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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Over the last twenty years, Athens Network of Collaborating Experts (ANCE) has dedicated its efforts to design and implement actions for supporting the less privileged. The last years' refugee crisis, the unemployment all over Europe, and the impact of climate change were some of the major concerns of ANCE that were transformed into project ideas.

The broad spectrum of our activities in the areas of health, environment, education, and poverty alleviation reveals our commitment to make a positive difference in people's lives.

This year's Annual Report highlights the achievements and successes in the preceding year. Our set goals for the upcoming year focus on:

- Expanding our geographic reach
- Enriching the range of our services with more fields, target groups and beneficiaries
- Fostering gender equality issues
- Promoting further social inclusion
- Raising awareness of climate change and environmental protection
- Strengthening the role of civil society
- Contributing to the implementation of EU policies

On behalf of the board and staff of ANCE, I would like to express our gratitude to our donors, partners and volunteers for their continued support and for sharing our commitment to the people in need. With their ongoing support ANCE is ready for the challenges and achievements ahead in 2018.

Little things can change the world and all of YOU can be part of this change!

Most sincerely,

Prof. Georgios Pavlidis
President of the BoD of ANCE

ABOUT ANCE

ANCE is a **non-governmental, non-profit organisation** based in Athens, Greece. It was established in 1996 by a group of Greek experts in international development cooperation and technical assistance and today has succeeded to create an extensive network of collaborators and volunteers for the promotion of sustainable development and the support of vulnerable social groups in the European Union and the developing countries.

ANCE is collaborating with other non-governmental organisations, local development agencies, local authorities, Foundations, TVET providers, Universities and research centres, and the private sector in Greece and abroad, for:

- the promotion of democracy and the protection of human rights
- the improvement of women's access to the labor market

- the sensitization of EU citizens on the problems of the developing world
- combating all kinds of racism, xenophobia, marginalisation and social exclusion
- the distribution of humanitarian aid
- environmental protection and preservation of the cultural heritage
- the implementation of income generating projects for the weakest and most disadvantaged groups of society
- the support of entrepreneurship and sustainable economic development in areas of Central and Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America
- the support of populations affected by natural disasters and wars.



Mission

Support the economic and social empowerment of the less privileged through access to education, employment and information, better health, and reduced inequality, as well as promotion of the sustainable development and climate change.

Vision

A sustainable and fair world without poverty and discrimination.



WHAT WE DO

ANCE implements actions aiming to promote:

- democracy and human rights
- labor mobility
- the integration of vulnerable social groups in the labor market
- youth mobility
- activities for responsible and active citizenship
- and implement educational seminars on risk management and disaster preparedness
- public awareness activities on natural disasters
- dissemination of information and developing strategies for the prevention of environmental pollution

- initiatives for water and waste management
- the training of unskilled workers and inexperienced graduates and improve their employability
- the creation of partnerships between educational institutions and business community
- the development of small and medium enterprises and regional entrepreneurship
- the economic development and cohesion of Eastern Europe, Balkans and Mediterranean

Support for vulnerable groups:

- access to education
- integration in the labour market
- youth leadership
- women entrepreneurship
- vocational education and training
- human rights education
- social inclusion
- active participation and citizenship
- cultural exchanges

Promotion of sustainable development:

- sustainable tourism
- renewable energy
- climate change
- environmental protection
- organic farming

