

## 2021 Review and acknowledgement of the support of ICES

**This is a thank you letter for your trust in our work and your financial support. Herebelow we have summarised the main activities that took place during 2021.**

During 2021 and despite the continuous lockdowns due to COVID 19, Kyclos was resilient and adapted to the new condition, managing to keep its activities up and running. Here below, some highlights of the year:

**1) Language courses** were given for all levels, including courses for illiterate people of all ages. We had to adjust our classes and we tried to go digital, giving online courses and trying to keep the social activity alive. When the weather allowed it, the classes were given at an open space at the park close to Kyclos' headquarters



**2) Workshops** for practical capacity building especially related to cooking, but also to art (painting and artifact creation courses) and to soap production for own use.



**3) Personal development** through dedicated meetings with psychotherapists and social scientists. Professionals from the Athenian Institute of Anthropos , Center of Study, Research, Training and Development of Applications of the Social Sciences for Human (akma.gr) have been supporting Kyclos also in 2021.



**4) Income creation;** we keep supporting Kyclos dedicated beneficiaries to find a job and make a decent living for them and their families.



While we maintained the existing collaborations we also established **new ones**. To name one, the American Agricultural School of Thessaloniki, has organised **an olive harvesting workshop** for Kyclos members. This was a step forward in developing our social entrepreneurship activity related to olive oil production from farm till fork.



As for the response to COVID-19 we have tried to make use of all the skills we have built during the previous years

- We used the fabrics we normally use for the sewing workshop and prepared for face masks production
- We made soap to keep ourselves and the community in good hygiene
- We volunteered for blood donation, responding to the public calls.



We have tried to respond in the best possible way to the continuous refugee crisis. We keep having more than more than 1000 beneficiaries that have been part of Kyclos and more people are in line requesting to take part in our programs.

We are still all working solely on a voluntary basis.