publicity campaign.'*

*(February 2023)*



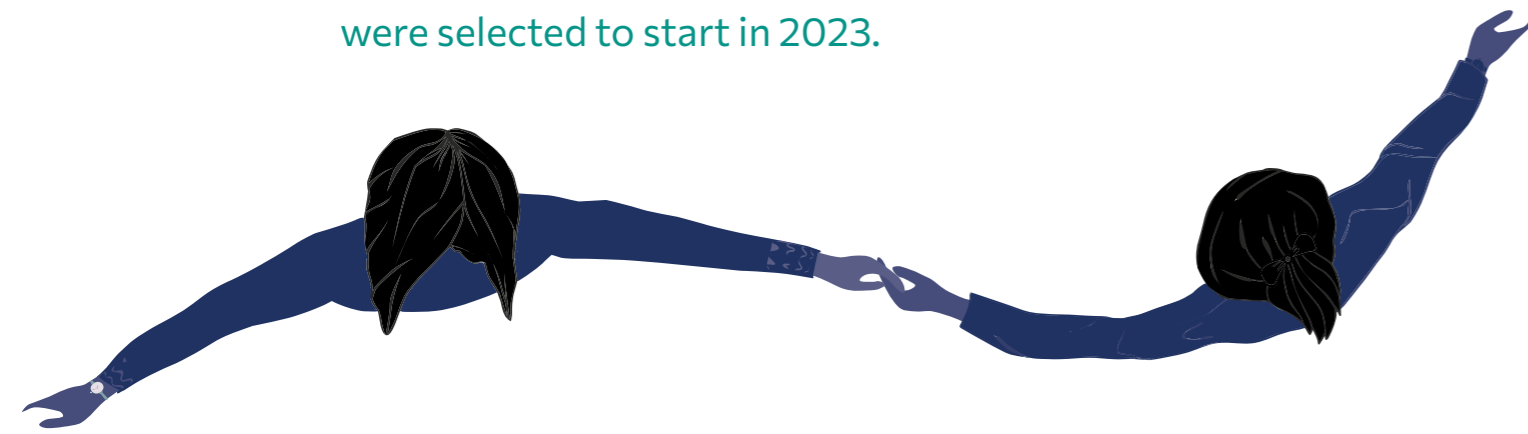
**Giving support to the patients and caregivers supported by the 'Hellenic Pulmonary Hypertension Registry'.**

The Bodossaki Foundation made a grant to the 'Hellenic Pulmonary Hypertension Registry' to support the running of the association's guesthouse. The hostel accommodates patients and their caregivers otherwise resident in provincial Greece who need to travel to Athens to see their doctors, have necessary examinations, undergo surgery or have organ transplants.



## mental health in focus

In order to respond to some of the most pressing needs of our time, the Bodossaki Foundation announced that it would dedicate part of its annual budget for the year 2023 to a targeted open call for thematic funding proposals to address social needs which were identified as priority concerns in the Foundation's annual review of social needs. Of these priority concerns, mental health was placed centre-stage and three related projects were selected to start in 2023.



### Support for the mental health training programme for an inclusive society implemented through the Panhellenic Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Vocational Reintegration.

Although psychiatric reforms in recent years have emphasized the creation of community care structures, there are still major deficiencies, both in terms of infrastructure and in the use of modern methodologies which facilitate social inclusion. The Bodossaki Foundation supports the Panhellenic Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Vocational Reintegration in its goal of creating a programme of education and training for mental health professionals, unofficial caregivers of patients with mental illnesses, as well as the patients themselves, using innovative methodologies based on Recovery and Co-production models.



### Support for the 'In Action for Mental Health' programme by the 'Nosilia' Association.

Having as its goal the psychosocial empowerment and improvement of the quality of life of our most vulnerable fellow citizens, the Bodossaki Foundation is supporting the 'Nosilia' Association by helping to create a special programme of upgraded mental health care 'In Action for Mental Health'. The programme is aimed at people with mobility problems and in severe mental distress or prey to other negative emotions, who suffer from chronic diseases or have been seriously ill since Covid-19. During the programme, the following free mental health services are provided to prevent sickness and promote the health and wellbeing of the beneficiaries:

- In-home psychosocial support for residents of central areas of Athens
- Tele-psychosocial support for those who are residents of other regions of Greece

### Support for the psychological capacity building programme for children and adolescents in the outlying islands of the North Aegean run by the Child and Adolescent Centre.

The creation of the Children and Adolescent Mental Empowerment Programme by the Child and Adolescent Centre aims to cultivate skills which contribute to increasing mental resilience. To this end, practical workshops are held on the islands of the North Aegean: Chios, Samos, Lesvos, Limnos, Oinousses, Psara, Ikaria, Fourni, Thymena and Agios Stratis. The workshops for children and adolescents are conducted in two cycles and link current issues with the reinforcement of skills that construct the concept of mental resilience. The initiative includes additional activities for parents, as well as awareness-raising meetings with local community stakeholders.







# protection of the **environment**



>**76,900** beneficiaries



**7** projects completed

The Bodossaki Foundation was one of the first public benefit foundations in Greece to turn its attention to environmental protection, defending the ecological balance and promoting initiatives aimed at alleviating the effects of the climate crisis, preventing and responding to wildfires, promoting environmental education, addressing the energy crisis and supporting Greek primary production.

The Foundation contributes to the best of its ability to the achievement of UN SDG 13 'Take urgent action to combat climate change' and SDG 15 'Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss'.



IN 2023, A TOTAL OF  
**7 GRANTS/PROGRAMMES**  
WERE IMPLEMENTED



In total, there were at least **79,792 direct beneficiaries from grants**, chiefly in the following regions: Attica, the Peloponnese, Central Macedonia, Central Greece and Thessaly.



## climate change and fighting wildfires



### Drawing up local action plans to deal with wildfires.

In order to tackle the phenomenon of wildfires effectively, prevention is the key 'weapon', especially in the new conditions created by the climate crisis. Given that environmental protection is one of its strategic priorities, the Bodossaki Foundation is supporting the work of WWF Greece by initially being the exclusive funder of the process of creating the necessary specifications that local forest fire prevention plans must meet, as well as a practical guide for their implementation for the response to forest fires, in order to ensure the correct and timely organisation of their prevention at the local level.

At a second stage, the Foundation also supported the pilot implementation of the local plans by 'adopting' the region of Messinia. Pilot schemes in other regions of the country will be funded by other Public Benefit Foundations. The project is being implemented under the '1821-2021 Initiative'.