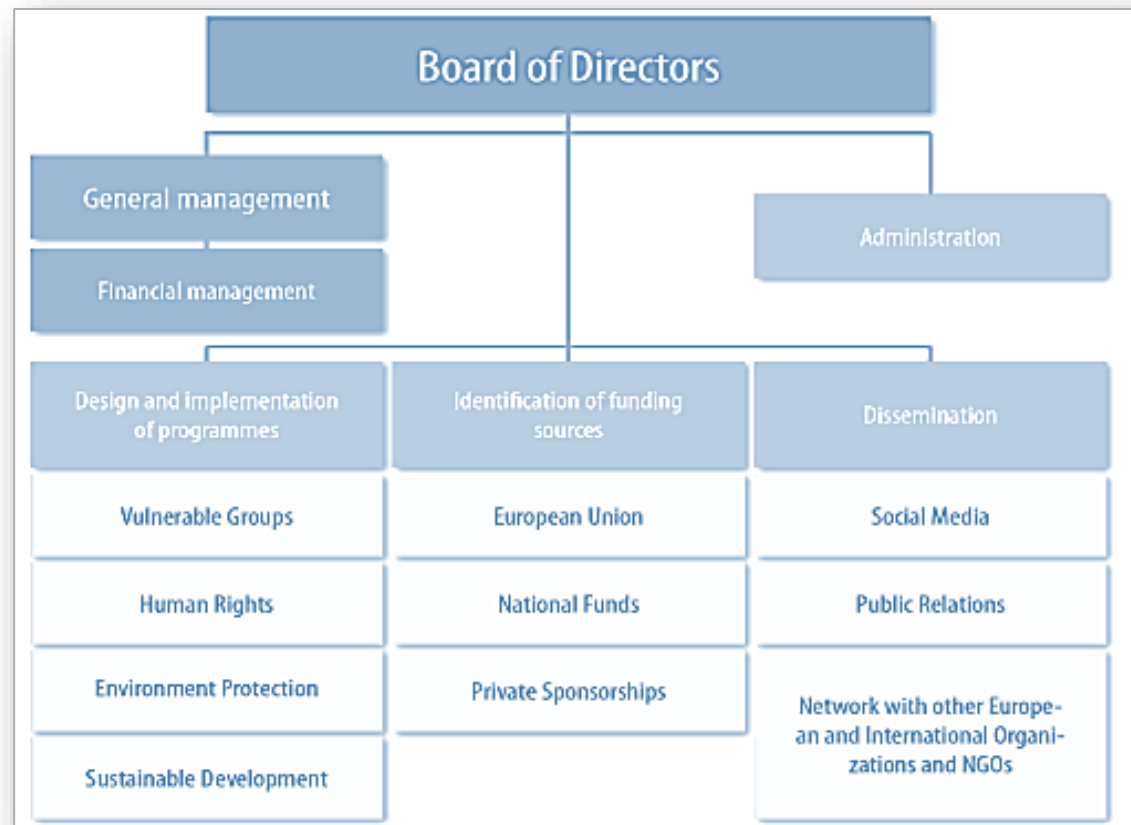


WHERE WE WORK



*EU Countries, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Ethiopia
Moldova, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine
Uzbekistan*

HOW WE WORK



MEMBERSHIPS



ANCE is also a member of the **Greek National Network of the Anna Lindh Foundation** (Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for the Dialogue between Cultures (ALF)). The

Anna Lindh Foundation is based in Alexandria, Egypt, and is an international organization of civil society. Founded by the Euro-Mediterranean Conference of Foreign Ministers on November 30, 2004 for the development of networking in social, cultural and humanitarian issues, in particular for the development of human resources. It works as a network of 35 National Networks created by the Euro-Mediterranean Partners and promotes understanding between cultures and exchanges between civil societies.



ANCE is a member of the **European Civic Forum** (FCE) since 2009. FCE is a transnational network of over 100 associations and NGOs across 27 countries in Europe.

It was founded on December

17, 2005 in Strasbourg after a meeting of European NGOs in the Council of Europe. The FCE members are national, regional and local NGOs (and European networks) working in the fields of citizenship education and civics. The network aims to enhance the "ownership" of Europe by its citizens by facilitating the networking of local, regional and national actors of civil / NGO community, and implementing common actions aimed at "awakening the European citizen."



ANCE is a member of the **MIO-ECSDE Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development**, a non-profit Federation of 127 Mediterranean Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) working in the fields of Environment and Development in 28 countries of the Euro-Mediterranean area. MIO-ECSDE acts as a technical and political platform for the intervention of NGOs in the Euro-Mediterranean scene on resources and waste, nature, biodiversity, cultural diversity, climate change, health and environment as well as on horizontal and cross-cutting issues.



Finally, ANCE is a member of the **Global Sustain** which provides a wide range of services and solutions to support its members and clients succeeding triple bottom line results. Based in London and Athens, with offices in Berlin, Brussels, London, New York and Nicosia, Global Sustain offers innovative online and off-line services related to sustainability, corporate responsibility, responsible investing, green economy, business ethics and excellence, transparency, human rights and accountability. Its members include corporations, non-governmental and non-profit organisations, municipalities and local authorities, academic institutions, media, professional bodies, service providers, chambers, think tanks and other public or private entities.

