

## 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: 39<sup>th</sup> General Conference)
  - Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme (Term expires: 39<sup>th</sup> General Conference)
  - Intergovernmental Council of the "Management of Social Transformations" Programme (Term expires: 39<sup>th</sup> General Conference)
  - Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (Term expires: 39<sup>th</sup> General Conference)
  - Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (term expires in 2016)
  - Subsidiary Committee of the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (expires in 2017)
  - Committee of the Protection of Cultural Property in the event of armed conflict (expires in 2017)
  - Membership of the Institute for Information Technologies in Education (expires in 2017)
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 6<sup>th</sup> 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: 8 Chairs and 2 Networks**

- UNESCO Chair on Solid Earth Physics and Geohazards Risk Reduction (2015), Technological Educational Institute of Crete, Crete
- UNESCO Chair on Sustainable Development Management and Education in the Mediterranean (2012), National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- UNESCO Chair in Adolescent Health Care (2010), The University of Athens
- UNESCO Chair in Human Rights, Democracy and Peace (2010), The Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences (905)
- UNESCO Chair in Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in education for sustainable development (2008), University of Crete
- UNESCO Chair on Natural Hazards in the Geosphere, the Hydrosphere and the Atmosphere (2006), National Observatory of Athens
- Chaire UNESCO de politique interculturelle pour une citoyenneté active et solidaire (2004), Université de Macédoine, Thessaloniki
- 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
- UNESCO Chair on Education for Human Rights and Peace (1997), Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUT), Thessaloniki
- UNESCO Chair / Network in Contemporary history of the Balkans (1996), Ionian University, Corfou

**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
- Integrated and Multi-Disciplinary Water Resources Management Center at the Aristotle University, Thessaloniki

**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. UNESCO 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

- Old Town of Corfu (2007)
- Archaeological Sites of Mycenae and Tiryns (1999)
- Historic Centre (Chorá) with the Monastery of Saint John (1999)
- Archaeological Site of Aigai (modern name Vergina) (1996)
- Pythagoreion and Heraion of Samos (1992)
- Monasteries of Daphni, Hosios Loukas and Nea Moni of Chios (1990)
- Delos (1990)
- Archaeological Site of Mystras (1989)
- Archaeological Site of Olympia (1989)
- Medieval City of Rhodes (1988)
- Paleochristian and Byzantine Monuments of Thessalonika (1988)
- Sanctuary of Asklepios at Epidaurus (1988)
- Acropolis, Athens (1987)
- Archaeological Site of Delphi (1987)
- 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)
- Zagorochochia – North Pindos National Park (2014)
- Ancient Greek Theatres (2014)

**19. Intangible Heritage Lists: 1 + 2 inscription on the Representative List**

- Tinian Marble craftsmanship (2015)
- Know-how of cultivating mastic on the island of Chios (2014)-Representative List.
- The Mediterranean Diet (2010), jointly with Spain, Italy and Morocco

**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 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 2016:** fully paid

- Assessment rate for 2016: 0.471%
- contributions assessed for 2016: US\$ 1,537,815

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