#### SOFIA KOLLAROU

Deputy Head of Forestry Protection & Security Department,  
General Secretariat for Public Property

*"We have been in need of up-to-date specifications for Local Action Plans at the municipal level and this will help the work of both the Forest Service and the Fire Service. It is important that when we were drawing them up, we also took the specifications for the new Forestry Service fire prevention plan into account, so that the two plans can 'talk' to each other and complement each other."*



### Replanting the burnt olive groves at Delphi.

The Foundation took part in the initiative of the 'International Cultural Relations' organisation, which involved delivering new seedlings to the affected olive growers, uprooting burnt olive trees, earthmoving to level/straighten the plots, planting (digging, planting of seedlings) and supervision, in order responsibly to certify the successful completion of the project.

### Fire Brigade support.

The Bodossaki Foundation, in support of the work of the Fire Brigade, has donated equipment to the Serres Fire Brigade. The donated equipment is available to all of the service personnel, making it possible for firefighters to operate in difficult areas where until now they were unable to gain access.



## environmental education programmes



### Environmental education programme for the prevention of forest fires.

Forest fires mainly arise from man-made causes; the majority are caused by human negligence. It is therefore crucial to raise social awareness, vigilance and participation in prevention in order to reduce the phenomenon. This awareness should also take place within the school environment. Through the school community, students can cultivate their skills and implement good practices for the protection of forest areas, so that the gap between theoretical knowledge and practice can be bridged.

The Bodossaki Foundation, in partnership with the National Bank of Greece, supported the work of WWF Greece by funding the creation of educational animated videos on forest fire prevention, to be used by teachers in primary and secondary education. The project forms part of the '1821-2021 Initiative'.

### Students in action on climate.

The climate crisis is now affecting every aspect of our lives, with its effects more apparent than ever before. But what role can students play in combatting the climate crisis? How can innovation and the move from theory to practice through collaboration lead to real solutions? The Bodossaki Foundation supports the wide-ranging initiative '**Students in Action for Climate**' which is also funded by the Stavros Niarchos Foundation and the A. G. Leventis Foundation and is endorsed by the Ministry of Education. As part of the initiative, students from 40 schools across the country are taking action, innovating and designing solutions to reduce their school communities' carbon footprint.

#### MARIA RENTZIU

Teacher of the 102 Athens School of Education,  
after the Climathon workshop with the students.

*'Thank you very much for the wonderful hands-on experience which brought together environmental awareness and educational practice for our teachers and students.'*



## thematic grant programme 'Addressing energy poverty and/or the impacts of the climate crisis on vulnerable population groups'

Among the priority areas of the Foundation's thematic grants in 2023 was 'addressing energy poverty and/or the impact of the climate crisis on vulnerable groups'. During the final selection process, two projects stood out which were launched in 2023 and are expected to present their results in 2024.

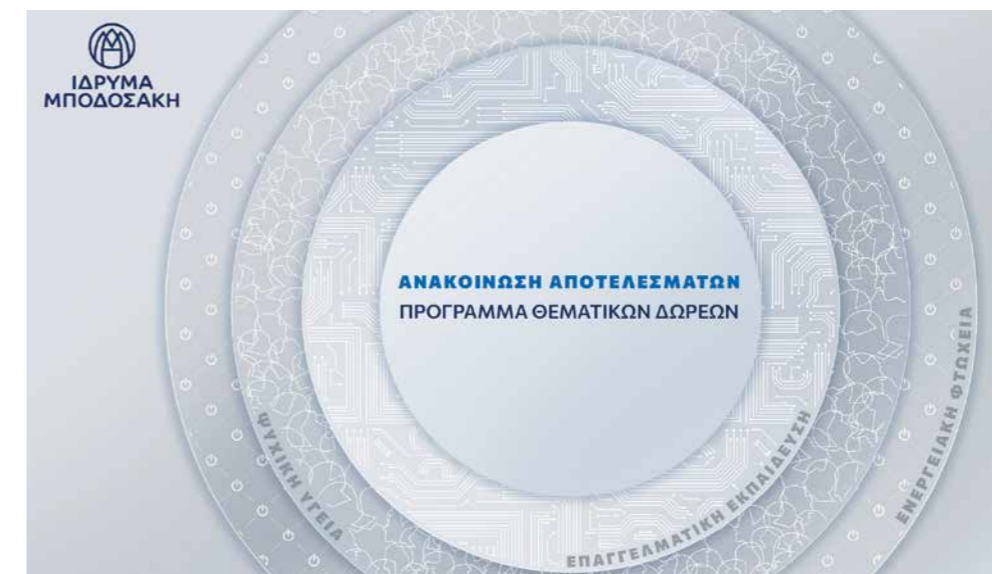
### Fighting energy poverty in Lesvos.

The project '**Taking the First Step: recording the phenomenon of energy poverty of vulnerable households in the Municipality of Mytilene and taking action to mitigate it**' was designed by Iliaktida AmKE in collaboration with the Energy Community (EKOIN) Heliotrope of Lesvos, to study and propose practical solutions to combat the effects of energy poverty in vulnerable Lesvos households. The aim of the project is to analyse the distinguishing characteristics of vulnerable households and gain an understanding of all aspects of the energy poverty phenomenon, in order to implement appropriate policies in order to mitigate it.

