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integration community

2025
review

In 2025 KYCLOS continued to provide:

Activities for the social and professional integration of refugees and immigrants:

- language courses
- empowerment sessions and psychological support
- social services
- job counselling and work settlement
- cultural integration classes

Entrepreneurial activities and workshops:

- communal kitchen
- soap & candle creation
- tailoring/ sewing seminars

KYCLOS' beneficiaries in 2025 expanded and come from more places of the world!

...Ukraine, Palestine, Egypt, Afghanistan, Syria, Iran, Iraq, Turkey, Senegal, Togo, Congo, Guinea, Uganda, Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Madagascar, India, Pakistan, China, Yemen, Sudan...



2025 Facts & Challenges

During 2025, KYCLOS was widely recognized for its teaching program and approach. The number of students in the Greek language classes doubled. Both because our students have been spreading their learning experience, so new refugees apply to learn and also because more referrals from shelters of unaccompanied children, other NGOs, and public schools are coming. That is why, this year, KYCLOS made a switch and placed a stronger focus on two of its core activities:

- 1) Teaching program
- 2) Empowerment sessions

Every month of 2025, KYCLOS has been welcoming around 60 new registrations. On average, 200 people receive services every day. Approximately 150 of them, remain in KYCLOS and keep on studying and around 50 leave after a while. In this way, we are able to welcome new applicants.

Thus, unlike in many other organizations where beneficiaries stay only for a short period, refugees at KYCLOS remain actively involved for much longer — often over 1.5 years — continuing their language learning and participation in activities. This is happening because they think of KYCLOS as a place where they belong.

Accordingly, KYCLOS has become a community where people grow in, from and through it. This is the added value of our organization, but at the same time this is the challenge that we face. It takes a lot of time for a refugee to get integrated, so beneficiaries have to stay in KYCLOS, but at the same time, serving new has been a challenge.

Why focusing more on education and on empowerment

In 2025, we experienced that job industry had grown and more workers are needed in the primary sector. Thus the majority of the refugees who reached KYCLOS already were settled job wise, but without speaking any Greek. That is why, focusing more on providing education was much more demanding.

At the same time, in KYCLOS we believe that to get integrate along with job and the language, people have to belong somewhere and feel that they are not alone and unsupported. That is why we focused even more in empowerment sessions and activities this year. Through them, our beneficiaries find the very first group to belong to, in which they build strings and gradually are able to get independent while having a strong network.

1) Teaching program

Two dedicated teachers and four facilitator refugees currently deliver Greek lessons within KYCLOS, with help from other KYCLOS' members. Because most beneficiaries work in the mornings, all classes are scheduled in the afternoon. Our students are divided into three main groups based on how they engage with the learning process:

- Those who attend for the **first three months**, focusing on building the basic structure of the Greek language, often without yet being able to communicate effectively.
- Those who stay for **three to 1.5 years**, learning to communicate in everyday Greek and to write with confidence.
- Those who continue for **1.5 to 4 years**, aiming to obtain an official language certification (A1, A2, or B1 level) or to prepare for the Greek citizenship exams.

Learning the language remains central to our integration process — enabling refugees to find employment, communicate confidently, and participate fully in social life.



1) Teaching program

Greek Language Certification exams

It takes a lot of time to build a new life in a foreign country. Learning Greek is very difficult too. We are very proud for our students who do not give up and keep on trying. This year, four of them successfully passed the official Greek Language Certification exams, a remarkable achievement that reflects their perseverance and dedication. Such long-term engagement is rare, and it fills us with pride, as it demonstrates not only the systematic and consistent work carried out by our team but also the trust, encouragement, and sense of belonging that define the KYCLOS' learning environment.



2) Empowerment sessions

In 2025, in collaboration with AKMA ("Athenian Institute of Anthropos"), KYCLOS launched empowerment groups, bringing together participants of the same origin, age or gender. Refugees arrive carrying visible or invisible burdens- loss, insecurity, loneliness and fear. Empowerment groups go along with learning Greek because they consist the very first network where beneficiaries feel they belong. Empowerment sessions provide a safe space where people can share experiences, express themselves, create new networks, get supported and rebuild confidence. Through meeting, discussing, eating, dancing and drawing together a network of support is created for everyone, that can guarantee and assist in having a stable new life.



