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Christmas Edition Red Threads: Stories of Protection and Human Dignity



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In this final edition of the year, we follow a different kind of thread — a red thread that weaves through some of the most meaningful projects of the EEA Grants in Greece.

Red is the colour of warmth, protection, and human dignity. It is also the colour that quietly marks several initiatives we support: Projects shaped in response to real needs, designed to defend rights, strengthen institutions, and empower communities where support matters most.

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Where dignity is built through sustained engagement on the ground.

This Christmas, we highlight these stories — small but vital *stitches of care* that bind us together and remind us why cooperation matters, especially where dignity risks remaining unseen.

● **Protection as a Public Good; The Greek Ombudsman: Strengthening the fabric of trust**

Behind every strong democracy lies an institution that listens, protects, and stands by citizens — particularly when vulnerabilities come to the surface.

Through the **Safety Net** project, the Greek Ombudsman introduced new tools, training, and procedures to better respond to concrete cases faced by people in vulnerable situations. These interventions addressed gaps identified in everyday practice, reinforcing the institution's capacity to act where rights require active safeguarding.

The red in its visual identity becomes a symbol of vigilance — a reminder that rights are protected not by chance, but through responsible institutions that engage with real challenges and choose transparency, dialogue, and integrity every day.

👉 Trace the thread of this initiative and explore its locations and impact through our [interactive map](#) by choosing the "Good Governance, Accountable Institutions, Transparency" programme.

Protection takes shape in places like HOUSE2.

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Across Greece, people seeking asylum and unaccompanied minors navigate complex and often fragile conditions, where protection, care, and institutional presence are not abstract principles but immediate needs.

Through projects of the Asylum and Migration Programme — such as [FORTIFY](#) and targeted actions for [unaccompanied minors](#) — structures were strengthened, professionals supported, and safeguarding mechanisms reinforced to respond to real risks and vulnerabilities on the ground.

In this context, red becomes a quiet marker of protection and responsibility: a reminder that dignity is upheld through timely intervention, coordinated services, and institutions prepared to act when lives are in transition.

👉 **Follow the red thread** to discover how this story unfolds across Greece on our interactive map. Just select the "Asylum and Migration" programme.

● **Red for Rights in Innovation: Social innovation with a human centre**

In several bilateral and innovation projects — from anti-discrimination actions to community-support initiatives — red appears again as a marker of purpose: to challenge inequalities where they persist, to protect those at the margins, and to [bring solutions](#) closer to people's lived realities.

These projects remind us that innovation is not only technological; it is institutional, social, and human — emerging where established approaches meet the need for change.

👉 **Pick up the thread** and see where this story connects to places, people, and projects on our [interactive map](#) under the "Innovation, Business Development and SMEs" programme.

A red thread of warmth connects people and shared effort.

As we close this year, the red threads connecting these stories remind us of something essential: **impact is not abstract** — it is shaped through

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Thank you for walking this path with us. In 2026, we continue together — strengthening cooperation, amplifying voices, and building public value that is grounded in experience and open to everyone.

 Warmest wishes from the EEA Grants Greece team. Together, we work for a green, democratic, and resilient Europe.

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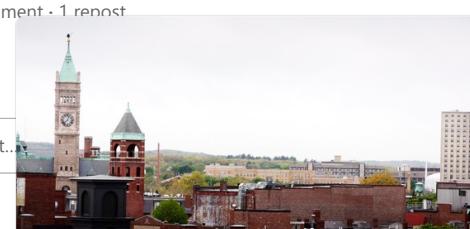
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