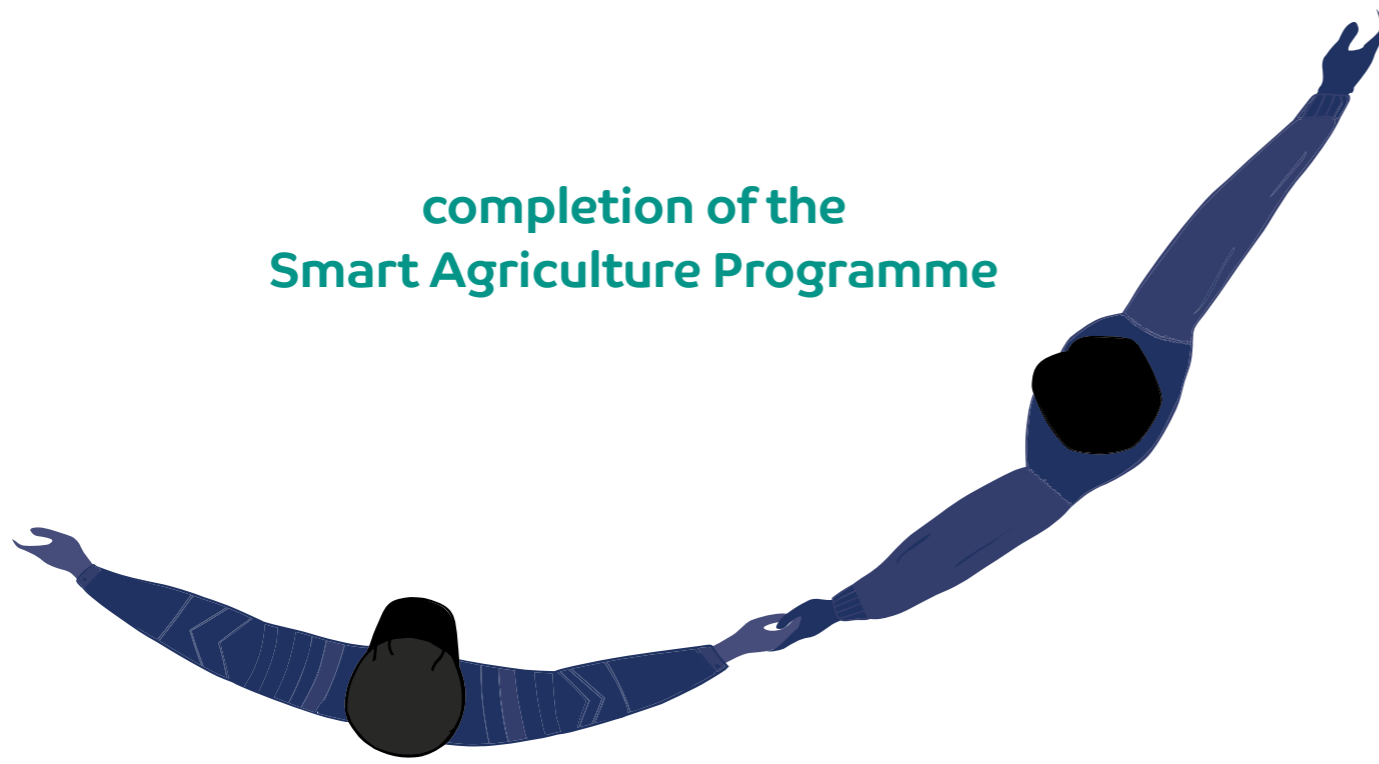


### 'SYN-ENERGY' against energy poverty in vulnerable households.

The '**SYN-ENERGY**' project is being run by Impact Hub Labs in collaboration with Electra Energy JV to study and propose practical tools to combat the effects of energy poverty in vulnerable households. The aim of the project is to address the challenge of energy poverty through the 'SYN-Energy' toolkit, utilising the institutions of energy communities and virtual energy offsetting.



## completion of the Smart Agriculture Programme



The innovative **Smart Agriculture Programme** is a result of the collaboration between the **Bodossaki Foundation, AB Vassilopoulos** and the **American Farm School** in order to support Greek primary production. The Programme aimed to introduce new technologies to assist Greek primary production and during its five-year implementation it had more than 320 beneficiaries and left an important legacy for local producers.

During the last year, the initiative focused on key issues such as training and the use of modern digital tools for detailed mapping/recording of environmental impacts and specifically CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in beneficiary producers based on international protocols, in order to foster environmental responsibility among producers, to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, achieve sustainability at all stages of the supply chain, from the export of raw materials to the disposal of waste generated by the system, and ensure the sustainability of the system.



## the revival of the village of Kyparissi in Laconia

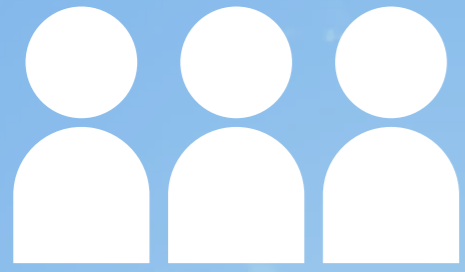
Antonis Giouzelis, later known as Tony Julius, left his small village of Kyparissi, Laconia, in the early 20th century, seeking a better future in the United States, but never forgot his roots. He loved his birthplace so much that he left most of his estate to an endowment that would support the lives of its residents forever. Today, thanks to his legacy **which Tony Julius Fund managed since 2011 by Myriad USA** (formerly known as the King Baudouin United States Foundation) with the support of the Bodossaki Foundation, his memory remains very much alive among the villagers, as a series of projects and initiatives, implemented with full transparency, serve to sustain and continuously improve the quality of their lives.

The most important project for the village was the opening of local climbing routes, thanks to which the tourist season was extended to last from April to November, with dozens of climbers from all over the world gathering in Kyparissi in spring and autumn and boosting the village's economy.

During 2023 a number of projects were carried out in the area.

1. Restoration works at the Holy Church of the Assumption of the Virgin in Vrysi.
2. Co-funding for the construction of a new football field.
3. English lessons for local children.
4. Purchase and installation of outdoor gym equipment.
5. Purchase of equipment to support the local health clinic.
6. Purchase of equipment to support the local school.
7. Installation of lighting fixtures on the Agios Georgios path.






# the empowerment of **civil society**



 **>343,900** beneficiaries

 **74** projects-grants completed

 **231** CSOs recived a grant

 **408** CSOs benefited through organisational capacity building

The Bodossaki Foundation seeks to empower 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).



# 4.1 provision of grants to Civil Society organisations

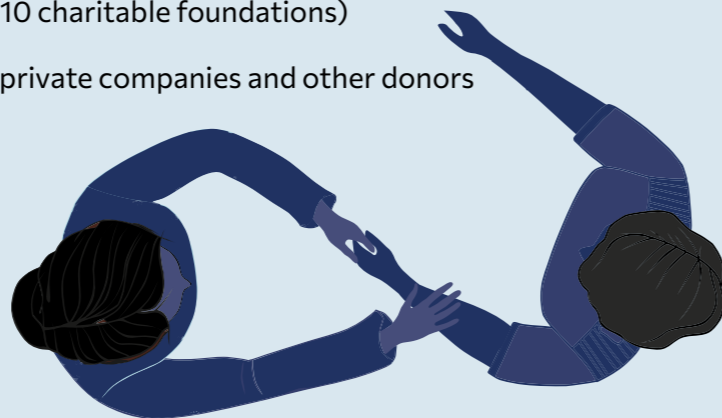
## A. ONGOING PROGRAMMES

The Foundation provides grants to Civil Society Organisations, both from its own resources and by managing the resources of third parties.