CORE ACTIVITIES

job settlement



social services activity



cultural integration classes



Entrepreneurial activities & workshops

soal making workshop



sewing workshop



communal kitchen



Light your Candle



NEW

KYCLOS projects during 2025

CAS

(Creativity,
Activity, Service) -
IB Program

**"I am +
We are
USEFUL"**
project

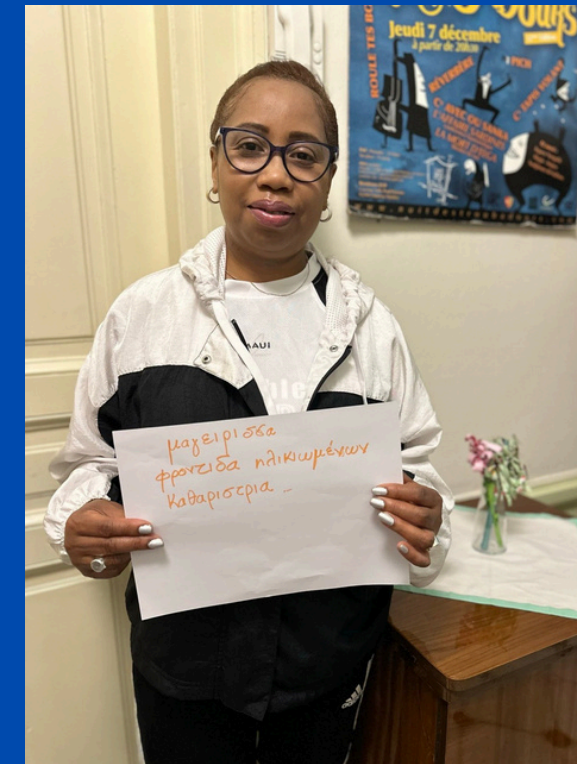
**recreational
trips**

NEW

KYCLOS' projects

I AM + WE ARE USEFUL

With this project, we give space and voice to everyone. Each person carries valuable knowledge, experiences, and skills from their homeland, which can find new ground and application in Greece. The project aims to recognize and build on these strengths, supporting participants in finding employment and opening pathways towards meaningful professional integration, as well as helping local employers to hire trustworthy staff.



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NEW

KYCLOS' projects

CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service)

KYCLOS joined a new CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service) project, one of the core components of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. IB students participated actively, combining creativity, physical engagement, and community service — turning learning into action and collaboration within KYCLOS' community.

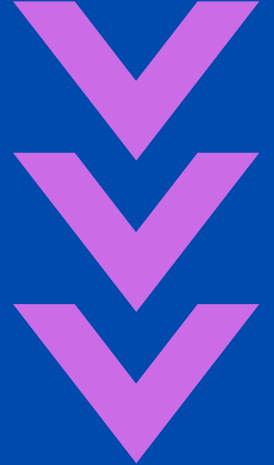


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2025 Highlight

In 2025, KYCLOS organized its very first community excursion outdoor Athens — a journey to the breathtaking Meteora. For many participants, it was not only their first trip outside Attica but also their first real encounter with the beauty, history, and spirituality of Greece. This trip became much more than an outing; it was a powerful reminder of why recreational and cultural activities matter. They bring people closer, helping our beneficiaries to connect with the Greek traditions, and with the society they have chosen to call home. Through such shared experiences, integration becomes not just a goal, but a feeling — of belonging, of togetherness, of truly being part of Greece.





Financial & Operational review

Despite the increased demand, KYCLOS managed to maintain all core services through careful resource management and its members' engagement.

