

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON GREECE / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** founding member (4 November 1946)
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** yes (term expires in 2019)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - Council of the UNESCO International Bureau of Education (term expires in 2017)
 - Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme (term expires in 2017)
 - Intergovernmental Council of the "Management of Social Transformations" Programme (term expires in 2017)
 - Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (term expires in 2017)
 - Subsidiary Committee of the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (term expires in 2017)
 - Committee of the Protection of Cultural Property in the event of armed conflict (term expires in 2017)
4. **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"
5. **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
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - Ms Maria Corantis, Deputy Permanent Delegate, currently Chargée d'affaires *a.i.*
 - Staff: Ms Anna Maria Ghimmoussi, Attaché
 - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr Georgios Veis (July 2015 – June 2016); 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)
7. **UNESCO Office:** none. Greece is covered by the UNESCO Office in Venice.
8. **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)
9. **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

10. UNESCO Chairs: 9 Chairs and 1 Network

- UNESCO Chair on Education for Human Rights and Peace (1997), Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (renewal of the Agreement in process)
- 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
- UNESCO Chair in Adolescent Health Care (2010), University of Athens
- UNESCO Chair on Sustainable Development Management and Education in the Mediterranean (2012), National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- UNESCO Chair on Solid Earth Physics and Geohazards Risk Reduction (2015), Technological Educational Institute of Crete
- UNESCO Chair on Conservation and Ecotourism of Riparian and Deltaic Ecosystems (2016), Eastern Macedonia and Thrace Institute of Technology, Kavala
- UNESCO Chair/ International Network of Water-Environment Centres for the Balkans on “Sustainable Management on Water and Conflict Resolution” (2003) at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

11. Associated Schools: 156 (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.

12. 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

13. UNESCO Clubs: 11 Clubs coordinated by the Greek Federation of Clubs, Associations and Centres of UNESCO

14. Biosphere Reserves: 2

- Gorge of Samaria (1981)
- Mount Olympus (1981)

15. UNESCO Global Geoparks : 5

- Lesvos Global Geopark
- Psiloritis Global Geopark
- Chelmos Global Geopark
- Vikos – Aaos Global Geopark
- Sitia Global Geopark

16. World Heritage Sites: 18

Cultural: 16 properties

- Archaeological Site of Philippi (2016)
- 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 properties

- Meteora (1988)
- Mount Athos (1988)

17. Tentative List: 14 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)
- 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)

18. Intangible Heritage Lists: 4 elements on the Representative List

- Momoria, New Year's celebration in eight villages of Kozani area, West Macedonia, Greece (2016)
- Tinian Marble craftsmanship (2015)
- Know-how of cultivating mastic on the island of Chios (2014)
- The Mediterranean diet (2013), jointly with Spain, Italy, Portugal, Cyprus, Croatia and Morocco

19. Memory of the World Register: 1 inscription

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

20. Creative Cities Network: no appointments

21. 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: ratified (3 January 2007)
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: ratified (3 January 2007)
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratified (31 December 2006)

22. 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)

23. Participation Programme:

- 2014-2015: 1 project submitted for US\$ 35,000, but not approved for lack of funds
- 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

24. Fellowships: 2 fellowships awarded since 2010 for a total amount of US\$ 20,680.

25. NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO:

Official partnership - consultative status:

- Association of Interbalkan Women's Cooperation Societies ,AIWCS
- International Solar Energy Society ,ISES
- Transparency International, (TI), 2011
- World Federation of Trade Unions, (WFTU), 1945
- World Peace Council, (WPC), 1974

Foundations and similar institutions:

- Foundation for UNESCO - Education for Children in Need
- Friends of Waldorf Education - Rudolf Steiner Schools
- Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights ,MFHR

26. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2016-2017:

Assessment rate for 2016-2017: 0.471%

Contributions assessed for 2016-2017: US\$ 3,075,630

Payments received for 2016-2017 as at 27 April 2017: US\$ 1,537,815

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

Year	2016	2015	2014	2013
Total	13,405	41,662	45,122	68,771
Year	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total	-	-	22,561	450,651

28. Representation within the Secretariat: (min. 3, max. 6) over-represented

- 5 international professional staff at Headquarters (Geographical posts)
- 1 international professional staff in the Field (Geographical posts)