IN 2023  
74 GRANTS WERE  
AWARDED  
TO CSOs

74

- 24 from Bodossaki Foundation resources
- 15 through the Active Citizens Fund (funded by European Economic Area/EEA Grants)
- 30 through the Support Points programme (with funding from 10 charitable foundations)
- 5 in partnership with private companies and other donors



A total of 96 Civil Society organisations benefited from the 74 grants, of which 74 were project promoters and 22 were project partners. **In total, at least 342,700 people benefited from** Civil Society grants.

In total, **74 grants** were awarded in the regions of Attica, Peloponnese, Thessaly, North and South Aegean, Crete, Macedonia, Central Greece and Thrace.

## GRANTS from the Bodossaki Foundation's own resources

During 2023, 24 grants were awarded to Civil Society Organisations, benefiting at least 39,634 people, of whom 19,368 were women and girls.

Most of the grants were made through the **Open Giving Programme** created by the Foundation in 2022. The Open Giving Programme is designed to meet the immediate and urgent needs of nonprofit organisations and is open for applications throughout the year.

Grants were also awarded to certain themed priority issues set by the Foundation, such as combatting the effects of energy poverty and supporting those affected by the floods in Thessaly.

The following grants are representative:

### Grants to provide food for 6 organisations around Greece

The Bodossaki Foundation, in partnership with the Food Bank and in cooperation with the organisations 'Social Grocery of the Municipality of Thermos', 'Social Supermarket of Spetses', 'Ladies' Union of Drama', 'PastaPargas', 'Association of Friends of the Psychiatric Hospital of Thessaloniki' and 'Solidarity of Lesvos' offers food to 3,493 beneficiaries: 1,442 men, 1,480 women and 571 children.

### Thessaly Support

To meet the ongoing urgent needs of the people of Thessaly arising out of the recent catastrophic flooding, the Bodossaki Foundation is supporting two organisations providing assistance to those affected: Médecins du Monde and Caritas Hellas.



### Covering the operating costs of the Non-Governmental Organisation 'People of Love'

The project 'Dorochora' was designed by the NGO 'People of Love' in co-operation with the Municipality of Nea Philadelphia - Nea Chalkidona. The aim of this solidarity project is to raise awareness among the residents of the Municipality of N. Philadelphia - N. Chalkidona about food management issues and avoiding indiscriminate waste. The Bodossaki Foundation is supporting the project by subsidising for a period of eight months the rent of the 'Dorochora' premises, where food and essentials for economically disadvantaged citizens are collected.

### Support for "Food Aid and Promotion of Healthy Nutrition – DIATROFI" run by "PROLEPSIS The Institute of Preventive Medicine, Environmental and Occupational Health" NPO

The programme on "Food Aid and Promotion of Healthy Nutrition – DIATROFI" offers a daily healthy meal to all participating state school students in socio-economically vulnerable areas of Greece. The Bodossaki Foundation contributes to the running of the project by offering refrigerators to be placed in 10 public schools in the Region of Central Greece, Attica and the Peloponnese, in order to maintain the weekly quantities of milk and yoghurt consumed by the students. As a result, the appropriate conditions for the storage of meals (fruit, dairy products, bakery products) in schools are ensured and the fight against food insecurity and hunger experienced by thousands of students in our country is supported.

### Donation of a defibrillator to LICHAS Football Sporting Club

The Bodossaki Foundation is supporting the Lichas Football Athletic Club by donating a defibrillator, which has been installed in a clinic inside the stadium. The defibrillator will not only serve the needs of the sports club, but of the wider community, as the stadium is easily accessible and the nearest Health Centre is located in Istria about 55 km away, which makes this defibrillator essential in emergency situations. The population of the community of Lichada is about 1,300 inhabitants, and about 300 people gather during the team's matches.



### 'Youth4Boccia'

Based on the sport of Boccia, which is designed for people with severe mobility problems, the 'Youth4Boccia' programme aims to reach out in order to introduce young disabled people less than 21 years of age to sporting activities. One of the main problems faced by young people with disabilities is seclusion and isolation. This is even more pronounced among young people with severe mobility issues who are wheelchair users.

The programme aims to encourage young people to take part in sport in order to overcome isolation and consequent problems with physical and mental health. The Bodossaki Foundation supports the sports club 'Tirteos' for People with Disabilities and covers the costs of providing necessary equipment for the Boccia team.

## Promoting the mental and physical health of disabled adolescents and young people

### The donation of equipment for the Attica branch of the Greek Volunteer Search and Rescue Association

The Bodossaki Foundation has contributed to the running of the Attica branch of the Greek Volunteer Search and Rescue Association's project with the donation of five 'practi-man advance jaw thrust' first aid training kits (consisting of an adult training model, an Automatic External Defibrillator training model and disposable CPR masks) and two infant training 'practi baby' models.



### Support Association of Parents, Guardians & Friends of People with Visual Impairments & Additional Disabilities 'Syzoï'

The Bodossaki Foundation has assisted the work of 'Syzoï', the Association of Parents, Guardians & Friends of People with Visual Disorders & Additional Disabilities by restructuring two WCs for disabled people, in order to make it possible for beneficiaries in wheelchairs (people with blindness and other disabilities) to use a special lift/miniature crane and by donating this special crane to enable disabled people to move within the WCs.

### Alliance for Gender Equality in Europe

The Alliance for Gender Equality in Europe (AGEE) network was set up on the instigation of the Fondation Chanel and comes under the auspices of the Brussels-based Network of European Foundations (NEF). It is the first network of European organisations (especially Foundations) promoting gender equality in Europe, offering significant opportunities for funding, training, networking and collaboration between key actors in the philanthropic field such as European Public Benefit Foundations, CSOs, experts, etc. Chaired by Fondation CHANEL, the present members are King Baudouin of Belgium, L'Oréal Fund for Women, Bodossaki Foundation, Fondation de France, Fondation RAJA-Danièle Marcovici and JP Morgan.

The Foundation will be part of the network from 2022, aiming to provide grants to Civil Society organisations which will implement projects promoting gender equality exclusively in Greece.

In 2023, the Alliance announced the 26 Civil Society organisations from across Europe that will receive a total of €3,470,000 to run projects. The participation of the Bodossaki Foundation in the network made it possible to submit nominations from Greece. Among organisations selected is the Greek NGO Women On Top, which will create the Women Work Hub, the first working, learning and advocacy centre for working women with an integrated daycare centre in Greece.