SPONSORS



European Commission

- Europe Aid – Cooperation Office
- Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
- Directorate General for Enlargement
- Directorate General for Regional Policy
- Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency
- Directorate General Justice



Ministry of Trade and Industry, Egypt



Centre Finance and Contract Unit (CFCU), Turkey



Ministry of Women's Affairs, Ethiopia



Ministry Of Foreign Affairs Of Greece

- International Development Cooperation Agency



Ministry Of Employment And Social Protection - General Secretariat for Management of Community and Other Resources - Special Application Service co-funded by the European Social Fund



Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for the Dialogue between Cultures (ALF)



NGOs



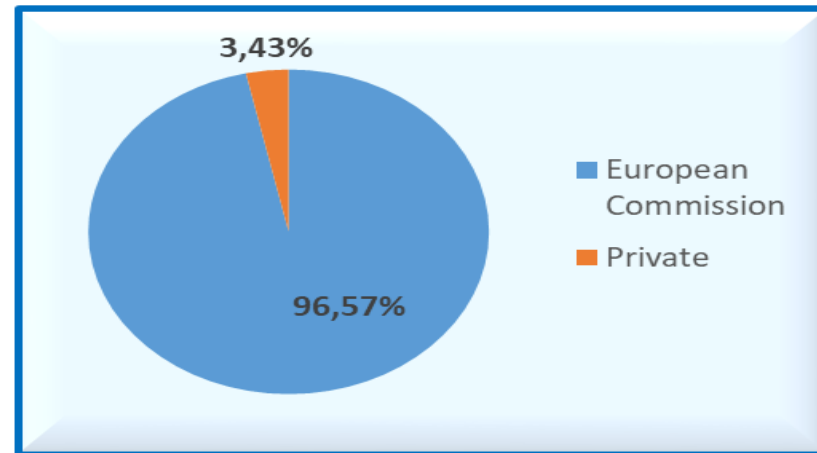
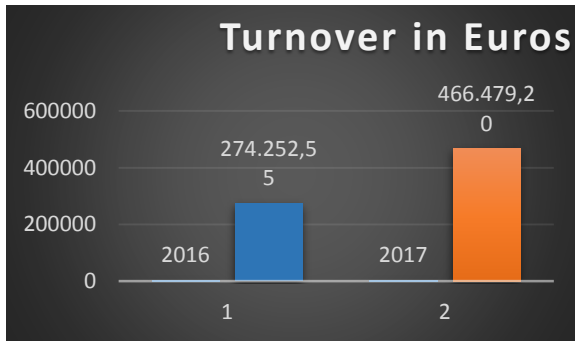
Private Sponsorship



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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The total turnover for 2016 was **466.479,2€**, increased **70%** from the total turnover of the previous year.



As concerns the **financial resources** for 2017, it should be noted that **96,57%** of the total turnover came from European Commission, and **3,43%** from Private Funds.

New project's geographic area for 2017



New project's thematic area for 2017



PROJECTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Ongoing projects in 2017



Travel Transformation (2017-2018)

The overall objective of the Travel Transformation project is that youth workers and young participants from Germany, Spain, Greece, Ecuador, Mexico, and Chile will understand, reflect and communicate the importance of their role in shaping local, regional and global transformation towards more respectful relationships with nature and humankind. They will also equip themselves to take up responsibility for national and European policy making and strategy building and for showing opportunities to take up citizenship towards participatory and inclusive action for transformation. The specific objective of Travel transformation is to (1) to develop and realize a methodological framework to capacitate youth workers and young promoters which will practically realize a three-step e-learning and encounter-based capacity building focusing on the so-called 'transmedia storytelling'. In doing so, the young participants will (2) create a highly dynamic Transmedia Platform which will be designed as a "Travel Guide on Transformation" about the Planet's challenges and their associated (positive and negative) stories in the six partner countries and beyond these. Thus, the participants will build up the big travel guide where the users can freely and intuitively move within the countries to read how transformation takes place, to get motivated and to act.

- 📌 Duration of the project: 1/4/2017 - 31/7/2018
- 📌 Budget: EUR 143.931,56
- 📌 Programme: Erasmus +, Capacity building in the field of Youth.



Migration Network in Europe and Turkey Project (2016-2017)

“Migration Network in Europe and Turkey” is supported under the Civil Society Dialogue Programme. The Programme aims to bring together civil society organizations from Turkey and the EU around common topics, to exchange knowledge and experience, and to build a sustained conversation between them. The Ministry for European Union Affairs is the responsible institution for the technical implementation of the programme, while the Central Finance and Contracts Unit is the Contracting Authority of the Programme.

