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An overview of the Fund for Youth Employment

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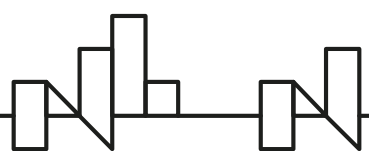
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About the Fund for Youth Employment

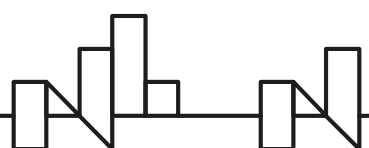
- **Programme Grant:** €60,61 million in total funding (no country allocation) from EEA and Norway Grants
- **Programme Operator:** The Financial Mechanism Office
- **Status of calls and implementation:**
 - 33 projects in implementation
 - 13 Greek entities take part in the project consortia under the Fund for Youth Employment, seven as lead partners
 - New call launched on 1 September 2020:
 - Greek entities were active in the application phase
 - Four Greek entities involved in the eight projects selected



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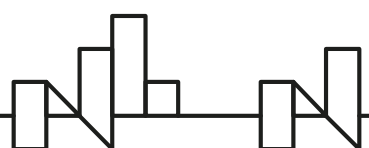
The Greek entities involved in the projects funded by the Fund for Youth Employment:

- **The Institute of Social Economy Studies** is the lead partner and **the Institute of Industrial and Business Education and Training** is a beneficiary partner in a project that has established a transnational expert network to prepare young people for jobs within the fields of culture, tourism, health care, agriculture, IT and alternative energy. Other partners come from Latvia, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Italy, Spain and Belgium.
- **The University of the Aegean** is the lead partner and **the Network for Employment and Social Care** a beneficiary partner in a project that has established a transnational research network and employment centres to train young people, including asylum-seekers and inactive, low-skilled women, for jobs in the food production and waste management sectors. Other partners come from Cyprus, Italy, Spain and Norway.
- **The Agricultural University of Athens (the Research Committee)** is the lead partner and **the Development Agency of Karditsa** is a beneficiary partner in a project that will test a trust-based partnership model and provide direct business development services to young people. Other partners come from Poland, Italy, Spain, Germany and the UK.



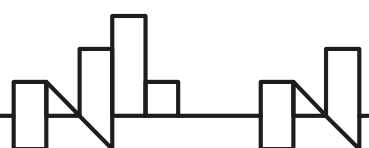
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- **Militos Consulting SA** is the lead partner in a project that motivates young people for jobs in the blue economy. A training programme has been developed for young mentors who will promote the sector to 39,000 young people in schools, adult education centres, NGOs, unemployment services and local associations across five countries. At least 2,000 young people get access to training and mentoring. Other partners come from Bulgaria, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Belgium, Germany and Norway.
- **Three Thirds Society NPO** is the lead partner in a project that is developing and testing a model to strengthen the ICT skills of young people who are not in employment, education or training. The model is inspired by the new “Rapid Technology Skills Training” developed by the World Bank and includes close cooperation with employers. Every partner of the project organises “European digital training labs”, with ten weeks of intensive ICT training combined with other types of training and the opportunity to get an apprenticeship. Other partners come from Bulgaria, Latvia, Lithuania, Italy and Spain.
- **Saronis SA** is a beneficiary partner in a project that offers young people tourism-related and social skills through an e-Support platform and job placements across the project countries. The result of the project will be increased opportunities for successful start-ups in the (alternative) tourism sector. Other partners come from Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Portugal, Romania, Italy and Iceland.



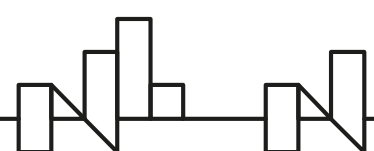
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- **The Network of Sustainable Greek Islands (DAFNI)** is a beneficiary partner in the YENESIS project. The project partners cooperate and share information on how to create green jobs within the energy sector, renewables, mobility, and tourism. Young people are supported and prepared for employment in these green jobs via training, business development, mentoring and internships in local projects. Other partners come from Cyprus, Croatia, Estonia, Portugal, Italy, Spain and Norway. The project was nominated for the EU Sustainable Energy Award.
- **The European Institute for Local Development** is a beneficiary partner in a project that studies what is being done on entrepreneurship support in Europe today and has created a business support network, training programme, an online platform and local centres to support and train young entrepreneurs with migrant background. This will help migrants develop their own business ideas and create new jobs. Other partners come from Bulgaria, Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Iceland and Norway.
- **Creative Thinking Development (Crethidev)** is a beneficiary partner in a project that motivates young women in seven European countries to improve their digital competence and choose a career within ICT. The project will investigate the ICT skills of 1000 women and train 700 of them together with employers. Other partners come from Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Romania, Ireland, Spain, Belgium and Norway.