Moreover, the MedFeminiswiya Network includes Greece among the beneficiary countries, as it will offer women journalists a space to improve their professional skills while covering women's rights issues.



## GRANTS from the Bodossaki Foundation's own resources supported the following organisations

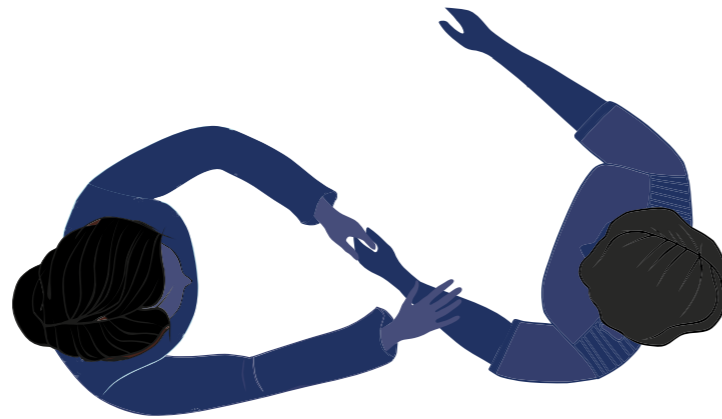
- Alliance for Gender Equality in Europe
- Association 'Friends of the Albert Cohen Memorial Foundation'
- Association of Friends of the Psychiatric Hospital of Thessaloniki 1981
- Association of Greek Calendarists
- Association of Parents, Guardians & Friends of People with Visual Impairments & Additional Disabilities 'SyZoi'
- Association of Parents, Guardians and Friends of People with Special Needs 'To Ergastiri'
- Association of Volunteer Blood Donors of Karpathos
- Attica branch of Greek Volunteer Search and Rescue Association
- Benaki Museum
- Caritas Hellas
- European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) Alumni Association e.V.
- Food Bank of Thessaloniki
- Greek Red Cross
- Greek Youth Symphony Orchestra (ELSON)
- Ladies' Union of Drama - House of Open Hospitality
- LICHAS Football Sporting Club
- Love People
- Médecins du Monde - Greek Delegation
- Pasta Parga
- PROLEPSIS Institute of Preventive Medicine, Environmental and Occupational Health"
- Social Supermarket of Spetses
- Social Supermarket of Thermos Municipality
- Solidarity of Lesvos
- TIRTEOS Nom. Sports Association for People with Disabilities

\*Grants are listed in alphabetical order



## GRANTS through the ACTIVE CITIZENS FUND programme

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



The programme aims to develop the sustainability and capacity civil society, and to strengthen its role in promoting and safeguarding democratic procedures, active citizenship and human rights. The Active Citizens Fund grant for Greece is managed jointly by the Bodossaki Foundation and SolidarityNow.

By the end of 2023, **177** Civil Society organisations had received grants to implement **128** projects associated with:

- the Empowerment of vulnerable groups
- Strengthening the advocacy and supervisory role of Civil Society
- Strengthening civic participation in the community
- Promoting human rights
- Promoting gender equality and combatting gender-based violence
- Development of cooperation networks between Civil Society organisations
- Organisational grants for the strategic development of Civil Society organisations

IN 2023 **15** GRANTS FOR **ACF** PROJECTS CAME TO A CLOSE WITH A TOTAL OF AT LEAST **289,318** DIRECT BENEFICIARIES



### Working together for an inclusive Europe

Iceland  
Liechtenstein  
Norway

**Active citizens fund**

All organisations receiving funding from the programme take part in **Capacity Building** activities organised by Social Dynamo, the NGO Hub of the Bodossaki Foundation, throughout the duration of the programme (section 4.2).



## GRANTS through the ACTIVE CITIZENS PROGRAMME that came to a close in 2023

PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT PROMOTER
Exit through the grocery. Local community of professionals and employees able to provide an initial safe environment for victims of gender-based violence	KIPOS
grow4autism: networking - cooperation - empowerment - sustainability	'Centre for Children and Adolescents Partner: the Hellenic Society for the Protection of Autistic People - E.E.P.A.A.'
Gender Equality on the Front Page	'Hellenic Association for Human and Civil Rights Partner: Liquid Media
Open Hive: Promoting social cohesion and the integration of refugee and migrant women	'Melissa: Network of Immigrant Women in Greece Partner: Impact Hub Athens and The Whole Story - Insidestory.gr'
Time to talk!	Association 'Ladies Union of Drama - Open Hospitality House'
Transforming access to health services - TRACE	Clinical Skills Research and Education Society Partner: Accessible Limitless Living - ALL
Empowerment of Shedia	DIOGENIS NGO
Planet G(reece)	Exile Room

PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT PROMOTER
Workshop for teachers of Thrace for the promotion of gender equality and the fight against gender violence and pedagogical initiatives in the classroom	Icon greece
Network of Trichonidan Organisations for Nature and Culture (Creation of a Network of Trichonidan Organisations for the protection and promotion of the natural and cultural environment of Lake Trichonida)	Institute of Creativity Research, Development of the Thermos Region
Greek Association for Human and Civil Rights	IntermediaKT Partner: people Behind
Alliance for Sustainable Local Development (SymATA)	Mediterranean Institute for Nature and Man Partner: Green Tank
Empowerment of women 65+	People Behind AMKE
INDEPENDENT LIVING SUPPORT LABORATORY	Society for the Care of Minors (SMAN)
OBSERVATORY FOR ART IN PRISON 'ALL2GATHER'	TRI.ENA Partner: APICCO - Community Based Art

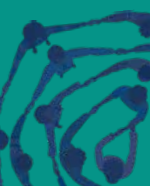
*\*The works are listed in alphabetical order*

These projects are aimed at empowering vulnerable groups, promoting human rights and gender equality and combating gender-based violence, developing cooperation networks between Civil Society organisations and promoting their strategic development. Through education, information, awareness-raising, advocacy and skills workshops, vulnerable population groups such as refugees, people with disabilities, elderly people, women, children, as well as public officials, health professionals, teachers, students, journalists and Civil Society organisations themselves have directly benefited. Read more about the Active Citizens Fund programme here:

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



**Working together  
for an inclusive  
Europe**



The 'Points of Support' programme is a partnership of 10 Greek foundations, which is addressed to small Greek Civil Society organisations, which it assists in implementing original small-scale projects with maximum social impact, improving their structures and developing their capacities which will contribute to their sustainability.



