



ORGANIZATION EARTH

Organization Earth, is a Greek Non-profit Civil Society organization founded in 2010 that operates at the intersection of People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace and Partnership, by offering programs of non-typical education, social inclusion programs for vulnerable social groups through sport & connecting people with nature and by facilitating community-based action & grass roots activities on sustainable development, primarily in urban centers.

A “hybrid” NGO that strives to serve all 17 Goals of Sustainable Development, Organization Earth programs & services address major social issues like long-term unemployment and migration, while leveraging new business models such as social/ethical entrepreneurship, particularly related to the Green Economy (organic agriculture) and the Blue Economy (marine & maritime sectors), at the same time taking steps to tackle climate change primarily by offering nature-based experiential learning activities. To achieve these goals Organization Earth has created long-term knowledge triangle alliances between local & international civil society, academia, public and private stakeholders, as well as citizens to solve large-scale social & environmental problems and to educate people of all ages to think and act as agents of change. Organization Earth operates three major umbrella-initiatives each of which includes its own projects and dedicated staff (Responsible Business Initiative, Environmental Learning Initiative and Social Inclusion Initiative).

Social Inclusion & Migrant Integration Initiative

Organization Earth's Social Inclusion Initiative, during the last 4 years has focused primarily towards migrant & refugee integration, as a response to the record influx of refugees since 2015 and the subsequent humanitarian crisis.

Social Inclusion Through Sport

Within this framework, Organization Earth also implements projects fostering social inclusion through sport, a program dubbed "Hope Sports" with four programmes:

- Social integration program through sports

Since the summer of 2017, in collaboration with the Barcelona Foundation, the FutbolNet program has been implemented, for children aged 7-17 who live in refugee structures as well as in stadiums in the center of Athens where it is aimed at unaccompanied minors. The specific methodology uses sport as a vehicle to promote competition, understanding and tolerance, with the aim of encouraging social inclusion and personal empowerment of the participating children and young refugees.

- Summer Football Club for unaccompanied children

Today in Greece there are still more than 2.200 unaccompanied children with a severely restricted access to recreational and sports activities.

In the summer of 2018, the Earth Organization in collaboration with UNICEF and the Youri Djorkaeff Foundation, implemented a football program for 247 unaccompanied children (221 boys and 26 girls) from 21 different juvenile structures and 19 different countries, recognizing the need for creative employment of unaccompanied children, who are perhaps the most vulnerable group of the refugee population.

- Refugee Women INclusion through Sports (REWINS, Erasmus+)

The program aims to promote the participation of refugee women in sports. Through the REWINS program, the Earth Organization identifies the obstacles and highlights good practices for refugee women's participation in sports activities while at the same time promoting women's participation in sports activities through the creation of a women's sports team. The program is implemented within the framework of the Erasmus Plus European Program.

- Hope Refugee FC

In the context of social integration programs through sports, the Earth Organization, in 2016, founded the Refugee Sports Hope, a football sports team made up of refugees & immigrants with the ultimate goal of social inclusion and integration, as well as offering participants the opportunity of creative pursuits and to function as a channel of communication between refugees/asylum seekers and Greek society.

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