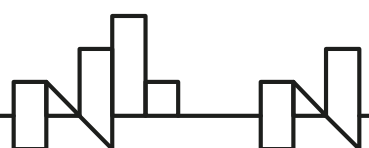
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- **Koispe Diadromes – 10th sector of Attica prefecture** is a beneficiary partner in a project that develops apprenticeships and training opportunities that are better suited to the specific needs of young people who fall outside ordinary education systems. Young people are offered training in social enterprises using the WISE model (Work Integration Social Enterprise) in cooperation with local institutions and companies which offer internships. Other partners come from Romania, Lithuania, Poland and Spain.
- **The Institute of Urban Environment and Human Resources - Panteion University** is the lead partner and **the Rhodes Centre for History and Social Research** is a beneficiary partner in the new research project *Collaborative and sharing workspaces: policies for youth in EEA peripheral regions*. The research will focus on peripheral regions in Greece, Italy, Spain and Ireland, allowing for a deeper understanding of the impact of employment policies on youth and for designing more effective policies. The project has expertise partners from Sweden and Belgium.
- **The Rezos Brands Anonymi Emporiki Eteria Idon Diatrofis** is the lead partner in a new project called *Stay-on: a community-based and driven project*. Stay-on aims to foster young people's skills in the context of their local labour market, allowing them to "stay on" rural land by ensuring their access to opportunities, benefits, services and jobs. Other partners come from Portugal, Poland, Slovenia, Ireland and Italy, with an expertise partner from Germany.



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- **The Institute of Entrepreneurship Development** is a beneficiary partner in the new project *Lost Millennials - Transnational research network for the evaluation of initiatives targeting 25+ NEETs* (Neither in Employment or Education or Training). The project aims to increase knowledge on the effects of employment initiatives on 25+ NEETs, building capacity of stakeholders to perform impact studies and improve the quality of labour market interventions, creating a transnational network for sharing best practices. The lead partner comes from Hungary and other beneficiary partners come from Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Poland, Malta, Romania, Spain and Slovakia. The project has expertise partners from Norway, Iceland, Finland and Austria.
- One project with a Greek lead partner has been terminated by the FMC due to an irregularity with the use of the advance payment.
- The 13 Greek entities in the Fund for Youth Employment are stable project partners, and progress is satisfactory. Many projects show good results despite the restrictions placed on them by the COVID-19 pandemic. More information and news about the projects can be found in the fund operator's online magazine <https://youthemploymentmag.net/>



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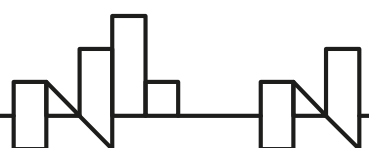
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About the Fund for Regional Cooperation

- **Programme Grant:** €31,89 million in total funding (no country allocation) from EEA and Norway Grants
- **Programme Operator:** The Financial Mechanism Office
- **Only one open call:**
 - Over 700 applications received
 - 19 projects in implementation since late 2020
 - Seven Greek entities take part in four projects focusing on environmental issues, active citizenship and better public services
 - The 19 projects have almost exhausted all of the funds – no future open calls are planned

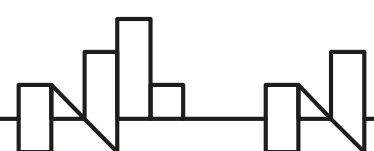


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Four projects involving Greek entities are currently being funded by the Fund for Regional Cooperation:

The University of Patras is the lead partner in the project *BLUE-GREENWAY: Innovative solutions for improving the environmental status of eutrophic and anoxic coastal ecosystems*. **The EPLO Circular Economy and Climate Change Institute** is a beneficiary partner in the same project. The project aims to treat the pollution of eutrophic and anoxic coastal ecosystems and focus on green procurement of products and services in wastewater management. Main project outputs include monitoring variations of physicochemical parameters in pilot sites, the development of a hydrodynamic-ecological model and a system for early-warning about anoxic crises, a pilot on eutrophication treatment and a pilot for the reduction of nutrients from drainage water. A transnational database will unify needs and applications in studied areas. In addition, an online tool with smart functionalities, focusing on analysis, assessment and grading of green products will be developed, as well as a tool to implement green criteria in tenders. Other partners come from Romania, Cyprus and Norway.

The Heraklion Chamber of Commerce and Industry and **ANELIXIS DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANTS S.A** are beneficiary partners in the project **Reducing the Consumption and Disposal of Single-use Plastics in the Tourism Industry in Cyprus, Greece and Malta**. The project will develop a web-based tool to support hotels to change to a sustainable resource-efficient business model that will target, prevent, reuse and replace single-use plastics with environmentally friendlier, readily available and affordable alternatives, in line with the EU rules and strategies.



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"SCIENCE FOR YOU" NPC - SciFY and **DIMOS ATHINAION EPICHEIRISI MICHANOGRAFISIS (DAEM S.A.)** are beneficiary partners in the project **Co-Deciding Europe: Civic Tech for Good Governance and Active Citizenship! (CODE Europe)**. The project will pilot the collaborative method of crowdsourcing legislation in six beneficiary countries on the subject of 'air quality' which has been chosen because of its transnational nature and the problems associated with it. A universally applicable methodology for assessment of e-participation experiences will be developed and tested through the crowdsourcing pilots as well as guidelines for ethical 'social listening'. Other partners come from Hungary, Latvia, Estonia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Portugal, Iceland, Belgium and an international organisation.

The Municipality of Kallithea is a beneficiary partner in the project **COMPETENCE – Capacity building Of eMployees of municiPalitiEs for beTtEr provision of publiC sErVICES**. The project addresses the dissatisfaction with the quality of public services delivery. The main objective of the project is to improve the quality of services provided by municipalities through building the capacity of civil servants. This will help preventing marginalization and exclusion of vulnerable social groups. The project will exchange good practice between partners in the field of adult education, to build the capacity of employees of governmental entities and to improve delivery, accessibility and quality of public services in the targeted regions. Other partners come from the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Croatia and Norway.