The programme was launched in 2015 and has funded 157 projects with more than 66,000 beneficiaries. Since 2022, the Programme is coordinated by Bodossaki Foundation.

In March 2023, in the 5th cycle of the programme, a total of 30 projects lasting up to 6 months were implemented. From these a total of 9,595 people benefited directly and 16,436 indirectly, including students, elderly people, people with disabilities, teachers, social welfare professionals, mentally ill people and volunteers.

In February 2023, the public call for the 6th funding cycle of the programme was announced. Ten Foundations participated in the 6th Cycle of the Programme: the Bodossaki Foundation, the Ioannis S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation, the TIMA Public Benefit Foundation, the Captain Vassilis & Carmen Konstantacopoulou Foundation, the A. G. Leventis Foundation, the Athanasios K. Laskaridis Public Benefit Foundation, the Costas M. Lemos Foundation, the KIKPE Public Benefit Foundation for Social and Cultural Work, The Hellenic Initiative Canada and the Athena I. Martinou Foundation.

# POINTS OF SUPPORT

In the 6th cycle, which will be completed in 2024, a total of 38 projects are funded which come under the following thematic categories, each supported by a different funder:

- Social inclusion of persons with disabilities:  
**John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation**
- Support for people of the third age:  
**TIMA Public Benefit Foundation**
- Protection of Flora and Fauna in the Urban and Peri-urban Environment:  
**A. G. Leventis Foundation**
- The Child and Health:  
**Captain Vassilis & Carmen Konstantacopoulou Foundation**
- Prevention and Health Promotion for Adults:  
**Public Benefit Foundation for Social and Cultural Work - KIKPE**
- Protection of the Forest and Other Terrestrial Ecosystems  
**Costas M. Lemos Foundation**
- Protecting aquatic ecosystems: lakes, rivers and wetlands  
**Athanasios K. Laskaridis Public Benefit Foundation**
- Social Innovation in Small Coastal Local Communities  
**Athena I. Martinou Foundation**
- Fighting Poverty and the Food Crisis  
**The Hellenic Initiative Canada**

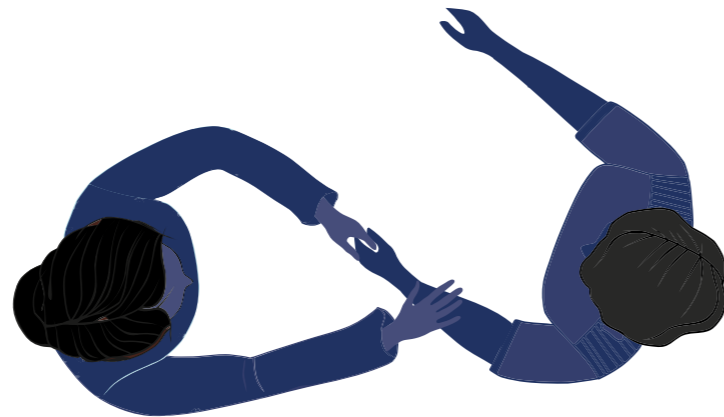
Alongside the funding, the programme offers participating organisations free participation in capacity building activities provided by the Bodossaki Foundation through Social Dynamo (section 4.2). Read more about the 'Points of Support' programme:

<https://www.bodossaki.gr/en/our-partnerships/other-foundations/points-support-small-grants-big-ideas/>



## GRANTS in cooperation with companies and other donors

Today the Bodossaki Foundation also acts as a catalyst, fostering a broader culture of contribution in Greek society, managing the resources of third parties wishing to fund programmes with significant social impact that address critical needs in education, health, environmental protection and the empowerment of Civil Society.



IN 2023 THE FOUNDATION ADMINISTERED **FIVE** GRANTS FOR **FIVE** CSoS, WITH **4,220** BENEFICIARIES



### Managing a grant of King Baudouin Foundation (on behalf of the EU Staff Fund for a Fair and Sustainable Future)

*Project promoter: DIOGENIS NGO - Shedia Art*

Furthering the work of the non-profit organisation with the ultimate goal of developing a new, more sustainable model of alternative waste management, by encouraging homeless people to reuse/recycle the unused issues of the street magazine 'Shedia' and turn them into useful items (jewellery, lamps, etc.), which are then available for sale.

The project funded the organisation of twelve free recycling workshops to train 180 people facing homelessness, poverty and social exclusion in recycling techniques.

### Managing the Goldman Sachs Gives grant to support suspected child victims of abuse.

*Project promoter: ELIZA - Society against child abuse*

#### Training mental health professionals to run Child Safety Care Units

The programme supports the work of the ELIZA Society and the operation of Child Safety Care Units in university paediatric departments in state hospitals in Northern Greece and Attica. These facilitate the examination of children suspected of being victims of abuse, while offering psychological support and assistance for the child and their family. Thus three child psychiatrists have been recruited for Child Safety Care Units at the 'Papageorgiou' General Hospital in Thessaloniki (1), the General University Hospital in Alexandroupoli (1) and the Attikon General University Hospital in Athens (1).



#### Support for the ELIZA 10454 Helpline

The programme funds the employment of a social worker for the ELIZA 10454 Helpline, which provides a) support to those working with children, chiefly in a professional capacity (teachers, doctors, nurses, carers, nursery teachers, etc.), who realise or suspect that a child is the victim of neglect or psychological, physical or sexual abuse, b) advice about legal and procedural issues related to the reporting of incidents of neglect and/or abuse, and c) psychological empowerment to investigate an incident of suspected neglect or abuse and psychological support for handling the incident appropriately and potentially reporting it.



## Managing the Goldman Sachs Gives grant to support patients with blood disorders.

*Project promoter: AURORA - Together against haematological diseases*

### Equipping the Laboratory of the Evangelismos Hospital Hematology Unit

As part of the project, essential equipment (an ELIspot reader) to support the Hematology Unit of Evangelismos Hospital was purchased. The new equipment will allow doctors to make quantitative assessments of patients' immune response to viruses and create appropriate treatment for patients who do not respond to traditional anti-viral treatments.

### Counselling / Psychological Support Programme

The programme also seeks to improve the psychological support projects which Aurora offers to patients and their families as well as for medical staff.

### Patient accommodation programme

The grant supports Aurora's accommodation programme, which provides free housing to low-income patients and their families who are permanent residents in the region and have undergone bone marrow transplants in Athens and Patras.



## Management of the grant from Coca-Cola in Greece offering direct support to people affected by the floods in Thessaly.

