



Αριστοτέλειο Κέντρο Ανθρώπινης Ανάπτυξης  
Aristotelian Centre for Human Development

## FOUNDING DECLARATION

The Schools of Medicine, Law and Theology of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki take the initiative to establish a Centre for Human Development at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki named "Αριστοτέλειο Κέντρο Ανθρώπινης Ανάπτυξης", in Greek, and "Aristotelian Centre for Human Development", in English.

The Centre has an international character and mission, with the aim of promoting the goods:

- health,
- education,
- welfare,
- freedom,
- equality,
- tolerance and
- human dignity,

in the countries of our neighborhood more particularly, with an emphasis on the Balkans, the Middle East, North Africa and Sub-Saharan Africa.

In particular, although not exclusively, the Centre operates in those countries where the Greek diaspora lives in difficult circumstances. To this end, it cooperates with the Greek Communities and the Greek Orthodox Church in these countries.

The Centre fully respects the Governments of the countries in which it operates and under no circumstances does it interfere in internal affairs or get involved in political controversies in those countries.

The Centre shall cooperate with the Public Authorities of the countries in which it operates, and where necessary, obtain the prior permission of the local authorities.

In order to achieve its mission, the Centre shall develop actions in furtherance of its objectives, in cooperation with any other body, public or private, national, international, European or local, in the countries where it operates, in particular the academic community and civil society.

The Centre is non-state-owned and operates independently of governmental and political influences. However, it cooperates with governmental (national, EU and international) bodies to achieve its objectives and implements programmes and projects that fall within their objectives but are also compatible with its own mission.

The Centre's activities are not contrary to the objectives and policies of the Greek Government and the European Union in the countries in which it operates, where it promotes European standards, as well as European legal culture.

In order to achieve its objectives, the Centre designs and implements actions, programmes and projects compatible with its aims and mission. Indicatively but not exclusively, the Centre:

- Encourages Greek or other citizens of the EU or third countries (such as, but not limited to, professors, students and other members of the AUTH community, teachers, clergy, doctors, nurses, lawyers, engineers, economists, agronomists, artists, etc.) to travel and stay for a specific period of time in the countries in which it operates in order to implement its actions, programmes and projects. In particular, the Centre supports the humanitarian work carried out by the School of Medicine of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in African countries and wherever needed, where it provides medical work to the local population.

- Grants scholarships to citizens of the countries where it operates to study at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki,

- Promotes exchanges of students, administrative staff and faculty between the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki or other universities in Greece or abroad, on the one hand, and corresponding educational institutions in the countries in which it operates, on the other hand.

- Designs and implements education and training programmes in Greece or abroad on matters related to its mission and objectives.

- Promotes the Greek language and Greek and European culture in the countries in which it operates.

- Organises conferences, summer schools, events and workshops in Greece and abroad on subjects related to its mission.

- Elaborates studies compatible with the promotion of its objectives in the countries in which it operates.

- Plans and implements research activities, programmes and projects that fall within its objectives.

For the implementation of its actions, projects and programmes, the Centre shall mobilise human and material resources from any public or private, national, international, European or local body sharing the same ideals as itself.

In order to promote its action, the Centre creates a network of partnerships mainly with the Greek Communities, the Greek Orthodox Church and local University Institutions in all the countries in which it operates.

Likewise, it cooperates with like-minded institutions operating in the same countries, especially with the Greek Diaspora institutions of the developed countries of Europe, America, Asia and Australia, who wish to contribute to the achievement of its objectives in the countries in which it operates.

The Centre has no legal personality separate from that of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, from which it originates and where it is located. It operates within the framework of academic rules and institutions and in no case in a manner contrary to the rules and institutions of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki or in a manner contrary to the aims and policies of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

For the implementation of its projects, the Centre uses the procedures of the Special Account for Research Funds of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (ELKE).

The Centre is managed by a three-member committee, which is composed of representatives of the academic units that took the initiative to establish it. However, it cooperates with all the Schools and Departments of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki that wish to support its activities.

The present declaration was approved by the Assemblies of the Schools of Medicine, Law and Theology of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, which authorized their heads to sign it in the context of the World Pan-Hispanic Medical Congress, convened in the framework of the "Aristotle Medical Forum 2022", in Thessaloniki.

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