



Beyond “Absorption”: The Impact of EU Structural Funds on Greece (1981-2013)

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Program

Friday 19 September 2014

14:15 – 14:45 Registration

14:45 – 15:00 Welcoming Remarks

15:00 – 16:15 Panel I: The National Priorities: An Overview

Heinz-Jürgen Axt, Professor, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Duisburg-Essen

“Greece not Competitive in Spite of European Subsidies. The EU must rethink its Cohesion Policy”

Konstantinos Ikonou, Research Fellow, Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of the Peloponnese

“Capital flows at the Greek economy: How were the EU funds spend in the Greek economy?”

Alexandros Karvounis¹ and Nikos Zaharis²

¹ PhD Candidate, South East European Research Centre, ² Director, South East European Research Centre

“Greece and EU structural funds: what do the choices made by Greece regarding the allocation of structural funds over the past 3 decades imply for the developmental model of the country?”

16:15 – 17:45 Panel II: Challenges & Growth

Panagiotis Liargovas¹ and Spyridon Repousis²

¹ Professor, Department of Economics, University of the Peloponnese, ² Research Fellow, Department of Economics, University of the Peloponnese

“The impact of EU Structural Funds on Growth: the case of Greece 2000-2006”

Alexandra Sotiriou¹ and Maria Tsiapa²

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“The asymmetric influence of structural funds on regional growth in Greece”

Aristidis Bitzenis¹ and Ioannis Makedos²

¹ Associate Professor, Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia, ² PhD Candidate, Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia

“The causes of the Greek low absorption of the European funds: The impact of shadow economy and corruption”



Athina Zervoyianni¹ and Athanasios Anastasiou²

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“Cross-Country Synchronization of Cyclical Macroeconomic Fluctuations: The Role of Trade Flows and Structural Asymmetries”

17:45 – 18:15 *Coffee Break*

18:15 – 19:45 **Panel III: The Regional Impact of EU Structural Funds**

Panagiotis D. Koudoumakis¹ and George N. Botzoris²

¹ Intermediate Managing Authority of Region of East Macedonia – Thrace, ² Department of Civil Engineering, Democritus Thrace University

“The contribution of the European Union Structural Funds in the Developmental Strategy of the Region of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace”

Georgios Koukoufikis, Dipl. Business Administration AUEB

“Impact Assessment of EU Cohesion Policies: The Cases of the Regions Thessalia (Greece) and Basse-Normandie (France)”

Manos Papazoglou, Lecturer, Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of the Peloponnese

“EU structural funds and sustainable development: The case of the region of Crete”

Adamantia Kehagia¹ and Panagiotis Liargovas²

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“Factors affecting the effectiveness of Structural funds: a case study of four projects in the region of Peloponnese”

20:00 *Reception*

Saturday 20 September 2014

10:00 – 11:15 **Panel IV: Beyond the centralized state**

Maria Mendrinou¹ and Nikolaos Tzifakis²,

¹ Associate Professor, Department of International and European Studies, University of Piraeus, ² Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of the Peloponnese

“Taking Stock of the Agent-Principal Challenges in the EU structural programs: The Case of the ‘Extended University Programs (EUPs)’ in Greece ”

Sifis Plimakis, Public Management consultant and research fellow, National Centre for Public Performance, Rutgers University, USA

“Assessing the impact of European Union Policies towards local government deregulation in Greece: between limited Europeanization and local innovation”

Sotiris Petropoulos¹ and Asteris Huliaras²

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“Greek NGOs and the EU’s Structural Funds”



11:15 – 12:30 **Panel V: Employment, Entrepreneurship, Education**

Georgios Ioannides, Economic & Social Developments Observatory, Labour Institute, Greek General Confederation of Labour

“A case of ritual compliance? The role of European Structural Funds in the shaping of the Greek employment policy (1995-2008)”

George Michailidis, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Engineering, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

“Entrepreneurship enhancing policies in Greece, 1989-2003: Evaluation and lessons to be learned”

Spyros Stamoulis, PhD Candidate, Department of International, European and Regional Studies, Panteion University

“The EU funding in the Greek Tertiary Education. A lost opportunity: The case of Technological Educational Institutes (TEI)”

12:30 – 13:45 *Break*

13:45 – 15:00 **Panel VI: The Governance of EU Structural Funds**

George Andreou, Lecturer, Department of Political Sciences, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

“The governance effects of EU cohesion policy in Greece; the horizontal dimension”

Yiannis Saratsis,¹ **Manolis Koutoulakis**² and **Angelos Kotios**³

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“The implementation of the “partnership principle”. The Greek way of operational planning”

Fotini Papoudakis, Associate Professor, Department of Business and Public Administration, Technological Educational Institute of the Peloponnese

“The application of the principle of partnership in Greece: has it affected traditional governance practices and power balance?”

15:00 – 15:30 *Coffee Break*

15:30 – 16:45 **Panel VII: Comparative Perspectives**

Geta Mitrea, Research Officer, Faculty of Philosophy and Social-Political Sciences, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University

“The European Structural Funds in Romania – A Holistic Sociological Study”

Malgorzata Bonikowska, Director, Centre of International Relations, Warsaw

“The Impact of European Structural Funds in Poland”

Patrizia Minardi, Director, Basilicata Region, Italy

“The Impact of European Structural Funds in Italy”