

Call for participation in the project "Together Within"

The non-profit organization "**Cyclisis**", upon submission of proposal in the context of the "[We are all Citizens](#)" Programme – implemented under the EEA Grants for Greece – to the Fund Operator of the Programme which is the **Bodossaki Foundation**, undertook the implementation of the project "**Together Within**" in the Municipality of Patras.

The vision of "Cyclisis", the project operator, is an ambitious effort of effective empowerment and increase in the provision of social welfare services to members of vulnerable social groups residing in the Municipality of Patras.

Our Goal: the direct contact and interaction of people with different social and cultural backgrounds, in the context of a multicultural society, in order to mobilize and stimulate their self-confidence and self-esteem, amid critical circumstances.

Our main concern: the individual and collective empowerment of young unemployed people, with emphasis on young mothers (with) and children of people from the Roma community and immigrants, as well.

Our Intention: the creation of a common meeting place, where vulnerable groups will have the opportunity to develop their skills through training for the development of initiatives aiming and focusing on them.

Our tools: creation of voluntary groups, peer mentoring and peer counseling and concurrent counseling and psychosocial support.

Indicative activities:

- workshops regarding language and communication (Greek-English), film, creative activities, etc.
- shared activities such as visits of cultural and educational interest (museums, theatre performances)
- creation of a web radio called "Life Skills"
- action "Dining Table": social outing of the participants for dinner in the city

The **benefits** are not only from the perspective of the beneficiaries but also from our side, since the basic tools of the organization will be widely exploited from the local community as a **Proposal of Best Practices/Good Practice Proposal**. In addition, through the European activity and networking of our organization there will be proliferation of the activities and their results and substantial contribution to the local community.

If, therefore, you want your members-people in your environment to participate in the project as:

- **30 beneficiaries** (young people 16-30 years of age)
- **Volunteers**
- **Observers/researchers**

or you wish to **be informed** about the activities and the evolution of the project, please contact us via email at info@cyclisis.gr, pratoapokinou@cyclisis.gr or call the number 2610 341-472, Ms. Vasiliki Tsekoura, Project Coordinator and Ms. Evanthia Gkotsopoulou, member of the project team. For more information you can visit the websites www.cyclisis.gr, pratoapokinou.cyclisis.gr.

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About Cyclisis:

Cyclisis is an independent non-profit institution activated in the field of Education, Culture and Environment, located in the suburbs of Patras. It is an active organization both in European and Greek national level, focusing on the promotion of intercultural awareness through research and practice. The Mission of the organization is to bring people and institutions, from both culture and education sector, in contact with the business sector and local community representatives. The activities of Cyclisis are: European projects planning and implementation, research, monitoring and evaluation, networking, publishing, campaign development by practicing and organizing events for the awareness and the sensitization of the Civil Society. Together with its partners the organization conceives, organizes and coordinates projects regarding non formal adult education and training, educational policy, intercultural dialogue, sustainability and innovation, European conferences. For more information visit www.cyclisis.gr

About the EEA Grants:

Through the EEA Grants and Norway Grants, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway contribute to reducing social and economic disparities and to strengthening bilateral relations with the beneficiary countries in Europe. The three countries cooperate closely with the EU through the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA). For the period 2009-14, the EEA Grants and Norway Grants amount to €1.79 billion. Norway contributes around 97% of the total funding. Grants are available for NGOs, research and academic institutions, and the public and private sectors in the 12 newest EU member states, Greece, Portugal and Spain. There is broad cooperation with donor state entities, and activities may be implemented until 2016. Key areas of support are environmental protection and climate change, research and scholarships, civil society, health and children, gender equality, justice and cultural heritage. Learn more: <http://eeagrants.org/>

About the Bodossaki Foundation:

The Bodossaki Foundation is the Fund Operator of the NGO Programme named “We are all Citizens” in Greece. The Bodossaki Foundation is one of the largest privately owned public-benefit organizations in Greece. It was established in 1973, by Prodromos Bodossakis – Athanassiades, who decided to donate his entire fortune in order to promote the provision of health care, equality of opportunity, education, scientific progress and environmental protection. The Foundation also supports the work of NGOs that treat socially vulnerable groups. The Bodossaki Foundation has a deep knowledge of the non-profit sector in Greece and has managed since its inception more than €400m that have been spent placing a great emphasis on decreasing inequality of opportunity, on contributing to the education of young people, on improving medical and research infrastructure and on promoting environmental protection. Learn more: <http://www.bodossaki.gr/>