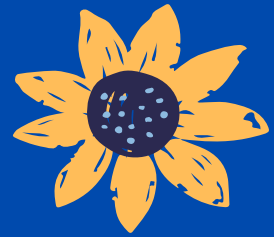
Expenses

Operational	2120
Salaries	3488,91
Activities	1800

In total

Monthly expenses	7608,91
Yearly expenses	98284,74

(taking into account there are
14 salaries per year)

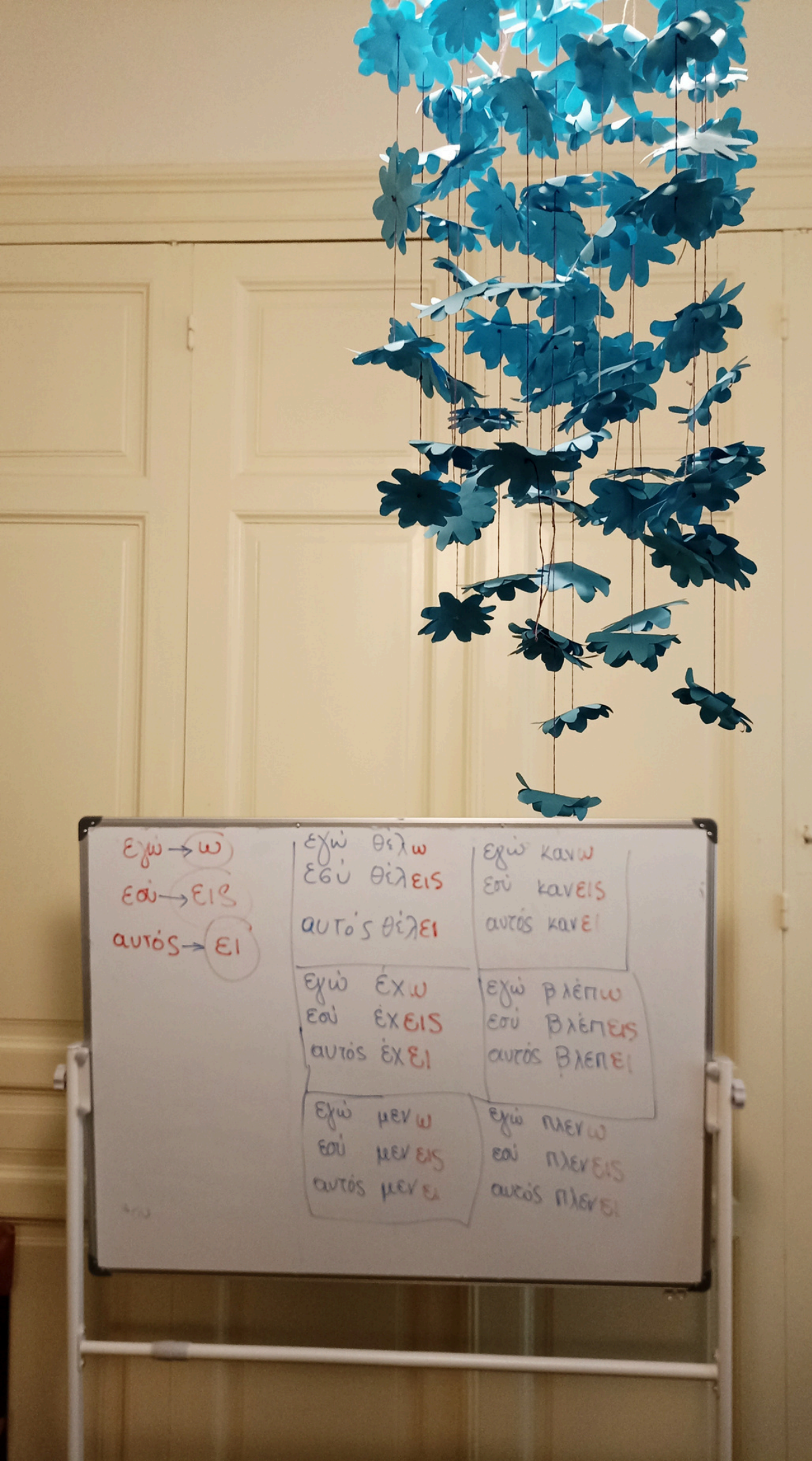


For the upcoming year

KYCLOS is not aiming to cover every existing need — and that's by choice.

We want to grow, but only as much as we can sustain with quality and care. Over the next few years, our goal is to expand modestly, by adding two new staff members to strengthen our teaching capacity and maintain the supportive environment that defines our work.

- find funding to hire two new facilitators for all activities and enrich the existing program,
- continue fostering two way integration through Greek language courses and empowerment,
- maintain our core activities



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