



# Greece

## Greek Partnerships

### Framework and setting

- Geographic scale** At present there are 61 partnerships operating at the regional and sub-regional level.
- Policy framework** The partnerships function in the context of either the Regional Operational Programmes (ROP) of the European Structural Funds or area-based schemes.

### Partnerships at work

- Rationale** The primary scope of the partnerships is employment promotion and social inclusion, while in parallel promoting a bottom-up approach to local development.
- Objectives** The main objectives of the Greek partnerships are to create a favourable environment for job creation and to prevent social exclusion associated to unemployment and discrimination. Another objective is the development of innovative methods and tools and the promotion of cooperation amongst local, regional and, occasionally, national actors.
- Functions** The functions of partnerships in Greece include the development and implementation of projects and coordination of activities, consulting and facilitating services (especially for social vulnerable groups) and the promotion of social dialogue and better governance.
- Policy areas** The activities of the Greek partnerships correspond to the policy areas of employment and social inclusion, along with regional and local development, social economy, and community initiatives.
- Policy tools/ Instruments** Relevant policy instruments / tools of the partnerships include the design and implementation of training programmes, support and advice for new organisations within the social economy, the creation of networks and soft social services delivery at a local level.
- Timeframe** In Greece, the first partnerships appeared at the end of the eighties. There were seven pilot TEPs operating during the period 1997 – 2000. The majority of partnerships nowadays run within the EU operational programming period 2000 – 2006. In Greece, one of the disadvantages associated with partnerships is their short-life span.
- Partners** The partnerships include representatives from the local authorities, regional authorities, social partners, educational and training organisations, actors of the social economy, representatives of SMEs and Employers' Associations and occasionally representatives from government bodies.
- Contracts** Every partnership develops a contract on the basis of private law while a board of elected members with responsibility for the operation of the partnership undertakes the necessary administration.
- Legal status** None
- Sources of Financing** Primary sources of financing are the European Structural Fund Regional Operational Programmes, the European Community Initiatives, the European Article 6 Budget Line and own resources.
- Results** No adequate data available yet.

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