The overall objective of the 14-month project “Migration Network in Europe and Turkey” which is implemented by the Greek NGO Athens Network of Collaborating Experts, the Global Political Trends Center of Istanbul Kültür University, and the Turkish NGOS Human Resource Development Foundation and Association for Solidarity with Asylum Seekers and Migrants, is to facilitate the EU-Turkey civil society cooperation on the ground of development of migration/asylum policies in Turkey in accordance with EU standards and of a common approach to migration management between EU & Turkey.

More specifically the action aims at: a) Enhancing the capacity of Turkish CSOs to contribute to the development and implementation of reforms in the field of human rights and migration management, b) Strengthening Turkish-Greek civil society cooperation and information exchange on migration and refugee management systems, and c) Enhancing awareness of Greek and Turkish society on migrants and refugees’ rights.

The above will be achieved through the implementation of the following activities:

A) Capacity building activities targeting key issues concerning irregular migrants and refugees

- Training for public officials (police officers, staff of detention centres, border and coast guard) at the Greek-Turkish borders (Edirne) on issues of irregular immigrants and asylum seekers
- Orientation seminars for refugees at the Syrian-Turkish borders (Gaziantep), especially women and youngsters
- Training for staff in removal centres (Sanliurfa) on the asylum procedure according to EU policies and the application of the Law on Foreigners, with the participation of Bar Associations focusing on refugee law

B) Networking between civil society actors on migration practices in Turkey, Greece and the EU and research

- Networking workshop in Athens between Greek and Turkish CSOs to generate mutual knowledge and understanding and draft recommendations on a model of Greece (EU) and Turkey coordination

- Study on developing a common system for collection and analysis of and public access to reliable disaggregated data regarding migration and migrants, including irregular migrants, as a foundation for rights-based policymaking on migration in EU and Turkey.

C) Awareness raising activities for the local communities-entry points of irregular migration in the Greek-Turkish and the Syrian-Turkish borders, and also for CSOs, academics, experts, media and the wider public at local and national levels

- Awareness raising thematic workshops in Istanbul with academic community, policy makers and the media
- Awareness raising and information activities for the local communities-entry points at the Greek-Turkish & the Syrian-Turkish borders (Evros, Lesvos, Sanliurfa, Gaziantep), on the rights of irregular migrants/asylum seekers and migration related issues
- Project website
- Final conference in Istanbul on improving EU-Turkey migration management systems.

 **Contract number: TR 2011/0135.15-04/21**

 **Duration of the project: 15/2/2016-14/4/2017**

 **Budget: EUR 161.499,98**

 **Programme: Civil Society Dialogue Programme**

New projects in 2017



Fostering employability and entrepreneurship for Egyptian youth and women in the Tourism Sector (2017 - 2021)

At the end of 2016, ANCE has been awarded a new contract in Egypt. The project “Fostering employability and entrepreneurship for Egyptian youth and women in the Tourism sector” aims at strengthening the employability of Egyptian youth, women, unemployed and low skilled workers for the improvement of their transition to employment and encouragement of job seekers to become entrepreneurs in the tourism sector. Through this 48 months’ project which is implementing with the cooperation of Institute of the Greek Tourism Confederation (INSETE) and Alashanek Ya Balady Association for Sustainable Development:

- 600 unemployed persons and/or job seekers in Aswan, Dakahlia and in Greater Cairo will be trained on the latest skills demands in the tourism sector and also will be received training for facilitating their access to employment
- 480 out of 600 trained people will be job placed in tourism companies (4-6months)
- 600 already workers in Hurghada, Greater Cairo and Aswan will be trained on the latest skills demands in the tourism sector
- 400 potential entrepreneurs’ women and youth will receive training on business start-ups and on functioning of the tourism market and related services especially in relation to environmental and folkloric handicrafts.
- 30 new entrepreneurs will be granted in order to start their own business in the tourism handicrafts.

The project also offers coaching and mentoring services for entrepreneurs, networking with business associations, angel investors and companies and is co-financed by the European Commission and the Government of Egypt.

