Panteion University - Leading Environmental Education in Greece

“Green Cluster of Knowledge Institutions of Black Sea”
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Our vision is to establish Panteion University as the Leading Tertiary Institution in Environmental Education, in Greece...

... aiming at achieving *excellence* in the Social and Political Science domain.

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Panteion Un.: An introduction
Panteion Un.: The subjects

- Political Science & History
- International & European Studies
- Public Administration
- Sociology
- Economic & Regional Development
- Social Policy
- Social Anthropology
- Communication, Media & Culture
- Psychology
- Legal Science
Focusing on Environmental Education

- International & European Studies Dept.
- EKePEK
- MA Environmental Governance & Sustainable Development
International & European Studies Dept.

• *Primer choice* for Greek students interested in this subject

• A variety of *Green* courses are being taught:
  - *International Environmental Protection*
  - *International Development Law*
  - *European Environmental Protection* (oldest in Greece)
  - *Marine Environment Protection*
MA Environmental Governance & Sustainable Development

- The sole Environmental Masters in Social and Political Science
- Yearly Average: 100 submissions for 15 positions
- MA Holders retain highly prestigious positions
- Research-oriented methods & extra curricular activities
- Teaching staff: professors, researchers, practitioners, politicians
- New course introduced last year: Sustainable Energy Policies
European Centre for Environmental Research & Training (EKePEK)

- **Founded** in 2002
- **Evolved** into an well renowned *think tank* on environmental and sustainability issues
- **Key words:** research, publications, education, consultancy and cooperation
- **Overall aim:** to formulate tomorrows scientists and policy makers
EKePEK: How we do it?

- **Organize** Multidisciplinary events; promoting interdisciplinary dialogue
- **Carry out** events & publish their outcomes
- **Procure** educational trips (eg Geneva, Brussels etc)
- **Provide** Scientific Support to MA “Env. Governance and Sustainable Development”
- **Participate** in open-ended consultations and networks
- **Engage** in International Initiatives
EKePEK: Good Practices

- Series of Summer Schools: "Sustainable Development and the Environment"
- Carried out since 2004 in Aliartos and Kithira Island
- 2012, 8th ed., will focus on RIO+20 Summit results
- Over 150 participants, mainly post-grads, PhDs and researchers
- 2009: The UNECE recognized the Series as a “Good Practice within the 10 Years Framework of Programs on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns”
EKePEK: Good Practices.2

APPOINTMENT CRITERIA

1. Multidisciplinarity (instructors & participants)
2. Local community engagement
3. Theoretical and Field training
4. Low cost
Future perspectives

• Enhance our role in Environmental Education and Research

• Improve our International Cooperation efforts (eg. Green Cluster, Neapolis Pafos University Post-Grad programme)

• Engage in low-cost, environmental management initiatives, with high awareness – raising dimension

• Further exploit IT and social media
Thank you for your attention.

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- MA in Environmental Governance and Sustainable Development
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