

Greek Forum of Migrants: It offers a network of organizations and communities throughout Greece. Also, it helps migrants in Greece to get informed on their rights and enhances the concept of cohesion and coexistence. Address: 81 Patision Str., Athens, tel +30 210-8831620, email: info@migrant.gr, website: <https://www.migrant.gr/>

SYMBIOSIS, 29^A Ptolemaion Str., <https://www.facebook.com/SymbiosisOrg/>, <https://www.symbiosis.org.gr/index.php/en/>

Polydromo - Group for Bilingualism and Multiculture in Education and Society, 3 Ioustitianou Str., <http://www.polydromo.gr/index.php/el-gr/>

Objective of the LION Project

The creation of a natural platform where discussions between bodies of the local community and third country citizens will take place. These two groups will have the chance to exchange points of view and share experiences and practices with the overriding objective of creating strong links between them.

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INTERCULTURAL COEXISTENCE GUIDE IN THESSALONIKI



What is cultural competence?

- The ability to understand and respect people coming from a different culture.
- The ability to be tolerant and respectful to the civil society regardless of where its members come from.
- The creation of institutions and relations with people across cultures.
- Cultural competence does not mean suppression or even rejection of our own cultural environment.
- Cultural competence means being open, curious and interested in other cultures.
- Cultural competence means that we do not judge others who are different from us.
- Cultural competence is an ongoing process.

What are the aims of cultural competence?

- Peaceful coexistence between different peoples.
- Combating fear, discriminations and stereotypes.
- Integration of different people in local societies.
- Cultural appropriateness of various services (health, social care etc.) so that they are accessible to people of different cultural backgrounds.

What are the Migrant and Refugee Integration Councils (SEMP) and what do they aim at?

Pursuant to article **79 of Law 4555/2018**¹, Migrant and Refugee Integration Councils are established by a decision of the municipal council in all municipalities, as a consultative body of the municipality with a view to enhancing the integration of migrants and refugees in the local society. They have been established in Greece

since 2010. These councils aim at recording and investigating the problems of the migrants and refugees, organizing local actions as well as events aiming to raise awareness and reinforce social cohesion within the local population. For more information on the function and organization of these councils in the Municipality of Thessaloniki, check the link: [θέλω-από-τον-δήμο/κοινωνική-πολιτική/ευπαθείς-κοινωνικά-ομάδες/σεμ/https://thessaloniki.gr/](https://thessaloniki.gr/θέλω-από-τον-δήμο/κοινωνική-πολιτική/ευπαθείς-κοινωνικά-ομάδες/σεμ/)

Which Migrant and Refugee Integration Councils (SEMP) are active in Thessaloniki?

SEMP of the Municipality of Thessaloniki, Tel. +30 2313317818

Which communities/organizations/associations of Third Country Citizens are there in Thessaloniki?

Albanian Migrants Association "Mother Teresa" Greece, email: shoq_nene_tereza@yahoo.gr, FB: Shoqata Nënë Tereza Greqi. The association does not have a registered office but actions are carried out at the School of Primary Education of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

Greek-Albanian Association of Employees in Thessaloniki "PROODOS", Tel. +30 6972241540, email: spirojanaqi@yahoo.gr

Palestinian Community of Thessaloniki 29, Ptolemaion Str., email: mangeredlis@hotmail.com

Sudanese Community of Thessaloniki and Northern Greece, Tel. +30 2310702450.

Union of Hellenic-Arab Friendship, 14 Olympou Str., Tel. +30 2311262783, email: arabichfa99@gmail.com.

Ukrainian Community of Northern Greece "Tzerelo-Pigi", Tel. +30 2310500045, 6988197749, www.uagromada.gr *FB: Ukrainians in Thessaloniki, e-mail: ploskinna@yahoo.gr

Armenian Culture Center of Thessaloniki, 4 Dialetti Str., Tel. +30 2310275352, Opening hours: 09:00-14:00

How can I get informed on the cultural activities and events in Thessaloniki?

The official website of the Municipality of Thessaloniki includes a rich list of events, activities and initiatives that aim at giving prominence to the culture and traditions of the city. For more information: <https://thessaloniki.gr/>

Thessaloniki Food Festival is an activity organized by the Municipality of Thessaloniki aiming at promoting / enhancing the local cuisine, redefining the gastronomic identity of Thessaloniki, communicating and promoting the local goods through various activities where the residents of the city participate (discussions, guided city tours, speeches, events). Website: <https://foodfestival.thessaloniki.gr/>, tel.: +30 2313 318215.

Which other organizations and associations promote the reinforcement of intercultural coexistence through various actions and events?

Greek Forum of Refugees: It offers a variety of sports, educational and cultural activities aiming at the active participation of refugees in the cities. Address: 12, Navarchou Notara Str., 10683, Athens. Tel +30 21301282976, email: Info@refugees.gr, website: <https://refugees.gr/home/>

¹ <http://www.yme.gov.gr/getfile.php?id=7926>