 **Contract number: ENPI/2016/381-111**

 **Duration of the project: 1/2/2017 - 31/1/2021**

 **Budget: EUR 1,674,303.90**

 **Programme: Support to the Technical and Vocational Education and Training Reform Programme in Egypt Phase II (TVET II), ENPI/2012/023-68**

Workshops implemented

Experiential Workshop on Climate Change

Workshop theme: During this workshop, participants got informed by experts about the climate change, exchanged views and information on how to build a more sustainable future, attended documentaries, and participated in various activities such as composing a song about climate change, painting the city of future, making collages and taking photos.

Organizational details: The workshop took place in **21-25 June 2017** at Myrtillo Café in **Athens**, and was attended by more than 30 participants.

Donor support: The workshop was part of the project **Capacities for Climate Change (C4CC)**, co-funded by the Erasmus + programme of the European Union.

The overall objectives of Capacities 4 Climate Change were that youth workers and youths in Germany, Spain, Greece, Ecuador, Mexico, Chile, and throughout the European Union and Latin America grasp, understand, reflect and communicate the importance of local, regional and global climate adaptation needs, policy and strategies and that they are enabled to develop competences and to take up responsibility for the importance of young people's active role in shaping the pathways for the upcoming transformation processes towards climate adaptation.



Youth Mobility Workshops in Chile and Germany

Between **12 - 28 August 2017** and **4 - 26 January 2018**, 3 young people from Greece were sent by ANCE to participate in the mobility workshops in Germany and Chile respectively. Participants were youth workers from Germany, Spain, Greece, Ecuador, Mexico, and Chile. During these mobility workshops the participants got informed about the socio-ecological challenges of our time and worked on transformation(s) towards more sustainability on global and local scale. Through their participation in various activities and workshops for radio, spot, painting, animation, and transmedia storytelling, they produced critical, motivational, humorous, thoughtful stories in order to reach the global community and to foster action.

The workshops were implemented within the framework of the Erasmus Plus project **“Travel Transformation! - A transmedia travel guide on social-ecological challenges”**.



Internship testimonies



**Lucas Farrugia, student at
Sciences Po, Toulouse**

Doing an internship with ANCE was a really instructive experience for me. I sincerely enjoyed ANCE's Philosophy that is working on Global concerns with local perspectives and local and international partners. During my stay in Athens I principally helped the team providing some preliminary researches reports in order to prepare the various quantity of calls for proposals to which the NGO was responding. I liked the working atmosphere based on rigour, open-minded thoughts and laughs. ANCE is aware that little things can change the world, and that those things have to be thought with the local populations in order to be sustainable, that is for me the most important ideal that a non-governmental association could have.

Participation in events



Between **16 – 18 January 2017**, ANCE as beneficiary of the Civil Society Dialogue Programme participated in the **Interim Evaluation Workshop and the Interim / Final Reports Training** which was held in Antalya.



On Wednesday, **September 20, 2017**, ANCE attended the HIGGS Training Seminar: **NGOs & European Programs in Athens**.



On Thursday, **October 12, 2017**, ANCE participated in the event "**Integration of Immigrants / Refugees: We Can Together**", organized by Dimitra Educational Organization at HIGGS.



ANCE, in the context of the dissemination campaign of the **HeforShe** movement in Greece, appointed the Mayor of Istiaia-Edipsou, Eleni Efstathiou, ambassador in order to inform the local population of Central Greece about this UN initiative and to mobilize the population against gender violence and stereotypes. In the framework of this cooperation, the Municipality of Istiaia-Edipsos, supported by the Equality Committee of the PED. Central Greece, organized on Sunday, **November 26, 2017**, an event titled "**Violence Against Women - Forms and Stereotypes: Open Discussion**".



On Friday, **December 1, 2017**, ANCE participated in **the 3rd CSR connecting event** in the frame of Break the Chain in Seraphio. The event was an initiative of the Bodossaki Foundation.



On Friday, **December 8, 2017** ANCE attended the **Information Day Event for the Erasmus + Programme**, organized by the State Scholarships Foundation (IKY) at Divani Caravel Hotel.



On **Thursday, December 14, 2017**, ANCE participated in **the Civil Society Dialogue Closing Event** in Ankara. Since its launch in 2008, the Civil Society Dialogue Programme has supported over 600 dialogue partnerships through 350 projects in many different fields, witnessing hundreds of activities to bring EU and Turkish communities closer together and create a greater mutual understanding amongst them.



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