


European Public Law Organization

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Type of organisation:

SME School University Public Authority
 Training No Profit NGO

Other (Specify) International Inter-governmental Organization

Fields of action :

SMEs Youth Universities Public Authorities
 Equal opportunities Schools Unemployed

Other (Specify) Justice and Rule of Law, Human Rights, Democratization, Public Administration Reform & Anti Corruption, Civil Society, Home Affairs, Anti-Trafficking & Migration, Commercial & Intellectual Property Law

Description of the organisation

The **European Public Law Organization (EPLO)** was founded in 2007 as an International Inter-governmental Organization headquartered in Athens, Greece, when it absorbed the pre-existed European Public Law Center, a Greek Organization with international character created by Act of Parliament in 1995. Its specific mandate is the creation and dissemination of knowledge in the area of public law and the promotion of European values through public law throughout the world. To this effect, the EPLO organizes and supports technical cooperation, educational, training, research and public information activities in Europe and worldwide.

The Board of Directors of the EPLO comprises 17 Member States, personalities from the European Commission and the Council of Europe and 72 Universities from 35 countries. The EPLO's Scientific Council is constituted by the European Group of Public Law (EGPL), the leading European network of academics and practitioners in the field of Public Law, including over 240 members.

The EPLO has the Status of Observer at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the International Labour Organization (ILO), and the International Organization for Migration (IOM). The Organization has 57 highly qualified in-house staff and a network of over 1500 scientific collaborators and experts.

The EPLO implements a large number of technical cooperation projects which assist governments and institutions around the world in advancing reforms in a wide range of public law areas. The main areas of intervention comprise: justice and the rule of law, including criminal and civil justice reform, access to justice and law enforcement; human rights, including rights of women, children, minorities and other vulnerable groups; commercial and intellectual property law; legislative approximation to the *acquis communautaire* (e.g. Twinning projects); public administration reform; democratization, including parliamentary development and electoral reforms; migration and trafficking in human beings. Within this framework, the EPLO carries out such diverse actions as providing technical legal advice to national authorities, training for judges and civil servants, capacity and institution building directed at modernizing public structures and institutions or aimed at the empowerment of civil society, research and raising public awareness. In 20 years of existence, the EPLO has implemented over 200 technical cooperation projects all over the world, including Europe, Mediterranean countries, Balkans, Caucasus and Former Soviet States, Middle East, Central and South Asia, Africa, as well as Latin America. The European Commission is the main donor of the EPLO's technical cooperation projects.

Experience of the organization in previous European projects

- DG REFORM -Multiple Framework Service Contract - "Provision of Consultancy Services for the Development and Implementation of Structural Reforms in EU Member States" Ref No: SRSS/2018/01/FWC/002-05 (2019-2021)
- EU Support for Intellectual Property Rights System in Kosovo (IPA, 2019-2022)
- European Commission Framework Contract for External Aid (FWC SIEA 2018) – LOT 3 Human Rights, Democracy and Peace EuropeAid/138778/DH/SER/Multi (2018-2022)
- LION – Local Alliance for Integration (Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF-2016-AG-INTE) of the European Union) 2017-2019
- Moving forward: Promoting greater efficiency and effectiveness in the fight against trafficking in human beings in Kosovo (EU funded, IPA, 2017-2019)
- HUB-How to apply the Union's Charter of fundamental rights on Balkans (DG Justice) 2017-2019
- European Prison Observatory. Prison De-radicalization Strategies, Programmes and Risk Assessment Tools in Europe – PRP (DG Justice) 2017-2019
- Victim Analysis and Safety Tool – VAST (DG Justice 2017-2018)
- PROTASIS: Police Training Skills– DG Justice (2016-2018)

