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Open invitation to participate in the project ‘Refugee Cityscapes’ by Greek Council for Refugees

The Greek Council for Refugees (GCR) in the framework of the [«Faces of Migration»](#) program, funded by the European Commission's Development Education and Awareness Raising Programme (DEAR), invites young refugees (age 18-35) to participate in the project “Refugee Cityscapes” that will be implemented in the city of Thessaloniki from October 2020 to May 2021.

The participants’ team (10-12 people) of the “Refugee Cityscape” project will be comprised of young people with a refugee background: a) newly arrived refugees, third-country nationals, and b) descendants of refugees from Asia Minor / Pontus / Eastern Thrace. The participants will proceed to a common understanding of the issues concerning the everyday life in the city, and to a collective formulation and submission of proposals to the Municipality of Thessaloniki, aiming at strengthening equality, justice, prosperity and protection of the environment. Through the process, the participants will get familiar with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)¹, and at the same time will be trained on the tool of Sociocracy².

The invitation is addressed to interested parties whose mother tongue is **Greek, English, French, Arabic or Farsi**. Priority will be given to young men and women who declare availability and express commitment regarding the participation in the 9 meetings of the group (October 2020 – May 2021, evening times). It is a prerequisite for participants to reside in the Municipality of Thessaloniki.

The aim of the project is to raise awareness amongst the participants about SDGs and their links with migration, to ensure the participation of the local population, the public and the authorities for the implementation of SDGs, which are key to creating a better world for all. The aim of the project is to change the public discourse, the divisive policies of society, and to connect people suffering from inequality, to promote the integration of newly arrived refugees, and to introduce participants to participatory democracy on the local level, applying the method of Sociocracy.

The activities of the project will be carried out with the support of the volunteer network of NGOs [Select Respect](#).

To apply for participation, please fill out the questionnaire [HERE](#) by November 4th, 2020.

The activities of the project will be carried out in accordance with the current decisions of the State and with compliance with the provisions regarding the protection measures against the spread of Covid-19.

¹ The Sustainable Development Goals are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges we face, including poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace and justice.

² Sociocracy is a tool for participatory decision-making.