

# ***MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON YOUTH AFFAIRS***

**BETWEEN**

**THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORT  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA**

**AND**

**THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT FOR YOUTH  
OF THE MINISTRY OF  
NATIONAL EDUCATION AND  
RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS OF THE  
HELLENIC REPUBLIC**

The Ministry of Youth and Sport of the Republic of Serbia and the General Secretariat for Youth of the Ministry of National Education and Religious Affairs of the Hellenic Republic (hereinafter called the "Sides");

Believing that young people could contribute to the development of further mutual understanding, tolerance, friendship and cooperation between the two countries;

Desiring to expand and strengthen friendship between young people in both countries and to promote cooperation in the youth field;

Convinced, that there are common challenges to be faced by young people of the two countries;

In the context of the existing legal framework in the field of Education and Culture between the Parties;

Have agreed upon the following:

## **Paragraph 1**

The two Sides shall take the appropriate measures in order to enhance their cooperation in the youth field and support the development of direct contacts and friendly relations between the two countries on the basis of the principle of reciprocity through:

1. Exchange of government experts in the youth field and representatives of non-governmental youth organisations;
2. Participation in international conferences, seminars or other events (fora, festivals, meetings) on youth issues organised by the Sides;

3. Exchange of printed material, films, CDs and information on youth matters;
4. Encouraging cooperation in the field of youth, promoting the establishment of youth structures, aiming at the exchange of knowledge and expertise for the development of youth policies;
5. Planning and implementation of projects within the framework of cross-border programmes;
6. Exchange of experience among associations and organisations dealing with education, training and research on youth issues;
7. Encouraging and assisting all institutions and organisations of the two Sides in submitting joint projects to international organisations; and
8. Any other cooperative activities on youth issues that will be agreed upon by the Sides under the relevant laws and regulations of each country.

### **Paragraph 2**

The two Sides will promote action in those fields of interest that have a direct bearing on youth, such as:

- Youth and employment (exchange of views on forming and implementing policies for the vocational training of the young in order to lower the unemployment rate);
- Youth Entrepreneurship (encouragement of business relationships between young entrepreneurs from the two countries);
- Youth and Civic Participation (National Youth Councils, Local Youth Councils);
- Youth and Health (supporting programmes or campaigns against alcohol and drug addiction and HIV/AIDS);
- Social Issues (social discrimination and marginalisation, intolerance, racism, xenophobia, prevention of juvenile delinquency, etc);
- Youth and Gender Equality (further support of equal opportunities for men and women);
- Youth and the Environment;
- Youth and Leisure;
- Child Protection;
- Youth and Information (exchange of views between co-operating countries on subjects such as networks, information centres and electronic forms of information);
- Youth and Volunteerism;
- Youth and Art/Culture (programmes designed to encourage the artistic and cultural expression of young people);
- Youth Alternative Tourism.

### **Paragraph 3**

The two Sides shall strengthen cooperation through youth exchanges within the framework of the "Youth in Action" 2007-2013 Programme according to the developmental level of the Programme within each of the countries, through contact points and/or institutions nominated as the National Youth Agencies in charge for the Programme. From the Greek Side, the institution that manages and supports the Programme is the Greek Institute for Youth.

The two Sides will also support measures for cooperation in the youth field by participating in the development of Euro <26 Youth Card.

Through the aforementioned activities, young people from Greece and Serbia will exchange ideas and good practices and will become familiar with the challenges and opportunities presented within the European framework.

### **Paragraph 4**

The two Sides agree to exchange annually on a reciprocal basis:

1. A **3**-member delegation of government officials, working in the public administration dealing with youth affairs to get acquainted with youth policies, youth development programmes and youth organisations of the other Side for a period of 3 days; and
2. A **3**-member delegation of non governmental youth organisations to get acquainted with youth organisations and youth development programmes and participate in youth events organised in both countries for a period of 3 days.

The exchange of these delegations will depend on the potential youth events organised in each country and the interest of each party to participate in them, as well as on the available financial means allocated to this purpose from the yearly budget.

## **FINANCIAL CONDITIONS**

### **Paragraph 5**

The hosting Side will provide the partner Side full board accommodation; pay the full costs of the programme – including expenses for visits and attendance of any cultural sights and events – and internal transportation. The visiting Side will pay the costs of travel to and from the destination of the hosting side.

### **Paragraph 6**

The hosting Side will be responsible for the costs of interpretation – during the official meetings of the two Sides.

Each Side will be responsible for the translation of the official documents to its language.

### **Paragraph 7**

During the visits, each Side will provide health care and insurance for the members of its own delegation.

## **AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS**

### **Paragraph 8**

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended and added upon mutual consent reached through negotiations. The amendments and additions become inseparable part of this Memorandum.

## **DISPUTE SETTLEMENT**

### **Paragraph 9**

Any dispute, which may arise regarding the interpretation and implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding, will be resolved through negotiations between the Sides.

## **ENTRY INTO FORCE AND VALIDITY**

### **Paragraph 10**

This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect upon signature by the two Sides. It will remain in force for a period of 3 (three) years. It may be renewed on mutual consent of both Sides.

**Paragraph 11**

The termination of this Memorandum of Understanding will have no effect on the forms of cooperation agreed upon, which have come into force and have not been completed at the time of the Memorandum's termination.

**Paragraph 12**

This Memorandum of Understanding does not exclude the possibility of carrying out any other events and exchanges, mutually agreed upon between the Sides.

**SIGNED IN ATHENS ON ..... 2009 IN TWO ORIGINALS EACH IN GREEK, SERBIAN AND ENGLISH LANGUAGES, ALL TEXTS BEING EQUALLY VALID. IN CASE OF DIFFERENCE IN INTERPRETATION, THE ENGLISH TEXT SHALL PREVAIL.**

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