

# Panteion University - *Leading Environmental Education in Greece*

**“BLACK SEA KNOWLEDGE  
INSTITUTIONS TURN  
GREEN”  
ICBSS Workshop**

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# Message from Panteion Un. Rector

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.



**Professor Grigoris Tsaltas,**  
• Jean Monnet Chair Holder  
“EU and Developing Countries  
• Director of EKePEK

# Panteion Un.: An introduction



# Panteion Un.: The subjects

Political Science & History

International & European Studies

Public Administration

Sociology

Economic & Regional Development

Social Policy

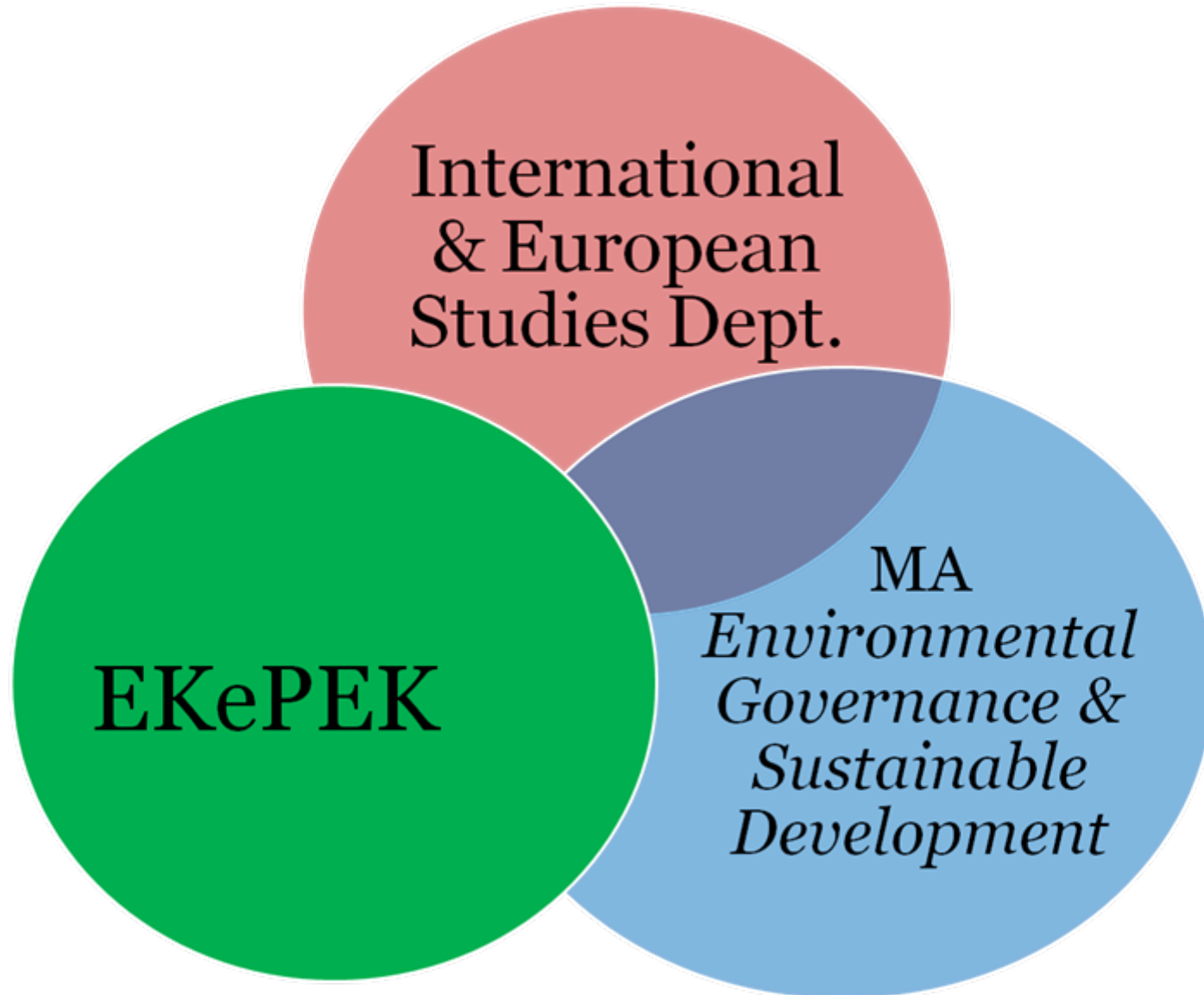
Social Anthropology

Communication, Media & Culture

Psychology

Legal Science

# Focusing on Environmental Education



# International & European Studies Dept.

- *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, decision makers
- 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

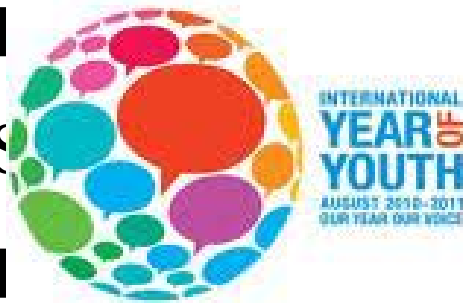


- **Carry out** projects with members of the community, students & faculty and publish their outcomes



- **Procure** educational trips (eg Geneva, Brussels, etc)

- **Lead** projects such as the UN Academic Impact and provide financial support to MA “Env. Governance and Development”



- **Lead** open-ended consultations and



- **Engage** in International Initiatives

# EKePEK: Good Practices

- Series of Summer Schools on the Environment
- Carried out since 2009
- 2012, 8<sup>th</sup> ed., focused on Sustainable Development
- Over 150 participants, including researchers
- 2009: The UNEP Good Practice within the Sustainable Con



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**μετά τη Συνδιάσκεψη των Ηνωμένων Εθνών**

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Χορηγοί



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Ανανεώσιμες  
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Τοπικοί Υποστηρικτές:

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Αγία Πελαγία  
Κυθήρων  
5-11 ΟΚΤΩΒΡΙΟΥ 2012

Συνδιοργάνωση:  
Κυθηραϊκό Ίδρυμα  
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και Ανάπτυξης

Ελληνική Εταιρία  
Προστασίας της Φύσης

Συμβολή:

Ευρωπαϊκό Κοινοβούλιο  
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# 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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