- Border Enforcement of intellectual property rights, Turkey (EU funded, Twinning, 2016-2018)
- Strengthening Capacities of the High Judicial Council and the State Prosecutorial Council, Serbia (EU funded, Twinning, 2015-2017)
- Framework contract for the supply of impact assessment, evaluation and evaluation-related studies; compliance assessment and evaluation of communication activities – Lot 1: Supply of impact assessment, evaluation and evaluation-related services in the policy areas under the responsibility of DG Justice and Consumers (2016-2020)
- EU Framework Contract Beneficiaries Lot 7 – Governance and Home Affairs (Worldwide)
- Restorative Justice in Cases of Domestic Violence. Best Practice Examples between Increasing Mutual Understanding and Awareness of Specific Protection Needs (EU MS)
- VICTOR - Victims of Child Trafficking - Our Responsibility (Balkan Countries)
- Children's Role for a Strong Civil Society (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- CLAIM - Child Law: Action for an Innovative Methodology (Greece, Italy, Spain)
- Restorative Justice in Europe: Safeguarding Victims & Empowering Professionals (RJE) (EU MS)
- FIDUCIA: New European Crimes: Trust-Based Regulation and New Forms of Policy (EU MS)
- Development of Central Bodies of Government in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Strengthening Capacities of the National Assembly in the EU Integration Process in Serbia
- FONI – Freedom Of New Ideas (Moldova)
- MINOR RIGHTS - Access to Justice for Children at Risk of Social Exclusion (Italy, Greece, Spain, UK, Sweden)
- VESTA II: Reduction of Trafficking in Women through Prevention Activities, Safe Migration and Victims Reintegration (Vietnam)
- Tracking Progress in Strengthening Criminal Justice Indicators for Integrated Case Management (EU MS)
- Integrated Approach for Prevention of Labour Exploitation in Origin and Destination Countries (Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Greece, Cyprus, FYROM, as well as other EU destination countries)
- Support to Turkey's Capacity in Combating Illegal Migration and Establishment of Removal Centers for Illegal Migrants
- Study on the Status of Information Exchange amongst Law Enforcement Authorities in the Context of Existing EU Instruments (EU MS)
- Civil Society Organizations as a Control Mechanism in the Actions against Trafficking in Human Beings in the Western Balkans (FYROM, Kosovo, Serbia, Albania)
- Support to the Strengthening of the Ombudsman Office (Serbia)
- Study to Compile Factsheets on Rights of Victims (EU MS)
- Improving the Institutional Capacity of the Agencies Involved in the Prevention of Trafficking in Human Beings in Line with the Current European Standards and Best Practices (Romania)

- Support to the Public Defender's Office (Georgia)
- Programme for Labour and Youth Integration in Cuba, through a Social Network of Services and Infrastructures for Cultural Expression, Sports and Environment
- EUROMED Migration II – Developing of a Euro-Mediterranean Area of Co-Operation on Migration (EU and MEDA countries)
- Support to Prosecutor's Offices in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- FP-6 PROJECT SOCIETY AND HUMAN RIGHTS. Human Rights in Conflicts: The Role of Civil Society (SHUR) (EU MS)
- Leonardo da Vinci III – Paideia II – Global Education: towards an Integrated Cooperation between Universities/Third Sector in the Field of Human Rights (EU MS)
- Leonardo da Vinci II – Paideia I – Global Education: towards an Integrated Cooperation between Universities/Third Sector in the Field of Human Rights (EU MS)
- Leonardo da Vinci I - Cultural Mediation, Migration, Human Rights and Social Responsibility of the Organizations (EU MS)

Experience and Expertise of the organization in the project's subject area

The EPLO has **gained extensive experience in issues related to migration**, in particular the integration of third-country nationals in EU Member States. The Organization has implemented numerous projects in the field of migration financed by the European Commission, including: *“Further Strengthening of the Border Control and Improved Management of Migration in Romania”* (RO 02/IB/JH02), *“EUROMED Migration II – Developing of a Euro-Mediterranean Area of Co-Operation on Migration”* (EuropeAid/123184/C/SER/Multi), *“Support to Turkey's Capacity in Combating Illegal Migration and Establishment of Removal Centers for Illegal Migrants”* (TR 07 IB JH 05), *“Reduction of Trafficking in Women through Prevention Activities, Safe Migration and Victims Reintegration in Vietnam”* (EIDHR/2009/17). Most recently (2017-2019) the Organization implemented the project *“Local Alliance for Integration”* (776213/LION, AMIF-2016-AG-INTE), which aimed at building knowledge toward better integration of TCN in Greece in five core areas of intervention: employment, healthcare, social care, formal education and sociocultural coexistence (more information available here: <http://allianceforintegration.eu>).

Since 2017, the EPLO has also prepared all the European Commission **European Migration Network (EMN) Annual Reports and Studies on Greece** (available here: https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/what-we-do/networks/european_migration_network/reports_en and <http://emn.immigration.gov.gr/en/>).

In addition, since 2017, the EPLO has been organizing an **International Summer School on Migration (MIGSS)**, which was focused on:

- *“Migration in Southern Europe: Solidarity, Crisis and Beyond”* (<https://www1.eplo.int/project/1056>) in 2017;
- *“Precarious Labour, Human Trafficking, and Social Exclusion in Europe”* (<https://www1.eplo.int/project/1055>) in 2018,
- *“Moving Beyond Crisis? From exclusion to integration of migrants and refugees in Europe”* (<https://www1.eplo.int/project/1211>) in 2019;
- *“Precarious integration? Migrants, Refugees, Rights & Policies”* (<https://www1.eplo.int/projects/35>) in 2020.

Contributions that can be provided to the project

EPLO will contribute to the development of intellectual outputs including *O1: Mapping of case studies and success stories*, *O2 Transnational and interdisciplinary training program on “Human mobility, Integration and Gender”*. Furthermore, it will lead the WP for the creation of the *O3: Policy Recommendation*.

