

Vision: Cultural resources (human, heritage, intangible) are drivers of social + economic development.

Mission: To promote sustainable management of cultural resources, innovative approaches to cultural management and sustainable tourism at local and European level

Brand promise: Cultural managers, the creative economy community, and various community stakeholders developing and sharing new tools to put cultural and heritage resources in the center of social and economic development in their communities.



CulturePolis is a non-profit / non-governmental organization (NGO) based in Corfu, Greece, and since 2006 it operates in Europe, the Balkans and the Mediterranean Basin promoting research, analysis, debate and dialogue, awareness raising and other targeted actions, and making broad use of innovative approaches and new technologies in the following areas:

- **Cultural heritage and culture**
- **intercultural dialogue**
- **sustainability** in all its dimensions
- **innovation and platforms** for cultural and social action
- **cultural & creative entrepreneurship**

In this framework CulturePolis promotes cooperation and the strengthening of ties with major important actors for institutions of local & central government, scientific, political, cultural and other social groups, with emphasis on South-Eastern Europe, and the entire Euro-Med area.

CulturePolis's links with the different neighboring regions are ensured via extensive networking in Europe while working towards joint action, cooperation and cultural exchanges with strong regional partners. More info at <http://culturepolis.org>

The second decade

CulturePolis was founded in June 2006 by a former European Commission official with the objective to transfer the "European identity" paradigm into the cultural discourse in the EU. With headquarters in Corfu CulturePolis initiated activities mainly in the Ionian Islands and Western Greece and gradually covered the entire Adriatic-Ionian region and South-Eastern Europe via a network of local / regional Cultural Antennas.

In 2013 CulturePolis's partners revised the goals and objectives and methods of work to face new realities in the region, and launched several initiatives focusing on sustainable cultural heritage management, youth empowerment, gastronomy & culture, cultural tourism and cultural entrepreneurship (see projects next page).

Social initiatives and partnerships

- Corfu Gastronomy Club (www.lgk.gr); Corfu Volunteer Network (www.cfu4u.org);
- Réseau culturel européen de coopération au développement, Paris, France (<http://reseauculturel.org>);
- European Research & Innovation Agency for Cultural Clusters (EURICCA)-euricca.eu;
- Odyssea European Cooperation Grouping for sea/coastal tourism and culture (odyssea.eu) Representative for Greece / Adriatic-Ionian region

Who we are



The four pillars:

Pillar I – CulturePolis Labs: R&D for the Cultural / Social Sector

Find and support innovative, risky, bold local pilot projects related to culture, heritage, sustainable and inclusive tourism; social and youth experiments; intra-sectors developments;

Pillar II – Activities, tools and 'products'

Design and implement programs to promote professional and sustainable management in the culture/heritage sector, and increase talent development, new enterprises and initiatives, and jobs creation.

Pillar III – Partnerships and Ecosystem Development

Design tools and methodologies for professional and sustainable management and for citizen management, stakeholder engagement, consensus building, and decision-making processes.

Strengthen local ecosystems around cultural entrepreneurship, sustainable tourism and creative economy

Initiate and support European partnerships, alliances and collective action

Pillar IV – Impact and Results

Design, implement and share tools for measuring and communicating impact.

Design and pilot consensus building or collective impact methodologies at the local level, and scale successful models at the national and European level.

Opportunities with CulturePolis

- Host your organization in the Cultural Organizations Cooperation Network - "Get Culturally ...Connected"
- Participate in our activities and projects /// Join our Network / Participate in cultural events in your region
- Participate in Permanent Activity Groups of your choice /// Receive our e-Newsletter /// Offer - if you wish, volunteer work /// Be informed about professional development

Panorama of Culturepolis recent projects & initiatives

2006 – 2017
 Detailed descriptions can be found at :
<http://bit.ly/2E1lqow>

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Recent-Running projects (January 2018)

GROW Observatory



GROW Observatory will create a sustainable citizen platform & community to generate, share & utilise information on land, soil & water resource at a resolution hitherto not previously considered. The outcome will be a central hub of open knowledge and data created and maintained by growers that will be of value to the citizens themselves as well as specialist communities in science, policy and industry.

