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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear HES members and friends,

In 2017, the Hellenic Evaluation Society (HES) has undergone a transitional period, in which we tried to improve our extroversion and to establish fruitful partnerships aiming at improving the promotion of evaluation in Greece.

The culmination of this effort was the decision of the European Evaluation Society to organize its 13th biennial conference in Greece, in cooperation with the HES. This major event will take place in Thessaloniki, in October 2018.

An important action implemented in 2017, was the successful organisation of the first annual conference of the HES, on the topic "Evaluation for Growth". The event was held in Athens on 12 October 2017. Moreover, we published in December 2017, the first issue of the scientific journal "Review of the Greek Evaluation Society".

In 2018, our goal is to work more intensively on organizing training actions that will provide ongoing training and support on evaluation and on the use of evaluation results. In this context, we have successfully pursued the stimulation of HES's links with universities and other educational and collective bodies, in order to offer qualitatively upgraded educational actions to those who are interested in broadening their knowledge and skills in evaluation.

We will also move forward in 2018 with the announcement of the Evaluation Competition, an important action to encourage and stimulate the evaluators' community, which was already announced for 2017 but could not be implemented within the year.

Finally, as part of the ongoing effort to contribute to the promotion of the evaluation culture in Greece and to the consolidation of the evaluation as a scientific and professional sector, we continue to work intensively and develop appropriate cooperations for the development of a system of accreditation for the evaluators.

Faithful to the values and the objectives set by the HES since its establishment, and with the support of all those interested in the evaluation in Greece, we will also try to intensify in 2018 the effort to consolidate the HES as a collective body representing evaluators in the public debate on evaluation in Greece and to promote evaluation as an essential part of governance.

For one more year, the members of the Board, members of the working groups, founding members and friends of the HES, volunteered their services and their support in this effort. I thank them warmly and I hope that our cooperation will be further enhanced.

Dimitra Ioannou

HES President

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THE HELLENIC EVALUATION SOCIETY

The Hellenic Evaluation Society (HES) is a professional organisation created in September 2014 with the objective to implement, adapt and disseminate methods, techniques, technologies and applications of evaluation.

Our vision is to establish an evaluation culture that will contribute to the development, rational use of resources, to the attraction of investments, the strengthening of entrepreneurship, to ensure social cohesion and the effectiveness of public policies.

OBJECTS OF THE HES

The HES seeks for promotion of knowledge development and project evaluation methods, programs and policies to support evaluation activities of public bodies and private sector, academia and universities, dissemination of information and studies relevant to the evaluation and development of links among Greek and European experts - evaluators. HES aims also to promote the capitalization of knowledge acquired as a result of assessments and contribute to the recognition of specific qualifications and skills required for planning and implementing evaluations.

As a whole, the stake for HES is to help in creating an evaluation community that will be able to meet the diverse and interdependent challenges of growth prospects, economic and social disparities and governance failures.



HES BOARD

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Dimitra Ioannou

Dimitra Ioannou holds a PhD in Sociology from the University of Strasbourg, France. She has long working experience in programming, management and evaluation of development programmes and structural interventions, and significant professional experience in providing advisory services on public policies and strategic development frameworks. She has conducted numerous evaluation assignments for the European Commission in Greece and in many other countries, acquiring a thorough knowledge and substantial expertise in conducting evaluation studies.

Viviane Galata

Viviane Galata is a legal advisor and researcher, holding a Ph.D. in Social and Labour Law from the Department of Law of the Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Master Degrees in the field of European Community Law and Comparative Law from the Institute of European Studies and the Faculty of Law of the Université Libre de Bruxelles, as well as a Degree in Law from the Faculty of Law of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. She has an extensive experience in the strategic development of policies and pioneering projects, the evaluation of structural interventions, the application of monitoring and evaluations' models, as well as the coordination of the implementation

and the evaluation of national and transnational projects in the fields of social policy, labour market, human resources development, vocational training, lifelong learning, employment and accreditation of vocational qualifications.

Joseph Hassid

Joseph Hassid holds a PhD from the University of Manchester (UK). He served as professor of economics at Piraeus University until 2013. He has also taught at the University of Manchester and other universities in various countries. The issues which specializes, among others, the economics of small enterprises, entrepreneurship, industrial and regional development, sectoral analysis, economics of education and human resources, etc. Also fitted with extensive administrative experience, having participated in the Boards of various actors in Committees and Working Groups in Greece and the European Union through the office in various other positions of responsibility. He has coordinated and implemented numerous studies for the European Commission in Greece and in many foreign countries. Issues of specialty has also evaluated several research projects and advisory programs for government agencies and private sector entities.

Nikos Vakirtzidis

Nikos Vakirtzidis is a Business consultant (economist DEA). He has over 30 years' experience in feasibility studies elaboration, business plan evaluation, consulting in SME's and elaboration of cost – benefit studies for large and small projects. He is certified consultant registered in the consultant's register of the relevant Ministry (YPEKA) and certified trainer (EKEPIS and LAEK). He is member of the Hellenic Economic Chamber (OEE) and the Hellenic-Serbian Chamber of Trade and Commerce. He is, also, member of the athletic club TATAVLA (Bridge department).

Theodoros Kokkoris

Theodore D. Kokkoris is a graduate of Univ. of Piraeus (B.S in Business Administration) and of the Pantion Univ. (political science & international relations). He is a Ph.D. holder from PRESTON Univ. (USA) (International Marketing and Management.) and holder of MBA (International Marketing and trade) from the University of Dallas Texas (GSM) and the North Texas State Univ. He has a diploma of studies from the MLA (Management Laboratories of America). He was professor and research assistant in the marketing dept. of TEI Athens and a visiting professor at universities in Greece and abroad. He is evaluator in numerous EU and international projects and investment proposals.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The HES is member and cooperates with the main international organisations for cooperation in evaluation.



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2017

2017

Regular update of the HES website (www.hellenicevaluation.org), which includes information about our activities and announcements of interest to the community of evaluators, such as employment opportunities, information on evaluators' databases and announcements for upcoming evaluation conferences and seminars.

JULY 2017

Announcement of the decision to hold the 13th European Evaluation Society (EES) biennial conference in Greece, on 1-5 October 2018. The submission of the HES application file took place in July 2016.

The leading theme of the EES 2018 Biennial Conference is "Evaluation for more resilient societies". The Conference offers 5 days of debates on evaluation in times of financial, geopolitical, environmental and humanitarian crises.

<http://www.ees2018.eu/>

OCTOBER 2017

The first annual conference of the HES was organised on 12 October 2017, on the topic "Evaluation for growth". The conference focused on the three-fold: growth and investment - international practice - impact on society, while it was highlighted by all speakers, the importance of evaluation as a necessary element of public policy administration and management.

<http://hellenicevaluation.org/index.php/el/draseis/sinedria>

DECEMBER 2017

Publication of the first issue of "HES Review", the scientific journal of the HES, dedicated on evaluation research. The purpose of the HES Review is to provide a platform to publish and share evaluation works and articles, and a ground for cultivating a fruitful dialogue shaping the evaluation culture among policy makers and evaluators in Greece. The HES Review also publishes presentations and reviews of books, as well as research reports.

<http://hellenicevaluation.org/index.php/el/aksiologish-2>



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