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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear HES members and friends,

The Hellenic Evaluation Society (HES) has been very active since its creation in September 2014, pursuing the objective to provide a platform of dialogue on the evaluation, and create an active evaluation community in Greece.

In 2014-2016, the HES established its operation, started providing quality services to its members and explored opportunities for positioning itself in the international community of evaluation societies. It has also set the grounds for actions addressed to its members and to the entire community of evaluators in Greece, mainly the delivery of regular events such as training, round table discussions, etc., as well as the publication of the bi-annual journal "HES Review" as of December 2016.

Importantly, we have initiated the work toward the organisation of an annual evaluation conference in Greece as of 2017.

Work is ongoing for the development of an online learning platform, which will provide to all evaluators and commissioners of evaluations, online training and support in their evaluation works.

In the beginning of 2017 we will announce the first evaluation competition in Greece, with the idea to promote evaluation culture and encourage the Greek evaluation community to enhance capacity in carrying out quality evaluations.

Looking forward, one of our major objectives is to actively promote evaluation culture in Greece, the evaluation as a profession, and the HES as a professional association advocating for the development of professionalisation, notably via the accreditation of evaluators. We will endeavour to increase our efforts in this regard in 2017.

Our key objectives for 2017-2018 include three key directions: strengthening the quality of evaluations in Greece through capacity building and by promoting professionalisation; improving HES position as a voice for evaluation in Greece and engaging membership; and enriching public dialogue on the use of evidence and evaluation in policy making.

I want to thank and express my deep appreciation to all the volunteers, Board members, members of working groups, founding members and friends of the HES, who are providing formidable support and hard work to the achievement of this endeavour. We strongly believe that 2017 we will be able to improve and expand the HES activities in an enthusiastic way heading towards the achievement of its objectives.

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 is Doctor of 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

Dr. 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 THE PERIOD 2014 – 2016

2014 – 2015

Creation 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. The website is regularly updated with new content.

OCTOBER 2015

Public presentation of the HES and roundtable discussion on "The role of the Hellenic Evaluation Society as a challenge to evidence based policy making». The event was organised on October 7, 2015 in the Auditorium of the National Research Foundation.

APRIL 2016

As part of its training activities, the HES organized a training needs analysis, in the period from 18 to 24 April 2016.

JULY 2016

The HES held during a period July 4-8, 2016 a series of trainings on "Design, implementation and dissemination of evaluations" in the framework of the EVALUATION WEEK 2016.

The activity included the organisation of seminars on the following topics:

- Evaluation methods (5/7/2016)
- Impact assessments (6/7/2016)
- Design and use of evaluations (7/7/2016)

NOVEMBER 2016

Organisation of a roundtable event entitled: "Evaluation as a process of public policy formulation" on November 24, 2016, in "Kostis Palamas" building of the University of Athens.

DECEMBER 2016

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.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The first annual conference of the HES will be organised in the first half of 2017, on the topic "Evaluation for development". More information about the conference and a call for papers are published on the HES website.



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