HORIZON2020-start 1.11.2016

INNOVIMENTOR



Innovimentor project is funded by the EU programme [Interreg BalkanMed](#) and supports SMEs in remote and scarcely populated areas to be developed to local, regional and international markets and get involved in innovative practices in tourism sector. The project aims at energetically contributing to refrain from brain drain and the incompatibility between skills-employment, which characterizes the touristic business in the Balkan-Med area and for this purpose are mapped the needs in skills and the trends supply-demand. Read more [here](#)

“Cultural Strategy of Greek Cities” Survey



The survey was launched in 2016 after a pilot phase in 2016, in celebration of its 10-year anniversary using three online Questionnaires :

A – SELF-ASSESSMENT OF MUNICIPALITIES
B – RECORDING of characteristics & Objectives
C – NEEDS – SUPPORT of LARGE / MEDIUM MUNICIPALITIES (More than 10,000 citizens) / Small and Island municipalities

More than 60 municipalities participated in the survey which produced very relevant results in particular the Self-Assessment one run for two consecutive years allowing for comparisons. Self-Assessment results Full results : <http://bit.ly/2qwGhOe>

DIVERTIMENTO



Started: 1/4/2016, duration 18 months, COSME 699493

CulturePolis is lead partner of this project on “Diversifying tourism offers in peripheral destinations with heritage-based products and services, stakeholder alliances and skills alliances to internationalize locally operating micro-enterprises and facilitate uptake by the global market”

JOYNeet



Job Opportunities for Youth with the Network of European Towns) 1/11/2014 – 31/12/2015

"Europe for Citizens"-15 NGOs, 8 EU municipalities, stakeholders CulturePolis participates in 7 meetings, 4 of which will focus on the following priorities: Agriculture, Industry and ICT innovation, Crafts, Culture and Tourism, in order to give youth a real chance to meet potential partners from the countries of the Network and to design with the mobility to learn, train, work, study or volunteer abroad, or even start their new business. www.joyneet.ro group

Veni Vidi Comedi : The Cooking Europe Project



ERASMUS + 2014-2016

This 14 months project led by LISEL asbl Luxembourg is designed to develop a sustainable practice around European culinary culture adapted to a fast living society, through a practice of autonomy and DIY (Do It Yourself) approach, linking the daily nutrition with gastronomy and a healthy lifestyle

Citizen Artist Incubator



Started: 1/9/2015, Ended : 31/08/2017

EU programme: Creative Europe/ Project 559 317 / GR, CulturePolis is lead partner of the above small-scale project (budget of € 330,000 with 60% financing), based on the modernist notion of "Artist Citizen - Citizen Artist". It aims at training and preparing artists from Europe to this new approach providing incubation for 30 Citizen-Artists in Austria in two phases : Laxenburgh, Vienna in Sept 2016 and Linz in July 2017 See more at www.citizenartist.eu

Platform for Political Innovation



01/10/2014 – 31/05/2015 Funded by EEA for Greece – “We are all citizens”. CulturePolis with NGOs Place Identity and SciFy launched a project aiming to strengthen the role and efficiency of Civil Society in Greece, focusing on the imperative need for innovation in policy-making. See more at <http://politicalinnovation.gr/>

SUSTCULT:
Achieving sustainability through an integrated approach to management of cultural heritage, 2011-2014

Funded by the Transnational Cooperation Programme South East Europe (South East Europe - SEE) and the Greek state (www.sustcult.eu/)
<http://culturepolis.org/gr/projects/currentprojects/sustcultproject>

1st Adriatic-Ionian Intercultural Dialogue Conference


Corfu, 27-28 June 2008"
 Organised by the European Parliament - Offices for Greece, Italy, Slovenia
eocf-ai.org/Corfu-ID-conf-2008).

CultLink

Damascus, Syria, 2008

A EC funded project for promoting handcrafts from African - women.
<http://culturepolis.org/en/projects/initiatives/ecndc>

Cultural Entrepreneurship


CULENT@ATHENS Series of talks on cultural entrepreneurship
<http://culent.com/>

Cultural and Creative Enterprises Incubator

<http://culturepolis.org/gr/2013-11-30-20-08-00/2013-01-06-48-26/culturepolis>



1st World Festival Arab Corfu, April 2011 Held from 1-6 April 2011 by the NGO CulturePolis under the project of the European Union "Culture 2007-2013" "Festival of Intercultural Dialogue - Cultural Encounter East-West."
<http://arabfestivalen.wordpress.com>


Anthropos-Art-Environment, Preveza 2008

A youth programme project organised by the CulturePolis Cultural Antenna of Preveza with involvement of local population.
<http://culturepolis.org/gr/profile/activities/culturalantennas/prevantenna>


"Cultural Organisations Collaboration Network "Get ... Culturally Connected", 2008 -...

Internet platform to communicate and promote and between networking and cooperation between cultural institutions, associations, organizations OTA, creators and cultural managers-
<http://culturepolis.org/en/projects/completedprojects/culturallyconnected>


"Cultural Meetings of the Fortress" - Corfu 2009 - 2012

A circle of events entitled "Cultural Encounters of the Fortress" Old Fortress - Cafe Bar-
<http://culturepolis.org/gr/projects/awareness/cultmeetingsfortress>