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Knowledge, empowerment, and inner strength spark change.

Together for Impact: Innovation and Empowerment



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💡 **Innovation thrives when knowledge spreads, and empowerment takes root when people have the space to express their inner strength.** In this issue, we share stories where research, technology, and humanity intersect — showing how cooperation drives lasting change.

👉 What's inside:

- Stories of **innovation and bilateral cooperation** sparking new ideas.
- **Civil Society initiatives** that empower grassroots action and strengthen communities.
- Examples of **Good Governance** include strengthening institutions and building accountability.

Together, these stories remind us that cooperation builds trust — and trust drives change, both around us and within us.

Innovation in motion: Greece and Norway co-creating solutions

Through the **EEA Grants' Bilateral Fund**, Greek and Norwegian institutions join forces to co-design, test, and scale ideas that address modern challenges.

Think of a Greek research lab working side-by-side with Norwegian engineers on **smart environmental monitoring systems**. Or a project designed to strengthen Greece's institutional capacity in **preventing**

juvenile delinquency among unaccompanied minors (UMs). Or even the creation of a joint research node that connects two leading Greek **nanoscopy laboratories** with Norwegian partners, enhancing collaboration and coordination of research strategies.

These partnerships go far beyond technology transfer. They build institutional capacity, foster mutual learning, and create durable networks of trust. For Greece, they bring fresh perspectives and methods. For Norway, they open new channels of cooperation and co-creation.

🌟 Explore all these initiatives — and more — on our dedicated Bilateral Fund page: eeagrants.gr/bilateral-fund-demo

Civil society at the heart of change

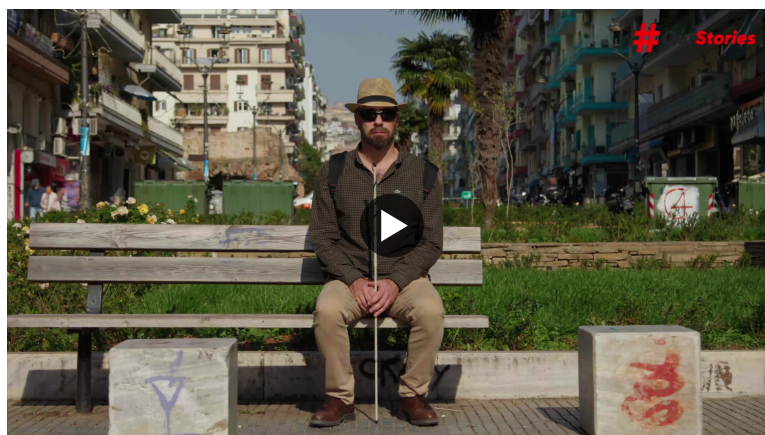
Lasting change often begins at the grassroots. Through the **Active Citizens Fund (ACF)**, the EEA Grants support civil society organisations in Greece to strengthen communities, empower vulnerable groups, and give citizens a stronger voice in shaping their future.

Projects like **ROM-Boost** empower Roma communities through education, skills training, and social inclusion. Initiatives supporting people living with **Alzheimer's and dementia** provide families with vital resources, raise awareness about mental health, and create networks of solidarity for caregivers. Others, such as **Non-profits & Media Advocating for Good!**, bring together NGOs and journalists to co-create campaigns that increase accountability and visibility for social issues.

What unites these diverse efforts is a common goal: to ensure that every voice counts. By funding organisations both large and small, the Active Citizens Fund helps communities tackle inequalities, foster inclusion, and take ownership of solutions that matter most to them.

🌟 Explore all the initiatives supported by the Active Citizens Fund here: <https://www.activecitizensfund.gr/en/>

📺 And watch the **embedded videos** to see some of these stories come alive through the voices of those who lived them.



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Good Governance, Accountable Institutions, Transparency: Building trust through stronger institutions

Good governance is not only about procedures — it is about transparency, accountability, and creating institutions that earn citizens' trust. Through the **Good Governance programme** of the EEA Grants in Greece, reforms are taking shape that strengthen democratic processes and safeguard rights.

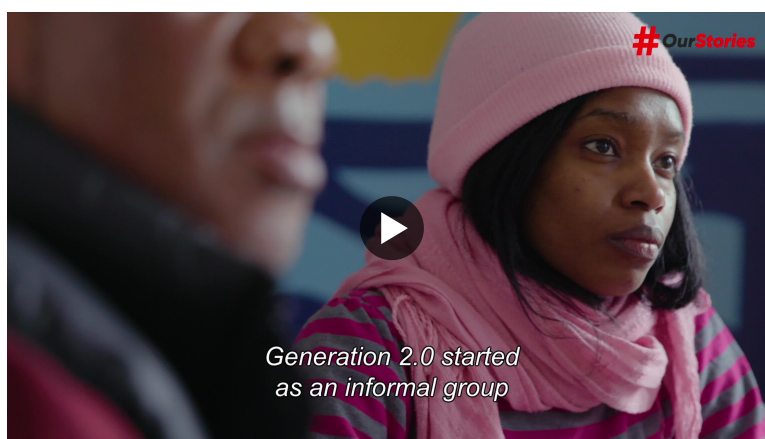
Projects of the **Greek Ombudsman**, such as **Safety Net** and **Enhancing the Role of the Greek Ombudsman in the Protection of Rights**, expand the institution's capacity to protect citizens from arbitrary actions, strengthen accountability in public administration, and ensure equal access to rights for all. At the same time, new digital services, such as the **Digital Transformation of Citizen's Service Centres in Greece (KEP)**, simplify procedures and make public services more transparent and accessible.

Some initiatives also build on **bilateral cooperation**: for example, knowledge exchange between the Greek Ombudsman and its Norwegian counterpart on citizen complaint systems has inspired new ways of handling cases and increasing responsiveness.

What connects all these efforts is a commitment to citizens: ensuring that institutions remain open, reliable, and resilient.

🌟 Learn more about the Good Governance projects on our digital map: eeagrants.gr

From cutting-edge research and cross-border cooperation, to grassroots empowerment and stronger institutions, the EEA Grants in Greece are about more than funding – they are about building trust, opportunity, and resilience together.



Citizenship in practice

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