

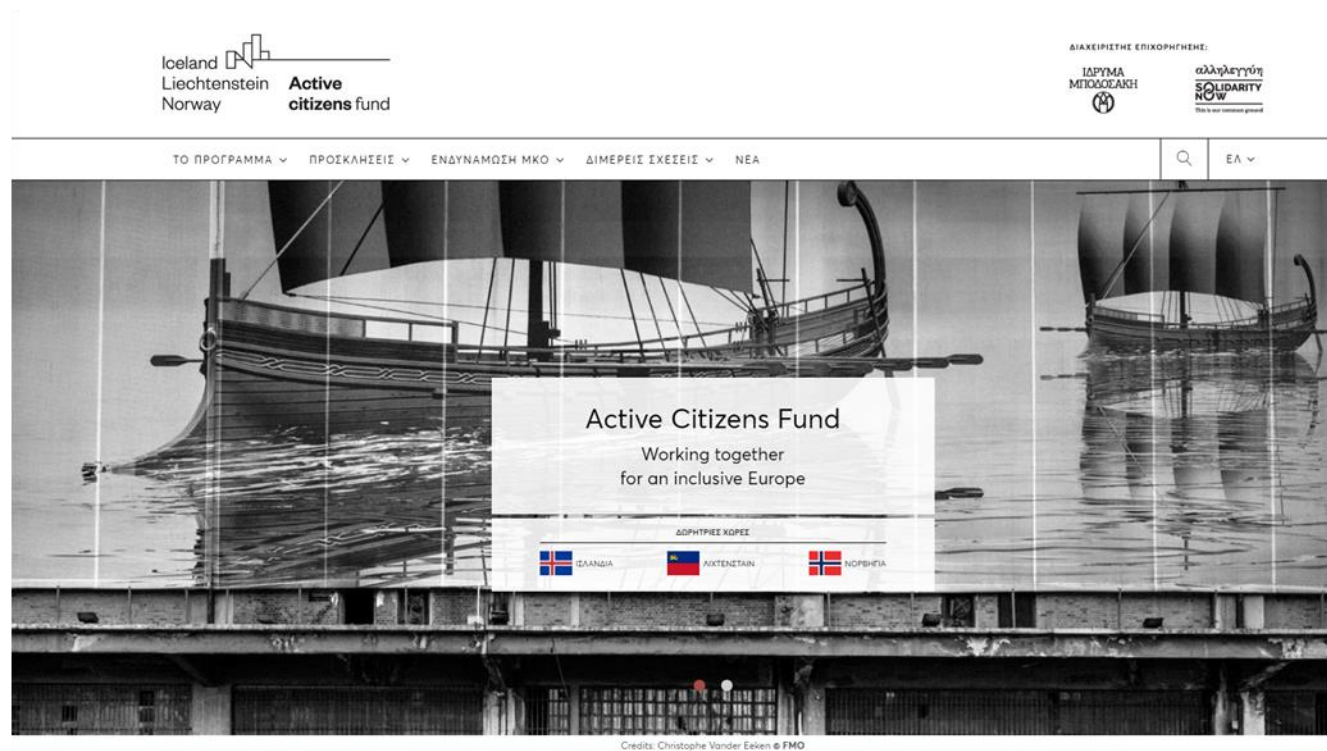
The Active Citizens Fund in Greece is supported through a € 12m grant from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway as part of the EEA Grants 2014 - 2021. The program aims to develop the sustainability and capacity of the civil society sector in Greece, and to strengthen its role in promoting and safeguarding democratic procedures, active citizenship and human rights. The Fund Operator for the Active Citizens Fund in Greece is Bodossaki Foundation in consortium with SolidarityNow.

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## The Civil Society Program financed by EEA Grants



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# Active Citizens Fund

- Initial grant amount **€12.000.000**
- In June 2021, an extra grant amount **€1.450.000** was given from the EEA Grants reserve funds
- The total grant amount **€13.450.000**



# Fund Operator



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## Bodossaki Foundation

- 40 + years experience in grant making
- More than 400 million to 800 NGOs
- Capacity building programmes – Social Dynamo

## SolidarityNow

- Field experience
- Projects nationwide
- More than 300.000 beneficiaries
- Grants for 73 programmes, with a total amount of 14,4 million euros



# Objective

The overall objective of Active Citizens Fund is the strengthening of civil society and active citizenship and the empowerment of vulnerable groups.



# Outcomes

1. Increased citizen participation in civic activities
2. Strengthened civil society watchdog and advocacy role
3. Increase support for human rights
4. Vulnerable groups empowered
5. Enhanced capacity and sustainability of civil society



# Calls for proposals

	Ανακοίνωση	Ποσό
1 <sup>st</sup> Vulnerable groups empowered	21/2/2019	€ 2.904.000
2nd Strengthened civil society watchdog and advocacy role	21/2/2019	€ 1.970.000
3rd Increased citizen participation in civic activities	3/12/2019	€ 1.000.000
4th Increase support for human rights	3/12/2019	€ 2.494.600
5th Gender equality promoted and gender-based violence combatted	11/12/2020	€ 1.005.400
6th Platforms and networks among CSOs developed	11/12/2020	€ 500.000

# Programme implementation

- 6 calls have already announced and completed
- 107 projects have been selected to be implemented
- 175 CSOs implement the projects

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# Additional funding

- 7 Additional projects
- € 661.387,00 for new call to support organizational grants
- Pilot programme expected to be launched in December 2021
- The aim of this open call is to support the institutional development of civil society organizations (CSOs) through the provision of organizational grants to finance the general activities of an organization based on its own multi-annual strategic plan/workplan.

# Capacity Building

- All organizations funded by the Programme will also participate in Capacity Building activities
- Training on organizational development themes, team mentoring, executive coaching and consultancy
- Each organization is evaluated individually to determine its capacity building needs
- Status: The first two cycles of the 90-hour Capacity Building Programme (for the Project Promoters of the first 4 Calls of the Programme have been completed)
- 100% of active Project Promoters have participated in compulsory capacity building activities (capacity mapping, training in communicating impact of projects through storytelling)



# Bilateral Relations

- One of the goals of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 is the strengthening of bilateral relations between NGOs in Greece and entities in the Donor States (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) with a view to promoting project partnerships and joint activities, the exchange of knowledge and best practices.
- Through the Active Citizens Fund in Greece, a total of € 200,000 will be allocated to support bilateral cooperation initiatives.
- An open Call for Bilateral Cooperation Initiatives was announced on February 21st, 2019, and will remain open until June 30th, 2023, or until the exhaustion of the available funds
- 18 Initiatives - amount approved: € 94,535.74

# Regional activities

- Mechanism for the promotion of regional exchanges and networking between grant managers and wider civil society organizations, between donor countries and EEA beneficiary countries, 2014-2021
- Through the Active Citizens Fund in Greece, a total of € 228.000 will be allocated to support regional activities.
- Status: due to pandemic, regional activities were postponed. First regional activity – a workshop on capacity building is planned for early 2022, with Romanian and Portuguese FOs



# Project: «To Mobile School travels»



- **Project promoter:** Ladies Union of Drama
- **Grant amount:** €299.164,43.
- **Goals:** The mobile school targets Roma children and adults who live in Drama, Kavala and Xanthi. Through street work interventions, the project aims at integration into schools, education and training of children on basic knowledge.



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