### Médecins du Monde Greek Delegation

In the aftermath of the devastating floods that hit Thessaly, the Bodossaki Foundation is once again joining forces with Coca-Cola in Greece to address the immediate needs of flood victims.

Specifically, Coca-Cola's grant in Greece supports the provision of medical and psychosocial support to the flood victims of Thessaly through a mobile unit of Médecins du Monde and helps to cover their material needs.

The five-month programme aims to ensure that the affected people receive the necessary medical and psychosocial support, focusing on the most vulnerable groups.

With our thoughts with the flood victims of Thessaly, we prioritise people-centred partnerships and collaborations.

Together, with the greatest common good as our goal.

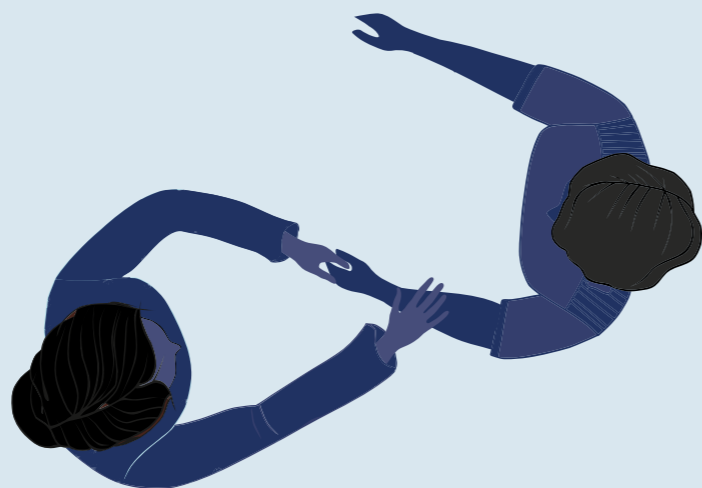


## B. NEW PROGRAMMES

Serving the goal of strengthening Civil Society while contributing to Greek society, the Foundation has undertaken two new programmes.

### BUILD programme

Programme for the empowerment of Civil Society organisations active in the field of **GENDER EQUALITY** powered by Bodossaki Foundation and Fondation Chanel



## BUILD programme

The 'Building a robust and democratic civic space' (BUILD) programme seeks the protection, promotion and wider recognition of the fundamental rights and values of the EU, by supporting Civil Society organisations (CSOs) in Greece and Cyprus and improving their capacity and sustainability.



Co-funded by  
the European Union



**BUILD is co-funded by the European Union (90%) through its Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV)\* programme and by the Bodossaki Foundation and the NGO Support Centre (10%), with a total grant of €2.9 million.** The project started in December 2022 and is expected to be completed in November 2025. BUILD is coordinated by the Bodossaki Foundation (Greece), in partnership with the NGO Support Centre (Cyprus).

In 2023, the programme published two open calls of interest for grants to Civil Society organisations for a total amount of €2.3 million, with the following thematic priorities:

- 'Raising awareness and understanding the rights and values of the European Union' (Call 1) and
- 'Protecting and promoting the rights and values of the European Union' (Call 2).



Following evaluation of the proposals submitted in the open calls,

**34 projects** were selected **to receive a grant in Greece** with a total **grant amount of €1,844,193** and **7 projects in Cyprus** with a total **grant amount of €356,710**.

The process for selecting the grant projects complies with the principles of transparency and fairness. The main beneficiaries of the programme are the CSOs, however, the activities of the projects also involve policy makers, the media, civil servants, teachers and vulnerable population groups, as well as the general public.

In order to increase participation and support grassroots and small-scale organisations, and organisations in remote and rural areas, which make up the final 31 of the 41 projects selected for funding, a series of 11 events were organised during the application period in 6 cities in Greece and Cyprus, as well as online, providing information on the programme and EU rights and values, and training Civil Society organisations in proposal writing. Emphasis was also placed on sharing best practices, knowledge and know-how with CSOs in other EU Member States; 23 of the 41 funded projects included such initiatives. The projects are expected to start in March 2024.

During the implementation period the programme will also provide an integrated capacity building programme by Social Dynamo, the NGO Hub of the Bodossaki Foundation, tailored to the needs of SCOs in Greece and Cyprus, to promote their organisational development and sustainability, with the ultimate aim of contributing to the creation of a resilient and democratic public sphere in Europe.

*\*The Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programme was launched in 2021 under the European Union's Justice, Rights and Values Fund for the period 2021-2027. [Read more about the CERV programme.](https://commission.europa.eu/about-european-commission/departments-and-executive-agencies/justice-and-consumers/justice-and-consumers-funding-tenders/funding-programmes/citizens-equality-rights-and-values-programme_en)*

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## programme for the empowerment of Civil Society organisations active in the field of gender equality

In 2023, the Bodossaki Foundation and Fondation CHANEL launched their joint initiative to promote gender equality and women's empowerment in Greece.

The project involves the support of fifteen small and medium-sized Civil Society organisations (CSOs) active in these sectors and includes the design and implementation of a five-month, tailor-made Capacity Building Programme by Social Dynamo, the NGO Hub of the Bodossaki Foundation. The Capacity Building Programme provides participating organisations with access to a wide range of services including, but not limited to, training, mentoring, coaching, legal and financial advisory services.

It also includes grants to organisations participating in the programme with small-scale grants, up to €10,000, for the implementation of their organisation's development projects, as well as projects to promote gender equality and/or the empowerment of women.

The aim is to support the development of smaller organisations across the country to maximise the impact of their work, and to make them more sustainable.



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## 4.2 providing capacity building services to Civil Society organisations through **SOCIAL DYNAMO**

The development of a strong and independent Civil Society, which can act and intervene alongside the state in order to improve the daily life of citizens, defend human rights and consolidate democratic values, is one of the Bodossaki Foundation's strategic goals.



In order to realise this goal, Social Dynamo was established in 2017 to offer comprehensive support to Civil Society organisations. Today, seven years since its establishment, it is a nationwide reference point on organisational development issues for Civil Society organisations, offering:

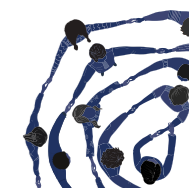
**LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN ATHENS, THESSALONIKI AND ONLINE**, by providing a monthly programme of open training sessions on specific topics related to organisational development, which are free of charge and freely accessible to any Civil Society organisation throughout Greece.

**PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT TO ORGANISATIONAL STAFF**: team mentoring, through a network of more than 50 pro bono mentors, who offer free mentoring, executive coaching, with the cooperation of the Hellenic Coaching Association and consulting on a wide range of topics, including legal, accounting and tax issues.

**OPPORTUNITIES** for community development and growth.

**THEMATIC EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMMES** for organisations with a common theme, designed to respond to the needs of organisations active in the same area of social intervention.

**SEVEN CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES** within the framework of the programme of third-party funded projects (Active Citizens Fund, Points of Support, empowerment programme for organisations active in the field of gender equality and women's empowerment).





In 2023:

- **408 Civil Society** actors took part in activities organised by Social Dynamo.
- **58 training sessions** were carried out, with **1,214 participants**.
- **166 hours** of mentoring/coaching/counselling sessions were offered.
- The fourth and last of the four rounds of the special capacity building programme for organisations funded through the Active Citizens Fund was implemented, with the participation of 43 organisations. The capacity building programme included 90 hours of training in organisational development and had access to Social Dynamo's mentoring and executive coaching and consulting services.
- The special capacity building programme for the 30 Civil Society organisations that received funding in the 5th cycle of the 'Points of Support' programme was completed.
- The special capacity building programme for the 38 Civil Society organisations receiving funding in the 6th cycle of the 'Points of Support' programme has been launched.
- The specific capacity building programme for the 15 Civil Society organisations participating in the Capacity Building Programme for Civil Society organisations active in the field of Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment, run in cooperation with the Fondation CHANEL, has started.
- In the framework of the EC-funded BUILD programme, a total of nine workshops were held to raise awareness of the importance of promoting EU rights and values, and to provide training on how to write effective funding applications for the programme.



Some of the final results of the empowerment programmes completed in 2023 are as follows:

- **88%** of the host organisations improved their internal operations as a result of participating in a capacity building programme
- **89%** of the host groups/organisations say they have raised or plan to raise funding from new sources as a result of participating in the programme

## Testimonials:

*'The outstanding cooperation and continuous support have created an ideal climate, which serves above all as a model both for the internal functioning of organisations and their communication with the wider society and with the beneficiaries.'*

**INCLUDE**  
5<sup>o</sup> Programme Cycle Support Points

*'The coordination of the programme by the Bodossaki Foundation was outstanding in all areas. There was professionalism and genuine support from the representatives of the Foundation for the implementation of the initiative and the further development of our organisation.'*

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Support Points 5<sup>th</sup> cycle

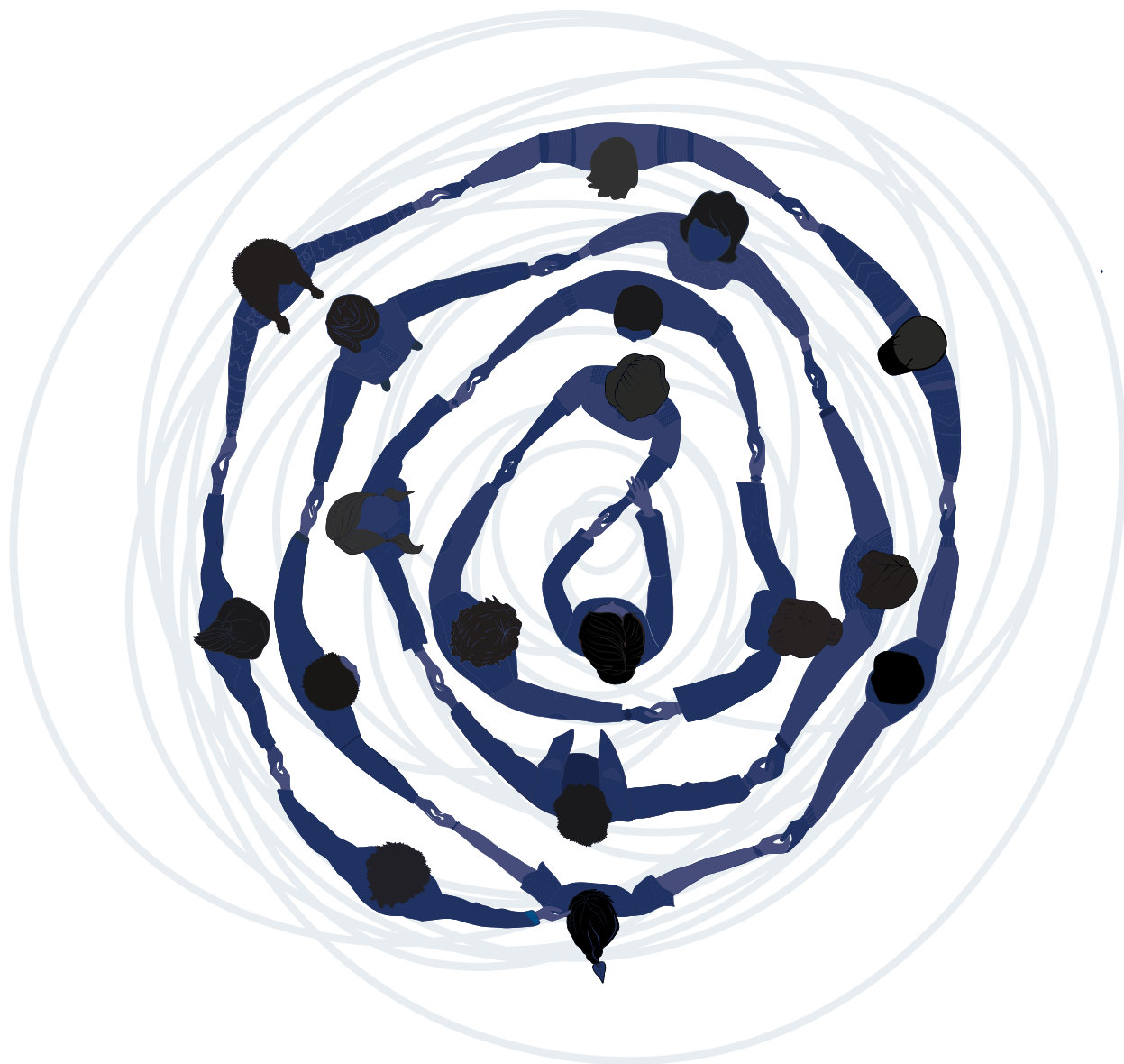


Of particular importance was the contribution of Social Dynamo's network of 268 trainers, mentors and partners, who make it possible to support the organisational needs of CSOs.

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