



REPORT ON THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS — GREECE —

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Survey

SDGs in Greece



Greece's strategy on SDGs:

Greece has adapted the 17 Sustainable Development Goals to the its National Growth Strategy:

- *“Fostering a competitive, innovative and sustainable economic growth*
- *Promoting full employment and decent work for all*
- *Addressing poverty and social exclusion, and providing universal access to quality health care services*
- *Reducing social and regional inequalities and ensuring equal opportunities for all*
- *Providing high-quality and inclusive education*
- *Strengthening the protection and sustainable management of natural capital as a base for social prosperity and transition to a low-carbon economy*
- *Building effective, accountable and transparent institutions*
- *Enhancing open, participatory, democratic processes and promoting partnerships*

For building a robust long-lasting institutional mechanism to coordinate national efforts for achieving the SDGs, Greece has successfully endorsed:

- a “whole-of-government” approach, with an active operational Inter-Ministerial Coordination Network, steered by the General Secretariat of the Government, a key centre-of-government entity, and*
- a “whole-of-society” approach with a strong stakeholder engagement in the gap analysis and stock-taking process, enhancing transparency, partnership and accountability.”*¹

¹ <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/memberstates/greece>



The responsible bodies:

The responsible public body for the implementation of the SDGs in Greece is the “Office of Coordination, Institutional, International and European Affairs of the General Secretariat of the Government”. The office is responsible for the coordination and monitoring of the implementation of the SDGs in Greece, they write and provide to the HLPF the Voluntary Evaluation Report on SDGs, they are organizing seminars and events in order to promote SDGs, they are cooperating with the Greek government and all responsible ministries, etc.

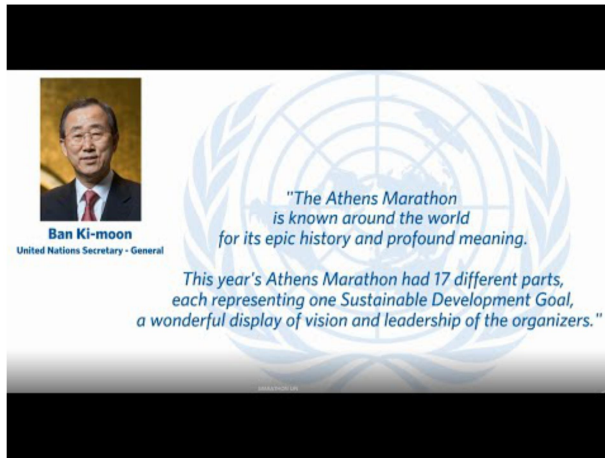
Another body, which contributes in the monitoring of the implementation of SDGs in Greece, is Hellenic Statistical Authority. They do a quantitative research and measure the impact of the SDGs, using the indicators suggested from the UN and they publish the results.

Initiatives connected with SDGs in Greece:

One of the biggest initiatives in Greece connected with SDGs was the Athens Authentic Marathon on the 8th of November 2015.

“The Marathon was divided in 17 different parts, each-one representing one Goal. By doing so, the race became a symbol of the humanity’s race towards the achievement of the Goals. The SG’s message, as well as the UN@70 logo and the SDGs icons were printed on the official programme of the Marathon and other promotional material such as the poster, the bibs etc. Big stickers with the 17 SDGs icons were placed at every 2.5 km of the race, from the start to the finish, with the runners passing over or next to them.”²

² <https://www.localizingthesdgs.org/story/view/146>



Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e1S7Fil4v0s>

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