

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON GREECE / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** founding member (4 November 1946)
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** yes (last term: 2015-2019)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - Council of the UNESCO International Bureau of Education (Term expires: 39th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme (Term expires: 39th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Council of the "Management of Social Transformations" Programme (Term expires: 39th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (Term expires: 39th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (term expires in 2016)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
5. **The Director-General's visits to Greece: 1**
 - 9-11 September 2010: on the occasion of the UNESCO Future Forum "Gender Equality: the Missing Link? Rethinking the Internationally Agreed Development Goals Beyond 2015"
6. **The former Director-General's visits to Greece: 5**
 - 19-20 June 2009: on the occasion of the opening ceremony of the New Acropolis Museum in Athens
 - 1-3 June 2009: on the occasion of the International Conference "Climate Change and Challenges for the Future Generations"
 - 12-14 June 2008: on the occasion of the 6th Regional Summit of Heads of State of South-East Europe "Intercultural Encounters on Maritime, River and Lake Routes of South-East Europe" (Athens, 13 June 2008)
 - 13-22 August 2004: on the occasion of the Olympic Games
 - 19-21 September 2001: on the occasion of the Cultural Olympiad
7. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H.E. Mr Georgios Veis, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (Since 15 July 2015)
 - Staff: Ms Stella Bezirtzoglou, Minister Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Delegate; Ms Anna Maria Ghimmoussi, Attaché
 - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Ms Ekaterina Daskalaki (July 2013 – June 2015); H.E. Mr Théodore M. Passas (November 2010 – July 2013), H.E. Mr George Anastassopoulos (January 2005 – October 2010), H.E. Mr Vassilis Vassilikos (September 1996 – November 2004)
8. **UNESCO Office:** none. Greece is covered by the UNESCO Office in Venice.
9. **Hellenic National Commission for UNESCO:**
 - Date of establishment: 1946
 - Chairperson: Ms Maria Ekaterini Papachristopoulou-Tzitzikosta (since October 2004) - Founding President of the Association of Interbalkan Women Cooperation Societies (1992) and of the UNESCO Center for Women and Peace in the Balkan Countries; Secretary-General of the Mediterranean Women's Forum (UNESCO Network since 2002)
 - Vice-Chairperson: Mrs Theano Demesticha (since October 2004)
 - Assistant Secretary-General: Mrs Christina Boulakaki (since 1996)

- 10. Greek personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
- Ms Marianna Vardinoyannis, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador (designated on 19 October 1999), President of ELPIDA (Hope) – the association of Friends of Children with Cancer
- 11. UNESCO Chairs: 7 Chairs and 2 Networks**
- UNESCO Chair on Education for Human Rights and Peace (1997), Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUT), Thessaloniki
 - Chaire UNESCO de politique interculturelle pour une citoyenneté active et solidaire (2004), Université de Macédoine, Thessaloniki
 - UNESCO Chair on Natural Hazards in the Geosphere, the Hydrosphere and the Atmosphere (2006), National Observatory of Athens
 - UNESCO Chair in Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in education for sustainable development (2008), University of Crete
 - UNESCO Chair in Human Rights, Democracy and Peace (2010), The Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences (905)
 - UNESCO Chair in Adolescent Health Care (2010), The University of Athens
 - UNESCO Chair on Sustainable Development Management and Education in the Mediterranean (2012), National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
 - UNESCO Chair / Network in Contemporary history of the Balkans (1996), Ionian University, Corfu
 - UNESCO Chair / International Network of Water-Environment Centres for the Balkans on "Sustainable Management on Water and Conflict Resolution" (2003), at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki
- 12. Associated Schools: 152** (1 nursery and pre-school, 40 primary, 3 primary and secondary, 102 secondary schools, 1 teacher-training and 5 vocational and technical institutions). Greece joined the ASP Network in 1978.
- 13. Category 2 Institutes and Centres:**
- Observatory on Women, Sport and Physical Education, Athens
- 14. UNESCO Clubs: 11 Clubs** coordinated by the Greek Federation of Clubs, Associations and Centres of UNESCO
- 15. Biosphere Reserves: 2**
- Gorge of Samaria (1981)
 - Mount Olympus (1981)
- 16. Global Geoparks Network: 5**
- Lesvos Global Geopark
 - Psiloritis Global Geopark
 - Chelmos Global Geopark
 - Vikos – Aaos Global Geopark
 - Sitia Global Geopark
- 17. World Heritage Sites: 17**
- Cultural: 15 properties*
- Acropolis, Athens (1987)
 - Archaeological Site of Aigai (modern name Vergina) (1996)
 - Archaeological Site of Delphi (1987)
 - Archaeological Site of Mystras (1989)
 - Archaeological Site of Olympia (1989)
 - Archaeological Sites of Mycenae and Tiryns (1999)
 - Delos (1990)
 - Historic Centre (Chorá) with the Monastery of Saint John (1999)
 - Medieval City of Rhodes (1988)

