



 **THE  
HOMECOMING  
PROJECT**

INVITATION

A project by ELLINIKI ETAIRIA & FLUX Laboratory



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# What is the Homecoming Project?

- Do you feel you have some greek heritage?
- Is this a culture you would like to learn more about?
- Is one of your parents or grandparents Greek?
- Would you like to discover Greece as a native and not as a tourist?

The Homecoming Project has been created for you. You will have the chance to bond with local families by staying in their homes, work in rural areas, discover your Greek roots and experience the everyday life of people living in unique areas of Greece, off the beaten track.

From the villages of Arcadia in the Peloponnese and Xanthi in Thrace to the unique small islands of Sikinos in the Aegean and Aegina in the Saronic Gulf, you will be a member of a small team of 15 people, and will have the opportunity to support the maintenance of the Greek Paths of Culture\*, work closely with the local farmers, support the work of the local producers, assist in planning local cultural events and adopt the lifestyle of the local communities. A genuine immersion in Greek life and civilisation!

This Project aims to offer young people, aged between 18 and 25, favorable circumstances through which to acknowledge their roots while helping to protect the natural environment and preserve Greek cultural heritage. Participants will have the chance to meet some remarkable people who are involved in our work.



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## Join Us!

- If you are aged between 18 and 25
- If you are of Greek origin
- If you want to spend a period of 2 months in Greece - not as a tourist but as a local

... independently of your Greek language skills (we provide courses!)

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\* For more info please visit: [www.monopatiapolitismou.gr](http://www.monopatiapolitismou.gr)

# Application (in English or Greek)

## 1. Please tell us why you want to participate in the Project

(e.g. 5' video in .mov or .mp4 formats, 15 slides ppt presentation, essay up to 250 words, or any other format you think would best present you)

## 2. I am interested in joining the 'Homecoming Project'

(please check one of the options below)

a		for the 1st term (June 2017 in Sikinos & July 2017 in Arcadia)
b		for the 2nd term (October 2017 in Aegina & November 2017 in Xanthi)

## 3. My level of spoken Greek is

a		None
b		Basic
c		Advanced

## 4. Personal information

Name	
Surname	
Profession/occupation	
Studies	
Spoken languages	
Date of birth	
Telephone	
Mobile	
Email	
Postal address	
Country	
How did you hear about the project?	

## 5. Application fee

20€ via bank transfer to the following bank account for the screening of your application:

Bank: ALPHA BANK

IBAN: GR69 0140 1770 1770 0200 2000 045

Bank account holder: ELLINIKI ETAIRIA Perivallontos & Politismou

BIC: CRBAGRAAXX

## 6. Participation fee - Means of payment - Cancellation policy

The participation fee includes accommodation in local family houses, breakfast, light lunch, support from local staff, transportation within Greece, the full 2 days in Athens - accommodation, lunch, dinner, museum tickets, tour-, and all other cultural excursions organised by our local teams. The fee for participation in the full programme is 3.700 €.

The fee does not include:

- Travel costs to and from Greece.
- Transfer costs to and from the Airports.
- Dinners in Sikinos, Arcadia, Aegina and Xanthi.
- Incidental expenses.

The fee is paid in full within 2 weeks of your acceptance to the programme. In case of cancellation later than 2 weeks ahead of the start of each programme 50% of the fee becomes refundable.

Health insurance is mandatory and it is the participant's responsibility to ensure valid cover in Greece. At a later stage you will be asked to send us a copy or certificate.

Please note that financial aid is available for eligible candidates. You are kindly asked to include the reasons you may need financial aid in your presentation.

## 7. Legal responsibility

- ELLINIKI ETAIRIA cannot be held liable for any damage caused to applicants as a consequence of implementing the Project or for any damage caused by any of the participants or third parties involved in the Project.
- ELLINIKI ETAIRIA may suspend or cancel the Project if exceptional circumstances, in particular force majeure, make implementation impossible or excessively difficult.
- By submitting an application you indicate that you have the physical ability to participate in the Project, you understand and accept these terms and conditions of this Project and agree to be legally bound by them.
- Information provided by applicants will be used solely for the purposes of the Project and not for any other use.
- The Project is governed by the applicable laws of Greece.

Date & Signature

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## 8. Attachments

Please remember to include in your email application:

- a. your full CV
- b. 2 reference letters from a teacher or manager
- c. the bank transfer confirmation of the payment of the application fee

Applications should be sent via email to  
[elet@ellinikietairia.gr](mailto:elet@ellinikietairia.gr)

## Selection Process

Application period:	31st March - 30th April 2017
Application screening:	2nd May - 7th May 2017
Results announced:	10th May 2017

Beginning of The Homecoming Project's first term:	6th June 2017
Beginning of The Homecoming Project's second term:	2nd October 2017

### Contact information

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# Destinations



## SIKINOS

Sikinos is a secluded island among the tiniest and most picturesque villages in the Cyclades, with a unique Cycladic architecture.



## ARCADIA

Arcadia is situated in the central and eastern part of the Peloponnese peninsula. Mainalon mountain is famous for its picturesque villages like Stemnitsa, Dimitsana and Vytina.



## EGINA

Aegina is an island in the Saronic Gulf, 17 miles from Athens. It is well known for its history, mythology and pistachio production.



## XANTHI

Xanthi is a city in Thrace, northeastern Greece. The Old Town of Xanthi is known throughout Greece for its distinctive architecture, combining many Byzantine Greek churches with mansions of Greek merchants from the 18th and 19th centuries and Ottoman-era mosques.

## Greek Paths of Culture

Footpaths were created over the centuries through the hard work and sense of beauty of our ancestors. They connected towns and villages, enabling the movement of goods and culture. Over the years, however, with the rise of new means of transport, some paths were abandoned – they became overgrown with vegetation or, as an easy solution for creating road networks, they were bulldozed and covered with asphalt. The project “Greek Paths of Culture” gives them new life.

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ELLINIKI ETAIRIA (Society for the Environment and Cultural Heritage) is one of the leading non-profit organizations in Greece, active in the preservation of the natural environment and cultural heritage since 1972. ELLINIKI ETAIRIA has been particularly active in implementing projects focusing on strengthening local communities through both environment and culture. Over the years it has had an enormous impact in preserving the environment and cultural heritage of Greece.

Learn more: [www.ellet.gr](http://www.ellet.gr)



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