Reasons of involvement in the project

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EPLO has extensive experience in the **field of migration**, in particular the integration of third-country nationals in EU Member States. In this field, the Organization has implemented numerous projects financed by the European Commission and other donors, carried out **educational and training activities**, conducted scientific and **policy-oriented research** and **developed a large number of publications**.

Contact Person's Experience and Expertise

Mrs. Lola Lyberopoulou is the Director of EU & International Projects at EPLO. She has 25 years of professional experience in the consulting sector in EU project management. Her fields of expertise include education reform, social development, human development, institution building, EU accession, and governance. Before joining EPLO in March 2020, Mrs. Lyberopoulou was Framework Contract Director at the Athens Network for Collaborating Experts (ANCE), where she managed the EC Commission Framework Contract SIEA 2018 - Lot 4 Human Development and Safety Net as leader of the Consortium. During a period of one year, she managed to acquire and implement more than 16 projects in the fields of education, TVET, health and social development in Africa, the Caribbean, the Balkans, the Middle East and North Africa; as well as manage efficiently a partnership of public bodies, NGOs, universities and consultancies across Europe. She has also recently worked for European Profiles S.A. (2015-2017), a leading consultancy based in Athens, as a Project Director for large EU funded technical assistance projects. From 2009 to 2015, she worked for EEO Group S.A. in Athens, a consultancy specialized in education and TVET projects, where she was in charge of preparing tenders and proposals for EU programmes as well as coordinating numerous projects including Erasmus+ projects. Mrs. Lyberopoulou possesses excellent team leading, management and organizational skills. She also has very good communication and reporting writing skills. She holds a BA in International Business Administration (ICHEC Brussels), an MA in European Economics (College of Europe, Bruges) and an MBA in Finance (ESCEM, France). She speaks English, French and Greek fluently and has a basic knowledge of Spanish and Italian.

Dr. Theodoros Fouskas. Dr. Theodoros Fouskas is a sociologist. He specializes in migration, migrant labour and migrant community organizations. Also, in migration and public health, access of migrants to health and healthcare services, precarious, low-status/low-wage employment, integration of third country nationals, undeclared work, irregular migration, solidarity, access of migrants to social protection, political participation and trade unions in the reception societies. Currently, he is teaching at the School of Public Health at the University of West Attica (UNIWA). He has taught the modules "Health of Moving Populations-Intercultural Health", "Sociology of Migration", "Migration Policy", "Integration Policies", "Sociology of Health and Illness", "Hellenic Diaspora", "International Migration", "Introduction to qualitative analysis", at various universities in Greece, including the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, the University of West Attica, the University of the Peloponnese, the University of Crete, the Democritus University of Thrace, the National School of Public Health, the Technological Educational Institute of Athens, the Hellenic Open University, the Police Academy - School of Further Education and Training, the National Center for Public Administration and Local Government, and in private academic institutions. He has authored 2 monographs: Nigerian Immigrants in Greece: Low-Status Work, Community, and Decollectivization (Nova Science Publishers, 2014) and Migrant "Communities" and Labor Representation (Papazisi Publishers, 2012, in Greek) and he

has co-edited the collective volume: Contemporary Immigration in Greece: A Sourcebook (EPLO Publications, 2014). He has authored and co-authored 14 chapters in edited collective volumes and published 20 articles in international and Greek peer-reviewed scholarly journals. Moreover, he has authored and co-authored 35 research and policy reports. He has served as a reviewer for 12 journals and member of the editorial board in 2 of them. He has presented 83 papers at international and national conferences and workshops, and he has organized 13 scientific events and 4 international summer schools on migration (EPLO/European Governance and Law School-ELGS). Since 2005, he has participated as scientific coordinator, project manager and principal researcher in 34 European and national research programs for immigrants, asylum seekers, refugees and other vulnerable groups. His recent research projects include: Annual Policy Report 2018 on Migration and Asylum in Greece: National Report: Part 1 (European Migration Network, EPLO, 2019), Annual Policy Report 2018 on Migration and Asylum in Greece: National Report: Part 2 (European Migration Network, EPLO, 2019), Local Alliance for Integration (LION) (LION/776213, AMIF-2016-AG-INTE, 2017-2019), PUMOMIG Public opinion, mobilisations and policies concerning asylum seekers and refugees in anti-immigrants times (Europe and Belgium) (BR/175/A5/PUMOMIG, BRAIN-be Belgian Research Action through Interdisciplinary Networks funded by the Belgian Science Ministry, 2018-2019), Local Alliance for Integration (LION) (LION/776213, AMIF-2016- AG-INTE, 2017-2019), Comparative overview of national protection statuses in the EU European Migration Network, EPLO, 2019) and Pathways to citizenship for third-country nationals in the EU Member States European Migration Network, EPLO, 2019).