- Monasteries of Daphni, Hosios Loukas and Nea Moni of Chios (1990)
- Old Town of Corfu (2007)
- Paleochristian and Byzantine Monuments of Thessalonika (1988)
- Pythagoreion and Heraion of Samos (1992)
- Sanctuary of Asklepios at Epidaurus (1988)
- Temple of Apollo Epicurius at Bassae (1986)

Mixed: 2

- Meteora (1988)
- Mount Athos (1988)

18. Tentative List: 15 properties

- Late Medieval Bastioned Fortifications in Greece (2014)
- National Park of Dadia - Lefkimi - Souflion (2014)
- Ancient Lavrion (2014)
- Petrified Forest of Lesvos (2014)
- Archaeological site of Ancient Messene (2014)
- Minoan Palatial Centres (Knossos, Phaistos, Malia, Zakros, Kydonia) (2014)
- Archaeological site of Nikopolis (2014)
- The broader region of Mount Olympus (2014)
- Archaeological site of Philippi (2014)
- The Area of the Prespes Lakes: Megali and Mikri Prespa which includes Byzantine and post-Byzantine monuments (2014)
- Gorge of Samaria National Park (2014)
- Fortress of Spinalonga (2014)
- Ancient Towers of the Aegean Sea (2014)
- Zagorochoria – North Pindos National Park (2014)
- Ancient Greek Theatres (2014)

19. Intangible Heritage Lists: 1 + 1 inscription on the Representative List

- The Mediterranean Diet (2010), jointly with Spain, Italy and Morocco
- Know-how of cultivating mastic on the island of Chios (2014)-Representative List.

20. Memory of the World Register: 1 inscription

- The Derveni Papyrus: The oldest 'book' of Europe (2015)

21. Creative Cities Network: no appointments

22. Legal instruments: 21 ratified, 19 non-ratified

- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified
- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratification (3 January 2007)
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: ratification (3 January 2007)
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratification (31 December 2006)

23. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2014-2015: 1

- 400th anniversary of the death of Doménikos Theotokopoulos (known as El Greco – “the Greek”), painter, sculptor and architect (1541-1614) (jointly with Spain)

Anniversaries with which UNESCO will be associated in 2016-2017: 1

- 2400th anniversary of the birth of Aristotle, philosopher and scientist (384 BCE -322 BCE) (with the support of Cyprus, Poland and Serbia)

24. Participation Programme:

- 2014-2015: 1 project submitted by the Inter-Sectorial Committee for approval for the total amount of US\$ 35,000

- 2012-2013: 1 request approved for US\$ 20,000
- 2010-2011: 1 request approved for US\$ 29,000
- 2008-2009 and 2006-2007: no requests submitted

25. Fellowships: 2 fellowships awarded for a total amount of US\$ 20,680.

26. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2015: fully paid

- Assessment rate for 2015: 0.638%
- contributions assessed for 2014-2015: US\$ 4,166,140
- Last payment received on 8 October 2015: US\$ 1,200,000

27. Voluntary contributions (expressed in US\$):

Year	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total	-	41,662	45,122	68,771	22,561	450,651

28. Representation within the Secretariat: under-represented

- **1 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 3, max. 6)**