



About the NGOs in Greece: definitions and brief statistics

Definition 1:

NGOs are defined by the World Bank as "private organizations working to alleviate pain, promote the interests of the poor, protect the environment, provide basic social services, or undertake community development". The goals of NGOs are mainly humanitarian and concern environmental or social problems such as poverty, racism, the environment, etc.

Definition 2:

A Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) is a legal entity created by natural or legal persons operating independently of any government, and a term commonly used by governments to refer to persons not controlled by the government. In cases where NGOs are funded in whole or in part by governments, NGOs support non-governmental staff excluding government representatives from joining the organization. The term is usually used only for organizations pursuing certain broader social goals that have political aspects, without being civil society organizations or referring to other names.

A person must have reached the age of 18 in accordance with Article 127 of the CC. The interested party can choose one of the following types of organization to set up an NGO:

Urban Non-Profit Company (741-784 AK)

Association (78-107 AK)

Public Benefit Foundation (108-121 AK)

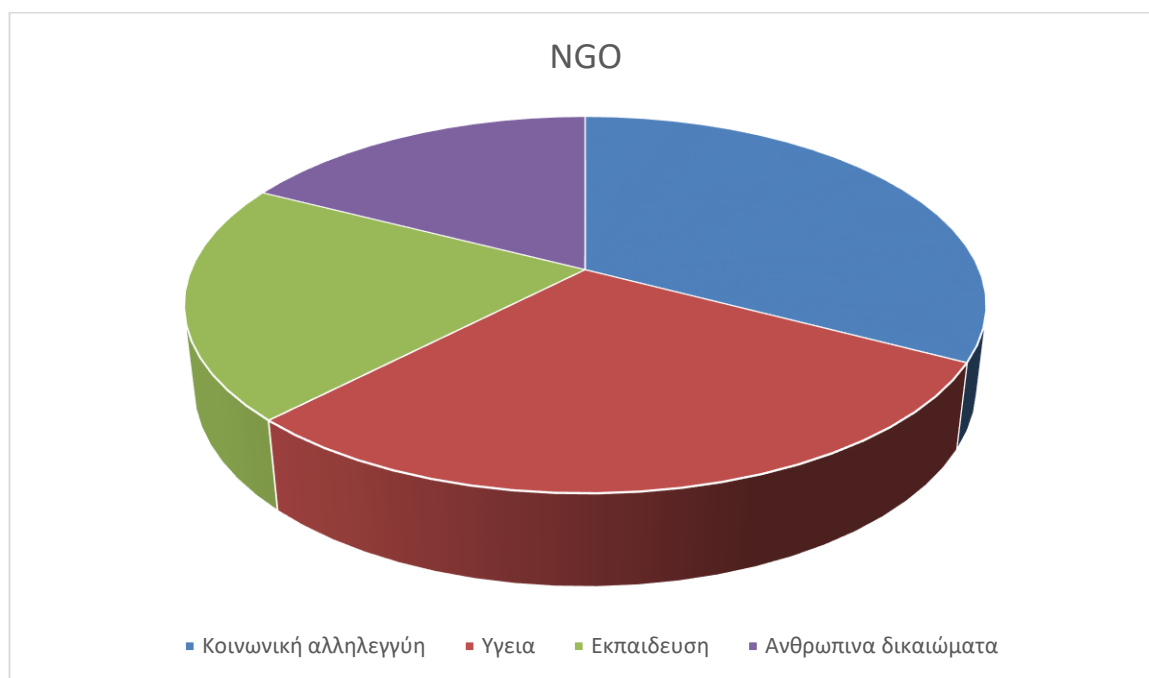
Definition 3:

In Greece, by 2015, 422 organizations, non-profit corporations and publicly-owned unions, with organizational autonomy and administrative structures, have been in place

for some time. (Source: Department of Political Science and International Relations of the University of Peloponnese in collaboration with other institutions, under the program «Thalis»)

Thus, 111 deal with social solidarity and integration, 100 with health, welfare, nutrition and housing, 69 with education, training and labor rights, 59 with human rights and gender issues, etc.

Table: Distribution of NGOs in Greece, 2015



(Source: University of Peloponnese, Thalis program)

Κοινωνική αλληλεγγύη = Social solidarity

Υγεία= Health

Εκπαίδευση= Education

Ανθρώπινα δικαιώματα= Human rights