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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear HES members and friends,

Five years have already passed in September 2019, since the establishment of the Hellenic Evaluation Society (HES). During this period, through intensive work and collective effort, the HES managed to gain the interest and recognition of the community of evaluators in Greece and abroad. Focusing on its core objectives of consolidating an evaluation culture and improving the quality of evaluations to become important decision-making tools, HES seeks to get all stakeholders to know and take part in its actions for promoting evaluation and improving evaluations, such as:

- *development of knowledge and methods for the evaluation of projects, programs and policies*
- *support to apply, adapt and disseminate evaluation methods, techniques, technologies and applications*
- *drafting, formulating or adapting evaluation specifications, standards and regulations*
- *disseminating information and studies related to evaluation and highlighting good practices*
- *creating links between Greek and European evaluators*
- *recognising professional qualifications and skills required for the design and implementation of evaluations.*

The main highlights of HES actions during 2019, are the completion and presentation of the Position Paper for the development of a National Evaluation Strategy and the organization of the 3rd HES Annual Conference on the theme "Evaluation and Governance". HES also announced the awards of the annual competition "Good Practices in Evaluation". Monthly meetings continued, during which participants had the opportunity to exchange views on topics of interest to the community of evaluators.

Our strategy for the year 2020 focuses on further promoting public debate on evaluation, through the organization of the 4th HES Annual Conference in October 2020 and other information and awareness raising activities, as well as the intensification of training activities. The publication of the bi-annual magazine "Hellenic Evaluation Society Review" will continue, with the publication of the 4th and 5th issues, expanding topics of actual interest for the evaluators as well as for a wider audience of readers interested in the evaluation methods and findings.

Concluding this note, I would like to thank the members of the Board of HES, the members of the working groups and the members and friends of HES, for their time and knowledge dedicated in carrying out these activities. In 2020 we will continue putting all necessary effort in fulfilling the objectives of HES and strengthening evaluation at all levels of decision-making.

Athens, 30 January 2020

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

The new Board of HES was elected on 8 February 2018 by the General Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of the Statute of HES. The term of the Board is three years.

President: Dimitra Ioannou

Vice-President: Leonardos Kantsos

Secretary General: Tina Orfanidou

Treasurer: Stavros Divanis

Member: Manolis Koutoulakis

Secretariat: Penny Strapatsaki

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.

Leonardos Kantsos

Leonardos Kantsos holds a postgraduate degree from LSE with a specialization in EU social policy, and serves at the National Coordination Unit of NSRF (ESF Evaluation Unit), having participated in the past in the elaboration of multiannual programs such as the NSRF 2007-2013. Since 1999 he has been working on evaluation studies (Ministry of Economy, Development, Labour, etc.) and since 2004 he has been working at the Ministry of Economy on the

coordination of evaluations and follow-up of the NSRF results.

Tina Orfanidou

Tina Orfanidou holds a Ph.D. in Biophysics from the University of Athens. She is President of ELESMA and member of the Board of Directors of SESMA. She has significant collaborations with Academic Institutions and she is responsible for coordinating and monitoring the co-operation program for supervising graduates for the Master's Program of the Athens University of Economics and Business in cooperation with SESMA. She has 15 years' experience in evaluating programs and projects, especially in the field of social innovation, education and human resources development.

Stavros Divanis

Stavros Divanis is a Political Scientist holding a postgraduate degree from UEA Norwich in European Integration Policies. He is working since 2003, at the Executive Agency for the EU funding (ESIF) at the Ministry of Health, where he is responsible for the elaboration of the Ministry of Health strategies for the EU funds' co-financed investments, policy and programme evaluation. He has served as Head of the Strategic and Operational Planning Unit of the Executive Agency and he has participated in all evaluation studies' steering committees since 2003.

Manolis Koutoulakis

Manolis Koutoulakis is a Regionalist - Planner, holding a PhD from the University of Piraeus. He has been a Consultant at the Ministry of Development and Competitiveness (2010-2012) in Public Investment Program, Development Law, ERDF management, while in the period 2014-2015, he was a Special Adviser at the Ministry of Labor, Social Security and Welfare, with a responsibility in the field of planning and employment and social economy programs.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

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



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2019

JUNE 2019

Presentation by the Hellenic Evaluation Company of the position paper for the development of a National Evaluation Strategy

The event took place on Tuesday 25 June 2019, at the IANOS Bookstore with the participation as speakers, high level public administration officials, academics and members of the Board of HES.

The HES position paper for the development of a National Evaluation Strategy was elaborated during the period June 2018 - April 2019, by a group of experts composed by academics, public sector executives specializing in evaluation issues, and members of the Board of EEC, and was put to public consultation from 11/4/2019 to 31/05/2019.

<https://www.hellenicevaluation.org/index.php/en/draseis/sinedria/item/110-parousiasi-keimenou-theseon-gia-ti-diamorfosisa>

OCTOBER 2019

The 3rd HES Annual Conference was organized on 30 October 2019, on the theme: "Evaluation and Governance", at the Byzantine & Christian Museum of Athens.

The objective of the 3rd HES Annual Conference was to promote public debate on ways in which evaluation could emerge as an integral part of governance and public sector decision-making.

The structure of the conference included the following topics:

1. Evaluation as a tool of governance: the prospects for reform
2. Experience from existing practices, mechanisms and evaluation studies
3. Good Practices in Evaluation

Distinguished representatives of the evaluator community, representatives of government agencies, public officials, academics and researchers, as well as organisations active in the field of evaluation, participated as speakers at the conference.

At the end of the conference were announced the results of the HES awards for "Good Practices in Evaluation" competition, as follows:

2nd Category "Better Applied Integrated Evaluation Methodology": Mr Athanasios Sakalidis, for his thesis: "Analysis of forecast indicators of the Greek economy. Case Study: The SESMA Barometer"

3rd Category "Optimal Use of Evaluation Conclusions and Recommendations": Development Programs Management Organization Unit (MOU SA) for the study "Mid-Term Action Plan for the Short-Term Actions for Marathon Municipality"

No award was announced for the 1st Category "Young Emerging Evaluator 2019", due to lack of candidatures.

<https://hellenicevaluation.org/index.php/en/draseis/sinedria>

MONTHLY MEETINGS

As of December 2018, the Hellenic Evaluation Society (HES) established monthly meetings among HES members and friends, with the objective to strengthening contacts, exchange of experience and networking.

The meetings take place on the first Monday of each month (from 17: 00 to 19: 00) at the café of the building "Kostis Palamas" of University of Athens, Akadimias & Sina 48, Athens.

Each month, a topic for discussion is announced in advance, while HES members have the opportunity to submit proposals on topics that would be of interest to them for discussion in future meetings.

Participation is free and no pre-registration is required.

The following is an indicative list of topics discussed at 2019 meetings:

- *Evaluation: Citizens' Information and Political Accountability*
- *The Evaluation in the New Programming Period 2021-2027*
- *Information on training opportunities and participation in conferences – Facilitation of attendance to HES members*
- *Integrate the principles of democracy, respect for human rights and good governance into public policy*
- *Education and training in evaluation*

HES website (www.hellenicevaluation.org) is regularly updated and contains 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.

